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Worship Ensembles Amp Up the Praise

Ask almost any MLC student about chapel and you'll hear the same things: "Amazing! Builds my faith. Brings us together. Highlight of my day!"



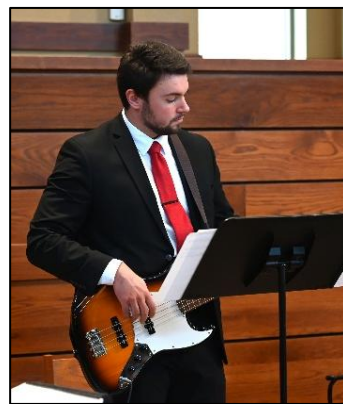
Not surprisingly, at MLC those 10:30 am and 7:00 pm worship time slots are filled to the brim with music!

A few times a week, Worship Ensembles like the one pictured bring together musicians of all kinds to lead the congregation in song. With the guidance of our dean of chapel and two professors, about 150 different students play or sing in a worship ensemble over the course of the year—some music majors, many not. They often help choose the music and the musicians, sometimes opting for traditional hymns in modern settings and sometimes newer hymns and anthems.



Nicole Trapp (*MLS / Christ-Saginaw MI, pictured*), a double-major in elementary ed and vocal music ed, sang this week. "I enjoy using my musical gifts to serve God in worship and to lead others in music that gives him praise," she says. "It's meaningful to be part of something that helps people focus their hearts on him."

Preseminary student **Tim Manning** (*LPS / St. Paul-New Ulm MN, pictured*) played guitar in the ensemble. He adds, "So many students here have been blessed with musical gifts, but sometimes they can't participate in the larger, more regularly meeting groups on campus. MLC worship ensembles allow them to use their gifts of voice and song when they are able."



The worship ensembles mirror the campus as a whole: they bring people together around the Word. "Many members haven't performed together—or even met before," Nicole says, "but through making music and sharing faith, we build connections and form a sense of community that extends into future ministry."

Tim already has his eyes on his future ministry as a pastor someday. "Worship ensembles provide a wonderful way to incorporate the gifts of your congregation into worship and beautify the service. They're definitely something I'll want to use in my own ministry!"



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ensemble sing on
October 29, 2025.