



OUR HEARTS' DELIGHT

High School Christmas Concert
Thursday, December 18
7:00 p.m.



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St. Croix Lutheran Academy
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December 18, 2025, 7:00 P.M., Gym

Welcome

Brian Shult, SCLA Executive Director

PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE

Wizards in Winter

Trans-Siberian Orchestra
Paul O'Neill & Robert Kinkel, arr. Brian Flack

OAKDALE AVENUE JAZZ

Joy to the World

G. F Handel, arr. Rich DeRosa

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

Felix Mendelssohn, arr. Gordon Goodwin

Mary, Did You Know

Buddy Greene, arr. Rich Sigler
Soloists: Emily May Hadad, Micah Luepke

We Wish You A Merry Christmas

Traditional English Carol, arr. Tim Waters
Soloists: Aileen Koskela, Micah Luepke, Jocelyn Kock

CHOIRS AND ASSEMBLY

Creator of the Stars of Night

Sarum Plainsong, arr. Carol Browning

Creator of the stars of night,
Your peoples everlasting Light,
O Christ, Redeemer of us all,
We pray you hear us when we call. Amen

In sorrow that the ancient curse
Should doom to death a universe,
You came, O Savior, to set free
Your own in glorious liberty.

Refrain



At your great name, O Jesus, now
All knees must bend, all hearts must bow;
All things on earth with one accord,
Like those in Heaven shall call you Lord.

Refrain

To God the Father, God the Son,
and God the Spirit, three-in-one,
Praise, honor, might, and glory be
From age to age eternally.

Refrain

READING

Isaiah 42:1-7

CRUSADER BAND

Christmas Variants

15th Century French Plainsong, arr. Elliot Del Borgo

ASSEMBLY

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Hymn 327:1,2,4



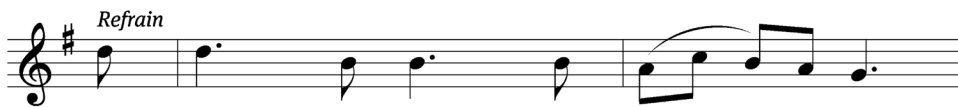
1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som
2 O come, O Root of Jes - se, free your own from
4 O come, O Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen



cap - tive Is - ra - el that mourns in lone - ly
Sa - tan's tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell your
wide our heav'n - ly home; make safe the way that



ex - ile here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
peo - ple save, and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.
leads on high, and close the path to mis - er - y.



Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el



shall come to you, O Is - ra - el!

Text: Latin, c. 12th cent., Psalterium Cantionum Catholicarum, Köln, 1710; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, alt.
Tune: French, 15th cent., alt
Text and tune: Public domain

CHORALE

In the Bleak Midwinter

Gustav Holst, arr. Bradley Ellingboe

In the bleak midwinter
frosty wind made moan,
earth stood hard as iron,
water like a stone:
snow had fallen,
snow on snow, snow on snow,
in the bleak midwinter,
long ago.

Heaven cannot hold him,
nor earth sustain;
heaven and earth shall flee away
when he comes to reign:
in the bleak midwinter
a stable place sufficed
the Lord God Almighty,
Jesus Christ.

What can I give him,
poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd,
I would bring a lamb,
if I were a wise man
I would do my part,
yet what I can I give him,
give my heart.

-Christina Rosetti

The Wexford Carol

12th Century Irish Carol, arr. Victor C. Johnson

Good people all, this Christmastime,
Consider well and bear in mind,
A tiny child to us is born
In Bethlehem this blessed morn.
Now let our hearts and voices raise
A song of gladness this Christmas Day.
Let all the earth rejoice and sing
The birth of this our newborn King.

Near Bethlehem did shepherds keep
Their flocks of lambs and feeding sheep;
To whom the angels did appear,
Which put the shepherds in great fear.
"Prepare and go," the angel said,
"To Bethlehem; be not afraid,
For there you'll find, this happy morn,
A holy babe, sweet Jesus born."

With hearts of love and hymns of joy,
Come let us greet the baby boy,
And as the angels had foretold
Let all the tiny child behold.
Within a manger he was laid,
And by his side his mother stayed.
Let all the earth sing with delight,
The holy child is born this night.

