




NATIONAL LUTHERAN CHOIR

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2022-2023 SEASON


ALL SAINTS

 November 4 & 6

THE JOURNEY HOME

 Streamable November 5

CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL


 December 9 & 10


CHORAL TUNE-UP

 January 14


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CELEBRATING NLC'S SECOND GENERATION

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 May 6 - Gala

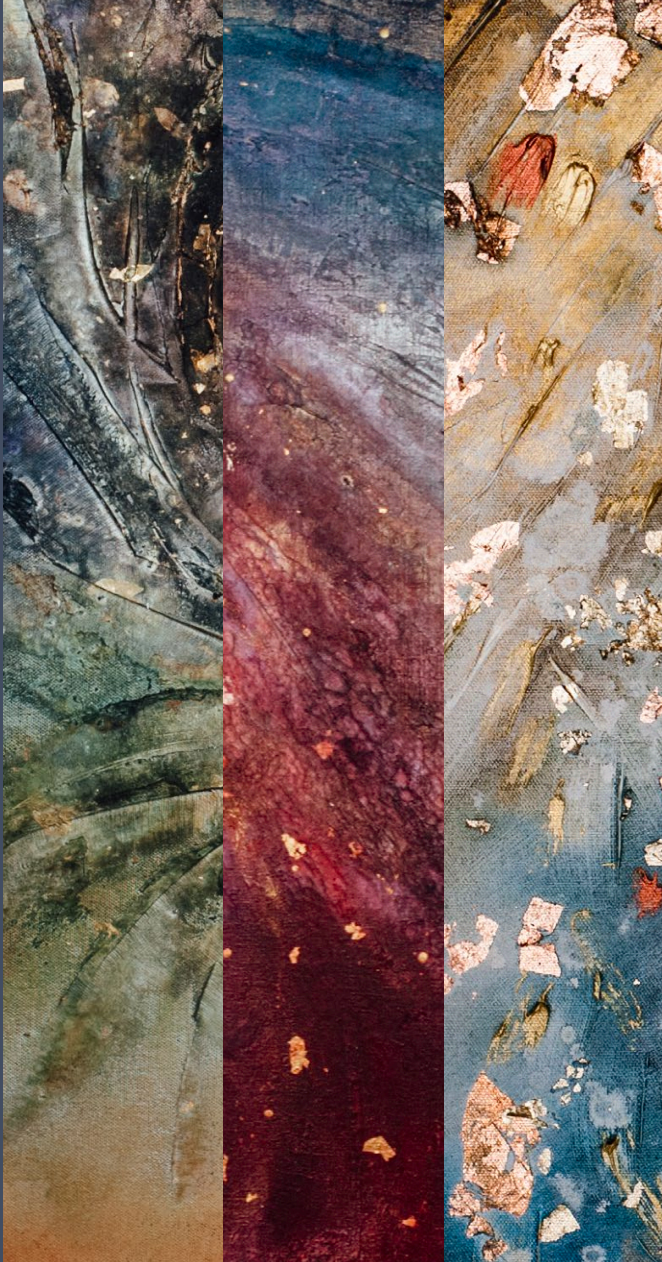
 May 7 - Spring Concert

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2022-2023 SEASON



*Celebrating sacred choral music
with everyone, everywhere*

FROM THE ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

David Cherwien



We invite you to something deeper.

Around 30 years ago, before I was involved with the NLC, some friends invited my wife Susan and I to join them for the National Lutheran Choir Christmas festival at the Basilica of St. Mary. I remember thinking “Oof. Another Christmas program.” We had been to many that year, but by the end of the program, I realized it was not like any other we had seen. It drew us into something much deeper than we expected.

The choir was astounding in its versatility, precision, and meaningful expression. Larry and the choir drew us all into the Incarnation in a new way.

The first era, or generation, of the National Lutheran Choir came to a close with the retirement of the founding director, Larry Fleming, in 1999. Even though he left, the choir continued on, and I was invited to join for the second generation. At the end of the 2022-2023 season, my time with the choir will come to an end, and someone else will be invited to lead the next generation.

It has been an amazingly meaningful set of experiences we’ve had together: the wide diversity of music, the commissions, the recordings, the amazing tours, discovering the virtual world... The list goes on and on, but above all, I think back with gratitude about all the relationships we’ve built. We invited each other in and have cared about and for each other as a result.

