2023 FREE LUTHERAN BIBLE COLLEGE & SEMINARY

CHRISTMAS CONCERT



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FEATURING

Handbell Ensemble, Symphonic Wind Ensemble, Seminary Chorus, Proclaim Choir, and Concert Choir

> Hauge Memorial Chapel December 1, 2, and 3

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Welcome to our Christmas Concert Worship Service.

Please hold your applause until after Hallelujah Chorus.

PRELUDE – Marian Christopherson, organ

WELCOME – Rev. James Molstre, Dean, Free Lutheran Seminary

HANDBELL ENSEMBLE

Out Under the Sky

Based on the hymn tunes I WONDER AS I WANDER and COVENTRY CAROL, arr. Douglas E. Wagner

COMBINED CHOIRS

ISAIAH 9:2, 6-7

Come to Us, O Promised One

Come to us, O Promised One, Fill our emptiness with love. Whisper to our longing hearts Your words of hope from up above. Come, as the prophets did foretell: God with us, Emmanuel.

Come to us, O Counselor, Bind each battered, broken heart. Steady every stumbling step; Heal each life that's torn apart. Come, as the prophets did foretell: God with us, Emmanuel.

Come to us, O Prince of Peace. Save us from our endless strife. Teach us how to walk in love; Lead us to abundant life. Come to us, O Mighty God.
Come in love to save us all.
Wrap Your strength in tenderness;
Lift us up each time we fall.
Come, as the prophets did foretell;
God with us, Emmanuel.

Come to us, O Promised One, Come to us, O Counselor, Come to us, O Prince of Peace, Come to us, O Mighty God. God with us, Emmanuel.

ADVENT CAROLS - Please stand

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

- O come, O come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel, That mourns in lonely exile here Until the Son of God appear.
- Refrain: Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel.

- O come, Thou Rod of Jesse free
 Thine own from Satan's tyranny;
 From depths of hell Thy people save
 And give them victory over the grave. Refrain
- O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer Our spirits by Thine advent here; Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, And turn our darkness into light. Refrain

Music – from Plainsong, adapted by T. Helmore, arr. Tom Fettke, orch. Don Marsh; Text– Charles Wesley

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

 Come, Thou long expected Jesus, born to set Thy people free; From our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in Thee. Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth Thou art; Dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

Music – Rowland H. Prichard, arr. Robert Harkness, orch. Don Marsh; Text – Charles Wesley

Please be seated

For Unto Us a Child Is Born

For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given, And the government shall be upon His shoulder; And His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, the Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.

Music – G.F. Handel; Text – Isaiah 9:5

CONGREGATIONAL CAROL

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

 Born Thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a King, Born to reign in us forever, now Thy gracious Kingdom bring. By Thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone; By Thine all sufficient merit raise us to Thy glorious throne.

Music - Rowland H. Prichard; Text - Charles Wesley

PROCLAIM CHOIR

JOHN 1:1-5

The Word Was God

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God.
All things were made that have been made.
Nothing was made He has not made.

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us...

This Is My Word

As the snow falls from heaven, as it comes in swirling showers from the sky, so is my Word. As the rains bring the water to the earth that is thirsty and dry, so is my Word.

And the Word of my mouth, it shall not return empty; It will bless the earth wherever it is heard. This is my Word.

As the rains bring renewal and the tender buds begin to come alive, so is my Word. Giving seed to the sower, and the bread to the hungry 'til they thrive, so is my Word.

And the Word of my mouth, it shall not return empty;

It will bless the earth wherever it is heard. This is my Word. This is my Word.

Oh Lord when I am weary, when I feel the days I'm living are in vain,

My God help me be faithful to the Word you have given to proclaim.

Proclaim the Word, and you will go out and joy and be led forth in peace,

And the hills will break before you into song.

So be faithful, brave, and true, for I will go before you.

And when your earthly journey here is done, I'll say well done.

As the snow falls from heaven and the rain comes in showers from the sky, this is my Word.

Music – Pepper Choplin; Text – Pepper Choplin, based on Isaiah 55:10–12

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father...

All Glory Is Yours

How deep are Your riches, Your wisdom profound.

Your knowledge surpasses all we dare imagine.

You are God: all glory is Yours.

To You, oh God, all glory be, all glory forever.

To You, oh God, all glory be, all glory forever, amen.

God how can we know You? Who knows Your mind?

What more can we do but serve You and love You?

You are God: all glory is Yours.

God, all things are from You, conceived and brought forth.

Through You all things move, move and have being.

Creation exults: all glory is Yours!

Solo – Asher Cheek; Duet – Kailee Clapp, Aaron Dyrud Music – Bob Moore; Text – Bob Moore, based on Romans 11:33–36

SYMPHONIC WIND ENSEMBLE

LUKE 2:1-15

O Come, All Ye Faithful

O come, all ye faithful, triumphant with joy, Come see in the manger a dear baby boy; Born in a stable in Bethlehem town. The Son of the Highest come down!

