

## Striking a Chord in the MLC College Choir

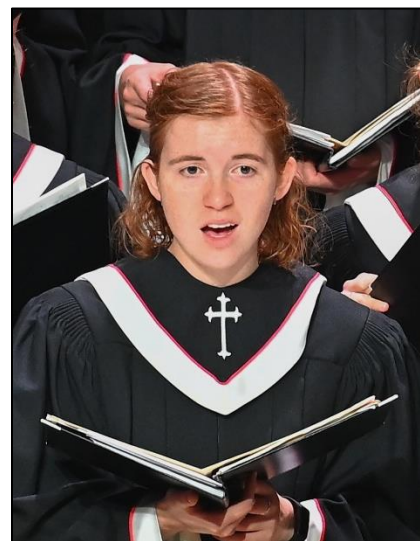
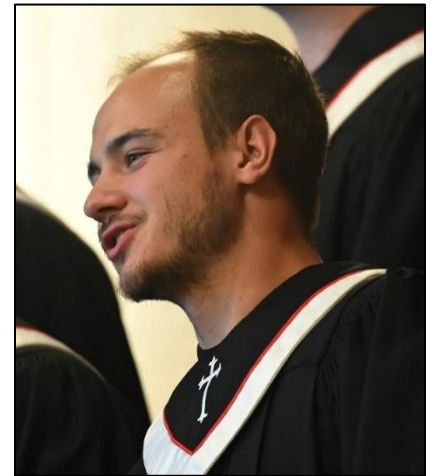
If we throw out *mezzo-soprano*, *rubato*, and *poco a poco*, are we speaking your language? If so, you'll love the many choral music opportunities for you at MLC. We offer four auditioned choirs, so there will definitely be a place for you. And here you can prepare to serve as a worship leader, parish musician, classroom music teacher, or choir director—as well as an instrumentalist, pianist, organist, or band director. To give you a little taste, we asked two seniors to tell us about the College Choir—which just got back from its spring tour to Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Michigan, and Wisconsin.

**Aric Reim** (*Immanuel LHS / St. John-New Ulm MN*) is a senior in preseminary studies who sings “the voice part every tenor wishes he sang: second bass.”

**Aric's High Notes:** The spring tour is my favorite week of the entire year. Tours have taken me to museums, great American downtowns, dairy farms, mountains, beaches, the Golden Gate, and more new faces and friendships than I know any other way to reach.

**College vs. High School Choir:** College Choir is a unique and special experience. As much as I loved my high school choir, we perform at MLC with a level of quality I'd never come close to getting before.

**It's Just Different at MLC:** The Scriptures, and especially the Psalms, are full of encouragements to sing and make music to the Lord. The MLC College Choir is a way to praise and share our Lord with musical excellence. At other schools, you may be able to find excellent music programs. But at MLC, you'll have the opportunity to sing to the Lord with your brothers and sisters in faith—and so to anticipate that brighter chorus for which we wait so eagerly.



**Bethany Valleau** (*St. Croix LA / New Life-Shoreview MN*) is a senior alto who's double-majoring in instrumental and vocal music education. Here's what she said:

**It's Music to Her Ears:** My favorite parts about singing in College Choir are singing about God and everything he has done for us and traveling to different parts of the country on our choir tours and meeting God's people. It's also exciting how Professor Smith can hand out new music that seems far beyond our abilities, and a month later, we're performing it with confidence and musicianship. He's always pushing us to sing better than we think we can.

**Auditions? Aw, No Problem:** They're pretty straightforward. You sing a hymn, sight-read an exercise or two, and elaborate on your musical background. Once you get there, you'll realize they're not as intimidating as you likely imagine.

**MLC Is the Place to Be:** At MLC, I've gotten to use my gifts in so many more ways than I first pictured. The professors here want you to have every chance to grow in ability and confidence. They build relationships with you and care about your future.

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