

The Music Department of Bethany Lutheran College Presents

# 2024 Christmas at Bethany

A Choral and Instrumental

Celebration of  
the Season

**Bethany**  
LUTHERAN COLLEGE

# CHRISTMAS *at* BETHANY

Trinity Chapel, December 5-8, 2024

We request that no flash photographs be taken during the performance.

Kindly hold your applause until the end.

All hymns are from the Evangelical Lutheran Hymnary (ELH).

**Pre-service Music** by select BLC Music Majors

**Star of Wonder** .....arranged by James Swearingen (b. 1947)

*This selection features both “We Three Kings of Orient Are” and “What Child Is This?” written in 1857 by John Henry Hopkins Jr., “We Three Kings” highlights the Biblical Magi, found in Matthew 2 and foretold in Isaiah 60 and Psalm 72. For the second part, “What Child Is This?” please follow the text in ELH 145.*

**God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen**..... arranged by Chip Davis (b. 1947), adapted by Robert Longfield (b. 1947)

*This Mannheim Steamroller selection connects back to an 18th century English carol. Feel free to pick up a hymnal and turn to ELH 126 to follow the text. This piece can also share a connection to Psalm 46:10, “Be still, and know that I am God.” “God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen” is conducted by senior music major, Daryan Rosenthal.*

**Hymn: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel** ..... ELH 110: 1, 4, 6, setting, Adrian Lo, 1996

1. Choir: Veni, veni Emmanuel, captivum solve Israel!  
Qui gemit in exilio, privatus Dei Filio.  
Gaude! Gaude! Emmanuel, nascetur pro te, Israel!

*(All may stand to sing)*

**4. O come, Thou Rod of Jesse’s stem; from ev’ry foe deliver them  
That trust Thy mighty pow’r to save, and give them vict’ry o’er the grave.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

**6. O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by Thine advent here;  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death’s dark shadows put to flight.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

## **The Exhortation and Versicles**

*Liturgist:* Dear friends in Christ! We have come together in the presence of God our heavenly Father, to give Him thanks and praise for the gift of His Son, our meek and righteous King, who, by His death became our Savior from sin and eternal death. By His Holy Spirit may He enlighten, govern and direct us that we may ever remain faithful to this righteous King and Savior, and not be offended by His humble form and despised Word, but, firmly believing in Him, obtain eternal salvation and the fullness of joy in heaven. To this end may God the Father grant us His grace, through our Lord Jesus Christ.

**All: Amen.**

*Liturgist:* Daughter of Zion, surely your salvation is coming.

**All: Rejoice, Daughter of Jerusalem!**

The Lord will cause His glorious voice to be heard,

**And you shall have gladness of heart.**

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, You who lead Joseph like a flock;

**Stir up Your strength and come and save us!**

Unto us a Child is born,

**Unto us a Son is given.**

Sing to the Lord a new song

**For He has done marvelous things!**

*(Everyone may be seated)*

**Holiday Piece** .....David Foster (b. 1949), arranged by Jay Dawson (c. 2009)

*This selection is drawn from “Carol of the Bells,” which was originally written in 1914 by Mykola Leontovych. “Holiday Piece” debuted in 1988 by Mannheim Steamroller. “Carol of the Bells” has been recorded in vocal and instrumental arrangements well over 150 times.*

**Hymn: From Heaven Above to Earth I Come** .....ELH 123:1-5, Martin Luther (1483-1546)

**1. From heav’n above to earth I come  
To bear good news to ev’ry home;  
Glad tidings of great joy I bring,  
Whereof I now will say and sing:**

**2. To you this night is born a Child  
Of Mary chosen Virgin mild;  
This little Child, of lowly birth,  
Shall be the joy of all the earth**

**3. ‘Tis Christ, our God, who far on high  
Hath heard your sad and bitter cry;**

**Himself will your salvation be,  
Himself from sin will make you free**

**4. He brings those blessings, long ago  
Prepared by God for all below,  
Henceforth His kingdom open stands  
To you, as to the angel bands.**

**5. These are the tokens ye shall mark:  
The swaddling clothes and manger dark.  
There ye shall find the Infant laid  
By whom the heav’ns and earth were made.**

**Fecit Potentiam** *from Magnificat* ..... Nicola Porpora (1686-1768)

Fecit potentiam in brachio suo dispersit superbos,  
mente cordis sui. Deposuit potentes de sede, et  
exaltavit humiles. Esurientes implevit bonis et  
divites dimisit inanes. Suscepit Israel puerum  
suum, recordatus misericordiae suae. Sicut  
locutus est ad patres nostros, Abraham et semini  
ejus, in saecula.

*He has shown the power of His arm scattering the  
proud of heart. He has displaced the mighty from  
their thrones and exalted the lowly. He has filled  
the hungry with good things and sent the rich away  
empty. He has saved Israel, His servant, mindful of  
His mercy. As He spoke to our ancestors, to Abraham  
and his descendants forever.*

## Lesson: Luke 1:51-55

He has performed mighty deeds with His arm;  
He has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts.  
He has brought down rulers from their thrones but has lifted up the humble.  
He has filled the hungry with good things but has sent the rich away empty.  
He has helped his servant Israel, remembering to be merciful to Abraham and  
his descendants forever, just as He promised our ancestors.

**Hymn: On Mary, Virgin Undefined**.....ELH 268:1, 3, 5, J. C. Gebauer (1808-1884)

### 1. On Mary, Virgin undefined

Did God bestow His favor;  
She bore a Son, the spotless Child,  
To Him be praise forever!  
He hath us all from sin set free;  
Our stay be He,  
And rest eternal give us!

