# PROCLAIM PEACE

HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CONCERT THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2023



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St. Croix Lutheran Academy High School Christmas Concert December 21, 2023, 7:00 P.M., GYM

# OAKDALE AVENUE JAZZ

**Three Guys** 

John Henry Hopkins Jr. arr. Bob Turner Alexandra Park, guitar; Kenyon Tess, tenor saxophone; Abigail Guldberg, trumpet; Jonah Stelljes, piano

Go Tell It On the Mountain

African American Spiritual arr. Roy Phillippe Matthew Beekman, trumpet; Kenyon Tess, tenor saxophone

# COMBINED CHOIRS

# Of the Father's Love Begotten

Please join in singing the final verse.

CHOIR

Of the Father's love begotten, ere the worlds began to be, He is Alpha and Omega, He the Source, the Ending He, of the things that are, that have been, and that future years shall see evermore and evermore!

O that birth forever blessed, when the virgin, full of grace, by the Holy Ghost conceiving, bore the Savior of our race; and the Babe, the world's Redeemer, first revealed His sacred face, evermore and evermore! Divinum Mysterium arr. Paul Wohlgemuth

O ye heights of heav'n, adore Him; angel hosts, His praises sing: pow'rs, dominions, bow before Him and extol our God and King; let no tongue on earth be silent, every voice in concert ring, evermore and evermore!

ALL SING Christ, to Thee with God the Father, and, O Holy Ghost, to Thee, hymn and chant and high thanksgiving and unwearied praises be, honor, glory, and dominion, and eternal victory, evermore and evermore!

-Aurelius Clemens Prudentius, trans. John Mason Neale

# **CRUSADER BAND**

#### Adventum

Veni Emmanuel, Ukrainian Bell Carol arr. Jared Barnes

# Prepare the Royal Highway

Please join in singing.



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> A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit. The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him—the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of might, the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the Lord—and he will delight in the fear of the Lord. In that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples; the nations will rally to him, and his resting place will be glorious. Isaiah 11:1-3, 10

# CONCERT CHOIR

#### This Little Babe

from Ceremony of Carols

Benjamin Britten Jonah Stelljes, piano

This little Babe so few days old Is come to rifle Satan's fold; All hell doth at His presence quake, Though He Himself for cold doth shake; For in this weak unarmed wise The gates of hell He will surprise.

With tears He fights and wins the field, His naked breast stands for a shield; His battering shot are babish cries, His arrows looks of weeping eyes, His martial ensigns cold and need, And feeble flesh His warrior's steed.

His camp is pitched in a stall, His bulwark but a broken wall, The crib His trench, haystalks His stakes, Of shepherds He His muster makes; And thus, as sure His foe to wound, The angels' trumps alarum sound.

My soul with Christ join thou in fight; Stick to His tents that he hath pight. Within His crib is surest ward; This little Babe will be thy Guard. If thou wilt foil thy foes with joy, Then flit not from this heav'nly Boy!

-Robert Southwell

#### God Rest You Merry Gentlemen

God rest you merry, gentlemen, Let nothing you dismay, Remember Christ our Saviour Was born on Christmas Day To save us all from Satan's pow'r When we were gone astray.

REFRAIN O tidings of comfort and joy, Comfort and joy; O tidings of comfort and joy. Traditional English Carol arr. Hawley Ades Silas Krueger, solo From God our heav'nly Father A blessed angel came And unto certain shepherds Brought tidings of the same; How that in Bethlehem was born The Son of God by name. Refrain

The shepherds at those tidings Rejoiced much in mind, And left their flocks a-feeding, In tempest, storm, and wind, And went to Bethlehem straightway, This blessed Babe to find. Refrain

Now to the Lord sing praises All you within this place, And with true love and brotherhood Each other now embrace; This holy tide of Christmas All other doth deface. Refrain

-English Carol, 18th cent.

# PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE

#### Away in a Manger, One Silent Night

James R. Murray, Franz Gruber arr. Patrick Glenn Harper

#### What Child Is This

Please join in singing.

What child is this who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping, whom angels greet with anthems sweet while shepherds watch are keeping? This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing; haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary!