Fum, Fum, Fum

Traditional Spanish Carol, arr. Ed Lojeski

On December five and twenty,
Fum, fum, fum.
On December five and twenty,
Fum, fum, fum.
For a blessed Babe was born
Upon this day at break of morn.
In a manger poor and lowly
Lay the Son of God most holy.
Fum, fum, fum.

On December five and twenty,
Fum, fum, fum.
On December five and twenty,
Fum, fum, fum.
Now we all our voices raise,
And sing a song of grateful praise.
Celebrate in song and story,
All the wonders of His glory.
Fum, fum, fum.

-Traditional Spanish

ASSEMBLY

Away in a Manger

Hymn 340: 1-3



1 A - way in a man - ger, no crib for a bed,
2 The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a - wakes,
3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask you to stay



the lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down his sweet head.
but lit - tle Lord Je - sus, no cry - ing he makes.
close by me for - ev - er and love me, I pray.



The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
I love you, Lord Je - sus; look down from the sky,
Bless all the dear chil - dren in your ten - der care,



the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.
and stay by my side un - til morn - ing is nigh.
and take us to heav - en to live with you there.

Text (sts. 1-2): The Myrtle, Boston, 1884; (st. 3): Vineyard Songs, Louisville, 1892, alt.
Tune: James R. Murray, 1841-1905
Text and tune: Public domain

CRUSADER BAND

A Provence Carol

18th Century Carol, arr. Greg Danner

ASSEMBLY

Angels We Have Heard on High

Hymn 346:1-3



1 An - gels we have heard on high, sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;



and the moun - tains in re - ply, ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.
What the glad - some ti - dings be which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born King.



Glo - - - - ri - a



in ex - cel - sis De - o; glo - - -



- - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

Text: French; tr. The Crown of Jesus, Part 2, 1862, alt.
Tune: French
Text and tune: Public domain

CROIXALIERS

And the Glory of the Lord (from Messiah)

G. F. Handel
Sarah Sauer, piano

And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,
and all flesh shall see it together:
for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it.

-Isaiah 40:5

All Praise to Thee

Elaine Hagenberg
Sarah Sauer, piano

All praise to Thee, eternal God,
Who clothed in garb of flesh and blood,
Dost take a manger for Thy throne,
While worlds on worlds are Thine alone.
Alleluia

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.
Alleluia

A little child, Thou art are our Guest
That weary ones in Thee may rest;
Forlorn and lowly is Thy birth
That we may rise, to heaven from earth
Alleluia.

- Martin Luther

ASSEMBLY

Once In Royal David's City

Hymn 343:1-3



1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y stood a low - ly
2 He came down to earth from heav - en who is God and
3 And our eyes at last shall see him through his own re -
4 Not in that poor, low - ly sta - ble with the ox - en



cat - tle shed, where a moth - er laid her ba - by in a
Lord of all, and his shel - ter was a sta - ble, and his
deem - ing love, for that child, so dear and gen - tle, is our
stand - ing by shall we see him, but in heav - en, set at



man - ger for his bed: Mar - y was that moth - er
cra - dle was a stall; with the poor and mean and
Lord in heav'n a - bove, and he leads his chil - dren
God's right hand on high. Then like stars his chil - dren



mild, Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child.
low - ly lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.
on to the place where he is gone.
crowned, all in white, his praise will sound.

Text: Cecil F. Alexander, 1818-1895, abr., alt.
Tune: Henry J. Gauntlett, 1805-1876
Text and tune: Public domain

CRUSADER BAND

In Heavenly Peace

Franz Gruber, arr. William Owen

Celtic Carol

16th Century English ballad, arr. Robert W. Smith

ASSEMBLY

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Hymn 333:1,2,4



1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!
2 For Christ is born of Mar - y, and, gath - ered all a - bove
4 O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;



A - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep the si - lent stars go by;
while mor-tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won-d'ring love.
cast out our sin and en - ter in, be born in us to - day.



yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing light.
O morn-ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth,
We hear the Christ-mas an - gels the great glad ti - dings tell;



The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.
and prais - es sing to God the King and peace to all the earth.
O come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Im - man - u - el!

