

## Lancaster Chorale Update and Calendar - January, 2023

Dear members of the Lancaster Chorale as well as alumni and others with interest,

I bring you new year's greetings and an update of our plans for the spring concert season. First I would like to repeat the sounding joy of our successful re-entry with our fall concert. It was a good start after a long and trying break. Our performance and our attendance was strong. Our finances are also strong. Praise the Lord! I am planning on a small-ish instrumental ensemble (brass and percussion) for the Spring with the hopes of a large-ish full orchestra for the fall 2023 concert.

Our concert date has been set for May 21 at 6:30 pm. Our first rehearsal will be Feb. 19 at 3 pm. A full schedule of all dates and times is included at the bottom of the letter. As always I am hoping that you can be in attendance for all or nearly all rehearsals. But there is flexibility as well as grace. When you are missing we all feel it so I ask your commitment level to be high. Know, however, that plenteous grace may be found when you need it. We would rather have you miss some but still perform than stopping dropping entirely from the group.

I have attached a list of all the songs for the spring performance with YouTube links when they were available. Our 4 movement featured work, *Pathways to the Cross* by Robert Young, is out of print and there is no YouTube video. I am in the process of procuring copy and performance rights for the work. It is a highly devotional and profoundly spiritual piece with narration. It may become one of your favorite pieces you have ever performed. Many of our pieces include a brass ensemble with percussion and organ. These kinds of pieces are always exciting. I have also included a spiritual and several early (16th C.) works. The focus is Jesus, His passion, resurrection, ascension and the power of His name. The music packet will be around \$30. Scholarships are available. God bless you all - Bruce