



- A to Z: A Choral Smorgasbord Spring 2025 -

Amen SiakudumisaS.C. Molefe/arr. Cameron F. LaBarr
"Amen, We Praise Your Name, O God"
This is a South African song of celebration and praise.

WitnessTraditional Spiritual/arr. Jack Halloran and Dick Bolks
A traditional spiritual full of fun and stories of biblical witnesses.

Gospel Magnificat Patti Drennan
This song originates from Mary's story from the book of Luke.
Soloists - Diane Thompson, Elaine Boyd

Jesus is a Rock in a Weary Land Kyle Johnson
Soloist - Becca Bellman

Lay Earth's Burden Down Paul Caldwell, Sean Ivory
This thought provoking song is meant to urge children to restore the earth
through environmental advocacy and repair.
Narrator - Roger Kingstrom

ShenandoahTraditional Folk Song/arr. James Erb
A traditional American folk song, the lyrics can refer to the Shenandoah River,
the Shenandoah Valley, or to the Oneida Chief named Shenandoah.

Bless the Broken Road Marcus Hummon, Bobby Boyd and Jeff Hanna/arr. Mark Brymer
This ballad performed and recorded by Rascal Flatts has been popular for decades.

Yellow Submarine..... John Lennon and Paul McCartney/arr. Mark Brymer
A Beatles' hit from 1966, this song never goes out of style.

Pink Panther..... Henry Mancini/arr. Jay Althouse
No doubt the first few notes of this song will bring back memories of the Pink Panther
always foiling Inspector Clouseau.

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Chattanooga Choo Choo Lyrics by Mack Gordon, Music by Harry Warren/arr. Mac Huff
A classic of the big band era, this song will be dancing in your head long after the concert.

Fun, Fun, Fun Brian Wilson and Michael Love/arr. Jeff Funk
This song, from 1964 and performed by the Beach Boys, is one of their hits that has lived on for decades.

Turn the World Around Harry Belafonte and Robert Freedman/arr. Mark Hayes
Harry Belafonte co-wrote and recorded this feel-good Jamaican-style piece which is based on the
idea that humanity is derived from the three basic elements: fire, water and earth.

Deep in the Meadow Suzanne Collins, Joseph Henry Burnett, Simone Burnett/arr. Mac Huff
From the hit movie The Hunger Games, this beautiful lullaby expresses deep emotion.

Empty Chairs at Empty TablesC. Schonberg, A. Boubllil, H. Kretzmer/arr. Ed Lojeski
From the Broadway musical Les Miserables, this ballad captures the raw emotion
of sadness over the loss of friends and family.
Soloist - Kristen Pierce

I Believe Mark A. Miller
The haunting lyrics of this song are from a poem found on the walls of a concentration camp.
Soloists - Andrew Stadem, Sarah Kretschmann
Violinist - Sophie Haase

The Majesty and Glory of Your Name Linda Lee Johnson/Tom Fettke
The lyrics of this song are powerful and cater to the true believer.

Rivers of Living Waters Karen Marrolli
Set to the Native American Dakota, melody LACQUIPARLE, Karen Marrolli's original text evokes
images of nature to epitomize healing and to praise God's gift to us. "The tune LACQUIPARLE means 'lake
that speaks,' and is the tune sung by the Dakota Indians as they escorted
their dead to their final resting place." -- William J. Reynolds.
Flutist - Andrea Denardo
Violinist - Sophie Haase

Omnia Sol Z. Randall Stroope
Omnia sol temperat, "the sun warms everything." The text speaks to the human need to anchor
words of love and commitment in the hearts of those who have been influential along life's way.
This is a favorite of many choir members.

Why We Sing Greg Gilpin
*If you are a former West Central Singers member, please join us onstage to sing
our traditional closing song. The lyrics say it all!*

Thank you for joining us today.
We extend a special thank you to
Faith Lutheran Church, Spicer
and Calvary Lutheran Church, Willmar
for your hospitality.

Get out your calendar! We have some exciting news and we want you to share in our
celebration! Next year, West Central Singers will be 25 years old and we're going to
make our Saturday, April 25th, Spring Concert 2026, extra special!
Our past directors and their families will join us. We'll bring back some favorite
songs and host a celebratory reception!
If you'd like to sing with us for this epic concert, make a suggestion for a
song you'd like to hear or if you'd just like more information,
please watch our website: westcentralsingers.com
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WEST CENTRAL SINGERS

DIRECTOR – Naomi Powers Baker

Naomi began directing WCS the fall of 2018. She enjoys the excitement and passion of this group. After thirty-two years of teaching music, thirty in the New London-Spicer School District, Naomi is currently the Director of Music Ministry at Calvary Lutheran Church in Willmar, MN. Besides her love of music, Naomi enjoys having fun hanging out with family, friends and dogs.

Accompanist - Kari Stadem, Willmar

SOPRANO I

Sarah Moulton, Morris
Cathy Nielson, Willmar
MiKaila Norman, Litchfield
Nanette Serbus, Renville *
Kali Stiles, Morris
Jean Urban, New London

SOPRANO II

Jill Benson, Willmar
Elaine Boyd, Willmar
Sarah Kretschmann, Willmar
Kaylee Nelson, Willmar
Cheryl Schmidt, Willmar
Kris Swanson, Willmar *
Diane Thompson, Pennock

ALTO I

Cynthia Koll Tengwall, Spicer
Sarah Larson, Willmar
Barb Lilleberg, Atwater
Lisa McBrian, Willmar
Bridget Neumann, Raymond
Aspen Steinhofner, Starbuck

CONTRALTO

Donna Brau, Spicer

Percussionist – Andrew Benson, Willmar

ALTO II

Rondi Adams, Willmar
Rebecca Bellman, Paynesville
Heather Carver, Spicer *
Rachel Clark, Kandiyohi
Kateri Gruber, Melrose *
Char Kingstrom, Willmar
Kristen Pierce, Pennock *
Eileen Twedt, Willmar
Hailey Wolf, Willmar *

TENOR

Pete Baalson, New London
Jaron Bachmann, Willmar
David Frey, Willmar
Roger Kingstrom, Willmar
Brad Schmidt, Willmar

BARITONE/BASS

John Benson, Willmar *
Dale Lauer, Spicer *
Andrew Stadem, Willmar
Pete Stadem, Willmar
Jeff Tengwall, Blomkest
John Wenke, Willmar

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