3. Inspired of God the prophets spake,  
And faithful proved their saying,  
That Christ the bonds of sin doth break,  
Deliverance conveying  
To all by Satan's wiles enslaved;  
All shall be saved  
Who Trust in Him, believing.

*(All may stand)*

5. O could I speak in ev'ry tongue,  
The Scripture's deep expounding,  
Were in my mouth the angels' song  
That through high heav'n is sounding,  
I on my knees would humbly fall,  
On Jesus call,  
And worship Him forever!

*(Please be seated)*

**I Wonder as I Wander** ..... Trad. Appalachian, arr. Jennaya Robison, c. 2020

I wonder as I wander out under the sky how Jesus the Savior did come for to die for poor on'ry people  
like you and like I. I wonder as I wander, out under the sky.

I wonder as I wander out under the sky why Jesus the Savior did come for to die for poor on'ry people  
like you and like I, I wonder as I wander, out under the sky.

When Mary birthed Jesus, 'twas in a cow's stall, with wisemen and farmers and shepherds and all. But  
high in God's heaven a star's light did fall, and the promise of ages it then did recall.

Promised to save us, save us all.

If Jesus had wanted for any wee thing, a star in the sky or a bird on the wing, or all of God's angels in  
heav'n for to sing, He surely could have it 'cause He was the King.

John Jacob Niles (1892-1980)

**Hymn: Arise, My Soul, Sing Joyfully** ..... ELH 118:1 J. Rist (1607-1667) & J. Schop (1590-1664)

**1. Arise, my soul, sing joyfully,  
And praise thy great Creator,  
Who now hath sent this Child to thee,  
His Son, the Mediator.**

**This is the day the Savior came  
To take man's nature and His name,  
And by His incarnation  
To win for man salvation.**

**Midnight Hour**..... G.A. Hennig, Beth Leyrer, arr. G.A. Hennig (c. 2021)

Behold a Branch is growing of lovely form and grace. As prophets sang, foreknowing it comes from  
Jesse's race. And bears one little flow'r in midst of coldest winter, at deepest midnight hour.

Isaiah had foretold it in words of promise sure, and Mary's arms enfold it, a virgin meek and pure.  
Through God's eternal will this Child to her is given at midnight calm and still.

The shepherds heard the story proclaimed by angels bright how Christ, the Lord of glory, was born  
on earth this night. To Bethlehem they sped, and in the manger found Him as angel heralds said.

This flow'r so small and tender, with fragrance fills the air; His brightness ends the darkness that kept  
the earth in fear. True God and yet true man, He came to save his people from earth's dark night of  
sin.

O Savior, Child of Mary, who felt our human woes. O Savior, King of glory, who conquered all our  
foes. Bring us at last, we pray, to the bright courts of heaven and to the endless day!

*German, 16th c.*

*tr. Harriet R. K. Spaeth (1845-1925) sts. 1-4, alt. John C. Mattes (1876-1948) st. 5, alt.*

**Hymn: Break Forth, O Beauteous Heav'nly Light**... ELH 118:2, J. Rist (1607-1667) & J. Schop (1590-1664)

**2. Break forth, O beauteous heav'nly light,  
And usher in the morning.  
Ye shepherds, shrink not with affright.  
The day of grace is dawning.**

**This Child, though weak in infancy.  
Our confidence and joy shall be,  
The pow'r of Satan breaking,  
Our peace with God now making.**

**Ding, Dong! Merrily on High** ..... arranged by Douglas Wagner (b.1952)

**Lesson: Psalm 24:7-10**

Lift up your heads, O you gates! And be lifted up, you everlasting doors!  
And the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory?  
The Lord strong and mighty, The Lord mighty in battle.  
Lift up your heads, O you gates! Lift up, you everlasting doors!  
And the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory?  
The Lord of hosts, He is the King of glory.

**Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus** .....arranged by Lauran Delancy

**Hymn: O Come, All Ye Faithful** .....ELH 133 J.F. Wade (1711-1786)

**1. O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem; Come and behold Him, born the King of angels;**

*Refrain:*

*O come, let us adore Him,*

*O come, let us adore Him,*

*O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.*

**2. God of God, Light of Light,  
Lo! He comes forth from the Virgin's womb:  
Our very God, begotten, not created,  
[Refrain]**

**3. Sing, choirs of angels; sing in exultation,  
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above; Glory to  
God, all glory in the highest; [Refrain]**

*(All may stand)*

**4. Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy  
morning; Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n;  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing;  
[Refrain]**

*(Please be seated)*

**Noel Ayisyen**..... Amile Desamours (b.1941)

Sé té nan Betléèm  
*(It was in Bethlehem,)*  
Yon ti kwen nan Judé,  
*(A little corner of Judea,)*  
Mari té f'on gason  
*(That Mary had a baby boy)*  
A minui n'on étab.  
*(At midnight in a stable.)*  
Sé té pitit Bon Dyé,  
*(He was the Son of God)*  
É sé té wa dè wa.  
*(And he was the King of Kings.)*  
Dépi'm tou piti kon sa  
*(Since I was a little child)*  
Mwen konn istwa sa.  
*(I've known this story.)*

Té genyen twa wa maj  
*(There were three wise kings)*  
Ki swiv yon gwo zétwal,  
*(Who followed a great star)*  
Kado yo nan men yo  
*(With gifts in their hands)*  
Pou yo vin' adoré'l.  
*(To come worship the child.)*  
É yo té byen sézi  
*(And they were quite amazed)*  
Lè yo wè ti Jézi

