



***How Lovely Is Your Dwelling Place,
O LORD***

Homecoming Worship
and dedication of
The Prange/Busse Steinway Concert Grand Piano



Chapel of the Christ
October 13, 2019 - 9:30 am

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

*Provided by representatives of the Martin Luther College Piano Faculty
in celebration of the piano dedication*

All Creatures of Our God and King arr. Ted Cornell

Grace Hennig, piano: *Grace serves as Coordinator of Piano Instruction as part of her music professor duties here at MLC. She has previously served as a teacher and church musician in WELS parishes and schools. She received her degrees from Bethany Lutheran College, Dr. Martin Luther College, Concordia University-Chicago and University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh.*

Suo Gân arr. Thomas Quigley (Traditional Welsh Melody)

Grace Hennig, piano, and **Alan Uher**, violin: *Alan Uher is a 1987 graduate of Dr. Martin Luther College. He has served at St. Martin's in Watertown SD, Mount Calvary in Waukesha WI, and in the education department at Martin Luther College since 2018.*

Amazing Grace arr. John Purifoy

Bethel Boeder, piano, and **Leah Wendland**, flute: *Bethel graduated from Dr. Martin Luther College in 1990 and received an assignment to be tutor and teach piano at Martin Luther Prep School. Bethel began teaching as an adjunct piano instructor at MLC in 2007. She greatly enjoys preparing and motivating her MLC piano students to use their musical abilities in their future classrooms. Bethel's daughter, Leah Wendland ('16), playing flute, lives in New Ulm and currently teaches both flute and voice.*

O the Deep, Deep, Love of Jesus by Thomas Williams, arr. Kristen Campbell

Judy Martens, piano, and **Robert Martens**, violin: *Judy began teaching piano in high school, and she continues to share her love for music with the next generations in various ways. She finds it a joy and privilege to teach piano at MLC, where she has served as an adjunct piano teacher for 12 years. Judy also coordinates praise ensembles at MLC and at St. Paul's in New Ulm. Judy's son Bob Martens is playing the violin today. He's a 2009 graduate of MLC and works in the Network Services department on campus.*

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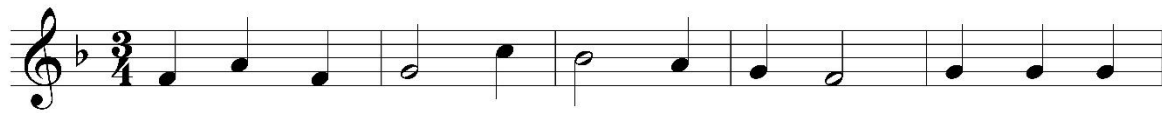
***As the hymn is introduced, stand and face the cross
at the entrance to the chapel and follow its path to the chancel
where it becomes the focus of Christian worship.***

OPENING HYMN

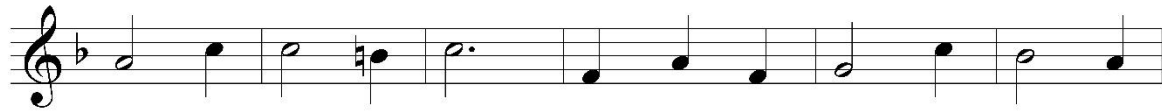
Congregation and Combined Choirs

By Grace I'm Saved

Arr. William Braun



All 1. By grace I'm saved, grace free and bound-less; My soul, be -
Choir 2. By grace God's Son, our on - ly Sav - ior, Came down to
All 3. By grace! Oh, mark this word of prom - ise When you are
Choir 4. By grace to tim - id hearts that trem - ble, In trib - u -
All 5. By grace! On this I'll rest when dy - ing; In Je - sus'



lieve and doubt it not. Why wa - ver at this word of
earth to bear our sin. Was it be - cause of your own
by your sins op - pressed, When Sa - tan plagues your trou - bled
la - tion's fur - nace tried- By grace, de - spite all fear and
prom - ise I re - joice. For though I know my heart's con -



