

WISCONSIN LUTHERAN SEMINARY

The
Seminary Chorus

JAMES P. TIEFEL, DIRECTOR



REJOICE IN THE LORD

SPRING 2016

The Seminary Chorus

For 85 years the Seminary Chorus has appeared regularly in congregations of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod to proclaim the Word of God in song and to represent the ministry of the seminary. Membership in the chorus is open to all students, and the group rehearses three times each week. The choir presents an annual Christmas concert, performed twice on the second Sunday in December, to several thousand guests. A concert is held the evening before the seminary's graduation service in May. The choir regularly participates in worship at Wisconsin congregations during the school year and conducts extended concert tours during the seminary's second semester. The 2016 tour takes the choir to congregations in Illinois, Tennessee, Georgia, Florida, North Carolina, and Indiana.



PROFESSOR JAMES P. TIEFEL has directed the Seminary Chorus since 1985. He is a member of the seminary's Practical Theology Department and teaches courses in worship and preaching. As the school's Dean of Chapel he is responsible for campus worship and also serves as Director of Student Field Services. From 1987 to 2013 he was a member of the WELS Commission on Worship and is presently serving on the Executive Committee of the WELS Hymnal Project. Besides his work at the seminary and for the synod, he is pulpit assistant and director of music at Grace Lutheran Church, Milwaukee.

REJOICE IN THE LORD

Please silence electronic devices.

I

CANTATE DOMINO

Giuseppe Pitoni (1657-1749)

Cantate Domino canticum novum;
Sing to the Lord a new song;
O praise him in the company of his saints.
Let all of Israel rejoice now
in him who made all.
The sons of all Zion and daughters of Zion,
be joyful and praise God on high.

REJOICE IN THE LORD

Philippians 4:4-7
Thomas Causton (d. 1569)

Rejoice in the Lord always; and again I say, Rejoice!
Let your meekness be known unto all, for the Lord is even at hand.
Be not anxious, but in all things let your petitions and prayer,
with supplications, with giving of thanks be known before God.
And the peace of God, which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

ALLELUIA

Randall Thompson (1899-1984)

Alleluia.

NUNC DIMITTIS

Luke 2:29-32
Alexander Gretchaninov (1865-1956)

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace according to thy word.
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation which thou hast prepared before the face of all people:
A light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of thy people Israel.

LORD, YOU I LOVE WITH ALL MY HEART

Words by Martin Schalling (1532-1608)

Setting by Dale Witte, 2015

The Chorus sings stanza 2. Stand for the final stanza.



1 Lord, you I love with all my heart; I pray you ne'er from
2 Lord God, 'twas your rich boun-ty gave My bod - y, soul, and
3 Lord, let at last your an - gels come; To A - bram's bos - om



me de - part; With ten - der mer - cies cheer me. Earth has no
all I have In this poor life of la - bor. Lord, grant that
bear me home That I may die un - fear - ing. And in its



plea - sure I would share; Heav - en it - self were void and bare
I in ev - 'ry place May glo - ri - fy your lav - ish grace
nar - row cham - ber keep My bod - y safe in peace - ful sleep



If you, Lord, were not near me. And should my heart for
And serve and help my neigh - bor. Let no false doc - trine
Un - til your re - ap - pear - ing. And then from death a -



sor - row break, My trust in you no one could shake.
me be - guile; Let Sa - tan not my soul de - file.
wak - en me That my own eyes with joy may see,



You are the trea - sure I have sought; Your pre - cious blood
Give strength and pa - tience un - to me To bear my cross -
O Son of God, your glo - rious face, My Sav - ior and



my soul has bought. Lord Je - sus Christ, My God and Lord,
es will - ing - ly. Lord Je - sus Christ, My God and Lord,
my Fount of grace. Lord Je - sus Christ, My prayer at - tend,



my God and Lord, For - sake me not! I trust your Word.
my God and Lord, In death your com - fort still af - ford.
my prayer at - tend, And I will praise you with - out end.

Be seated

ADDRESS

II

ALL PRAISE TO THEE, ETERNAL LORD

*Words by Martin Luther (1483-1546)
Setting by Robert Denham, 2007*

All praise to thee, eternal Lord,
Clothed in a garb of flesh and blood;
Choosing a manger for thy throne,
While worlds on worlds are thine alone.

A little child, thou art our guest
That weary ones in thee may rest;
Forlorn and lowly is thy birth
That we may rise to heaven from earth.