*(When they saw the little Jesus)*  
Kouché nan mitan yon bèf  
*(Lying between a cow)*  
Avèr yon bourik.  
*(And a donkey.)*

A la koté ou tandé,  
mèzanmi wo!  
*(Hear that, my friends!)*  
Noèl sé yon istwa ki byen  
étranj!  
*(Noel is a strange story indeed!)*  
Jézi, pitit Bon Dyé, wa dè  
wa,  
*(Jesus, Son of God, King of  
Kings.)*  
Ki pa genyen bèso,  
*(Doesn't even have a cradle.)*  
Li kouché sou pay pami  
zannimo  
... O! O!  
*(He sleeps on the straw among  
animals ... Oh my!)*

Yo rélé'l admirab,  
*(They called him Wonderful,)*  
Konséyé, Dyé puisan,  
*(Counselor, Mighty God;)*

Sé Pè ètènèl tou  
*(The Everlasting Father, too;)*  
É li sé prins la pè.  
*(And he was the Prince of  
Peace.)*  
Ni bèjé, ni wa maj  
*(Both shepherds and wisemen)*  
Adoré'l a jénou.  
*(Bowed down to worship him.)*  
Yo ba li kado  
*(They gave him gifts)*  
Sélon sa yo té genyen  
*(According to what they had.)*

Lè sa si nou té la  
*(Back then, if we'd been there)*  
(tan-man-nam),  
*(ta-ma-na),*  
Fok nou ta fè yon jès  
*(We'd have done something  
fitting)*  
(tan-man-nam),  
*(ta-ma-na),*  
Nou ta ofri mizik  
*(We'd have offered him music)*  
(ba-dap-pi)  
*(ba-dap-peem)*

An bon jan ayisyen  
*(Of the best Haitian kind)*  
(tchi-ki-tchi).  
*(chee-kee-chee).*  
Nou tap poté tanbou,  
*(We'd have brought drums,)*  
Manniboula, banbou,  
tcha-tcha,  
*(Manniboulas, vaccins,  
maracas;)*  
Ak bèl kout bandjo  
*(With fine banjo strums)*  
Nou ta chamé ti Jézi  
*(We'd have charmed little Jesus.)*

Jézi, Jézi, ti Jézi nou,  
*(Jesus, Jesus, our little Jesus,)*  
A la renmen, nou renmen  
wou.  
*(We love you greatly.)*  
Ou poté la pè pou tout  
nou,  
*(You bring peace to all people)*  
È wou vin' établi la gras.  
*(And you offer us grace.)*

Noèl, Noèl, Noèl, viv Noèl!  
*(Noel, Noel, long live Noel!)*



**Bring A Torch, Jeannette, Isabella** ..... arranged by Alice Parker (1925-2023) and Robert Shaw (1916-1999)

Bring a torch, Jeannette, Isabella.  
Bring a torch, come hurry and run.  
It is Jesus, good folk of the village,  
Christ is born, and Mary's calling:  
Ah! Ah! Beautiful is the Mother, Ah!  
Ah! Beautiful is the Child!

It is wrong when the baby is sleeping,  
It is wrong to speak so loud;  
Silence now, as you come near the cradle,

Lest you awaken little Jesus,  
Ah! Ah! Beautiful is the Mother, Ah!  
Ah! Beautiful is the Child

Skies are glowing, the heavens are cloudless,  
Bright the path to the manger bed.  
Hasten, all who would see little Jesus,  
Shining bright as yonder star,  
Ah! Ah! Beautiful is the Mother, Ah!  
Ah! Beautiful is the Child!

**Lesson: Luke 2:15-20**

So it was, when the angels had gone away from them into heaven, that the shepherds said to one another, "Let us now go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us." And they came with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manger. Now when they had seen Him, they made widely known the saying which was told them concerning this Child. And all those who heard it marveled at those things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these things and pondered them in her heart. Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told them.

**Away in a Manger**.....arranged by Ola Gjeilo (b.1978)

Away in a manger, No crib for His bed,  
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.  
The stars in the bright sky looked down where  
He lay. The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing the poor Baby wakes  
But little Lord Jesus no crying He makes.

I love Thee Lord Jesus look down from the sky  
And stay by my side until morning is nigh.

Be near me Lord Jesus, I ask Thee to stay  
Close by me forever and love me I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care  
And take us to heaven to live with Thee there.

**Wonderful Peace**..... Gustaf Nordqvist (1886-1946)

Peace, peace, wonderful peace,  
Peace to the world is given.  
Hush'd are the angels, so still is the night;  
Then in the East shone a heavenly light.  
Join in the chorus His praises sing!  
Glory to God, to the new born King.  
Peace, peace, wonderful peace.  
Peace to the world is given.

Peace, peace, bearer of peace,  
All of goodwill receive Him.  
Holiest of nights, O most wondrous of days;  
Shepherds and kings lift their voices in praise.

Poem by Edvard Evers  
English translation by Norman Luboff

## Lesson: Isaiah 9:2,6-7

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned. For to us a Child is born, to us a Son is given, and the government will be on His shoulders. And He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the greatness of His government and peace There will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this.

## Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day..... John Gardner (1917-2011)

Tomorrow shall be my dancing day:  
I would my true love did so chance  
To see the legend of my play,  
To call my true love to my dance:

In a manger laid and wrapped I was,  
So very poor, this was my chance,  
Betwixt an ox and a silly poor ass,  
To call my true love to my dance: *[Refrain]*

*Refrain:*  
*Sing, O my love, O my love, my love, my love;*  
*This have I done for my true love.*

Then afterwards baptized I was;  
The Holy Ghost on me did glance,  
my Father's voice heard from above,  
To call my true love to my dance: *[Refrain]*

Then was I born of a virgin pure,  
Of her I took fleshly substance;  
Thus was I knit to human nature,  
To call my true love to my dance: *[Refrain]*

## Lesson: Titus 2:11-14

For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works.

## Hymn: I Am So Glad When Christmas Comes ..... ELH 127 M. Wexelsen (1832-1911) and P. Knudsen (1819-1863)

**1. I am so glad when Christmas comes,  
The night of Jesus' birth,  
When Beth'lem's star shone as the sun  
And angels sang with mirth.**

**3. He's now returned to heav'n above,  
God's Son He is alway;  
He ne'er forgets His little ones  
But hears them when they pray.**

**2. The little Child of Bethlehem,  
The King of heav'nly grace,  
Came down from His exalted throne  
To save our fallen race.**

**4. I too would sing my Savior's praise,  
My joy, my crown, my Lord;  
For He has made me His own child  
By Water and the Word.**



5. I love this precious Christmas eve  
And my dear Savior mild,  
And I shall not forget the truth:  
He loves me as His child.

*(All may stand)*

6. I am so glad when Christmas comes:  
Let anthems fill the air!  
He opens wide for ev'ry child  
His paradise so fair.

*(Please be seated)*

**The First Noel**.....arranged by Dan Forrest (b. 1978) and Kirk Moss (c. 2020)  
*The Christmas season comes from the French word, Noël, and the early modern English word for Christmas is Nowell. We are all likely familiar with the first verse, but here is the sixth verse from The New English Hymnal: "Then let us all with one accord, Sing praises to our heavenly Lord. That hath made heaven and earth of nought, And with His blood mankind hath bought."*

**Now Rejoice**.....arranged by Benjamin Faugstad (b. 1984)  
*I was inspired to arrange this selection for Bethany's orchestra this last October from ELH 135, "Now Sing We, Now Rejoice," as well as from Psalm 118:24, "This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it."*

**Hymn: How Lovely Shines the Morning Star**..... ELH 167: 1, 5, 6 P. Nicolai (1556-1608)

1. How lovely shines the Morning Star!  
The nations see and hail afar  
The light in Judah shining.  
Thou David's Son of Jacob's race,  
My Bridegroom and my King of Grace,  
For Thee my heart is pining.  
Lowly, Holy,  
Great and glorious, Thou victorious  
Prince of graces,  
Filling all the heav'nly places.

5. Thou, mighty Father, in Thy Son  
Didst love me ere Thou hadst begun  
This ancient world's foundation.  
Thy Son hath made a friend of me,  
And when in spirit Him I see,

I joy in tribulation.  
What bliss Is this!  
He that liveth To me giveth  
Life forever;  
Nothing me from Him can sever.

6. Lift up the voice and strike the string,  
Let all glad sounds of music ring  
In God's high praises blended.  
Christ will be with me all the way,  
Today, tomorrow, every day,  
Till trav'ling days be ended.  
Sing out, Ring out  
Triumph glorious, O victorious,  
Chosen nation;  
Praise the God of your salvation.

*(All may stand)*

**Hallelujah** from Messiah ..... G. F. Handel (1685-1759)

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, and Lord of lords. Hallelujah!

*(Please be seated)*

Revelation 19: 6, 11:15, 19:16

**Hymn: Joy to the World**..... ELH 138 I. Watts (1674-1748) and G. F. Handel (1685-1759)

**1. Joy to the world, the Lord is come!**  
Let earth receive her King;  
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room,  
And heav'n and nature sing,  
And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

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

**2. Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!**  
Let men their songs employ,  
While fields and floods, rocks,  
hills, and plains,  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

**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, wonders of His love.

*(All may stand)*

**Prayer and Blessing**

Lord God, heavenly Father, we give thanks to You that of Your mercy and compassion You caused Your Son to become incarnate, and through Him redeemed us from sin and everlasting death: We beseech You, enlighten our hearts by Your Holy Spirit, that we may ever be thankful for such grace, and comfort ourselves thereby in all tribulation and temptation, and at last obtain eternal salvation; through the same, Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

**All: Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God  
And the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**Amen.**

**Hymn: Alleluia! O Rejoice, Ye Christians Loudly** ..... ELH 163, setting, Adrian Lo, 2000

Choir: Alleluia

**1. O rejoice, ye Christians, loudly, For our joy hath now begun;**  
Wondrous things our God hath done.  
Tell abroad His goodness proudly, Who our race hath honored thus,  
That He deigns to dwell with us.

*Refrain:*

*Joy, O joy, beyond all gladness, Christ hath done away with sadness!*  
*Hence, all sorrow and repining, for the Sun of Grace is shining!*

2. See, my soul, thy Savior chooses Weakness here and poverty;  
In such love He comes to thee.  
Nor the manger bed refuses, All He suffers for thy good  
To redeem thee by His blood. *[Refrain]*
3. Lord, how shall I thank Thee rightly? I acknowledge that by Thee  
I am saved eternally.  
Let me not forget it lightly But to Thee at all times cleave,  
And my heart true peace receive. *[Refrain]*
4. Jesus, guard and guide Thy members; Fill Thy brethren with Thy grace;  
Hear their prayers in ev'ry place.  
Brighten now faith's glowing embers; Grant all Christians, far and near,  
Holy peace, and godly cheer! *[Refrain]*

Alleluia!

