

SCLA HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CONCERT

TIDINGS OF JOY

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2024 7:00 P.M.





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St. Croix Lutheran Academy High School Christmas Concert December 19, 2024, 7:00 P.M., Gym

Welcome

Brian Shult, SCLA Executive Director

OAKDALE AVENUE JAZZ

Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas

Hugh Martin and Ralph Blane arr. Alan Baylock Abigail Guldberg, trumpet

Comfort and Joy

Traditional arr. Rick Hirsch Olivia Footh, Kenyon Tess, saxophone; Jonah Stelljes, piano

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Phillips Brooks and Lewis Redner arr. Rich Woolworth Aileen Koskela, saxophone

PROCESSIONAL

From Heaven Above to Earth I Come

Xinyang (Amy) Cai, Aoi Innoe, Sophie Krueger, Claire Peterson, duet/quartet

"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:

"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.

"This is the Christ, our God most high, who hears your sad and bitter cry; he will himself your Savior be from all your sins to set you free.

"He will on you the gifts bestow prepared by God for all below, that in his kingdom, bright and fair, you may with us his glory share.

"These are the signs which you shall mark: the swaddling clothes and manger dark. There you will find the infant laid by whom the heav'ns and earth were made."

All sing

How glad we'll be to find it so! Then with the shepherds let us go to see what God for us has done in sending us his own dear Son.

Concert Choir

Ah, dearest Jesus, holy Child, prepare a bed, soft, undefiled within my heart, that it may be a quiet chamber kept for thee.

All sing

My heart for very joy must leap; my lips no more can silence keep. I too must sing with joyful tongue that sweetest ancient cradle song:

Glory to God in highest heav'n, who unto us his Son has giv'n, while angels sing with pious mirth a glad new year to all the earth!

-Martin Luther, tr. Catherine Winkworth

READING

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.

CROIXALIERS

Lost in the Night

Finnish folk tune arr. Kyle Haugen Lydia Schaefer, piano

Lost in the night do the people yet languish, Longing for morning the darkness to vanquish, Plaintively heaving a sigh full of anguish. Will not day come soon? Will not day come soon?

"Must we be vainly awaiting the morrow?
Shall those who have light no light let us borrow,
Giving no heed to our burden of sorrow?
Will you help us soon?
Will you help us soon?"

Sorrowing wanderers, in darkness yet dwelling, Dawned has the day of a radiance excelling, Death's dreaded darkness forever dispelling. Christ is coming soon! Christ is coming soon!

-Finnish, tr. Olav Lee

Lift Up Your Heads

Charles Burney arr. Olaf Christiansen

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates; Behold the king of glory waits. The King of kings is drawing near; The Savior of the world is here.

O blest the land, the city blest Where Christ the ruler is confessed. O happy hearts and happy homes To whom this King of triumph comes. Fling wide the portals of your heart; Make it a temple set apart From earthly use, for heaven's employ, Adorned with prayer and love and joy.

Redeemer, come, with us abide; Our hearts to thee we open wide. Let us thine inner presence feel; Thy grace and love in us reveal.

O King of glory, come!

-Georg Weissel, tr. Catherine Winkworth

Emile Desamour

Noel Ayisyen (A Haitian Noel)

Sung in Haitian Creole

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 vo 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

Avère yon bourik.

And a donkey.

A la koté ou tandé, mézanmi 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

He sleeps on the straw among

zannimo... O! O!

animals ... Oh my!

Yo rélé'l admirab,

They called him Wonderful,

Konséyé, Dyé puisan,

Counselor, Mighty God;

Sé Pè étènèl 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

Fok nou ta fè yon jès

We'd have done something fitting

Nou ta ofri mizik

We'd have offered him music

An bon jan Ayisyen

Of the best Haitian kind

Nou tap poté tanbou,

We'd have brought drums,

Manniboula, banbou, tcha-tcha,

Manniboulas, vaccins, maracas;

Ak bèl kout bandio

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 noun,

You bring peace to all people

È wou vin' établi la gras.

And you offer us grace.

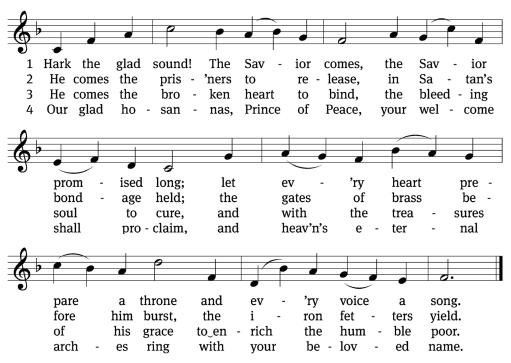
Noèl, Noèl, Noèl, viv Noèl!