Once did the skies before thee bow;
A virgin's arms contain thee now,
While angels who in thee rejoice,
Now listen for thine infant voice.

Thou comest in the darksome night
To make us children of the light!
To make us in the realms divine
Like thine own angels round thee shine.

All this for us thy love hath done,
By this to thee our love is won!
For this we tune our cheerful lays
And sing our thanks in ceaseless praise.

CHRIST BEGINS

*Words and melody by Luke Thompson, 2013 and 2016
Setting by Kent Reeder and Caleb Schmiede*

We stand and we watch on the bank wide-eyed.
Water runs and all heaven opens wide
And a voice like thunder replies.

Refrain:
Here's my Prophet, my Priest, my King;
A light in the darkness where my Christ steps in.
Here's my Savior, my God, my King.
The time has now come, Christ begins.

Mary's whispering, but it's not the time.
Yet six jars are filled with the finest wine.
Tell me, who is this by our side? *Refrain*

See the sun outshined on the hill and hide.
Clothes like lightening white, heaven opened wide,
And a voice like thunder replies: *Refrain*

We stand, gathered on the mountainside
Watch the closing clouds hide him from our eyes;
With a voice united we cry: *Refrain*

*Luke Thompson and Kent Reeder are 2013 graduates of the seminary.
Caleb Schmiede is a senior at the seminary.*

AND CAN IT BE?

*Words by Charles Wesley (1707-1788)
Setting by Dan Forrest, 2015*

And can it be that I should gain
An interest in my Savior's blood?
Died he for me who caused his pain?
For me who him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be
That thou, my God, would die for me?

He left his Father's throne above,
So free, so infinite his grace,
Emptied himself of all but love,
And bled for Adam's hopeless race;
'Tis mercy all, immense and free,
For, O my God, it found out me.

Amazing love, how can it be?
No condemnation now I dread,
Jesus and all in him are mine!
Alive in him, my living Head,
And clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach the eternal throne
And claim the crown through Christ my own.

CHRIST LAY IN DEATH'S DARK PRISON

*Words by Martin Luther (1483-1546)
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)
from Cantata No. 4 (BWV 4)*

Sinfonia

Christ lay in death's dark prison
It was our sin that bound him.
This day hath he arisen
And sheds new life around him.
Therefore let us joyful be
And praise our God with solemn glee.
So sing we Hallelujah.
Hallelujah!

Then let us feast this Easter Day
On Christ, the bread of heaven;
The Word of grace hath purged away
The old and evil leaven.
Christ alone our souls will feed,
He is our meat and drink indeed;
Faith lives upon no other.
Hallelujah!

LORD, SEND OUT YOUR SPIRIT

Psalm 104:24, 29-31
C. Alexander Peloquin, 1971

Refrain

LORD, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

O bless the LORD, O my soul!
O LORD, my God, you are great indeed!
How manifold are your works, O LORD!
The earth is full of your creatures.

Refrain

If you take away their breath, they perish
And return to their dust.
When you send forth your Spirit, they are created,
And you renew the face of the earth.

Refrain

May the glory of the LORD endure forever;
May the LORD be glad in his works!
Pleasing to him be my theme;
I will be glad in the LORD.

Refrain

OFFERING

A generous offering assists the Chorus to cover the significant expenses of this tour.



III

ROCK OF AGES, CLEFT FOR ME

Words by Augustus Toplady (1740-1778)

Setting by Caleb Schmiede, 2016

The Chorus sings stanza 3.



1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide
2 Not the la - bors of my hands Can ful - fill
3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring, Sim - ply to
4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, When mine eye -



my - self in thee; Let the wa - ter and the blood
thy law's de - mands. Could my zeal no res - pite know,
thy cross I cling; Na - ked, come to thee for dress,
lids close in death, When I soar to worlds un - known,



From thy riv - en side which flowed Be of sin the
Could my tears for - ev - er flow, All for sin could
Help - less, look to thee for grace. Foul, I to the
See thee on thy judg - ment throne, Rock of A - ges,



dou - ble cure: Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
not a - tone; Thou must save and thou a - lone.
foun - tain fly - Wash me, Sav - ior, or I die!
cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in thee!



O CHURCH ARISE

*Words and music by Keith Getty and Stuart Townend
Arranged by John Hudson*

O Church, arise and put your armor on; hear the call of Christ our captain;
For now the weak can say that they are strong in the strength that God has given.
With shield of faith and belt of truth we'll stand against the devil's lies;
An army bold whose battle cry is "Love!" reaching out to those in darkness.

