



## **Advanced Choir Syllabus – 2019-2020**

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**Rehearsal Time and Location:** See calendar posted at [www.tlucma.org](http://www.tlucma.org) for specific dates.

Thursdays, 6:15-7:45 p.m. at TLU Chapel of the Abiding Presence

### **Course Description:**

Advanced Choir is open to students who exhibit established vocal, music reading, and ensemble skills. Young men with changing or changed voices are also welcome. Students are accepted on the basis of individual auditions. The choir learns a range of age-appropriate sacred and secular literature, which is performed at CMA and community concerts.

Choral music will be assigned and provided for ensemble performances. All music must be returned following a final performance. If damaged or lost, the student will be responsible for the cost of replacement music.

### **Course Objectives:**

- 1) To provide members the opportunity for musical expression through disciplined choral rehearsals, sight-reading, and public performances. (TLU IGG-Knowing & Doing)
- 2) To represent the TLU Community Music Academy in a manner that embodies its mission statement and the rich choral tradition of the Lutheran Church.
- 3) To participate in outreach activities and engage in active community service. For example, to perform in hospice facilities, nursing or retirement care facilities, community events etc. (TLU IGG-Becoming)
- 4) To learn to respect, support, and depend on each other musically and personally. (TLU IGG- Becoming)
- 5) To investigate, discover and perform the music from choral traditions around the world. (TLU IGG- Knowing & Doing)
- 6) To gain performance skills through performance opportunities.

### **Important Performance Dates:**

**December 14, 2019** - TLU Chapel, 7:00 p.m.

**April 30, 2020** - TLU Chapel, 7:00 p.m.

### **Attendance Policy:**

- 1) Attendance at all performances is required.
- 2) Attendance at all rehearsals (regular, sectional, and extra) is required.  
Acceptable reasons for a rehearsal absence:
  - important family event (e.g. wedding or death of relative)
  - school-sponsored event requiring student's attendance (e.g. UIL competition)
  - unexpected serious medical problem
- 3) Choir members are expected to notify the instructor in advance if they must miss a rehearsal.
- 4) If a student cannot sing due to minor illness, the student is asked to still attend choir rehearsal in order to listen to and observe the rehearsal while following along with the music.
- 5) Following three absences, the instructor reserves the right to ask the student not to perform in recitals or to drop the student from the choir.