

March 19, 2012

Choir Notes

GALLERY OF LIVING ART

Well Done! Good and Faithful Servants

It is a good thing to sing Your praises, O God of mercy and love, for you have given us life and breath, and freed us from the bonds of death through the dying and rising of Your Son. Therefore, how can we help but sing, for we are Your chosen and redeemed people: through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen
(Prayers for Choirs)

How can we help but sing of God's great mercy and love for us. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son. " Through His dying and rising we have been given life and been freed from the bonds of death. How can we help but sing! And we sang beautiful heartfelt music. Words and notes were transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit and sung with deep passion. It makes a difference and people feel that passion as you sing. Thank you, choir, for another tremendous Gallery of Living Art. You are truly amazing! And, after 18 years, we had the crowd scenes perfected. Thank you to the small ensembles directed by Evan, the soloists, speakers and instrumentalists for your special contribution to Gallery. Thank you to Russell for getting everyone in the balcony with ease. Many thanks for the outstanding work of our organist, composer, arranger and instrumental director, Evan, for supporting us at the piano and organ. Much appreciation to the men's quartet and women's ensemble for leading worship on Sunday morning, giving the rest of us a break. Thank you for a great job.

Holy Week is fast approaching. Please let me know the Holy Week services you will be able to support by signing up in the choir room. On Easter Sunday please sing as many services as you can, so we have a full choir. As you know, Easter services are close together, so there will be only one warm-up at 7:30 AM for those of you singing early. For the other services please be in the balcony 5 minutes before start time. We will have our usual continental breakfast throughout the morning.

Please note this week's schedule, below, and the Holy Week schedule on next page.

Joyfully in Christ, *Joan*

Great front page article in Gazette. See slide show at www.gazette.com/sections/slideshow/?id=13110405.

A much deserved rest...No rehearsals

Wednesday, March 21 or Thursday, March 22.

Sunday, March 25, Anthem: Set Me as a Seal Upon Your Heart

Regular rehearsals March 28/29. April 4 rehearsal with brass in balcony 7:30 PM

Memorial Service for Eldy Pritz

Thursday, March 22 at 4:00 PM First Lutheran

Many of you know Eldy. He was a member of the choir when I came to First Lutheran. He continued singing with the choir for several years until he felt his voice could no longer support the choir.

Over the years he has sent several thank you notes to the choir for their music leadership in worship and wonderful music. In one note he wrote, "Just a note to let you know the music at First Lutheran is outrageously good...the choir and instrumental music has been phenomenal. It is a thrill to go to church and hear good music." The family has asked us to sing for his memorial service.

If you can possibly sing, please be in the choir room at 3:30 pm to warm-up. More sopranos/altos needed. Music: Shepherd Me, O God and It Is Well with My Soul

PALM SUNDAY April 1

Call to Worship:

Hosanna,
Blessed is He that Comes!

Anthem:

Sing to the Lord Hosanna

MAUNDAY THURSDAY April 5

Call to Worship

Lamb of God Most Holy

Anthem

So Said the Lord That Night

GOOD FRIDAY April 6

Service at Noon, No Warm-up.
Be in the balcony at 11:55

Lamb of God Most Holy
God So Loved the World
Contemplation of the Cross
We Glory in Your Cross,
O Lord (Refrain and verses)

EASTER VIGIL

Saturday April 7

Warm-Up at 5:45 pm

Anthems: First Song of Isaiah,
My Jesus, I Love Thee

Easter Vigil liturgy and hymns

Remember to bring book lights

as the light in the sanctuary is very low.

EASTER SUNDAY April 8

8:00, 9:00, 10:00, 11:00

Call to Worship:

Now Of Death Where is Thy Sting

Gospel Acclamation

Christ is Risen, Alleluia with brass

Anthem

Easter Gloria with brass

SUNDAY ANTHEMS

April 15 – Anthem for Resurrection

April 22- Rejoice

April 29 – Jesus Loves Me

ROCKY MOUNTAIN SYNOD

ASSEMBLY April 26-28

Crowne Plaza Hotel, Colorado Springs

Assembly Choir for Worship

Opening Worship Thursday at 1:00 PM

Choir rehearsal is at 10:30AM at the Crowne Plaza

Closing Worship Saturday at 10:30 AM

Choir Rehearsal is Wednesday

April 25 at 7:00 PM at First Lutheran

Mark Mummert from Christ the King Lutheran Church in Houston, Texas will be the assembly musician leading the music of the assembly and choirs. Mark was commissioned to write a hymn tune for a Susan Briehl text written especially for the church on the retirement of Bishop Allan. This will be presented with brass and choir at this final worship service.

Please sign-up in the choir room if you are interested in singing in either choir. The choir on Thursday morning will include any of the delegates to the assembly that would like to participate, plus any First Lutheran choir members. The choir for closing worship will include members of choirs in our southeast conference area (Colorado Springs, Pueblo, Canon City and out east) that would like to participate. Sign up in the choir room.

April Birthdays

5 - Ruth Hjelmstad

17 - Carol Schlater

25 - Frank Kuehn

CONCERTS

New Horizons Band Concert

Thursday, March 22 at 7:30 PM

Cheyenne Mountain High School, 1200 Cresta Rd.

J.S. Bach Concert March 25, 3:00 PM

at First Christian Church, Platte & Cascade.

Pikes Peak Ringers and the Pikes

Peak Flute Choir performing St. Francis

Suite for handbells and flute choir.

Sunday, April 29 3:00 PM

Bethel Lutheran Church, 4925 Farmingdale Rd.