O come, let us adore Him; O come, let us adore Him; O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

Music and text – Marty Parks, adapted from John F. Wade

Sing, choirs of angels, exultantly sing, And herald the new of the birth of our King; Glory to God for His wonderful plan; His presence on earth as a Man!

Jesus, we welcome Your coming to earth, With glad adoration we honor Your birth; Word of the Father, now with us to dwell, Our promised Emmanuel!

LUKE 2:16-20

O Holy Night

O Holy night! The stars are brightly shining, It is the night of our dear Savior's birth. Long lay the world in sin and error pining 'Til He appears and the soul felt its worth. A thrill of hope, the weary world rejoices For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn. Fall on your knees; O hear the Angel voices! O night divine, O night when Christ was born. O night, O Holy night, O night divine!

Led by the light of faith serenely beaming With glowing hearts by His cradle we stand. So, led by light of a star sweetly gleaming, Here came the Wise Men from Orient land. The King of kings lay thus in lowly manger, In all our trials born to be our friend. He knows our need, to our weakness is no stranger.

Behold your King; before Him lowly bend. Behold your King; before Him lowly bend.

Truly He taught us to love one another; His law is love and His gospel is peace. Chains shall He break, for the slave is our brother, And in His name, all oppression shall cease. Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we, Let all within us praise His holy name. Christ is the Lord; O praise His name forever! His power and glory evermore proclaim, His power and glory evermore proclaim!

Ensemble – Aaron Arneson, Hunter Berntson, Adam McCarlson, Sam Monseth Music – Adolphe Adam, arr. Gerald Gray; Text – Placide Cappeau, trans. John Sullivan Dwight

SYMPHONIC WIND ENSEMBLE

Christmas Joy and Glory

arr. Jeff Cranfill

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CONGREGATIONAL CAROL - Please stand

Hark, the Herald Angels Sing

- 1. Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King; Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled." Joyful all ye nations, rise, Join the triumph of the skies; With th' angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem." Hark! The herald angels sing. "Glory to the newborn King."
- 2. Christ, by highest heaven adored, 3. Hail, the heaven-born Prince of Christ, the everlasting Lord; Late in time behold Him come, Offspring of a virgin's womb. Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; Hail the Incarnate Deity, Pleased as man with man to dwell; Jesus, our Immanuel. Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."
 - Peace! Hail, the Sun of Righteousness! Light and life to all He brings, Risen with healing in His wings. Mild He lays His glory by, Born that man no more may die, Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them second birth. Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

Music – Felix Mendelssohn, arr. William H. Cummings, orchestrated Camp Kirkland; Text – Charles Wesley

COMBINED CHOIRS

LIGHTING OF CANDLES — Please tip the unlit candle

Midway through Night of Silence, please sing join in on the final two verses of Silent Night.

Night of Silence

Cold are the people, winter of life, We tremble in shadows this cold endless night, Frozen in the snow lie roses sleeping, Flowers that will echo the sunrise, Fire of hope is our only warmth, Weary, its flame will be dying soon.

Voice in the distance, call in the night, On wind You enfold us, You speak of the light, Gentle on the ear You whisper softly, Rumors of a dawn embracing. Breathless love awaits darkened souls, Soon will we know of the morning.

Spirit among us, shine like the star, Your light that guides shepherds and kings from afar, Shimmer in the sky so empty, lonely, Rising in the warmth of Your Son's love, Star unknowing of night and day, Spirit we wait for your loving Son.

Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright Round yon virgin mother and Child. Holy infant so tender and mild, Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.

Assembly:

Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight, Glories stream from heaven afar, Heavenly hosts sing, "Alleluia." Christ the Savior is born. Christ the Savior is born.

Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light, Radiant beams from Thy holy face, With the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

Music – Daniel Kantor, Franz Gruber, arr. John Ferguson; Text – Daniel Kantor; Joseph Mohr, trans. John F. Young

CANDLELIGHT SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Psalm 43:3 2 Samuel 22:29 John 12:46

Isaiah 60:1-3 Isaiah 42:6 2 Corinthians 4:6

Psalm 27:1 John 1:9-13

Psalm 139:11-12 John 8:12

CHRISTMAS CAROL

O Little Town of Bethlehem

- O little town of Bethlehem,
 How still we see thee lie;
 Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
 The silent stars go by.
 Yet in thy dark streets shineth
 The everlasting Light;
 The hopes and fears of all the years
 Are met in thee tonight.
 - How silently, how silently
 The wondrous gift is given!
 So God imparts to human hearts
 The blessings of His heaven.
 No ear may hear His coming,
 But in this world of sin,
 Where meek souls will receive Him still,
 The dear Christ enters in.
- O holy Child of Bethlehem,
 Descend to us, we pray;
 Cast out our sin, and enter in,
 Be born in us today.
 We hear the Christmas angels
 The great glad tidings tell;
 O come to us, abide with us,
 Our Lord Immanuel.