Text: Phillips Brooks, 1835-1893, abr., alt.
Tune: Lewis H. Redner, 1831-1908
Text and tune: Public domain

READING

Luke 2:1-20

CONCERT CHOIR

What Child

Paul Lohman
April Marquardt, piano

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 is Christ, the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:
Haste, Haste to bring him laud,
The Babe, the Son of Mary!

Why lies he in such mean estate
Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear: for sinners here
The silent Word is pleading.
This is Christ, the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:
Haste, Haste to bring him laud,
The Babe, the Son of Mary!

So bring Him incense, gold and myrrh,
Come, peasant, king to own Him.
The King of kings salvation brings;
Let loving hearts enthrone Him.
This is Christ, the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:
Hail, hail the Word made flesh,
The Babe, the Son of Mary!

-William Chatterton Dix

I Wonder As I Wander

Traditional American Carol, arr. Kyle Pederson
April Marquardt, piano

I wonder as I wander out under the sky
as stars on their courses illumine the night;
the vastness of time through infinite space,
the universe dances with myst'ry and grace.

How I, a mere mortal, may look up in awe
as Bethlehem's star beckons me through the dawn;
it shines on the manger, the Prince of all Peace,
and bids me to wonder, "is this gift for me?"

Emmanuel

This gift in the manger is given for all--
the strong and heroic, the lost and the small;
Christ bids to our stone hearts, "come soften and give,"
and offers his own heart so others may live.

I wonder as I wander out under the sky
how the light of the heavens is born in this child
The universe dances with glory and grace
and I gaze in the manger....and see love's face.

Emmanuel

-John Jacob Niles, adapt. Kyle Pederson

CROIXALIERS

E'en So Lord Jesus Quickly Come

Paul Manz

Peace be to you and grace from him
Who freed us from our sins,
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, is coming soon
For Christ is coming soon!

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

-Revelation 22, adapt. Ruth Manz

STUDENT GREETING



BAND AND CHOIRS

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.

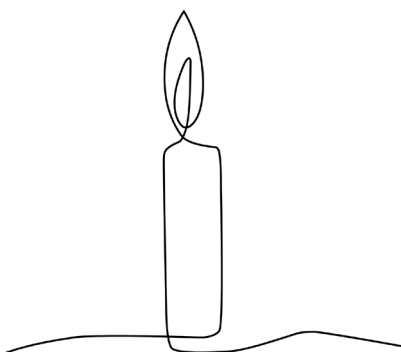
In that unlikely place I find him as they said:
sweet newborn Babe, how frail! And in a manger bed:
a still, small voice to cry one day for me,
a still, small voice to cry one day for me.

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

THANK YOU FOR COMING.
MERRY CHRISTMAS!



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday-Sunday, February 13-15, 7:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. (Sunday)

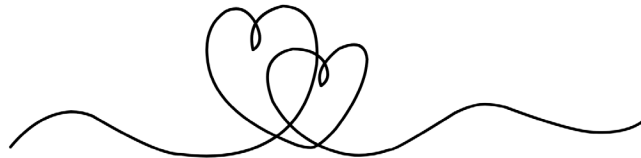
High School Musical - Seussical
StCroixLutheran.org/Tickets

Sunday, March 1, 2:30 p.m.
Band Concert

Sunday, March 1, 3:30 p.m.
Gathering Grounds Variety Show

Thursday and Friday, March 19 and 20
Grandparents Days

Saturday, April 25
SCLA Gala "Night at the Museum"
StCroixLutheran.org/Gala



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INSTRUMENTALISTS

OAKDALE AVENUE JAZZ

ALTO SAX

Aileen Koskela
Olivia Footh*
Abigail Stehr
Eduardo (Lalo) Zamorano
Gabrielle Barkow

TENOR SAX

Micah Luepke
Emily May Hadad
Zoe Frahm

BARI SAX

Ben McTarsney
Aaron Toms

TRUMPET

Arianna Rinear
Abigail Guldberg
Zach Isenberger
Zachary Schaefer
Khac (Dan) Cao
Leo Dub