This season we invite you to join us as we acknowledge that the choir of yesterday and today will carry on for generations to come. As our lives change so does our understanding of God. But one thing is certain: God does not change. Whether you can attend our events live or virtually, we have many experiences in store for you this season. The All Saints program will include John Rutter’s “Requiem.” The Christmas Festival will feature favorites from the last 20 years as well as new works. We’ll record “Lament of the Earth” this winter, and in the Spring, we’ll celebrate the second generation of the National Lutheran Choir with a series of events for our community.

I was invited by those close to me to experience the depth of NLC. Over 20 years later, we invite you to enjoy the music but also to accept the invitation to be drawn in. Greater depth is there for those who look.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "David Cherwien". The signature is fluid and cursive.

David Cherwien, Artistic Director




Enjoy a playlist of next season’s repertoire at [YouTube.com/NLChoir](https://www.youtube.com/NLChoir)

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NATIONAL LUTHERAN CHOIR

2022-23 Concert Season

ALL SAINTS: Life Changed, not Taken Away

 **November 4, 2022 - 7:30pm**

St. Philip the Deacon Lutheran Church, Plymouth, Minnesota

 **November 6, 2022 - 4pm**


St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, Mahtomedi, Minnesota

ALL SAINTS: The Journey Home

A Virtual Program

 *Available to all beginning November 5, 2022*

CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL: Jesus Christ Yesterday, Today, Forever

 **December 9, 2022 - 4:30pm**

 **December 9, 2022 - 8pm**

 **December 10, 2022 - 8pm**

The Basilica of Saint Mary, Minneapolis, Minnesota

 *Live stream available to all 8pm Friday through the Christmas Season*

Celebrating NLC's Second Generation (3 unique events)

HYMN FESTIVAL: God Has Called Us


 **May 5, 2023 - 7:30pm**

St. Michael's Lutheran Church, Bloomington, Minnesota


GALA: From Strength to Strength

 **May 6, 2023 - 2:30pm**


Westin Galleria, Edina, Minnesota

 *Live stream available to all*

SPRING CONCERT: Ventures Known and Unknown

 **May 7, 2023 - 4pm**

St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, Mahtomedi, Minnesota

 *Live stream available to all*

 Indicates a live concert

 Indicates a virtual event

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We regularly update safety measures in response to COVID-19. Please check [NLCA.com](https://www.nlca.com) two weeks prior to concerts to review current safety information.



ALL SAINTS: Life Changed, not Taken Away

featuring the Rutter Requiem

In the fall, nature around us enters its annual cycle of dormancy. While this may seem like death, it is merely a preparation for new birth. People of God understand death not as the end but as a transition. Through our annual All Saints Program, we will honor those who have passed while recognizing our past, present, and future journeys. This program will feature John Rutter's iconic work, *Requiem*, along with hymns, candles, and the reading of names of our new saints.



November 4, 2022 - 7:30pm
St. Philip the Deacon Lutheran Church
17205 County Rd. 6, Plymouth, Minnesota



November 6, 2022 - 4pm
St. Andrew's Lutheran Church
900 Stillwater Rd., Mahtomedi, Minnesota

ALL SAINTS: The Journey Home

A Virtual Program



Available to all beginning November 5, 2022

In the two thousand years since Jesus' birth, humans in every era have considered what this birth meant for them. Even now, this meaning continues to evolve in our lives. This year's Christmas Festival will draw literature and poetry from the past 20 years of David Cherwien's Christmas programming and its musical embodiment of the Incarnation. Numerous carols, choir music of the season, and a thundering organ will present some of our most beloved selections. As we evolve, one thing has remained the same and will go on forever: Jesus Christ was born and God is with us. Always and forever.

 **December 9, 2022 - 4:30pm and 8pm**

 **December 10, 2022 - 8pm**

The Basilica of Saint Mary

1600 Hennepin Ave., Minneapolis, Minnesota

 *Live stream available to all 8pm Friday through the Christmas Season*

CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL: Jesus Christ Yesterday, Today, Forever





THE EVOLUTION OF THE NLC CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Available to all Virtual Subscribers beginning February 10, 2023



TOMORROW'S TRADITIONS:

Commissions for the National Lutheran Choir

Available to all Virtual Subscribers beginning March 3, 2023



WE ALL HAVE A SONG: Hymn Festivals and the NLC

Available to all Virtual Subscribers beginning April 14, 2023

NOTE: Virtual Subscriptions include exclusive access to the Virtual Showcase and regular content throughout the season.