Text: William C. Dix, 1837–1898, alt. Tune: English, 16th cent. Text and tune: Public domain Why lies he in such mean estate where oxen now are feeding?Good Christian, fear; for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you; hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mary! "But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from f old, from ancient times." He will stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the ord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they will live securely, for then his greatness will reach to the ends of the earth. Micah 5:2, 4

# CHORALE

### Still, Still, Still

Austrian Carol arr. Joyce Eilers Bacak

Still, still, still He sleeps the Holy Child. With awe and wonder we behold Him, Mary's loving arms enfold Him. Still, still, still He sleeps the Holy Child.

Peace, peace, peace. He brings to all the earth, A gift from God in heav'n above us, Proving He will always love us. Peace, peace, peace. He brings to all the earth,

Joy, joy, joy Is ours forevermore. We'll spread his Word in song and story, Honor His name and give him the glory. Joy, joy, joy Is ours forevermore.

-Traditional Austrian Carol

# **Dona Nobis Pacem**

Traditional Latin Canon arr. Emily Lund

Dona nobis pacem Grant us peace. The Lord bless you and keep you, The Lord make his face shine on you, And be gracious to you, Turn his face to you, And give you peace. Grant us peace.

-Traditional Latin, Numbers 6:24-26

## Betelehemu

Sung in Yoruba

Via Olatunji and Wendell Whalum arr. Barrington Brooks Emma Frey, Jonah Stelljes, Wyatt Hardinger, Jameson Frantzen, Tyler Frantzen, William Wakeman, percussion

Betelehemu, Betelehemu Bethlehem. Bethlehem Awa yi o ri Baba gbojule. We are glad that we have a Father to trust. Awa yi o ri Baba fehenti. We are glad that we have a Father to rely on. Nibo labi Jesu? Where was Jesus born? Nibo labi bii? Where was he born? Betelehemu ilu ara. Bethehem, the city of wonder. Nibe labi Baba o daju. That is where the Father was born, for sure. lyin, iyin, iyin nifuno. Praise, praise, praise be to him. Adupe fun o, Adupe fun o, We thank thee, we thank thee, Adupe fun o jooni, Baba oloreo. We thank thee for this day, Gracious Father. lyin fun o Baba anu, Baba toda wasi. Praise be to thee, Merciful Father.

-Nigerian Carol

# Silent Night, Holy Night

Please join in singing.

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. Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight. Glories stream from heaven afar, heav'nly 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.

Text: tr. John F. Young, 1820–1885; Franz Joseph Mohr, 1792–1848 Text: Public domain While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them. Luke 2:6-7

# CONCERT CHOIR

## See Amid the Winter's Snow

John Goss arr. Dan Forrest Tyler Frantzen, Micah Sievert, percussion

See, amid the winter's snow, Born for us on earth below, See the tender Lamb appears, Promised from eternal years.

REFRAIN

Hail, thou ever blessed morn! Hail, redemption's happy dawn! Sing through all Jerusalem, "Christ is born in Bethlehem."

Lo, within a manger lies He who built the starry skies; He who, throned in height sublime, Sits amid the cherubim! Refrain

Sacred Infant, all divine, What a tender love was Thine, Thus to come from highest bliss Down to such a world as this! Refrain

# Glory to God, Recitative and Chorus

From Messiah

George Frideric Handel Rio Nomura, soloist Lydia Schaefer, piano

Recitative

There were shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over the flocks by night.

And Io! The angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them, and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, "Fear not: For behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heav'nly host praising God and saying:

Chorus

Glory to God in the highest, and peace on earth, goodwill toward men.

-Luke 2:8-14

#### Hark the Herald Angels Sing

Please join in singing.

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!" (Refrain)

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Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

Hail, the heav'nly Prince of Peace!
Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, ris'n 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. (Refrain)

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt. Tune: Felix Mendelssohn, 1809–1847 Text and tune: Public domain

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. John 1:1-5

# **CRUSADER BAND**

Season of Light

J.S. Bach, Lewis Redner arr. Gene Milford

Hallelujah

Chip Davis arr. Robert Longfield

#### All My Heart Again Rejoices

Please join in singing.



