

Contact Information

If you are interested in joining the Bethlehem Lutheran Choir, *or simply want to attend a practice*, please do so!

If you have any questions, use this contact information:

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Please Do So . . .

If you are interested in joining the Bethlehem Lutheran choir, or simply want to attend a practice, *please do so!*

If you cannot attend for an entire season or year, *please come whenever you can!*

If you have never been in a choir before, or can't read music, but would love to learn, *please join us!*

If you would love to praise God in new ways, *please join us!*

If you would like to learn more about the music and musicians of the Church – beyond Bethlehem Lutheran Church, *please join us!*

Join Us and Benefit

Website: BethlehemLutheranChurchParma.com

Location: 7500 State Road, Parma, Ohio 44134
(Just South of Pleasant Valley Road)

Schedule: See our "Join Us" brochure

Facebook: "Bethlehem Lutheran Church Parma"

Podcast: "Benefit from the Bible"

Contact: 440-845-2230; pastor@blc7500.com

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CHOIR

*Join With Others in
Praising the Lord!*



Introduction

- Adults, youth, and children are invited to join with us in *making a joyful noise to the Lord!*
- Music literacy is helpful, but not a prerequisite.
- Supplemental musicians are welcome.
- Our choir focuses on serving the Lord with music making and learning in a warm, friendly environment!
- *Give us a try!*

Our Two Choir Seasons

We have two choir seasons, which cover the *festival* time of the church year:

1. **October – December**, including: Reformation (last Sunday in October), Thanksgiving Eve, the Advent Season, Christmas Eve, and Christmas Day.
2. **March – May**, including: the Lenten Season, Holy Week, Easter, Ascension, the Day of Pentecost, and the Holy Trinity.

Choir Practices

The choir practices once each week during each of the two seasons. The practices normally take place on Tuesdays at 6:30 PM and last approximately one hour.

Choir at Worship Services

The choir participates in worship in several ways:

1. We praise God in response to His love for us.
2. At least 8 times each season, the choir sings anthems, psalms or hymns to enhance the worship of the congregation.
3. There is opportunity to learn and use hand chimes.
4. Additional instruments are added when volunteers can be found.

The goal is to participate in both the early and the late services. Accommodations are made since not all are unable to attend both services.

Fall Season Services

When the Choir Participates

- ✦ Reformation Day (Sunday, last in October)
- ✦ All Saints Day (Sunday, first in November)
- ✦ Church Anniversary (Sunday, closest to November 13)
- ✦ Thanksgiving Eve (Wednesday)
- ✦ Christmas Eve (December 24)
- ✦ Three more additional Services as scheduled.

Spring Season Services

When the Choir Participates

- ✦ Palm Sunday (one week before Easter)
- ✦ Good Friday (Friday, of Holy Week)
- ✦ Easter Sunday
- ✦ Mother's Day (Sunday, second in May)
- ✦ Ascension Day (Thursday, 40 days after Easter)
- ✦ The Day of Pentecost (Sunday, 50 days after Easter)
- ✦ The Holy Trinity (Sunday, 57 days after Easter)
- ✦ One more additional Service as scheduled.

Fellowship Event

As a Thank You and for encouragement, we gather at the end of the Spring Season.

Our Choir Director

Harold Weseloh

Harold has served the church in a professional capacity since the late 1960's.

The majority of that time was centered on teaching and administrating Lutheran Day Schools in New York City and Cleveland. He has also served several congregations in a pastoral capacity, filling in specific needs as they were presented.

Being a lifelong Lutheran naturally includes a lifelong involvement in the music of the church. Harold was been a member of several choirs both at the college and congregational levels. Festival choirs, such as singing Handel's Messiah, are also a part of his experience.

Leadership roles in music have included directing and instrumental accompanist (guitar, recorder, keyboard, and hand bells).

Harold is a graduate of Concordia Teacher's College, River Forest, Illinois. Graduate work has been pursued at Long Island University, Columbia University NYC, and Cleveland State.