prom - ise? Has Scrip - ture ev - er false - hood taught? So then this
mer - it That Je - sus died your soul to win? No, it was
con - science, And when your heart is seek - ing rest. What rea - son
trou - ble, The Fa - ther's heart is o - pen wide. Where could I
di - tion, I al - so know my Sav - ior's voice. My heart is



word must true re - main: By grace you, too, shall heav'n ob - tain.
grace, and grace a - lone, That brought him from his heav'n - ly throne.
can - not com - pre - hend God by his grace to you did send.
help and strength se - cure If grace were not my an - chor sure?
glad; all grief has flown Since I am saved by grace a - lone.

INVOCATION

In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

CONFESSION

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father,

I am sinful by nature

and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.

I have not loved you with my whole heart;

I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death.

Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection.

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

LORD, HAVE MERCY - Kyrie

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you gave your one and only Son to be the light of the world. Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and believed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated.

GLORY BE TO GOD

All Glory Be to God on High

Arr. John A. Behnke

Congregation, Männerchor, Women's Choir

Choir: Glory to God! Glory to God! Glory to God in the highest!



All 1. All glo - ry be to God on high And thanks for all — his
All 2. We praise and laud and wor - ship you; We give you thanks for -
Choir 3. O Je - sus Christ, the on - ly Son Be - got - ten of — the
All 4. O Ho - ly Spir - it, our de - light And source of con - so -



fa - vor; No harm can touch or ter - ri - fy A child of
ev - er, O Fa - ther, for your rule is true And just and
Fa - ther; Your sav - ing death has made us one with God and
la - tion, Pro - tect us from the dev - il's might Through Je - sus,



God for - ev - er. God shows his good and gra - cious will And
chang - es nev - er. With bound - less pow'r, your might - y reign Ful -
with each oth - er. O Lamb of God, to you on high In
our — sal - va - tion, Who by his death up - on a tree Has



grants his peace, the world to fill— All strife at last has end - ed. (Interlude)
fills what - ev - er you or - dain. Lord, grant us ev - 'ry bless - ing. (Interlude)
our dis - tress we sin - ners cry, Have mer - cy on us, a - men! (Interlude)
res - cued us from mis - er - y: To this we hold for - ev - er.

Choir: Glory to God! Glory to God! Glory to God in the highest!

DEDICATION OF THE PIANO

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the universe. You have made the whole earth after your glory; all your creatures worship you. You have breathed the spirit of mercy into your children, to hear from them a joyful melody. In the fullness of time, O God, you sent your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who is exalted by poets, musicians, and all your saints. Your Holy Spirit is the breath of our anthems and praise.

Be with us now and bless us as we dedicate this piano to your glory and honor. Enrich the lives of your people who will worship in this place and grant them faith to hear of your gracious purpose through it. By your Holy Spirit, let this piano enliven the proclamation of your Word and the praise of your people for the glory of your Name, the building up of your Church, and the good of all your people; through Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

Since our gracious God has blessed Martin Luther College with the special gift of a new piano, it is our duty and delight now to dedicate the Steinway model D, 9-foot concert grand piano, and to set it apart for the worship and service of God. Therefore, to the glory of God our Father, the Author of our salvation and the Giver of all blessings and all beauty:

We dedicate this piano.

With faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, who has prepared our salvation with his holy life and innocent death and who inspires us to offer him our best in music and song:

We dedicate this piano.

Moved by the Holy Spirit, who has brought us to faith and who now guides us in our worship and in the understanding of his truth:

We dedicate this piano.

(Sing with piano accompaniment)

**Hymns of praise now let us sing, Alleluia! Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!**

**Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! Praise eternal as his love: Alleluia!
Praise him, all you heavenly host, Alleluia! Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!**

Be filled with the Spirit. Speak to one another in psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father in everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.