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The banners hanging in the Chapel today were created by Professor of Studio Art Jason Jaspersen and the Bethany Art Service. They were originally commissioned for use at seven different worship services during the 2024 Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) National Conference on Worship, Music, and the Arts. Bethany Studio Art majors Lydia Kratz and Abigail Skorenkyi designed and hand painted six original designs with the help of other Art Service members. The 4'x15' canvases correspond with liturgical seasons. Four of the banners were chosen to complement this year's Christmas at Bethany concerts and represent a special collaboration between the Music and Art Departments.

**Advent:** Blue, shoot from stump of Jesse. Star promise symbol. The Gospel is surprisingly irrational. Life comes out of death...a shoot out of the broken stump.

**Christmas:** a collage of events in red. Players in familiar moments change scale. The drama of the incarnation plays out in the lives of simple people. The Word became flesh and dwelt among us.

**Epiphany:** Magi take action to investigate this star in the sky. Were these the remnants of the Babylonian captivity? God steers history in unlikely and unpredictable ways.

**Easter:** Lilies signal life and hope. Butterflies and stars emerge in background patterns. I am the way the truth and the life. First fruits of the resurrection. Jesus.

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At the conclusion of the concert, students will be at the doors to gather a free-will offering. If you prefer to donate digitally, scan the QR Code. Your generous support is greatly appreciated. All are invited to the Campus Art Show in the Gallery of the S.C. Ylvisaker Fine Arts Center. Thank you for being with us today. We wish you all a blessed Advent and a joyous Christmas!

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# Christmas at Bethany Participants

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## Accompanists

Organ..... Laura Matzke  
Piano..... Jack DePrey, Hannah Caauwe  
Oboe..... Leah Proehl  
Student Conductor ..... Daryan Rosenthal  
String quartet & continuo:..... Annika Doberenz,  
Matthew Strom, Emma Lau, Nate Barstad, Micah Smith

## Liturgists and Lectors

December 5. .... Rev. Prof. Tom Rank  
December 6..... Rev. Prof. Brian Klebig  
December 7 ..... Rev. Prof Shawn Stafford  
December 8..... Rev. Don Moldstad, College Chaplain

## Pre-service music

Caleb Schulte, Daryan Rosenthal, Jack DePrey, Maddy Chavez,  
Allison Rygh, Natalie Hennig, Gabriel Gillespie, Andrew Wade,  
Simon Kovaciny, and Hannah Caauwe

## Mary Martha Singers

*Ann Fredrickson, Director*

### Soprano 1

Ayanna Bittorf, Graphic Design '26..... Lake Mills, WI  
Eve Compton, Legal Studies '28..... Elk River, MN  
Christine DeGier, Theatre '25..... Wood Lake, MN  
Elsa Johansson, Music/Psychology '28 ..... Columbus, WI  
Sophia Juntunen, Biochemistry '27 ..... Esko, MN  
\*Callie Jo Otto, Biochemistry/PreMed '25..... So. St. Paul, MN  
\*Heidi Riebau, Interdisciplinary Studies '25..... Eureka, MO

### Soprano 2

Emi Becker, Interdisciplinary Studies '25 ..... Rockford, IL  
Hannah Caauwe, Music '26..... Wood Lake, MN  
Abby Hartwig, Education/English '28 ..... Mankato, MN  
\*Natalie Hennig, Music/Theatre '27 ..... Hartford, WI  
Vianna Kovaciny, Media Arts '25..... Mankato, MN  
Tabitha Larson, Arts Admin./Studio Art '28..... Sparta, WI  
Greta Liermann, Sec. Ed./Social Studies Ed. '27 ..... Eagle River, WI  
Jasmine Stutzka, Health Comm. '27 ..... Lakeville, MN

\*Notes featured soloists

### Alto 1

Bethany Hanson, Music '26 ..... Mapleton, MN  
Vienne Laing, Studio Art '28 ..... Belle Plaine, MN  
Peyton Nikoley, Elem./Sec. Ed./English '27 ..... Farmington, MN  
Brooke Olson, Arts Admin. '27 ..... Montrose, MN  
Madi Omar, Psychology/Spanish '27 ..... Bloomer, WI  
Alysen Pettis, Music '25..... North Mankato, MN  
\*Allison Rygh, Music/Ed. '27 ..... Scarville, IA  
Ahna Thompson, Arts Admin. '27 ..... North Mankato, MN  
Emily Tiede, Psychology '24..... Arlington, MN

### Alto 2

Ingrid Bloedel, Theatre/Arts Admin. '26..... Mankato, MN  
Renee Geving, Music '26 ..... Mankato, MN  
Faith Johnson, Nursing '28 ..... Nicollet, MN  
Miriam Larson, Psychology/Communication '27..... Sparta, WI  
Norah Kratz, English/Studio Art '27 ..... Birmingham, AL  
Claire Marcus, Psychology '27 ..... Redwood Falls, MN  
Hannah Marcus, Computer Science '25 ..... St. Peter, MN  
\*Malia Merseeth, Music/Theatre '26..... Mankato, MN  
Naomi Valleau, Nursing '28..... Maplewood, MN  
Olivia Woller,  
Exercise Science/Health Comm. '27 ..... Mankato, MN



**Bethany Lutheran College is now an All-Steinway School.** Since 2017, we received over 300 gifts from alumni and friends and have now achieved our goal. Every piano in our classrooms, practice rooms, rehearsal spaces, and performance areas are now Steinway pianos or Steinway-endorsed Boston pianos. In the same way our old pianos faithfully served all students for the last 30 years, we aim to enjoy these excellent pianos for decades to come.

