

Welcome Christmas

December 8, 2007
Bethel Lutheran Church

Presented by

West Central Singers

and

Prairie Lakes String Quartet

What Child is This?arr. Paul Christianson

What child is this who laid to rest on Mary's lap is sleeping,
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet while shepherds watch are keeping.

I Love to Tell the Storyarr. Phillip M. Young

I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
Of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.

Masters in This Hallarr. David Willcocks

Masters in this hall, hear ye news today,
Brought from over sea and ever I you pray, Nowell.

Domine, Ad Adjuvandum Me FestinaPadre G. B. Martini

(Lord, My God Assist Me Now)

*String Quartet with soloists: Kris Swanson, soprano;
Lynda Swinney, alto; John Robino, tenor; David Swinney, bass*

Lord, my God assist me now, make haste to help me.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end, amen.

Carol for the Audience: "Angels We Have Heard on High"French Carol

Ron Hagemeyer, Organist

Angels we have heard on high, Sweetly singing o'er the plains. And the mountains in reply, Echoing their joyous strains. Gloria in excelsis Deo.	Shepherds, why this jubilee, Why your joyous strains prolong. What the gladsome tidings be, Which inspire your heav'nly song. Gloria in excelsis Deo.
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Come to Bethlehem and see,
Him whose birth the angels sing.
Come, adore on bended knee,
Christ the Lord, the new born king.
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Alleluia from Exultate JubiloW. A. Mozart

Pastorale from Concerto Grosso No. 8, ChristmasArcangelo Corelli

*Michelle Suter, first violin; Frank Lawatsch, second violin;
Wendy Kidd, viola; Marie Nelson, cello*

Witnessarr Jack Halloran

Who'll be a witness for my Lord?
Oh I'll be a witness for my Lord.
There was a man of the Pharisees,
His name was Nicodemus and he didn't believe.

What is This Lovely Fragrance?arr Healy Willan

What is this lovely fragrance wafting,
Like to the scents of flowers in spring.

Jackie Cunningham, soprano

His Is Bornarr Roger Wagner

Now is born the Divine Christ Child,
Play the musette, play the tuneful oboe.

Elaine Boyd, recorder

Wexford Carolarr Dale Warland

Good people all this Christmas time,
Consider well and bear in mind,
What our good God for us has done,
In sending his beloved son.

Caitlyn Swinney, alto; Phyllis DeBliek, flute

Carol for the Audience: "O Christmas Tree"

O Christmas Tree, O Christmas Tree, Thy leaves are so unchanging. O Christmas Tree, O Christmas Tree, Thy leaves are so unchanging. Not only green when summer's here, But also when tis cold and drear. O Christmas Tree, O Christmas Tree, Thy leaves are so unchanging.	O Christmas Tree, O Christmas Tree, Much pleasure thou can'st give me. O Christmas Tree, O Christmas Tree, Much pleasure thou can'st give me. How often has the Christmas Tree, Afforded me the greatest glee. O Christmas Tree, O Christmas Tree, Much pleasure thou can'st give me.
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O Christmas Tree, O Christmas Tree,
Thy candles shine so brightly.
O Christmas Tree, O Christmas Tree,
Thy candles shine so brightly.
From base to summit, gay and bright,
There's only splendor for the sight.
O Christmas Tree, O Christmas Tree,
Thy candles shine so brightly.

Three Carols for String Quartetarr Carol N. Rabinowitz

O Come, O Come Emmanuel
Lo, How a Rose
What Child is This?

Gesu BambinoP. A. Yon

Michelle Sommers, soprano; De Aamot, accompanist

Thou Shalt Know HimMark Sirett

Thou shalt know him when he comes,
Not by any din of drums.
Nor his manner nor his airs,
Nor by anything he wears.

The Shepherd's CarolBob Chilcott

We stood on the hills, Lady,
Our day's work done.
Watching the frosted meadows,
That winter had won.

My Song in the NightPaul Christiansen

O Jesus my Savior, my song in the night.
Come to us with thy tender love, my soul's delight.

I'm Gonna Sing Til the Spirit Moves in My HeartMoses Hogan

I'm gonna sing til the spirit moves in my heart,
I'm gonna sing til Jesus comes.

Randy Wright, tenor

Carol for the Audience: "Silent Night"

Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright Round yon virgin mother and child. Holy infant so tender and mild, Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.	Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight; Glories stream from heaven afar, Heav'nly hosts sing, Alleluia! Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is born!
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Silent night, holy night!
Son of God, Love's pure light
Radiant beams from your holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at your birth,
Jesus, Lord, at your birth.