ANTHEM
Chorale

Cantate Domino

Claudio Monteverdi

*Cantate Domino canticum novum,
Cantate et benedicite nomini eius,
Quia mirabilia fecit.
Cantate et exultate et psallite,
Psallite in cithara et voce psalmi,
Quia mirabilia fecit.*

Sing to the Lord a new song,
sing and bless his name,
for he has done marvelous deeds.
Sing and exult and praise,
in songs with the harp and voice,
for he has done marvelous deeds.

(Psalm 96:1-2; Psalm 98:1, 5-6)

LESSONS

2 Chronicles 5:2-14 - The Ark Brought to the Temple

² Then Solomon summoned to Jerusalem the elders of Israel, all the heads of the tribes and the chiefs of the Israelite families, to bring up the ark of the LORD's covenant from Zion, the City of David. ³ And all the Israelites came together to the king at the time of the festival in the seventh month. ⁴ When all the elders of Israel had arrived, the Levites took up the ark, ⁵ and they brought up the ark and the tent of meeting and all the sacred furnishings in it. The Levitical priests carried them up; ⁶ and King Solomon and the entire assembly of Israel that had gathered about him were before the ark, sacrificing so many sheep and cattle that they could not be recorded or counted.

⁷ The priests then brought the ark of the LORD's covenant to its place in the inner sanctuary of the temple, the Most Holy Place, and put it beneath the wings of the cherubim. ⁸ The cherubim spread their wings over the place of the ark and covered the ark and its carrying poles. ⁹ These poles were so long that their ends, extending from the ark, could be seen from in front of the inner sanctuary, but not from outside the Holy Place; and they are still there today. ¹⁰ There was nothing in the ark except the two tablets that Moses had placed in it at Horeb, where the LORD made a covenant with the Israelites after they came out of Egypt.

¹¹ The priests then withdrew from the Holy Place. All the priests who were there had consecrated themselves, regardless of their divisions. ¹² All the Levites who were musicians—Asaph, Heman, Jeduthun and their sons and relatives—stood on the east side of the altar, dressed in fine linen and playing cymbals, harps and lyres. They were accompanied by 120 priests sounding trumpets. ¹³ The trumpeters and musicians joined in unison to give praise and thanks to the LORD. Accompanied by trumpets, cymbals and other instruments, the singers raised their voices in praise to the LORD and sang: "He is good; his love endures forever." Then the temple of the LORD was filled with the cloud, ¹⁴ and the priests could not perform their service because of the cloud, for the glory of the LORD filled the temple of God.

Revelation 7:9-17 - The Great Multitude in White Robes

⁹ After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰ And they cried out in a loud voice: "Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb." ¹¹ All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² saying:

“Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor
and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!”

¹³ Then one of the elders asked me, “These in white robes—who are they, and where did they come from?”

¹⁴ I answered, “Sir, you know.” And he said, “These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵ Therefore, “they are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. ¹⁶ ‘Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst. The sun will not beat down on them,’ nor any scorching heat. ¹⁷ For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd; ‘he will lead them to springs of living water.’

‘And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.’”

PSALM

How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place

Johannes Brahms

Psalm 84:1, 2, 4

*Combined Choirs with accompanists Craig Hirschmann and Katie Carlovsky
featuring the Reuter Steinway (1911) and the Prange/Busse Steinway (2019)*

How lovely is thy dwelling place, O Lord of Hosts!

For my soul, it longeth, yea, fainteth for the courts of the Lord;

my soul and body crieth out, yea, for the living God.

How lovely is thy dwelling place, O Lord of Hosts!

Blest are they that dwell within thy house; they praise thy name evermore!

How lovely is thy dwelling place.