Noel, Noel, long live Noel!

-Haitian carol

Hark the Glad Sound! The Savior Comes All stand and sing

Jonah Stelljes, piano

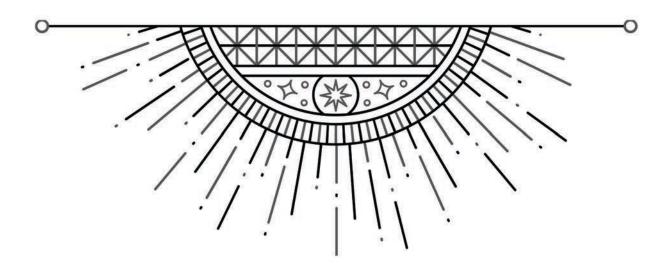


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CONCERT BAND

Ancient Carol Variants

Traditional arr. Chris M. Bernotas





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READING

John 1:1-14

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.

There was a man sent from God whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.

The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God - children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

CHORALE

O Holy Night

Adolphe Adam
ed. Fred Waring

O holy night, the stars are brightly shining; It is the night of the dear Savior's birth. Long lay the world in sin and error pining, Till he appeared 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! Oh hear the angel voices! O night divine, O night when Christ was born! O night! O holy night, O night divine!

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! Oh praise his name forever! His power and glory evermore proclaim! His power and glory evermore proclaim!

-Placide Cappeau, tr. John S. Dwight

God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen

God rest ye merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay, Remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas Day, To save us all from Satan's pow'r when we were gone astray, O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy. O tidings of comfort and joy.

In Bethlehem, in Israel, this blessed Babe was born, And laid within a manger upon this blessed morn; That which his mother Mary did nothing take in scorn. O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy. O tidings of comfort and joy.

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. O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy. O tidings of comfort and joy.

-18th cent. English Carol

Traditional English Carol arr. Keith Christopher Jonah Stelljes, piano Night of Silence

Daniel Kantor
arr. John Ferguson

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 so 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.

All sing at the direction of the conductor:



What Child Is This All sing

Nathan Nikoley, organ



- 1 What child is this who, laid to rest, on Mar y's lap is 2 Why lies he in such mean es tate where ox en now are

sleep - ing, whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet while feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear; for sin - ners here the





Christ the King, whom shep-herds guard and an-gels sing; pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you;



haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mar - y! hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mar - y!

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CONCERT BAND

Coventry Carol (Lully, Lullay)

English Melody arr. Charles J. Torian, Jr

On Christmas Night All Christians Sing All stand and sing



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READING

Luke 2:1-14

In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) And everyone went to their own town to register.

So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. 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.

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

CONCERT CHOIR

Angels We Have Heard on High

arr. Matthew Culloton

Angels we have heard on high, Sweetly singing o'er the plains, And the mountains in reply Echoing their joyous strains. Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong? What the gladsome tidings be Which inspire your heavn'ly song? Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing. Come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn King. Gloria in excelsis Deo.

In dulci jubilo, Let us our homage show.

-Traditional French carol, 18th cent.

Equal parts lullaby and funeral dirge, this text is a reflection on the parallel images of Mary embracing Jesus at birth and again at death, and the physical articles present at both events in Jesus' life.

The walls of a stable are not worthy of a king.
You come, little one,
borne on the songs of angels,
the echoes of prophets,
and the light of a strange star.

Do not cry, though you must lie on this rough, unforgiving wood. You will be wrapped in lengths of linen, and you will sleep.

> Being found in human form, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, yes, the death of the cross.

Though you must lie on this rough, unforgiving wood, you will be wrapped in lengths of linen, and you will sleep.

These walls are not worthy of a king, little one, but your kingdom is not of this world.

-Laurie Gauger, Philippians 2:8

View the song's coordinating artwork by Anna Biedenbender, SCLA Domestic Admissions Counselor, on the back cover. Lyricist Laurie Gauger is Anna's mother, and Composer Philip Biedenbender is her brother.

Concertato on All My Heart This Night Rejoices

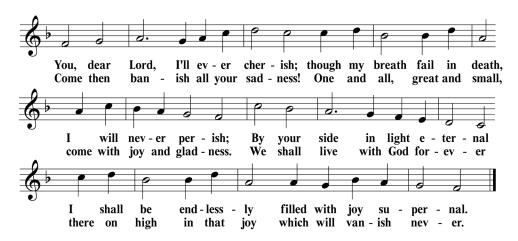
Johann G. Ebeling arr. David M. Cherwien Lauren Shult ('21), flute

All my heart this night rejoices as I hear, far and near, sweetest angel voices; "Christ is born," their choirs are singing, till the air ev'rywhere now with joy is ringing.