**We are now one of seven schools in Minnesota to have the distinguished honor of an "All Steinway School."**  
Thank you so much for your ongoing support of music at Bethany!

# Concert Band

*Benjamin Faugstad, Director*

Listed in order of chair placement

^ Alumni/Community Member

\*Notes featured soloists

## Flute

\*Hannah Caauwe, Music '26 ..... Wood Lake, MN  
Rachel Sovacool, Spanish '25 ..... Ladysmith, WI  
Madilyn Omar, Psychology/Spanish '27 ..... Bloomer, WI  
Jozia Jarosiewicz, Biology '26 ..... Oakdale, MN  
Emi Becker, Interdisciplinary Studies '25 ..... Rockford, IL  
Skye Mata, Biology '28 ..... Rochester, MN  
Norah Kratz, English/Studio Art '27 ..... Birmingham, AL  
Caleb Schulte, Music '25 ..... Sparta, WI

## Oboe

Leah Proehl, Computer Science '26 ..... Waldorf, MN

## Bassoon

Lisa Westberg ^ ..... North Mankato, MN

## Clarinet

\*Andrew Wade, Music '27 ..... Tacoma, WA  
Vanessa Paulson, English '27 ..... Good Thunder, MN  
Ava Gorsegner, Graphic Design '26 ..... Garden City, MI  
Alexander Harrison,  
Music & Engineering Sciences '28 ..... Oswego, IL  
Olivia Watson, Biology '25 ..... Rochester, MN  
Arian Anderson, Nursing '27 ..... Mankato, MN  
Chloe Wolfe, Business Admin. '28 ..... Lake Elmo, MN  
Mckenzie Holz, Exercise Science '28 ..... Kasson, MN  
Rachel Mayes, Graphic Design '28 ..... West Point, NE  
Evie Boyce-Sauer, Studio Art '28 ..... Birmingham, AL

## Bass Clarinet

Natalie Hennig, Music/Theatre '27 ..... Hartford, WI  
Daryan Rosenthal, Music '25 ..... Watertown, SD

## Contra-Alto Clarinet

Sarah Busse, Exercise Science '25 ..... St. Peter, MN

## Alto Saxophone

Caleb Schultz, Religion/Pre-seminary '25 ..... Fairmont, MN  
Hannah Marcus, Computer Science '25 ..... St. Peter, MN  
James Younge, Business Admin. '27 ..... North Mankato, MN  
Eleanor Carleton, Elem. Ed. '28 ..... Nicollet, MN

## Tenor Saxophone

Kya Hoof, Nursing '26 ..... Waseca, MN

## Bari Saxophone

Josiah Hoppe, Math/Ed. '25 ..... Lewiston, MN

## Trumpet

Laura Rossow, Media Arts '26 ..... Morgan, MN  
Michael Lazzaretti, Computer Science/Math Ed. '27 ..... Sparta, WI  
Renee Geving, Music '26 ..... North Mankato, MN  
Claire Marcus, Psychology '27 ..... Redwood Falls, MN  
Elsa Johansson, Music & Psychology '28 ..... Columbus, WI  
Alex Matzke, Engineering Sciences '28 ..... Good Thunder, MN

## Horn

Allison Rygh, Music/ Ed. '27 ..... Scarville, IA  
Andrew Westberg ^ ..... North Mankato, MN

## Trombone

Noah Schmid, Communication '25 ..... Mankato, MN  
Alex Roemhildt, Computer Science '27 ..... Waterville, MN  
Myles Nelson, Engineering Sciences '26 ..... Nicollet, MN  
Michael Mittag, Media Arts '26 ..... Beaver Dam, WI  
Lydia Schmid, Exercise Science '28 ..... Mankato, MN

## Euphonium

Nick Schmid, Communication '25 ..... Mankato, MN  
William Stottlemeyer, Music '26 ..... Hancock, MD

## Tuba

Cyril Palm, Music '25 ..... Morristown, MN  
Ethan Gulczynski, Graphic Design '27 ..... Lake Mills, WI

## String Bass

Heidi Riebau, Interdisciplinary Studies '25 ..... Eureka, MO

## Percussion

Elijah Ellis, Computer Science '26 ..... Green Bay, WI  
Merobe Gari, Nursing '25 ..... Addis Ababa, Ethiopia  
Bethany Hanson, Music '26 ..... Mapleton, MN  
Evan Matzke, Computer Science '25 ..... Good Thunder, MN  
Christopher Michael, Engineering Sciences '26 ..... Tacoma, WA  
Peyton Nikoley,  
Elem./Sec. Ed., English '27 ..... Farmington, MN  
Caleb Tomhave, Engineering Sciences '26 ..... Mankato, MN  
Jonathan Urban, Engineering Sciences '26 ..... Mankato, MN  
Alysen Pettis, Music '25 ..... North Mankato, MN  
Micah Smith, Engineering Sciences '27 ..... Forest City, IA  
Lydia Jarcik, Nursing '28 ..... Williston, ND  
Sebastian Rosenthal, Business Admin. '28 ..... Watertown, SD  
Mathias Barents,  
Computer Science/Math '28 ..... Lake Crystal, MN