GOSPEL & SERMON TEXT

Luke 2:41-52 - *The Boy Jesus at the Temple*

⁴¹ Every year Jesus’ parents went to Jerusalem for the Festival of the Passover. ⁴² When he was twelve years old, they went up to the festival, according to the custom. ⁴³ After the festival was over, while his parents were returning home, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but they were unaware of it. ⁴⁴ Thinking he was in their company, they traveled on for a day. Then they began looking for him among their relatives and friends. ⁴⁵ When they did not find him, they went back to Jerusalem to look for him. ⁴⁶ After three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷ Everyone who heard him was amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸ When his parents saw him, they were astonished. His mother said to him, “Son, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously searching for you.”

⁴⁹ “Why were you searching for me?” he asked. “Didn’t you know I had to be in my Father’s house?” ⁵⁰ But they did not understand what he was saying to them. ⁵¹ Then he went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. But his mother treasured all these things in her heart. ⁵² And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.

Congregation and College Choir



All 1. Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, The _____
 All 2. I cried to him in time of need: Lord _____
 Choir 3. *The Lord will not for - sake his flock,* His _____
 Choir 4. *All who con - fess Christ's ho - ly name,* To _____
 All 5. Then come be - fore his pre - sence now And _____



God of all cre - a - tion, The God of pow'r, the
 God, oh, hear my call - ing! For death he gave me
cho - sen gen - er - a - tion; He is their re - fuge
God give praise and glo - ry! All who the Fa - ther's
 ban - ish fear and sad - ness; To your Re - deem - er



God of love, the God of our sal - va - tion! With
 life in - deed And kept my feet from fall - ing. For
and their rock, Their peace and their sal - va - tion. As
pow'r pro - claim, To God give praise and glo - ry! All
 pay your vow And sing with joy and glad - ness. Though



heal - ing balm my soul he fills, The God who ev - 'ry
 this my thanks shall end - less be; Oh, thank him, thank our
with a moth - er's ten - der hand He leads his own, his
i - dols un - der foot be trod; The Lord is God! The
 great dis - tress my soul be - fell, The Lord my God did



sor - row stills— To God all praise and glo - ry!
 God with me— To God all praise and glo - ry!
cho - sen band— To God all praise and glo - ry!
Lord is God! To God all praise and glo - ry! (Interlude)
 all things well— To God all praise and glo - ry!

SERMON *In Our Father's House*

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

OFFERING
Bethel Balge, piano

from Partita No 4 in D Major, BWV 828

JS Bach

Dr. Bethel Balge is a graduate of Michigan State University (B.M.), University of Wisconsin-Madison (M.M.), Musikhochschule Germany (M.M.), and University of Minnesota (D.M.A.). She has served as adjunct piano faculty at MLC since 1998. She has held a similar position at Bethany Lutheran College since 2006.

PRAYERS

Almighty and eternal God and Father, by your Holy Spirit you sanctify and keep the holy Christian Church. Hear our prayer, and by your grace grant us, together with all its members, to serve you in true faith; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.
Amen.

Almighty and righteous God, you are the giver of all good things. You bless us with morning light and evening rest. You shower the land with good weather, you bestow wealth upon the nations,

you endow our bodies with health and our minds with knowledge. Beyond all these graces, you have demonstrated your own mercy in your Son Jesus Christ. Open our hearts to offer you fitting praise and to return our thanks to you; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

Amen.

Almighty and most merciful Lord, you do not despise the petitions of the weak, but you look to the prayers which we offer, even in our distress. Graciously hear us that everything set against us by both the devil and humanity might be brought to nothing. Help us to follow the counsel of your mercy, that we might not only offer you our thanks now, but also offer you our praise forever; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

Amen.

Lord God, heavenly Father, accept our heartfelt thanks for the gift of your holy gospel. In it, you have made known to us your fatherly heart. Now, by your great mercy, graciously hold forth the blessed light of your Word, that by your Holy Spirit you would lead and direct our hearts. Let us never wander from your Word but, by holding fast to it, attain its eternal blessings: through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever.
Amen.**

ANTHEM Combined Choirs

Luther's Morning Prayer

Carl Schalk

I thank you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.
You kept me safely through the night, and brought me to the morning light.