Music: Lewis Redner, ST. LOUIS, arr. Bruce Greer; Text: Phillips Brooks

Please extinguish candles at this time, or earlier if needed.

CONCERT CHOIR

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

JOHN 1:14

The Glory of the Father

The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us. We beheld the glory of the Father, full of grace and truth.

In the beginning was the Word. The Word was with God. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. He came to his own, and his own received Him not.

The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us. We beheld the glory of the Father, full of grace and truth.

Music – Egil Hovland; Text – adapted from John 1

O Day Full of Grace

O day full of grace, which we behold, Now gently to view ascending; Thou over the earth Thy reign unfold, Good cheer to all mortals lending, That children of light in every clime May prove that night is ending.

How blest was that gracious midnight hour, When God in our flesh was given; Then flushed the dawn with light and power, Spread o'er the darkened heaven; Then rose that sun divine Which gloom from our hearts hath driven. Yea, were every tree endowed with speech, And every leaflet singing, They never with praise His worth could reach, Though earth with their praise be ringing. Who fully could praise the light of life? Who light to our souls is bringing, Who fully could praise the Lord?

With joy we depart for the Promised Land, Yea, with joy, we depart for the Promised Land. And there we shall walk in endless light, in endless light.

Music – F. Melius Christiansen, arr. C.E.F. Weyse; Text – Danish, 14th Century, Anonymous

God's Son Has Made Me Free

God's on has made me free From Satan's tyranny; From fear of death, and bonds of sin;

From all that plagues my soul within.

The Holy One divine,
Became a friend of mine.
From heaven high, from starry sky,

He came to live, to die.

O boundless love, He came, He died,

He rose forever glorified! He came to give, to die, That I might live on high.

From heaven high, from starry sky, He came to die that I might live

With Him eternally.

God's Son has made me free.

Music – Edvard Grieg, arr. Oscar R. Overby; Text – H.A. Brorson

Amazing Grace

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me. I once was lost, but now I am found, Was blind, but now I see.

Through many dangers, toils and snares I have already come,
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far
And grace will lead me home.

Music and Text – John Newton, arr. Keith McCutchen

When we've been there ten thousand years Bright shining as the sun, We've no less days to sing God's praise Than when we've first begun.

CLOSING PRAYER - Rev. James Molstre

During the singing of Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne, members of the assembly who know the Hallelujah Chorus are invited to join the choirs up front. Sopranos and Basses join the organ side. Tenors and Altos join the percussion side. You are also welcome to sing along from your seats.

Please return back to your seats following Hallelujah Chorus.

CONGREGATIONAL CAROL - Please stand

Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne

1. Thou didst leave Thy throne and Thy kingly crown When Thou camest to earth for me;

But in Bethlehem's home there was found no room For Thy holy nativity.

O come to my heart, Lord Jesus:

There is room in my heart for Thee.

2. Thou camest, O Lord, with the living Word That should set Thy children free;

But with mocking scorn, and with crown of thorn,

They bore Thee to Calvary.

O come to my heart, Lord Jesus:

There is room in my heart for Thee.

3. When the heavens shall ring, and the angels sing At Thy coming to victory,

Let Thy voice call me home, saying, "Yet there is room,

There is room at My side for thee."

And my heart shall rejoice, Lord Jesus,
When Thou comest to call for me.

 ${\sf Tune-Timothy\ Matthews,\ MARGARET;\ Text-Emily\ Elizabeth\ Elliott}$

Hallelujah Chorus (from Messiah)

Hallelujah!

For the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth, Hallelujah!

The kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ.

And He shall reign forever and ever.

King of kings forever and ever hallelujah!

And Lord of lords forever and ever hallelujah!

Music – George Frideric Handel; Text – based on Revelation 19:6, 19:16, 11:15

CONGREGATIONAL CAROL

Joy to the World

All:

Joy to the world! The Lord is come:
 Let earth receive her King;
 Let every heart prepare Him room,
 And heaven and nature sing,
 And heaven and nature sing,
 And heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Women:

Joy to the world! The Savior reigns:
 Let all their songs employ,
 While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains,
 Repeat the sounding joy,
 Repeat the sounding joy,
 Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

Men:

3. No more let sin and sorrow grow, Nor thorns infest the ground; He comes to make His blessings flow Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is found, Far as, far as the curse is found.

All:

4. He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the nations prove The glories of His righteousness And wonders of His love, And wonders of His love, And wonders, wonders of His love.