# Handbell Choir

David Paulson, Director

Emi Becker, Interdisciplinary Studies '25 .....Rockford, IL  
Ayanna Bittorf, Graphic Design '26..... Lake Mills, WI  
Hannah Caauwe, Music '26..... Wood Lake, MN  
Gabriel Gillespie, Music '27..... Random Lake, WI  
Bethany Hanson, Music '26..... Mapleton, MN  
Simon Kovaciny, Music '26..... Mankato, MN  
Vanessa Paulson, English '27 .....Good Thunder, MN  
Alysen Pettis, Music '25.....North Mankato, MN

## Chamber Orchestra

Benjamin Faugstad, Director

### Violin 1

Annika Doberenz, English/Spanish '26 ..... Preston, MN  
Katelynn Bills, Math/Computer Science '25..... Brandon, SD  
Jessie Olson, Music '26.....New Ulm, MN  
Michael Harting ^ .....Mankato, MN  
Kiah Dickinson ^..... Eagle Lake, MN  
Lily Mohr ^ ..... Plymouth, MN

### Violin 2

Matthew Strom, Media Arts/Spanish '26 ..... Mankato, MN  
Kaleb Peek, Psychology/Spanish '27..... York, NE  
Kait Klammer ^ ..... Good Thunder, MN  
Maddy Chavez, Music '28 .....North Mankato, MN  
Christine Jeske ^ ..... Courtland, MN  
Cyril Palm, Music '25 .....Morristown, MN  
Derek Landsteiner ^ .....Mankato, MN  
Chloe Wolfe, Business Admin. '28 ..... Stillwater, MN  
Evan Matzke, Computer Science '25.....Good Thunder, MN  
Sonya Roemhildt^ ..... Amboy, MN

### Viola

Emma Lau, Exercise Science '25 .....Derby, KS  
Sabrina Seiwert ^..... Mankato, MN

### Cello

Nate Barstad, Music '28 ..... Carver, MN  
Kaylee Johnson, Psychology '26 ..... Mankato, MN  
Joseph Roemhildt ^ .....Mankato, MN  
Noah Schmid, Communication '25 .....Mankato, MN  
Nick Schmid, Communication '25..... Mankato, MN  
Lydia Schmid, Exercise Science '28..... Mankato, MN  
Sarah Strom ^..... Mankato, MN

Heidi Riebau, Interdisciplinary Studies '25 .....Eureka, MO  
Daryan Rosenthal, Music '25 ..... Watertown, SD  
Sebastian Rosenthal, Business Admin. '28. .... Watertown, SD  
Caleb Schulte, Music '25.....Sparta, WI  
Anna Schultz, English '27..... Fairmont, MN  
Caleb Schultz , Religion/PreSem. '25..... Fairmont, MN  
Ava Sulzle, Math Ed. '26 .....North Mankato, MN  
Chloe Wolfe, Business Admin. '28 ..... Lake Elmo, MN

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### Bass

Heidi Riebau, Interdisciplinary Studies '25 .....Eureka, MO  
Dave Urness ^ .....North Mankato, MN  
Noah Gernander ^ ..... St. Peter, MN

### Flute

Hannah Caauwe, Music '26 ..... Wood Lake, MN  
Rachel Sovacool, Spanish '25 ..... Ladysmith, WI  
Madilyn Omar, Psychology/Spanish '27 ..... Bloomer, WI  
Skye Mata, Biology '28..... Rochester, MN  
Emi Becker, Interdisciplinary Studies '25 .....Rockford, IL

### Clarinet

Daryan Rosenthal, Music '25 ..... Watertown, SD  
Olivia Watson, Biology '25..... Rochester, MN  
Andrew Wade, Music '27..... Tacoma, WA  
Alexander Harrison,  
Music/Engineering Sciences '28..... Oswego, IL

### Trumpet

Michael Lazzaretti, Computer Science/Math Ed. '27.....Sparta, WI  
Renee Geving, Music '26 .....North Mankato, MN  
Elsa Johansson, Music/Psychology '28.....Columbus, WI  
Alex Matzke, Engineering Sciences '28 .....Good Thunder, MN

### Piano

Jack DePrey, Music/Business Admin. '26.....Sun Prairie, WI

### Percussion

Sebastian Rosenthal, Business Admin. '28 ..... Watertown, SD  
Mathias Barents,  
Computer Science/Math '28..... Lake Crystal, MN



# Concert Choir

David Paulson, Director

\*Notes featured soloists

## Soprano 1

\*Camille Bauer, Communication '25 .....Gibbon, MN  
Eve Compton, Legal Studies '28 ..... Elk River, MN  
Jozia Jarosiewicz, Biology '26 ..... Oakdale, MN  
Callie Jo Otto, Biochemistry/PreMed. '25 .....So. St. Paul, MN  
Heidi Riebau, Interdisciplinary Studies '25 .....Eureka, MO  
Anna Schwartz, Nursing '27 .....Oakfield, WI

## Soprano 2

Emi Becker, Interdisciplinary Studies '25 .....Rockford, IL  
Ayanna Bittorf, Graphic Design '26 ..... Lake Mills, WI  
Hannah Caauwe, Music '26 ..... Wood Lake, MN  
Christine DeGier, Theatre '25 ..... Wood Lake, MN  
Bethany Hanson, Music '26 ..... Mapleton, MN  
Abby Hartwig, Education/English '28 ..... Mankato, MN  
Alexis Juergens, Communication '28 ..... Juneau, AK  
Saron Kebere, Nursing '28 .....Addis Ababa, Ethiopia  
Sofia May, Nursing '28 ..... Mayer, MN  
Saron Meheret, Psychology '28 .....Addis Ababa, Ethiopia  
Lexi Meunier, Nursing '28 ..... Mankato, MN  
Sami Mortenson, Elem. Ed. '26 ..... Osceola, WI  
\*Amelia Pfund, Psychology/Spanish '26 ..... Hartford, WI  
Jordyn Risse, English Education '25 ..... Elk River, MN  
Anna Schultz, English '27 ..... Fairmont, MN  
Jasmine Stutzka, Health Comm. '27 .....Lakeville, MN  
Sophia Urban, Biochemistry '28 ..... Mankato, MN  
Chloe Wolfe, Business Admin. '28 ..... Lake Elmo, MN