Be with me through this day, I pray, and keep me safe from Satan's sway
that all I think or do or say please only you, my Strength and Stay.

Into your hands I now commend my body and soul until life's end.
Your angel keep me safe from harm until I rest in Jesus' arm. Amen.

PRAYER

God of majesty, whom saints and angels delight to worship in heaven, deliver all who come into your presence from cold hearts and wandering thoughts, that with steady minds and eager zeal they may worship you in spirit and in truth. Be with your servants who make art and music for those who worship here that there may be in this place a glimpse of your beauty. Bring us all, we pray, to the fulfillment of the hope of perfection, which will be ours as we stand before your unveiled glory. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.
Amen.

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CLOSING HYMN

Festival Nunc Dimittis

Arr. Kenneth T. Kosche

Congregation and Combined Choirs

The congregation sings the hymn stanza “Lord, let at last thine angels come” in phrases, alternated with the choirs singing phrases of the Nunc dimittis.

(See next pages for the closing hymn.)

(Women) Lord, let at last thine an - gels come, (Men) To A - bram's bos - om
bear me home, (All) That I may die un - fear - ing;

Choir: Lord, now you let your servant depart in peace according to your word.

(Men) And in its nar - row cham - ber keep (Women) My bod - y safe in —
peace - ful sleep (All) Un - till thy re - ap - pear - ing.

Choir: For my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you have prepared before the face of all people.

All And then from death a - wak - en me That these mine eyes with joy may see,
O Son of God, thy glo - rious face, My Sav - ior and my fount of grace.

Choir: A light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of your people Israel.

All
(SATB) Lord Je - sus Christ, my prayer at - tend, my prayer at -

tend, And I will praise thee with - out end.

POSTLUDE

Hosanna Ringers

Jacob Melso, piano

Katie Carlovsky, organ

By Faith

Arr. Lloyd Larson

Worship Leaders

Presiding Minister	Prof. John C. Boeder ('86) <i>Campus Pastor, Martin Luther College</i>
Preacher	Prof. Nick Schmoller ('06) <i>Professor of Theology, Martin Luther College</i>
Organist	Katie Carlovsky ('02) <i>Adjunct Organ Instructor, Martin Luther College</i>
College Choir and Männerchor	Adrian Smith ('03) <i>Professor of Music, Martin Luther College</i>
Hosanna Ringers	Craig Hirschmann ('84) <i>Professor of Music, Martin Luther College</i>
Chorale and Women's Choir	Jonathan Laabs ('08) <i>Professor of Music, Martin Luther College</i>
Student Instrumentalists	Trumpet – Josiah Winkel, Josiah Loersch, Matthew Scharp, Alicia Mengel Trombone – Leah Kuchenbecker, Joseph Wessel, Karissa Nolte Percussion - Jordan Massiah, Jacob Schwark, Philip Snyder Organ – Lydia Wilde
Student Lectors	Clayton Fury Nate Holz Jacob Schmidt
Student Cross and Candle Bearers	Duane Backhaus Jonah Schlomer Isaiah Duff

About the Steinway Concert Grand:

In January of 2019, a significant donation was given to MLC for the purchase of a concert (9-foot) grand piano for the Chapel of the Christ. The donation was given anonymously in honor of two called workers, Mary Prange and Marvin Busse. In February of 2019, at the invitation of the Steinway representatives at Schmitt Music Company in Brooklyn Center MN, a selection committee from MLC traveled to New York City to tour the Steinway factory and choose the piano. As Fritz Reuter himself turned to the quality of Steinway back in 1911 when "The College" was in need of a piano, we are also blessed to have such a beautiful, high-quality new instrument in the chapel today. Both pianos will receive regular use for worship and concerts in the chapel.