VIRTUAL SHOWCASE



CELEBRATING NLC'S SECOND GENERATION

After 21 years, the National Lutheran Choir says goodbye to our dear Artistic Director with an unforgettable weekend of celebratory events including alumni and special musical guests who have joined David Cherwien over the years.



HYMN FESTIVAL: God Has Called Us

May 5, 2023, 7:30pm | St. Michael's Lutheran Church

9201 Normandale Blvd, Bloomington, Minnesota

Along with David Cherwien's leadership came his experience and love for the hymn festival. When combined with the National Lutheran Choir, it became a unique communal singing event that has grown into a signature experience for our choristers and audiences alike. This hymn festival will celebrate and feature many selections from the National Lutheran Choir Choral Series and congregational singing.



GALA: From Strength to Strength

May 6, 2023, 2:30pm | Westin Galleria

3201 Galleria, Edina, Minnesota



Live stream available to all



SPRING CONCERT: Ventures Known and Unknown

May 7, 2023, 4pm | St. Andrew's Lutheran Church

900 Stillwater Rd, Mahtomedi, Minnesota

Programming for our season finale concert will be "Director's Choice," featuring some of David Cherwien's favorite repertoire during his tenure with the choir. The concert, featuring guest artists Chuck Lazarus on trumpet and Martin Jean on organ, will include Bach's thrilling opening movement of *Ein Feste Burg*, Johann Cruger's *Awake, My Heart with Gladness*, Louis Vierne's "Kyrie" and "Gloria" of *Messe Solennelle*, and "Fount of Life (Gloria)" from Kim André Arnesen's *Holy Spirit Mass*, as well as newer music closely tied to the NLC's second generation under David Cherwien's direction.



Live stream available to all

ADDITIONAL EVENTS

Connect with the National Lutheran Choir in more ways than ever before!

F. MELIUS CHRISTIANSEN ANNIVERSARY CONCERTS



November 20, 2022 - 2pm and 6:30pm

Orchestra Hall, 1111 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis, Minnesota

The National Lutheran Choir joins a historic gathering of Minnesota-based Lutheran college choirs — Concordia College, Concordia University (St. Paul), Augsburg University, Gustavus Adolphus College, and St. Olaf College — to celebrate the 151st Birth Anniversary of F. Melius Christiansen (rescheduled from 2021), a titan in Minnesotan choral music. All will appear as solo ensembles and combine for the world premiere of *Home* by composer René Clausen and poet Brian Newhouse. Sponsored by ACDA-MN.

Tickets go on sale starting September 6 at MinnesotaOrchestra.org/FMC151

CHORAL TUNEUP WITH DR. ANTON ARMSTRONG



January 14, 2023 - 9am-12pm

St. Michael's Lutheran Church

9201 Normandale Blvd., Bloomington, Minnesota

Church choristers from throughout the region join singers from the NLC to learn repertoire and vocal techniques that will enhance services at their home churches. This season we welcome longtime director of the St. Olaf Choir, Dr. Anton Armstrong, to serve as our clinician.

Head to NCLA.com/Tuneup for more information.

REGIONAL U.S. TOUR



March 24, 2023 - 7pm

Bethel Lutheran Church | 810 3rd Ave. SE, Rochester, Minnesota



March 25, 2023 - 7pm

First-Plymouth Church | 2000 D St., Lincoln, Nebraska



March 26, 2023 - 3pm

First Lutheran Church | 327 S. Dakota Ave., Sioux Falls, South Dakota

For this year's tour, the NLC will visit churches and friends in three Sibling Cities in the Midwest: Bethel Lutheran Church in Rochester, MN; First-Plymouth Church in Lincoln, NE; and First Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls, SD. Our tour repertoire will feature works performed both *a cappella* and with organ, including a new work by celebrated composer and conductor Dr. Marques Garrett.

GALA: FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH



May 6, 2023 - 2:30pm

Mark your calendars for our annual celebration and show of support for the NLC. This year's event includes live music, cocktails and appetizers, messages from the Choir's friends and leaders, and a Fund-the-Mission in support of NLC's continuing legacy in our local community and beyond.