## Alto 1

Maddy Chavez, Music '28 .....North Mankato, MN  
Clara Kim, Nursing '28 ..... South Korea  
Vienne Laing, Studio Art '28 ..... Belle Plaine, MN  
Hannah Meihak, Graphic Design '27 .....Phoenix, AZ  
Malia Merseeth, Music/Theatre '26 ..... Mankato, MN  
Madi Omar, Psychology/Spanish '27 ..... Bloomer, WI  
Vanessa Paulson, English '27 .....Good Thunder, MN  
Alysen Pettis, Music '25 .....North Mankato, MN  
Astrid Quist, Biology '27 ..... Saint Peter, MN  
Allison Rygh, Music/Ed. '27 .....Scarville, IA  
Ava Sulzle, Math Ed. '26 .....North Mankato, MN  
Ahna Thompson, Arts Admin. '27 .....North Mankato, MN  
Emily Tiede, Psychology '24 ..... Arlington, MN

## Alto 2

Miriam Larson, Psychology/Communication '27 .....Sparta, WI  
Gracen Lukasek, Elem. Ed. '27 ..... Mankato, MN  
Laurn Messner, Media Arts '26 ..... Winthrop, MN  
Naomi Valleau, Nursing '28 .....Maplewood, MN  
Olivia Woller,  
Exercise Science/Health Comm. '27 ..... Mankato, MN

## Tenor 1

William Stottlmyer, Music '26 ..... Hancock, MD  
Erik Van Kampen,  
Engineering Science, Math '27 ..... Madison, WI

## Tenor 2

Nate Barstad, Music '28 ..... Carver, MN  
Jaksyn Graham, Media Arts/Theatre '26 ..... Mayer, MN  
Caleb Schulte, Music '25 .....Sparta, WI

## Bass 1

Jonah Anderson, Undeclared '28 ..... Iowa City, Iowa  
Gabriel Gillespie, Music '27 ..... Random Lake, WI  
Ben Halvorson, Biology '28 .....North Mankato, MN  
Andy Muske, Graphic Design '25 ..... Freeland, MI  
Basil Palm, Undeclared '27 .....Morristown, MN  
Luke Pollema, Psychology '28 ..... Mankato, MN  
Daryan Rosenthal, Music '25 ..... Watertown, SD  
Sebastian Rosenthal, Business Admin. '28 ..... Watertown, SD  
Oliver Shoop, Undeclared '28 .....Faribault, MN

## Bass 2

Chance Hill, Communication/Legal Studies '27 .....Loveland, CO  
Simon Kovaciny, Music '26 ..... Mankato, MN  
Alex Matzke, Engineering Sciences '28 .....Good Thunder, MN  
Evan Matzke, Computer Science '25 .....Good Thunder, MN  
Cyril Palm, Music '25 .....Morristown, MN  
Ryan Samek, Computer Science '28 ..... Eagle Lake, MN

# FINE ARTS AT BETHANY



## MUSIC

### **Chamber Orchestra Winter Concert**

Sun., Feb. 23 at 4 p.m.

### **Concert Band Tour Performance**

Tues., Feb. 25 at 7 p.m.

### **Spring Honors Recital**

Tues., Apr. 15 at 7 p.m.

### **Spring Choirs Concert**

Thurs., Apr. 24 at 7 p.m.

### **Concert Band & Full Orchestra Finale**

Tues., Apr. 29 at 7:30 p.m.

### **Jazz Ensemble Spring Concert**

Sat., April 26 at 6 p.m. | Sun., April 27 at 3 p.m.

### **Drumline Theatre Show**

Sat., May 3 at 4 & 7 p.m.

### **Bethany Choir Homecoming Concert**

Tues., May 15 at 7 p.m.



## THEATRE

### ***The Pirates of Penzance***

Fri. + Sat., Jan. 31, Feb 1, 7, 8 at 7:30 p.m. | Sun., Feb. 2 at 2 p.m.

### ***As You Like It***

Fri. + Sat., Apr. 4, 5, 11, 12, at 7:30 p.m. | Sun., Apr. 6 at 2 p.m.



## ART

### **Campus Art Show**

Dec. 2 – 9 | Reception: Dec. 5 at 7 p.m.

### **Art Exhibit by Andrew Judkins**

Jan. 8 – 24 | Reception: Jan. 9 at 7 p.m.

### **Art Exhibit by Benji Inniger**

Feb. 3 – 21 | Reception: Feb. 6 at 7 p.m.

### **Art Exhibit by Eric Ouren**

March 3 – 21 | Reception: March 13 at 7 p.m.

### **Student Capstone Exhibit**

March 31 – April | Reception: Apr. 3 at 7 p.m.

### **Campus Art Show**

Apr. 24 – May 2 | Reception: Apr. 24 at 7 p.m.

Find more events and details at [blc.edu/events](https://blc.edu/events).