

The Song Groups

The Prep Singers is the touring choir of Luther Preparatory School, located in Watertown, Wisconsin. Watertown is 40 miles west of Milwaukee. The choir is comprised of about 24 male and female singers. Students at Luther Preparatory School are considering the full-time pastoral or teaching ministry, and many will continue their education at Martin Luther College, the WELS pastor and teacher training college.

Koine began as the hymn choir of St. Marcus Lutheran Church, an inner city WELS congregation in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Much of their work involved setting Lutheran hymns to contemporary arrangements. They are currently artists in residence at Wisconsin Lutheran College and are busy most weekends giving concerts in various places in the United States and Canada.

Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary Chorus is our seminary's touring choir. The seminary is located just north of Milwaukee in a town called Mequon. The choir is an all-male choir and makes a major tour every other year.

The Stained Glass

The stained glass windows used in this service can all be found in churches of the Wisconsin Lutheran Synod. For more pictures of stained glass found in the WELS, see www.welsstainedglass.org.



A SERVICE OF THE WORD

IN

STAINED GLASS AND SONG

ADVENT - CHRISTMAS - EPIPHANY

THE WORD BECAME FLESH

PRAYER BEFORE THE SERVICE

Dear Heavenly Father, thank you for giving us a living hope through Jesus Christ. You sent your Son, God over all, to become a human being like us. We were without hope and you gave us hope. You satisfied the demands of your justice by making your Son a sin offering for us. You declared your power over our own death by raising your Son from the dead. Help us worship you this Christmas with gratitude in our hearts and in anticipation of watching our Savior's life unfold in the weeks ahead. Amen.

OPENING

P: We begin our worship in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

OFFERING

INTRODUCTION

to our worship service
to the stained glass

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN "Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers" (CW 7)

ADVENT — OUR GREAT NEED AND GOD'S GREAT PROMISE

SONG — "From Depths of Woe I Cry To Thee" (CW 305)

CONFESSION OF SINS (Please stand)

SONG — "O Savior, Rend the Heavens Wide" (CW 22)

CHRISTMAS — THE GLORY OF JESUS' BIRTH

RESPONSIVE HYMN READING "From Heaven Above to Earth I Come" (CW 38)

SONG — "Angels We Have Heard on High" (CW 63)

CONFESSION OF FAITH — From the Athanasian Creed (Please stand)

SONG — "O Savior Of Our Fallen Race"

EPIPHANY — THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST AMONG US

SCRIPTURE READING The Pharisee and the Tax Collector, Luke 18:9-14

SONG — "Comfort, Comfort All My People" (CW 11)

SONG — "See What Love Hath the Father" (1 John 3:1)

DEVOTION AND PRAYER—Psalm 2 (Please stand)

SONG — "Mary, Did You Know?"

OUR NEVER-ENDING THANKS

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN AND CLOSING PRAYER "Not Unto Us" (CW 392)

SONG — "To Shepherds as They Watched by Night" (CW 53)

BENEDICTION
