

Hymn Festival

Wednesday, 17 July 2013 | Luther College, Decorah, Iowa

Lutheran Summer Music Hymn Festival Wednesday, 17 July 2013, 7:00 PM + Center for Faith and Life, Luther College



This evening we embark on a shared journey. It is the journey of the paschal mystery, God's miracle that brings life out of death over and over again. The word *paschal* means "passage." God carries us from our human predicament to the wonder of being baptized daughters and sons. As with the Israelites in the Exodus, the journey is through the waters.

Some of Scripture's most paradigmatic texts from both Old and New Testaments will focus our worship and singing on God's relentless love and grace for us. From the darkness of our longing for a Savior, from that first moment of sin, out of the depths of our human predicament, amid captivities of various descriptions, we cry out, "Come and save us." And God responds.

Each of these paschal stories connects us to the central truth of the Christian Scriptures: God is determined to have us as a loving, serving people, and ultimately comes to live and breathe among us in Christ. Winning the final victory of life over death, Jesus invites us each into that same passage of freedom and hope. In our baptism we are joined to him with a death like his so that we might be united with him in a resurrection like his. At the gracious hand of our Creator, we are drowned in a watery grave, then resurrected to life without end.

As we tune our ears and eyes, our voices and hearts to the wonder of God's love, we need not look far to see how every passage of God's people moves in some way out of death and into life. The words and songs we share proclaim that message in our festival this evening, and invite a richer and fuller sense of gratitude and praise for the wonders God has done. And is doing. And will do.

A hymn festival falls somewhere on the spectrum between worship service and sacred concert; to that end, tonight's program will proceed without interruption. However, following the closing anthem you are invited to applaud in appreciation for the students and faculty who have shared their artistic gifts with us this evening.

with the Savior of the Nations

indicates the congregation shall stand.

PRELUDE

Jesus Shall Reign

Gift of Finest Wheat

arr. Cynthia Dobrinski (b. 1950) arr. Jeffrey Honoré

NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND

LSM Handbell Choirs

WAITING IN DARKNESS

#263: "Savior of the Nations, Come!"

All stand and join in singing the last verse of the hymn as printed in the hymnal.

out of the depths

COMMENTARY AND SCRIPTURE

Genesis 3:19-21

"By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread until you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken. You are dust and to dust you shall return." The man named his wife Eve, because she was the mother of all living. And the LORD God made garments of skins for the man and for his wife, and clothed them.

HYMN #600: "Out of the Depths" Please remain seated and sing.

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SCRIPTURE AND COMMENTARY

Exodus 14:30-31

Israel saw the great work that the LORD did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the LORD and believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.

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"Go Down, Moses"

Please stand and sing where indicated.



Text: Exodus; African-American spiritual Tune: African-American spiritual

SCRIPTURE AND COMMENTARY

Isaiah 40:1-2

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty has been paid, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins.

HYMN

#256: "Comfort, Comfort Now My People" Please remain seated. Stanza 1 – All Stanza 2 – Choir Stanza 3 – All

with us in grace

SCRIPTURE AND COMMENTARY

Mark 1:15

The time is fulfilled and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.

CHORAL ANTHEM "Lord, Thou Hast Searched Me"

Lord, thou has searched me and dost know Where'er I rest, where'er I go; Thou knowest all that I have planned, And all my ways are in thy hand.

My words from thee I cannot hide; I feel thy pow'r on ev'ry side; O wondrous knowledge, awful might, Unfathomed depth, unmeasured height! Howard Helvey (b. 1968)

FREU DICH SEHR

Where can I go apart from thee, Or whither from thy presence flee? In Heav'n? It is thy dwelling fair; In death's abode? Lo, thou art there.

If I the wings of morning take, And far away my dwelling make, The hand that leadeth me is thine, And my support thy pow'r divine.

If deepest darkness cover me, The darkness hideth not from thee; To thee both night and day are bright, The darkness shineth as the light.

SCRIPTURE AND COMMENTARY

Luke 15:32

This brother of yours was dead and has come to life.

HYMN



Composed by Ralph Johnson for the 2013 Lutheran Summer Music Hymn Festival.

SCRIPTURE AND COMMENTARY

Romans 6:5

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

HYMN

#342: "There in God's Garden"
Stanza 1 – Unison
Stanza 2 – Women
Stanza 3 – Men
Stanza 4 – Choir
Stanza 5 – Unison
Please stand for the final verse of this hymn.
Stanza 6 – Unison

SHADES MOUNTAIN

SCRIPTURE AND COMMENTARY

II Corinthians 5:17

So if anyone is in Christ there is a new creation; everything old has passed away, see everything has become new.