Jesus' voice from lowly manger softly thus calls to us: "You are safe from danger; Come and see; from all that grieves you you are freed; all you need I will surely give you.

Come, then, hasten, come let us hasten, hasten yonder; here let all, great and small, kneel in awe and wonder; love him who with love is yearning; hail the star that from far bright with hope is burning.

All sing at the direction of the conductor:



-Paul Gerhardt; tr. Catherine Winkworth, alt.

Now Sing We, Now Rejoice All sing



- 1 Now sing we, now re joice, now raise to heav'n our voice;
- 2 Come from on high to me; I can not rise to thee.
- 4 Oh, where shall joy be found? Where but on heav'n-ly ground.



he from whom joy stream - eth poor in a man - ger lies; Cheer my wea - ried spir - it, O pure and ho - ly Child; where the an - gels sing - ing with all his saints u - nite,



not so bright - ly beam - eth the sun in yon - der skies. thro' thy grace and mer - it, blest Je - sus, Lord most mild, sweet - est prais - es bring - ing in heav'n - ly joy and light.

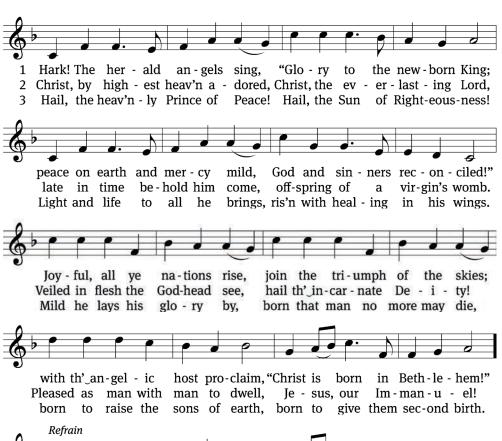


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CONCERT BAND

Joyful World arr. R. Alan Carter

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing All sing



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Hark! The her-ald an-gels sing,

Student Greeting Claire Peterson

"Glo - ry to

the new-born King!"

COMBINED 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?

-Jaroslav Vajda

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.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday-Sunday, February 14-16, 7:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. (Sunday)

High School Musical - The Music Man

StCroixLutheran.org/Tickets

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

Sunday, March 2, 3:30 p.m. Gathering Grounds Variety Show

Thursday and Friday, March 20 and 21 Grandparents Days

Saturday, March 29 SCLA Gala "Back for the Future" StCroixLutheran.org/Gala

Wednesday, April 16, 7:00 p.m. Sacred Choral Concert

Sunday, April 13, 2:00-4:00 p.m. Open House



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Ben McTarsney Aaron Toms

TRUMPET

Matthew Beekman Arianna Rinear Abigail Guldberg Zach Isenberger Khac (Dan) Cao Zachary Schaefer Isaiah Otterstatter

TROMBONE

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Mitchell Smith

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SOPRANO
Violet Enter
Aoi Inoue
Natalie Krueger
Rio Nomura
Lydia Schaefer*
Cora Smith

ALTO
Serenna Hartsock
Grace Kinsley
Sophie Krueger
Chenyu (Emily) Ou
Claire Peterson*
Ellie Ross

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CONCERT CHOIR

SOPRANO
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Amelia Converse
Violet Enter
Lydia Enter
Alivia Grahl
Hannah Gullickson
Aoi Inoue
Hannah Isenberger
Hee-Won Jeong
Natalie Krueger
Rio Nomura
Kailey Quast
Lydia Schaefer
Cora Smith

ALTO
Maria Caauwe
Stephanie Dickson
Jayda Ellingson
Violet Flynn
Lily Hartsock
Serenna Hartsock
Grace Kinsley
Sophie Krueger
Chenyu (Emily) Ou
Libby Paulsen
Claire Peterson
Ellie Ross
Maddie Sims
Emma Twaddle

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Seth Frey
Peng (Tom) Li
Han (Adam) Li
Isaiah Luepke
Micah Luepke
Cam Oakland
Noah Schmeling
Nelson Weekes
Yi (Chris) Zhao

BASS
Evan Frey
Seth Halverson
Oliver McAghon
Martin Paulsen
Gideon Paulsen
Andrew Risley
Brady Schindeldecker
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the echoes of prophets,
and the light of a strange star.

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> Being found in human form, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, yes, the death of the cross.

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-Laurie Gauger, Philippians 2:8