

Our Savior's Lutheran Church
75th Anniversary Concert
Sunday, October 31, 2021 ♦ 3:00 P.M.



PROGRAM

Prelude – “Prelude in Eb Major,” J. S. Bach (1685–1750)
Matthew Tylutki, Principal Organist 2018–2021

Anniversary Theme Hymn – ELW, No. 660, “Lift High the Cross,” *sts. 1, 2*, Sydney Nicholson (1875–1947)

Song – “Our Savior’s,” Gene LeVasseur, commissioned by Our Savior’s Lutheran Church

Joyful Noize students were told of the anniversary celebration and were challenged to come up with ideas for a song. During our discussion, their director had to use his phone to quote OSL’s mission and five core values. Just like the ABC song, “Our Savior’s” is a song designed to help us all remember our mission and core values.

In Christ we are forgiven, our mission to proclaim Christ
Connecting faith to life, in community welcome all
With worship we praise the Lord. With service we love the Lord.
With learning we grow in the Lord. Generously we give to the Lord.

Lift high the cross! We've come so far
Lift high the cross! We've so far to go
God bless us all at Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Welcome and Prayer – Pr. Randy Gehring

Our Savior's Choir – Directed by Jeanne Carter, Director of Choirs 1999–2014

“Here I Am, Lord,” Daniel Schutte (b. 1946), arr. Ovid Young

“The Lord is My Shepherd,” Howard Goodall (b. 1958)

Celebrate Band – Led by Deacon Kris Wollman, Celebrate Band Director 1986–1988, 2003–2013

“Hungry,” Katherine Scott (b. 1974)

“Holy Is the Lord,” Chris Tomlin (b. 1972)

Offering – “Bossa Nova on ‘God Himself Is Present,’” Johannes Matthias Michel (b. 1962)

Marilyn Schempp, Principal Organist 1996–2018

Celebrate Band – Led by Larry Olson, Celebrate Band Director 1988–1998

“Kyrie Eleison,” Larry Olson

“To Be Alive,” Larry Olson; Matthew Tylutki, trumpet

Celebrate Band – Led by Denny Gale, Celebrate Band Coordinator 2013–

“Let's Celebrate,” Denny Gale and Pr. Justin Kosec, commissioned by Our Savior's Lutheran Church

“Let's Celebrate” is all about unity. Pr. Justin Kosec's prose was vital in creating the lyrics to this upbeat celebration of being one in Christ. We celebrate hope that's arisen—flowing from the strength God's given. Denny Gale wrote the music and helped polish Pr. Justin's lyrics contribution

Let's celebrate the love in this place
The praise we sing and offer to You
The prayers we did not know that we'd need
Our vision, hopes and dreams have come true

It matters not what song that you sing
So let's all sing this new song of praise
In unity we worship our Lord
Yes, Jesus, it's Your name that we raise

Let's celebrate hope that's arisen
Flowing from the strength You've given
A vision given to old and to young
To celebrate miracles that You have done

Our unity's a gift from above
Forgiveness when we're broken in two
Through grace we have now rebuilt our home
Where all love thrives and dreams have come true

Lift high the cross and pray for tomorrow
That Your word will be stronger still
Let's lift up each other along with the cross
And do our best to follow Your will

Let's celebrate the love in this place
The praise we sing and offer to You
The prayers we did not know that we'd need
Our vision, hopes and dreams have come true

Our Savior's Choir – Directed by Don Levens, Director of Choirs 1968–1999

“O Jesu Blessed Lord, to Thee,” William Byrd (1543–1623)

“In Thee Is Gladness,” Giovanni Giacomo Gastoldi (1554–1609), arr. Alisa Bair; Emily Anderson, flute

Our Savior's Choir – Directed by Gene LeVasseur Director of Worship 2014–

“Hearing God's Summons,” Deanna Wehrspann, commissioned by Our Savior's Lutheran Church; lyrics by Pr. Justin Kosec, Deanna Wehrspann, and John Bowring (1792–1872)

“Hearing God's Summons” includes our 75th Anniversary theme, “Lifting High the Cross,” some piano “bells” from the bell tower, and “joys that through all time abide.” The composer, Deanna Wehrspann, is the daughter of longtime OSL musicians Don and Shireen Levens, with ties to Our Savior's since 1968. She has vivid memories of the 25th Anniversary celebration at the Sioux Falls Arena.

Hearing God's summons, through melodies of triumph
And dirges in lament, we are lifting high the cross
As we listen, learn, and love around Christ's table of grace
We are lifting high the cross, cherishing this treasure,
And serving our neighbor as the Spirit leads

In the cross of Christ we glory
Tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time
All the light of sacred story
Gathers round its head sublime

When the woes of life o'er take us
Hopes deceive, and fears annoy
Never shall the cross forsake us
Lo, it glows with peace and joy

When the sun of bliss is beaming
Light and love upon our way
From the cross the radiance streaming
Adds more luster to the day

Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure
By the cross are sanctified
Peace is there that knows no measure
Joys that through all time abide

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Blessing – Pr. Randy Gehring

Postlude – “Praise to the Lord Rondo and Carillon,” Michael Burkhardt (b. 1957)

Matthew Tylutki and Marilyn Schempp, organ duet

All are invited to enjoy refreshments at the reception following the concert, in The Gathering Place.

Joyful Noize

Director: Gene LeVasseur
Accompanist: Deanna Wehrspann
Assistant: Toni LeVasseur
Korbin Bryant
Oliver Konz
Aryanna Oorlag
Robby Rallis
Kiri Selzler

Celebrate Band

Denny Gale: Acoustic Guitar and Vocals
Dave Hofstad: Drums and Vocals
Steve Kuper: Lead Guitar
Mark Law: Bass Guitar
Janelle Mills: Vocals
Larry Olson: Acoustic Guitar and Vocals
Deacon Kris Wollman: Keyboard and Vocals

Our Savior's Choir and Response Singers

Director: Gene LeVasseur
Accompanist: Deanna Wehrspann
Sarah Abbas
Maribeth Anderson
Joan Bacon
Mike Binger
Jeanne Carter
Carolyn Dick
Ed Elkins
Kathie Franz

Dave Haugen
Joan Haugen
Darwin Husby
Priscilla Jorve
Marcy Kleese
Tony Leggett
Toni LeVasseur
John Moe
Judy Moller
Bob Nelson
Margot Nelson
Julie Oien
Ruth Olsen
Irene Pearson
Janice Petterson
Barbara Roble
Erik Rossing
Martha Rossing
Sue Schrader
Ellen Smook
Don Thompson
Marie Thompson
Carolyn Thomson
Grace Wehrspann
Joel Wehrspann

Tech Crew

Harold Breitag: MediaShout
Randy Preston: Sound
Bill Reynolds: Program
Randy Ruud: A/V Recording



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