Confitemini Domini
Confitemini Domino was composed by Alessandro Costantini (1581-1657), an Italian composer of the Baroque Era. The English translation of the Latin text is “O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is gracious: because his mercy endures forever.” The text comes from Psalm 117. – Cassandra Michel

O Vos Omnes
The composer, Thomas Juneau, has created and conducted many choirs on the East Coast. Most notably, he is founder and Artistic Director of the Juneau Vocal Alliance, a professional choral ensemble based in New Jersey. While the music of O Vos Omnes is original, the text is from Lamentations 1:12. Translated, we are singing "O all you who pass along this way, behold and see if there is any sorrow like unto my sorrow." - Jacque Simays

If Ye Love Me
Thomas Tallis was born into the Roman Catholic tradition during the first decade of the 16th century. He was an English composer who acted as an organist and a singer in the Dover Priory. Tallis’ early work focused mostly on church modes. He created many pieces that would accompany church festivals or other special occasions. This anthem resembles a Latin motet. Tallis took his time when composing his work; diverse techniques are shown throughout. – Shianne Reschke

Let All the World in Every Corner Sing
The original text was written by George Herbert in 1620 and set for choir by Dr. Andrea Ramsey in 2012. Herbert was an English poet, priest of the Church of England, and a public orator for Trinity College at Cambridge University. Dr. Ramsey is a composer, conductor, and music scholar who believes that music can help us understand ourselves, our community, and humanity better. Along these lines, the piece itself emphasizes the role of the heart in praising the Lord. It is easy to get swept up in the music and feel your heart well up with love and triumphant praise. – Logan Ardovino

Tantum Ergo
The text of Tantum Ergo was written by St. Thomas Aquinas (c. 1264), set to music by Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924), and published in 1893. Its sweeping melodic lines and expressive themes are indicative of the Romantic Era in which it was composed. – Megan Roozeboom
Canon of Praise

This piece is based on three complementary melodies. Each is sung individually before being sung in a round and the big finale is all three partner songs being sung together. This song is uniquely challenging for a choir of our size. The piano and bells add to the joy and energy. – Jacque Simays

Njoktje

Composer Frode Fjellheim is a Norwegian composer and professor of music from Trondheim, Norway. Most of Fjellheim's music is inspired by Sámi tradition of Nordic music known as 'yoik'. The Sámi are an indigenous group who inhabited modern day Northern Europe. This sound ('yoik') can be heard in Fjellheim's various pieces written for the infamous Cantus Choir, who are featured on the Disney soundtrack Frozen.

'Njoktje' is the South Sámi word for swan. This music is based on an old yoik describing the beautiful bird. Elements from the original yoik have been used together with personal experiences of the composer, Frode Fjellheim, to compose this piece. – Katie Hendrikson

VoiceDance

VoiceDance is literally what the title suggests – a dance for voices. Singing on scat syllables instead of words allows us to focus on the experience of singing together and expressing the joy that brings to our hearts. The syncopated rhythms add to the feeling that we are dancing through our singing. Greg Jasperse wrote this piece for jazz singer Jennifer Shelton for her marriage to drummer Steve Barnes. – Evie Hoff

Will the Circle Be Unbroken?

This piece was originally written as a hymn around the turn of the 20th century. The song refers to the family circle and all, one day, being reunited in heaven. The hymn was re-worked – though the chorus remained intact - and made popular by the Carter family in 1935.
Jonathan Baccam
Junior
Music Education
Andover, MN
In my sophomore year of high school, I was set on going to Iowa State for aerospace engineering and I was going to play on the tennis team. That turned out quite differently.

Levi Bird
first year
Psychology, Nordic Studies
Muscoda, WI
My first trip on a plane and my first trip out of the country will be a flight to study this summer at the University of Oslo!

Luke Forsberg
sophomore
Environmental Studies, Spanish minor
Plymouth, MN
I am ambidextrous and have played around with being a switch pitcher in baseball.
Danielle Koster
first year
Elementary Education with Reading and Special Education endorsements, Psychology minor
I don’t wear matching socks.

Landon McNamer
junior
Elementary Education, Spanish minor
I’ve been playing handbells since I was in 8th grade and it has grown to be a passion of mine. An accomplishment I am very proud of is composing a handbell piece for my high school to perform at solo/ensemble. I was then able to conduct it at our concert.

Alexis Olson
sophomore
Exercise Physiology
East Bethel, Minnesota
I’m a professional s’more maker!
Emily Toensing
junior
History, Museum Studies & Music minors
Centerville, MN
While looking through the Preus letters in the Luther archives, I discovered an envelope filled with 158 year old communion wafers. In case you were wondering, they taste the same as when they're fresh. :)

Kristina Johnson
senior
Environmental Studies, Religion minor
Rochester, MN
I studied abroad in New Zealand during spring semester 2017.

Emily Stifter
Sophomore
Music, French
River Falls, WI
Emily is involved in many ensembles including Cathedral Choir, Concert Band, Luther Ringers, and a horn quartet. She is a sophomore here and has loved Luther from the minute she stepped on campus for a visit!
Emily Riley
sophomore
Church Music
La Crescent, MN
This is my first ever year in choir! In addition to Ringers and Cantorei, I am also in Horn Ensemble and I play organ and piano.

Alex Sekora
junior
Management, Political Science
Denmark, WI
I have worked for the Green Bay Packers (shoveling snow)!

Cassidy Woods
Senior
La Crescent, MN
English, Communication minor
I am the self-proclaimed queen of the bell choir!