HYMN

#370: "Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands" Stanza 1 - Choir Stanza 2 - All Stanza 3 – Choir Stanzas 4 & 5 – All

on to God's future

SCRIPTURE AND COMMENTARY

Revelation 21:1

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.

HYMN #422: "For All the Saints"

> Stanzas 1 & 2 — Unison Stanzas 3 - 5 — Harmony Stanzas 6 & 7 — Unison

CLOSING COMMENTARY AND PRAYER

CHORAL BENEDICTION "Stay With Us"

> Stay with us, Lord Jesus, stay with us, it soon is evening, and night is falling. Jesus Christ, the world's true light! Shine so the darkness cannot overcome it! Let your light pierce the darkness and fill your church with its glory.

SENT IN CHRIST'S LIGHT

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Egil Hovland (1924-2013)

CHRIST LAG IN TODESBANDEN

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Worship leaders in this evening's service

Commentary

Paul E. Hoffman (*The Phyllis & Richard Duesenberg Endowed Chaplain Chair*) has been a Lutheran pastor for 32 years, having just retired from Phinney Ridge Lutheran Church in Seattle, WA, a congregation of the ELCA distinguished by its musical and liturgical life. Paul's work with the Phinney congregation in adult faith formation was championed in Diana Butler Bass's book *Christianity for the Rest of Us* and is now chronicled in Paul's own works: *Faith Forming Faith* (2012) and the up-coming *Faith Shaping Ministry* (2013). Paul holds an undergraduate degree in music and enjoys avocations as an organist, pianist, gardener, and photographer. Prior to living in Seattle, Paul served congregations in Lincoln and Fremont, NE, and Allen, TX. He travels widely throughout the church lecturing and leading workshops on faith formation, liturgical worship and preaching. He has several commissioned hymn texts in print and is a frequent commentator at Lutheran hymn fests such as this evening's.

Organ

George Fergus is a recent graduate of St. Olaf College, holding a B.M. in Organ Performance with departmental distinction. He is a pianist, organist, and conductor whose many roles keep him very busy! As an organist, he has most recently given recitals in Fort Worth, Texas and Northfield, Minnesota; as a pianist, he recently appeared with the St. Olaf Orchestra; and as a conductor and music director, he has appeared behind the piano or on the podium for several shows around St. Olaf, ranging from Sondheim's *Marry Me a Little* to Kurt Weill's *Street Scene* to Bernstein's *Candide*. He currently resides in Minneapolis, MN, where he is a freelance musician as well as the Organ Scholar at St. Louis King of France Catholic Church.

Chapel Choir

Karen Black is the Rudi Inselmann Endowed Professor of Organ and college organist at Wartburg College (Waverly, IA) where she teaches organ, church music, and aural skills, serves as organist for worship services, and conducts the Kantorei. She holds a B.M. degree in church music from St. Olaf College, and M.M. and D.M. degrees in organ from Indiana University. Black has performed organ recitals in the U.S. and in Germany. She also writes choral arrangements and her essay "Musical Gifts for the Worshipping Body" appears in Translucence: Religion, the Arts, and Imagination (Augsburg Fortress, 2004).

Handbell Choir

Jeffrey Scott Doebler serves as professor of music and director of music education and bands at Valparaiso University, where he also conducted the handbell choir for many years. He is equally effective when working with younger students, older students, and professional musicians. Doebler holds music education degrees from Luther College (B.A.), Valparaiso University (M.M.), and the University of Minnesota (Ph.D.). He is the recipient of numerous awards for excellence in teaching. Doebler has appeared professionally in over 25 states, Canada, Malta, Australia, New Zealand, and China. In a typical year he works with more than 3,000 students.

2013 Lutheran Summer Music Chapel Choir Karen Black, The Paul Bouman Chapel Choir Director Joshua Wang, Chapel Choir intern

Soprano

Olivia Arco Anita Burgher Lauren Doxsee Elizabeth Frakes Sarah Frevermuth Emily Gomersall Sarah Gruendler Kate Hinrichs Claudia Holen my Johnson orianna Keith Cadence Klemp Meredith Locke Chaska McGowan Kelli McNeely Sam Miller Lvdia Neher Alma Neuhaus Lilli Redding Anna Seboldt Emily Sievert Kasey Shultz Shannon Taylor Naomi Terpening Cady Thomas Amanda Wuhrmann Katie Zweig