West Central Singers

Sopranos

Elaine Boyd of Willmar
Jacking Cunningham of Atwater
Kris Swanson of Willmar
Lynda Swinney of Brooten
Eileen Twedt of Willmar

Tenors

Kent Boyd of Willmar
Ken Huntley of Willmar
John Robino of Willmar
Randy Wright of Willmar

Altos

Janene Felt of Willmar
Mona Lackore of Willmar
Bridget Neumann of Raymond
Sharon Sommers of Willmar
Marvelle Stone of Willmar
Caitlyn Swinney of Brooten
Carol Wegner of Willmar

Basses

Clark Helland of Willmar
Al Johnson of Spicer
Dan Krueger of Willmar
Mark Peterson of Kerkhoven
David Swinney of Brooten
Paul Trudel of Kerkhoven

Dr. Chet Sommers, conductor
Cathy Helland, accompanist

Prairie Lakes String Quartet

Michele Suter is the orchestra director for grades 7-12 in Willmar and first violin.
Frank Lawatsch is CEO of Swift County-Benson Hospital and second violin.
Wendy Kidd is a school nurse for the New London-Spicer School and violist.
Marie K. Nelson is a string teacher and cellist from Litchfield.
All are members of the Willmar Area Symphonic Orchestra.

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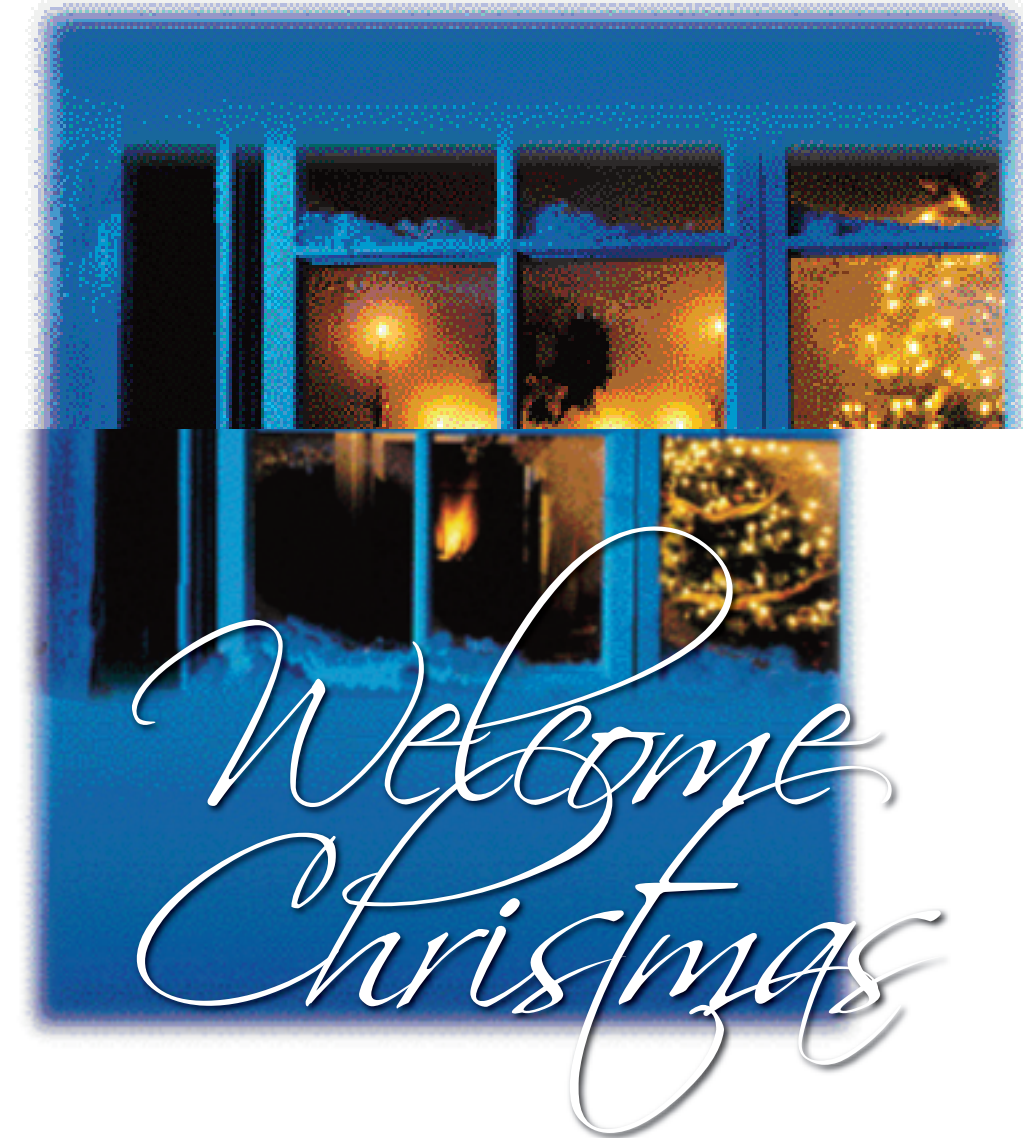
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