Our call to war, to love the captive soul, but to rage against the captor;
And with the sword that makes the wounded whole we will fight with faith and valor.
When faced with trials on ev'ry side, we know the outcome is secure,
And Christ will have the prize for which he died—an inheritance of nations.

Come, see the cross where love and mercy meet, as the Son of God is stricken;
Then see his foes lie crushed beneath his feet, for the Conqueror has risen!

So Spirit, come, put strength in ev'ry stride, give grace for ev'ry hurdle,
That we may run with faith to win the prize of a servant good and faithful.
As saints of old still line the way, retelling triumphs of his grace,
We hear their calls and hunger for the day when, with Christ, we stand in glory.

RIDE THE CHARIOT

*African-American Spiritual
Arranged by William Henry Smith*

Refrain

I'm gonna ride the chariot in the morning, Lord,
I'm gonna ride the chariot in the morning, Lord,
I'm gettin' ready for the judgment day,
My Lord, my Lord.

Are you ready my brother?
Are you ready for the journey
Do you want to see your Jesus?
I'm waitin' for the chariot
cause I'm ready to go.

I never can forget that day
When all my sins were taken away.
My feet were snatched from the miry clay.
I'll serve my Lord till judgment day.

Are you ready my sister?
Are you ready for the journey
Do you want to see your Jesus?
I'm waitin' for the chariot
cause I'm ready to go.



REJOICE, REJOICE, BELIEVERS

Words by Laurentius Laurentii (1661-1722)

Setting by K. Lee Scott, 2002

The Chorus sings stanza 3.



1 Re - joice, re - joice, be - liev - ers, And let your
2 The watch - ers on the moun - tain Pro - claim the
3 You saints, who here in pa - tience Your cross and
4 A - rise, De - sire of na - tions; O Je - sus,



lights ap - pear; The eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing,
Bride - groom near; Go forth, as he ap - proach - es,
suf - f'rings bore; Shall live and reign for - ev - er
now ap - pear, The Hope and Ex - pec - ta - tion



And dark - er night is near. The Bride - groom
With al - le - lu - ias clear. The mar - riage
When sor - row is no more. A - round the
Of ev - 'ry Chris - tian here. With hearts and



is a - ris - ing And soon is draw - ing nigh. Up,
feast is wait - ing; The gates wide o - pen stand. A -
throne of glo - ry The Lamb you shall be - hold; In
hands up - lift - ed We plead, O Lord, to see The



pray and watch and wres - tle; At mid - night comes the cry.
rise, O heirs of glo - ry; The Bride - groom is at hand.
tri - umph lay be - fore him Your shin - ing crowns of gold.
day of earth's re - demp - tion That sets your peo - ple free.

LORD, WHEN YOUR GLORY I SHALL SEE

Words by Paul Gerhardt (1607-1676)

Tune by Kurt Eggert (1923-1993)

Setting by Carl F. Schalk, 1995

Commissioned to honor the ministry of Pastor Kurt Eggert, this anthem has become the signature anthem of the chorus and concludes every concert and appearance.

Lord, when your glory I shall see and taste your kingdom's pleasure,
Your blood my royal robe shall be, my joy beyond all measure!
When I appear before your throne, your righteousness shall be my crown;
With these I need not hide me. And there, in garments richly wrought,
As your own bride I shall be brought to stand in joy beside you.

CDs of recent recordings by the Seminary Chorus are for sale for \$12 following the concert. The 2016 program, *Rejoice in the Lord*, will be recorded after the tour. CDs may be ordered today and will be mailed postpaid in June.

OPTIONAL ANTHEMS

CANSON DUO DECIMI TONI À 10

Giovanni Gabrieli (1557-1612)

Brass Ensemble

THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION

*Christian Worship 538
Arnold O. Lehmann (1914-2009)*

O SAVIOR OF OUR FALLEN RACE

*Words by Ambrose of Milan (340-397)
Adapted by Kristyn Getty
Music by Keith Getty, 2011*

O Savior of our fallen race,
O brightness of the Father's face,
O Son who shared the Father's might
Before the world knew day or night.

Remind us, Lord of life and grace,
How once to save our fallen race,
You put our human vesture on
And came to us as Mary's Son.

O Jesus, very Light of Light,
Our constant star in sin's deep night:
Now hear the prayers your people pray
Throughout the world this holy day.