Alto

Amber Aarsvold Kait Alschwede Kahli Alspaugh Hannah Bjornstad Emily Brown Hannah Buggeln Zoe Chapman Anatalie Dantes Tessa Diehl Marissa Eckberg Megan Frerichs Emily Gilman Zara Glidden Hannah Johnsrud Rebecca Keller Jenna Kohl Heather Lindell Maria Mandt Emily McCloskey Katy Mockett Carlie Mueller Maggie Mueller Shannon O'Brien Nicolleta Pignatello⁺ Liz Radford Emily Robinson Kayleigh Shaffer Emily Yothers*

Tenor Aniello Barone Johan Glidden Nikolas Lavalley Matthew Lydick Daniel Myhre Matthew Olmstead Kaj Lund Olsen Brady Pierce Jay Puffer Joshua Wang⁺

Baritone/Bass

Samuel Bullert Patrick Burke* Joseph Cowan Isaac Drewes Luke Elowsky Rvan Gunderson Karsten Hendrickson Ben Johnsrud Benjamin Kerswell Jonathan Kobs Tiller Martin Mark Mockett Eric Mueller John Posth William Radford Jacob Shaffer Austin Theriot Colin Tobin Paul Westermann

> * faculty/staff + intern

2013 Lutheran Summer Music Handbell Choirs

Jeffrey Scott Doebler, Conductor Nicolleta Pignatello, Handbells intern

Olivia Arco Hannah Buggeln Anita Burgher Johan B. Glidden Sarah Gruendler Sarah Hemstad Sarah Koopmann Cooper Lee Daniel E. Myhre Esther Parkhurst⁺ Nicolleta Pignatello⁺ Jay Puffer Elizabeth Radford Kasey Schultz Cady R. Thomas Joshua Wang⁺

+ intern

Additional leaders & participants

Beth Schoening, *lector* Heather Armstrong, *oboe/English horn* Sarah Nordlund Dennis, *violin* Jacob Lassetter, *baritone* Joshua Wang, *piano* Paul Morton, trumpet Cory Murray, trumpet Bruce Atwell, horn Dylan Chmura-Moore, trombone Stephanie Frye, tuba Andrew Veit, timpani

Sources: hymns & music

Savior of the Nations, Come | Text: attributed to Ambrose of Milan (340-397); Martin Luther (1483-1546); hymnal translation | Music: Johann Walter, Geistliche Gesangbüchlein, 1524; setting by Karen Black (b. 1960) | unpublished

Out of the Depths | Text: Martin Luther; composite translation | Music: attributed to Martin Luther; introduction by John Ferguson (b. 1941) | Augsburg Fortress 11-10749

Go Down, Moses | Text: African-American spiritual, based on Exodus | Music: African-American spiritual | reprinted under OneLicense.net A-709357

Comfort, Comfort Now My People | Text: Johann G. Olearius (1635-1711); translated by Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt. | Music: Trente quatre pseaumes de David (Thirty-Four Psalms of David), Geneva, 1551; choral setting by Carl Schalk (b. 1929) | Choral Stanzas for Hymns, vol. 1, Augsburg Fortress

Lord, Thou Hast Searched Me | Text: Psalm 139:1-12, poetic setting from Psalter, 1912 | Music: Howard Helvey (b. 1968) | MorningStar Music Publishers MSM-50-5210

Our Father, We Have Wandered | Text: Kevin Nichols (1929-2006) | Music: Ralph Johnson (b. 1955) | unpublished

There in God's Garden | Text: Király Imre von Pécselyi (c. 1590-c. 1641); translated by Erik Routley (1917-1982) | Music: setting by K. Lee Scott (b. 1950) | MorningStar Music Publishers MSM-50-3000B

Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands | Text: Martin Luther; composite translation | Music: Johann Walter, Geistliche Gesangbüchlein, 1524 (based on Gregorian sequence "Victimae Paschali Laudes"); setting by Karen Black | unpublished

For All the Saints | Text: William Walsham How (1823-1897) | Music: tune by Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958), setting by John Ferguson | Festival Hymns for Organ, Brass, and Timpani: Set V, GIA Publications

Stay With Us | Text: Luke 24:29 (Phos Hilaron), translated by Gracia Grindal (b. 1943) | Music: Egil Hovland (1924-2013) | Augsburg Fortress 11-11019

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Festival Band Concert

Center for Faith and Life Thursday, July 18, 2013 7:00 PM

Festival Choir Concert

Center for Faith and Life Friday, July 19, 2013 7:00 PM

Festival Orchestra Concert

Center for Faith and Life Saturday, July 20, 2013 7:00 PM

You are also invited to join us for closing worship:

Festival Closing Worship Center for Faith and Life Sunday, July 21, 2013 8:30 AM Porch Brass 9:00 AM Service of Holy Communion