FLUTE

Natalie Krueger

CLARINET

Brielle Rinear
Zeta Eichenberger

TROMBONE

Charlie Dub
Cole Tess
Shaun Bandelin
Mitchell Smith

BARITONE

Jocelyn Kock

GUITAR/ BASS

Tyler Conklin
Callum Tess
William Wakeman

PIANO

Jocelyn Kock
Micah Sievert
Grace Wales

DRUM SET

Jameson Frantzen
Lucas Otterstatter
Nicholas Ostman

CRUSADER BAND *Section Leader

FLUTE

Natalie Krueger*
Ellie Ross*
Gabrielle Barkow
Jiale (Jerry) Yang
Elizabeth Ross
Sofia Villafan

OBOE

Sophie Krueger*

CLARINET

Brielle Rinear
Zeta Eichenberger*
Yixuan (Max) Ma
Braeden Obare

ALTO SAX

Aileen Koskela*
Olivia Footh*
Micah Luepke
Joseph Harper
Abigail Stehr
Sarah Wurst
Eduardo (Lalo) Zamorano
Shijie (Allen) Zhu

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Emily May Hadad
Seth Frey
Zoe Frahm

BARI SAX

Ben McTarsney*
Aaron Toms

FRENCH HORN

Antje Walters

TRUMPET

Arianna Rinear*
Abigail Guldberg*
Zach Isenberger
Zachary Schaefer
Khac (Dan) Cao
Leo Dub
Isaiah Otterstatter
Jonah Eastin
Olivia Schmidt
Ella Stehr
Bryson Johnson

TROMBONE

Charlie Dub*
Cole Tess
Shaun Bandelin
Ethan Zuberbier

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Jocelyn Kock
Caleb Harper*
Mitchell Smith

TUBA

Daniel Beekman*
Callum Tess

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Jameson Frantzen*
William Wakeman*
Micah Sievert
Abigail Zumwalde
Wyatt Hardinger
Lucas Otterstatter
Emily Roseth
Tyler Conklin
Peter Singewald
Nicholas Ostman
Keena Ozangar
Grace Wales
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SINGERS

CROIXALIERS *Section Leader

SOPRANO

Xinyang (Amy) Cai
Violet Enter
Aoi Inoue
Natalie Krueger*
Chenyu (Emily) Ou
Lydia Tembreull
Soleil Walters

ALTO

Alexa Haight
Sophie Krueger
Elizabeth Paulsen
Ellie Ross*
Olivia Schmitt
Victoria Sell
Cora Smith

TENOR

Jinyi (Justin) He
Peng (Tom) Li
Micah Luepke
Brady Schindeldecker*

BASS

Evan Frey
Seth Halverson
Gideon Paulsen
William Wakeman*

CONCERT CHOIR

SOPRANO

Isabella Barth
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Xinyang (Amy) Cai
Amelia Converse
Ellen Dobashi Nunes
Lydia Enter
Violet Enter
Natalie Gerber
Alivia Grahl
Aoi Inoue
Hee-Won Jeong
Natalie Krueger
Lauren Nelson
Chenyu (Emily) Ou
Kailey Quast
Arianna Rinear
Lydia Tembreull
Soleil Walters
Sarah Wurst
Maina Yasui
Siqi (Amo) Zhong

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Maria Caauwe
Stephanie Dickson
Alexa Haight
Lilian Hartsock
Sophie Krueger
Callie Oakland
Elizabeth Paulsen
Grace Pekarek
Ellie Ross
Olivia Schmitt
Victoria Sell
Madeline Sims
Cora Smith
Denae Trost

TENOR

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Han (Adam) Li
Peng (Tom) Li
Micah Luepke
Jarryn Oachs
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Gavin Trudel
Trevor Wyganowski

BASS

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Evan Frey
Seth Halverson
Ethan Karbon
Zachary Olson
Gideon Paulsen
William Wakeman
Hanqing (Halley) Yuan

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SOPRANO

Samantha Adams
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Sydney Kamish
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Olivia Schmidt
Abigail Stehr
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Antje Walters

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Brielle Rinear
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Grant Peterson
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Brandon Sims
Rylan Smith
Edward Swanson

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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.



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