

The Song Groups

The Prep Singers is the touring choir of Luther Preparatory School, located in Watertown Wisconsin. Watertown is 60 kilometers 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 involves 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 US 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 picture of stained glass found in the WELS, see www.welsstainedglass.org.



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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. 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 giving life to your Son's dead body. Help us worship you in Spirit and in truth. Create in our hearts a sincere repentance for the sins we commit. Help us live in the joy of your forgiveness. Enable us more and more to put you on the throne of our hearts. Make us watchful as the day of your return draws near. To that end, bless our worship this morning. 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

“May the Mind of Christ My Savior” (CW 467)

WE LIVE IN REPENTANCE AND FAITH

SCRIPTURE READING The Pharisee and the Tax Collector

SONG “Lord, to You I Make Confession” (CW 302 vs. 2-4)

SONG “Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted” (CW 127)

PRAYER

SONG “Song of Simeon” (CW p. 24)

WE SERVE THE LORD

DEVOTION—Psalm 1

SONG — “The Narrow Way” and “Fight the Good Fight” (CW 457)

SCRIPTURE READING Sermon On the Mount

SONG — “Brothers Sisters, Let Us Gladly” (CW 484)

WE WATCH FOR JESUS’ RETURN

SONG — “Behold A Host, Arrayed In White” (CW 550)

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

“Around the Throne, a Glorious Band” (CW 549)

SONG — “O Church, Arise”

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN and CLOSING PRAYER

“Not Unto Us” (CW 392)

BENEDICTION

SONG — “Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me” (CW 389)