# CROIXALIERS

#### Sussex Carol

Traditional English Carol arr. Elaine Hangenberg Lydia Schaefer, piano

On Christmas night all Christians sing To hear the news the angels bring; on Christmas night all Christians sing To hear the news the angels bring: News of great joy, news of great mirth, News of our merciful King's birth.

Then why should men on earth be sad, Since our Redeemer made us glad? Then why should men on earth be sad, Since our Redeemer made us glad, When from our sin He set us free, All for to gain our liberty? When sin departs before His grace, Then life and health come in its place; When sin departs before His grace, Then life and health come in its place; Angels and men with joy may sing, All for to see the newborn King.

All out of darkness we have light, Which made the angels sing this night; All out of darkness we have light, Which made the angels sing this night: "Glory to God and peace to men, Now and forevermore. Amen."

### **Keep Your Lamps**

African American Spiritual arr. André Thomas William Wakeman, percussion

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning. The time is drawing nigh.

Children, don't get weary. Till your work is done

Christian, journey soon be over. The time is drawing nigh.

-Traditional

I will make peace your governor and well-being your ruler. The sun will no more be our light by day, nor will the brightness of the moon shine on you, for the Lord will be our everlasting light, and your God will be your glory. Isaiah 60:17, 19

# E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come

Peace be to you and grace from him Who freed us from our sin, Who loved us all, and shed his blood That we might saved be.

Sing holy, holy to our Lord, The Lord almighty God. Who was and is, and is to come, Sing holy, holy Lord.

Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein, Rejoice on earth, ye saints below For Christ is coming soon.

E'en so Lord Jesus quickly come And night shall be no more. They need no light, no lamp, nor sun For Christ will be their All!

-adapt. of Revelation 22, Ruth Manz

#### Joy to the World

Please join in singing.

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 nature sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing. 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 the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.

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.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748 Tune: George Frideric Handel, 1685-1759, adapt. Text and tune: Public domain Paul Manz

# STUDENT ADDRESS Emma Frey

# CHOIRS AND BAND

# Where Shepherds Lately Knelt

Carl Schalk arr. Christopher Aspaas, adapt. Zirui Wang

Where shepherds lately knelt and kept the angel's word, I come in half belief, a pilgrim strangely stirred, But there is room and welcome there for me, But there is room and welcome there for me.

In that unlikely place I find him as they said: Sweet newborn babe, how frail! And in a manger bed, A still, small voice to cry one day for me, A still, small voice to cry one day for me.

How should I not have known Isaiah would be there, His prophecies fulfilled? With pounding heart I stare: A child, a son, the Prince of Peace for me, A child, a son, the Prince of Peace for me.

Can I, will I forget How love was born, and burned Its way into my heart Unasked, unforced, unearned, To die, to live, and not alone for me, To die, to live, and not alone for me?



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#### ABOUT ST. CROIX LUTHERAN ACADEMY

St. Croix Lutheran Academy is a Christian school of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) serving young men and women in grades six through twelve. Established in 1958, the school offers Bible-based experiential and college-prep curriculums including STEM, accelerated, advanced placement, and college-credit courses. 95% of graduates pursue higher education after graduation. SCLA offers 27 interscholastic activities and competes at the championship level as a member of the Skyline Conference. In addition to athletics, students have opportunities in a wide variety of fine arts, service, and leadership programs. The on-site 152-bed dormitory houses American and 100 international students from 21 countries worldwide. SCLA is committed to training students who know their savior Jesus and live lives of exemplary Christian service.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday-Sunday, February 16-18, 7:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. (Sunday) High School Musical - Rodgers + Hammerstein's Cinderella - StCroixLutheran.org/Tickets

> Sunday, March 3, 2:30 p.m. Band Concert

Sunday, March 3, 3:30 p.m. Gathering Grounds Variety Show

Thursday and Friday, March 21 and 22 Grandparents Days

Wednesday, March 27, 7:00 p.m. Sacred Choral Concert

Sunday, April 14, 2:00-4:00 p.m. Open House

Saturday, April 27 SCLA Gala Storybook Soirée at Sheraton Bloomington Hotel



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