Livestream available to all

BIOGRAPHIES



NATIONAL LUTHERAN CHOIR



Under the direction of Dr. David Cherwien, the National Lutheran Choir's artistry is rooted in its mission to celebrate, invigorate and expand sacred choral music, bringing inspiration and meaning to people of diverse faiths and backgrounds. Founded in 1986 by the late Dr. Larry Fleming, the NLC sings a spiritual story through diverse repertoire — from early chant and simple folk anthems to complex choral masterworks and new compositions. Currently in its 37th year, the NLC features a roster of 65 committed volunteer singers from various backgrounds and faith traditions. In addition to concertizing in the Twin Cities and on tour, the NLC serves a national audience through artfully produced content, concert live streams, other releases on its YouTube channel and a Virtual Subscription program. A discography of 35 recordings showcases the ensemble's music making over the years and features hymns, choral classics, contemporary works, spirituals and major new works commissioned by the National Lutheran Choir. Much of this influential new work is featured in "The National Lutheran Choir Series," a collection of sheet music published by MorningStar Music. The NLC has been honored with the Wittenberg Award from the Luther Institute, Chorus America's Margaret Hillis Award and the Dale Warland Singers Commissioning Award.



DR. DAVID CHERWIEN, ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

David Cherwien, Artistic Director of the National Lutheran Choir, is a nationally known conductor, composer and organist. Recognized for his contributions to the field of church music and liturgy, he serves as a clinician and hymn festival leader across the country. David serves as Cantor at Mount Olive Lutheran Church in Minneapolis, a parish known for its passion for traditional liturgy and creative, high-quality music. He also serves as editor of the National Lutheran Choir Series of choral music published by MorningStar Music Publishers. David is a founding member of the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians and has served in its leadership in a variety of capacities, including as National President. He is a member of the American Choral Directors Association, American Guild of Organists, and Chorus America. David Cherwien is a prolific composer with hundreds of publications, and is the 2007 winner of the Raabe Prize for Excellence in Sacred Composition for his piece, "The Souls of the Righteous." For the National Lutheran Choir alone, Cherwien has composed more than 25 choral works during his tenure with the Choir.

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PASSES, SUBSCRIPTIONS, AND TICKETS

NLC offers customizable subscriptions with virtual options so anyone, anywhere can be part of the NLC community:

- Want the complete package? Purchase a full in-person subscription with a virtual add-on for maximum value and investment.
- Prefer a few specific concerts? Purchase a subscription with concerts of your choice.
- Not ready or able to see us in person? Virtual subscriptions are a rich overall NLC experience whether in addition to live performances or as a standalone connection from beyond the Twin Cities.

LIVE CONCERT PASSES



In-Person Live Concert Passes

Pick 4 for complete concert package (20% discount)

Pick 3 or 2 for added flexibility

SINGLE TICKETS



Single tickets can be purchased by visiting NLCA.com or by calling 612-722-2301.

VIRTUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS



Includes regular content from the National Lutheran Choir, an additional virtual All Saints program, and in celebration of David Cherwien's final year as Artistic Director, a series of documentary-style exclusives:

- **The Evolution of the NLC's Christmas Program**
- **Tomorrow's Traditions: The Commissioning of the NLC**
- **We All Have a Song: Hymn Festivals and the NLC**

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- ONLINE at NLCA.com



- CALL at 612-722-2301
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P.O. Box 4395
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GROUP TICKETS

Groups of 10 or more are eligible for discounted tickets at every program. Call 612-722-2301 for more information.

SUBSCRIPTION ORDER FORM

To purchase single tickets, head to NLCA.com or call 612-722-2301.

All Saints: Life Changed, not Taken Away (select one)

- Friday, November 4, 2022 | 7:30pm | St. Philip the Deacon Lutheran Church
Plymouth
- Sunday, November 6, 2022 | 4pm | St. Andrew's Lutheran Church | Mahtomedi

Christmas Festival: Jesus Christ Yesterday, Today, Forever (select one)

- Friday, December 9, 2022 | 4:30pm | Basilica of Saint Mary | Minneapolis
- Friday, December 9, 2022 | 8pm | Basilica of Saint Mary | Minneapolis
- Saturday, December 10, 2022 | 8pm | Basilica of Saint Mary | Minneapolis

Celebrating NLC's Second Generation (select one for a Pick-2 or Pick-3 Pass, or select both events to complete a Pick-4 Pass)

- May 5, 2023 | Hymn Festival: God Has Called Us | 7:30pm | St. Michael's
Lutheran Church | Bloomington
- May 7, 2023 | Spring Concert: Ventures Known and Unknown | 4pm
St. Andrew's Lutheran Church | Mahtomedi

Virtual Subscription

NLC's celebrated virtual experiences continue. Enjoy a rich variety of regular content, exclusive documentary-style deep dives, and more, all for the low price of \$30.

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