Come, thou Redeemer of the earth
And manifest thy virgin birth:
Let every age adoring fall;
Such birth befits the God of all.

And we are jubilant today
For you have washed our guilt away.
O hear the glad new song we sing
On this, the birth of Christ our King!

O Savior of our fallen race,
The world will see your radiant face;
For you who came to us before
Will come again and all restore.

Let songs of praise your name adorn,
O Christ, Redeemer, virgin-born
Whom with the Father we adore
And Holy Spirit evermore.

Gregory Sitzman, violin

CONCERT PERSONNEL

Speaker	Kurtis Wetzels <i>President of the Chorus</i>
Accompanists	Lloyd Harter, Darin Warnecke, Nathanael Plocher, Caleb Schmiede, Paul Wilde, and Ryan Kolander
Instrumentalists	Lucas Proeber, Peter Plagenz, Jared Natsis, Andrew Buschkopf, and Tristan Paustian, <i>trumpet</i> Jared Natsis, <i>horn</i> Caleb Schmiede, <i>trombone</i> Ryan Kolander, Isaiah Horn, and Nathanael Plocher, <i>baritone</i> Nathan Wordell, <i>tuba</i> Caleb Schmiede, <i>banjo</i> Samuel Jeske, <i>mandolin</i> Samuel Jeske and Caleb Schultz, <i>guitar</i> Aaron Kristopeit, <i>bass guitar</i> Caleb Schultz, <i>percussion</i> Gregory Sitzman, <i>violin</i>
CD Sales	Steven Saatkamp, Jared Natsis, and Tristan Paustian
Robe Custodians	Benjamin Berger, Nathanael Plocher, and Luke Miller
Librarians	Nathanael Jensen and Hans Thomford
Concert Production	Jordan Bence, Jackson Hunter, Andrew Westra, Jacob Reich, Daniel Rodewald, Tim Prieue, David Spaude, Samuel Jeske, Isaiah Horn, and Andrew Nemmers
Publicity	Matthew Rothe, Peter Janke, Matthew Proeber, and Craig Wilke



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THE SEMINARY CHORUS

TENOR I

Andrew Buschkopf	Milwaukee, WI
Samuel Jeske	Milwaukee, WI
Aaron Kristopeit	South Milwaukee, WI
Jared Natsis	Saline, MI
Andrew Nemmers	Allen, TX
Caleb Schmiede	Madison, WI
<i>Gregory Sitzman</i>	<i>Hubertus, WI</i>
Hans Thomford	Chesaning, MI
Noah Willitz	Frankenmuth, MI

TENOR II

Jordan Bence	Oconomowoc, WI
Lloyd Harter	La Crosse, WI
Joel Hering	Rowlett, TX
<i>Michael Hollmann</i>	<i>Hustisford, WI</i>
Isaiah Horn	Mazeppa, MN
Nathanael Jensen	Ixonia, WI
Paul Koester	West Allis, WI
Ryan Kolander**	Brookfield, WI
Wolf Parsons	Box Elder, SD
John Paustian	West Bend, WI
Tristan Paustian	Racine, WI
Lucas Proeber	Saginaw, MI
David Strucely	Dallas, TX
Mark Swanson	Vancouver, WA
Darin Warnecke	Watertown, WI
Andrew Westra	Columbia, TN
Nathan Wordell	Kenosha, WI

BASS I

Benjamin Berger	Slinger, WI
Alexander Eckert	Eaton Rapids, MI
Scott Henrich	St. John's, Antigua
Jackson Hunter	Middleton, WI
Ben Phelps	Plymouth, WI
Micah Plocher	Vassar, MI
Nathanael Plocher	Vassar, MI
Timothy Priewe	Milwaukee, WI
Matthew Proeber	Janesville, WI
Matthew Rothe	Oconomowoc, WI
Caleb Schultz	Spokane, WA
Luke Thomford	Chesaning, MI
Kurtis Wetzel*	Kewaskum, WI

BASS II

Peter Janke	Watertown, SD
<i>Martin Johnston</i>	<i>Watertown, WI</i>
Gunnar Ledermann	Plymouth, CA
Luke Miller	Maryville, TN
Peter Plagenz	Manchester, WI
Jacob Reich	Lake City, MN
Daniel Rodewald	Simpsonville, SC
Steven Saatkamp	Milwaukee, WI
William Schubert	Rockford, IL
David Spaude	Antigo, WI
Paul Wilde	Kenosha, WI
Craig Wilke	Fort Atkinson, WI
<i>Benjamin Zietlow</i>	<i>Whitefish Bay, WI</i>