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Soprano I

Hannah Carmon  
junior  
Elementary Education  
Cambridge, IA  
When I was younger my dad told me that onions were white apples. Thanks Dad.

Christen Foster  
Senior  
Elementary Education, Middle School Science and Mathematics endorsements  
Hampton, IA  
I am the only blonde member of my biological family. I am currently in the cast of Luther’s spring play, Marie Antoinette, and I love it!

Annalise Goodell  
sophomore  
History Major, Philosophy and German minors  
Augusta, WI  
I make a mean meatball.
Evie Hoff  
senior  
Spanish and Nordic Studies, Museum Studies minor  
Hortonville, WI  
I wanted to attend Luther since I was 5 years old! I collect Winnie the Pooh bears when I travel, and I've been to 8 countries in Europe (so far)! :)

Haley Nelson  
junior  
Elementary Education, Early Childhood & Reading Endorsements  
Farmington, MI  
I am a third generation Luther student and my parents met at Luther.

Shianne Reschke  
sophomore  
Religion, Management minor  
Westby, WI  
When I was 7 years old I was struck by lightning. I love playing guitar and piano. I really love working at Sugar Creek Bible Camp and teaching young kids about Jesus!
Julia Simpson
sophomore
Theater, Dance
Osseo, WI
I transferred from two different schools and am happy to be here at Luther!

Soprano II

Emily Fuller
junior
Chemistry
Bettendorf, IA
I love science puns!

Sophia Haugland
sophomore
Elementary Education & Spanish
Wauconda, MN
I am a fourth generation Luther student!
Katie Hendriksen
senior
South Saint Paul, MN
History and Political Science, International Studies minor
I love to travel. I have been to six countries on three continents in 12 months.

Brita Holmlund
sophomore
Nursing
Chicago, IA
I spent my junior year of high school in India.

Katharine Kennedy
sophomore
Elementary Education with Reading endorsement
Chaska, MN
I am a Co-VP for the Performing Arts Committee, and a Lifeguard on campus. I love Luther and the community here in Decorah. I hope to teach 3rd or 4th grade when I become a teacher.
Cassandra Michel 
junior
Elementary Education Major Middle School Science and Social Studies endorsements Denver, CO
In addition to singing in Cantorei at Luther, I also play the flute in Varsity Band, am Service/Philanthropy chair for Chi Theta Rho, and serve on the leadership team for the Luther Student Education Association.

Grace Onsrud 
sophomore
Political Science Minneapolis, MN
I have sung in choirs for many years. I also write for Chips.

Megan Roozeboom 
senior
Chemistry, Biology and Nordic Studies minors
Oskaloosa, IA
I love singing, swimming, and science!
Abby Suhr
senior
Dance, Psychology minor
Altoona, IA
I am a part of Orchesis dance group and Alpha Beta Psi here at Luther! I also collect turtle figurines; I currently have turtles from over 10 different countries!

Lauren Summers
Sophomore
Nursing
Rockford, IL
Luther is one of the best decisions I have ever made, and I knew I belonged here the first moment I set foot on campus. At Luther, I participate in PALs, CSC, and APO. I am also looking forward to the experiences Luther gives me that will propel me forward in my career and hopefully make me a stellar nurse!
Alto I

Logan Ardovino
senior
Psychology, Art and German minors
Park City, UT
Cantorei is the first real music experience I've had, and it was a great life choice. When I grow up, I want to be a fighter pilot. Any time is a good time for puns.

Emmy Buntrock
sophomore
Elementary Education with Reading endorsement
Rochester, MN
This is my first semester singing with Cantorei, and I have loved every minute of it! I am also involved with Luther College's cross-country and track team, as well as PALS.

Mackenzie Flaherty
sophomore
Social Work, English
Galesville, IL
I love music and have been singing since I was very young.
Nell Himlie  
first year  
Computer Science, Asian Studies minor  
Rushford, MN  
I love listening to stories and laughing out loud. One of my favorite activities is helping with Girls Who Code.

Emily Olson  
sophomore  
Nursing  
Grafton, WI  
I designed the 2017 Wisconsin State Parks entry sticker!

Emily Riley  
sophomore  
Church Music  
La Crescent, MN  
This is my first ever year in choir! In addition to Ringers and Cantorei, I am also in Horn Ensemble and I play organ and piano.
Hanah Sill
junior
Biology
Prior Lake, MN
My favorite food is cereal and I pretty much live off of it as a college student!

Marin Stellner
sophomore
Psychology, Communication Studies minor
Byron, MN
I used to be in 4-H and showed my horse, Duchess.
Bailey Fields
sophomore
Theater
Mantorville, MN
I’ve been in a show choir with a professional actor.

Annie Holtz
senior
Biology, Spanish and Chemistry minors
Austin, MN
My graduating class in high school had eleven students!

Allison Johnson
Senior
Music
Longview, TX
I’m giving my senior recital on May 5th at 4 P.M. You should come!
Jacque Simays  
senior  
Psychology  
Slinger, WI  
Cantorei is one of the best decisions I've made during my time at Luther. As I move forward and graduate this May, the memories and connections I made at Luther and within Cantorei will always be with me.

Rachel Soika  
junior  
Computer Science, Music minor  
White Bear Lake, MN  
I can flip my elbows inside out!

Nicole Weber  
senior  
Psychology and Anthropology, Biology minor  
Mapleton, IA  
I am Vice President of Psi Chi and a member of Lambda Alpha.

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