Choir: Full of grace, full of truth!

Tune – George F. Handel, ANTIOCH, arr. Kathy Mockelbust; Text – Isaac Waats

Thank you for joining us!

Candle and candle holders may be returned in the designated baskets as you exit.

DONATIONS

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Christmas Concert

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Scandinavia Tour

Concert Choir is going to Scandinavia! Gifts given towards the tour will help cover student costs on this trip. More info on back cover.

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Sophia Hornisch.....Eagan, MN

Percussion

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Liv Underwood

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Tenor

Hunter Berntson	Buffalo, ND
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Bass

Daniel Aichele	Killdeer, ND
Aaron Arneson	Fargo, ND
Alexander Grimes	Sioux Falls, SD
Sam Jagt	Camarillo, CA
Adam McCarlson	Plymouth, MN
Isak Olson	Enderlin, ND
Michael Rokenbrodt	Chippewa Falls, WI

PROCLAIM CHOIR

Soprano

Kailee Clapp^	Anoka, MN
Madison Hagen	Sioux Falls, SD
Aili Keranen	Ishpeming, MI
Annika Landsverk	Fosston, MN
Rayna Larsen	Kindred, ND
Libby Lynnes	Leonard, ND
Sofia Nash	Maple Grove, MN

Alto

Bailey Baird	Champlain, MN
Maddy Carr	Astoria, OR
Zoe Johnson	Mesa, AZ
Anna Keranen	Ishpeming, MI
Ella Kleve	Wykoff, MN
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Tenor

Kade Bilden	Northwood, ND
Asher Cheek	Prunedale, CA
Aaron Dyrud^	Thief River Falls, MN
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Tristan Pavlish	Rogers, MN

Bas

Greenbush, MN
Fosston, MN
Fredericksburg, OH
Maple Grove, MN
Watertown, MN
Watertown, MN
Elgin, ND
Monroe, WA
Brooklyn Park, MN
Greenbush, MN
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CONCERT CHOIR

Soprano

Kylee Greene	Robbinsdale, MN
Lydia Gregory	Rochester, MN
Hallie Halverson	Valley City, ND
Breanna Heinrichs^	Waconia, MN
Kenzie Henderson	Ellsworth, IA
Olivia Johnson	New Prague, MN
Faith Peterson	Valley City, ND
Julia Presteng	Grafton, ND
Esther Rabenberg	Sioux Falls, SD

Alto

Kelly Greven	Newark, IL
Lauren Jones	New Hope, MN
Lydia Niemi	Shoreview, MN
Abby Olson	Otsego, MN
Kiana Olson	Enderlin, ND
Lydia Pedersen	Cannon Falls, MN
Gracia Rolf	Lisbon, ND
Peyton Sharp	Elk River, MN
Ava Talley	Newark, IL
Ava Torfin	Elk River, MN
Elsie Twedt	Portland, ND
Liv Underwood^	Bethel Park, PA

Tenor

Caleb Cox	Monongahela, PA
Zach Davis	Arlington, WA
Caden Larson	Moorhead, MN
Cort McDonald	Kindred, ND
Sam Monseth^	St. Michael, MN
Will Stromstad	Fertile, MN

Bass

Wesley Carley	Brainerd, MN
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Most students come for 2 years to complete an associate's degree in Bible & Ministry. Many transfer those credits to complete a degree in their field of choice. Others jump right into their vocation.



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Beginning in fall of 2024, some students will stay to pursue a bachelor's degree in Bible & Ministry with targeted emphases in various aspects of ministry. Emphases will include: Youth & Family Ministry, Theological Studies, Music Ministry, and Cross-Cultural Missions.

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FEB 2-3	Homecoming	
	Cheer on the Conquerors basketball team, reconnect with	
	classmates, and participate in the following music opportunities:	
	Alumni Pep Band Alumni Choir	
	Concert Choir Benefit Concert for Scandinavia Tour	
	Concert Chair Benefit Concert for Scandinavia four	
FEB 9-11	Proclaim Winter Tour (Northern MN)	
MAR 8-10	Concert Choir Mini Tour (Northwest MN, Northeast SD)	
APR 5-7	Proclaim Spring Tour (Location TBD)	
APR 26	Spring Concert	

Visit FLBC.edu/events for registration and more info!

Concert Choir Scandinavia Tour April 28–May 18, 2024

Right after graduation, Concert Choir embarks on a two-week tour in Scandinavia! Singing in local churches and Bible schools, concert locations include Faroe Islands, Copenhagen, Oslo, Stavanger, Bergen, and Trondheim. During their trip, the choir will celebrate Norwegian Independence Day and visit the birthplace of Hans Nielsen Hauge, honoring the 200th anniversary of his death.

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