Not accompanying the tour

**President of the Chorus*

***Vice-president of the Chorus*

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Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, located in Mequon, Wisconsin, is a post-graduate school owned and supported by the members of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. Since its founding in 1863, the school has had as its specific purpose to offer theological training for men who desire to enter the pastoral ministry. The seminary carries out this purpose by training all its students to preach and teach the pure gospel of Jesus Christ and to carry out the work of the ministry in accordance with the Holy Scriptures and in conscious agreement with the historical confessions of the Lutheran Church. The seminary's stated goal is to produce pastors who are

Confessional in stance
Evangelical in approach
Mission-minded in spirit
Culturally sensitive
Appropriately flexible, and
Zealous both to nurture and equip the saints.

Most of the students who attend Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary have been trained at Martin Luther College in New Ulm, Minnesota, and many have attended our synod's preparatory high schools in Watertown, Wisconsin, and Saginaw, Michigan. At the seminary, students enroll in a three-year program of classroom instruction. A fourth year, spent in a congregation under the supervision of its pastor, precedes the senior year. The on-campus curriculum includes both academic courses (scriptural, historical, and doctrinal studies) and professional courses (preaching, worship, teaching, evangelism, administration, counseling, etc.). The seminary's Pastoral Studies Institute provides training for students from diverse ethnic backgrounds and second career candidates who require a specialized curriculum. Students who successfully complete the seminary's course of instruction and are presented by the faculty as candidates for the ministry are assigned to their first field of service by the presidents of the synod's twelve districts. This year 89 students are attending classes on campus; 29 are serving as vicars and two as emergency instructors.

Since 1929 the seminary has been located on a beautiful 80-acre campus in Mequon, a suburb of Milwaukee. The primary campus buildings—chapel, classrooms, library, cafeteria, and dormitories—are under one roof and are situated around a central park like circle. This complex was designed to resemble the Wartburg Castle, where Martin Luther translated the New Testament into German. A 1000-seat auditorium and gymnasium is located within a short walk of the main complex. Members of the faculty live in homes on the campus.

The seminary also serves pastors who are active in WELS congregations through its *Grow in Grace Institute for Continuing Education*; many are involved in an advanced degree program. The campus hosts a variety of professional seminars, and faculty members are frequent speakers at continuing education events both in the United States and on the synod's world mission fields.

Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary is supported by the mission offerings of WELS congregations, the tuition paid by its students, and private gifts directed to the seminary. Should you desire more information about the seminary, please contact the mission advancement office at 262-242-8100 or wls@wls.wels.net. Find more information about Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary at www.wls.wels.net.

SPRING 2016 APPEARANCES

February 17 St. John Lutheran Church Lannon, WI	March 28 Hope Lutheran Church West Palm Beach, FL
February 21 St. Matthew Lutheran Church Oconomowoc, WI	March 29 Our Savior Lutheran Church Port Orange, FL
February 24 St. John Lutheran Church Newburg, WI	March 30 Christ the King Lutheran Church Palm Coast, FL
March 6 St. John Lutheran Church Mukwonago, WI	March 31 Open Bible Lutheran Church Oxford, FL
March 9 Crown of Life Lutheran Church Hubertus, WI	March 31 Victory Lutheran Church Jacksonville, FL
March 13 St. John Lutheran Church Watertown, WI	April 1 Living Savior Lutheran Church Asheville, NC
March 16 Grace Lutheran Church Milwaukee, WI	April 2 Bethlehem Lutheran Church Carmel, IN
March 23 Trinity Lutheran Church Crete, IL	April 3 Lamb of God Lutheran Church Lafayette, IN
March 24 Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church Columbia, TN	April 3 Friedens Lutheran Church Kenosha, WI
March 25 Risen Savior Lutheran Church Pooler, GA	April 16 Immanuel Lutheran Church Greenville, WI
March 26 St. Paul Lutheran Church Beverly Hills, FL	April 17 St. Paul Lutheran Church Green Bay, WI
March 27 Ascension Lutheran Church Sarasota, FL	St. Luke Lutheran Church Little Chute, WI
March 27 Crown of Glory Lutheran Church Orlando, FL	May 7 Chapel of the Christ, Martin Luther College New Ulm, MN
	May 19 Graduation Concert



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