WESTON NOBLE ’43
November 30, 1922–December 21, 2016

Celebration of Life Service
I will sing to the Lord

Saturday, May 13, 2017
1 p.m.
PRELUDE
My Spirit Be Joyful  
J.S. Bach
Gregory Peterson ’83, professor of music and college organist
Steven Hendrickson ’73, trumpet
John Cord, assistant professor of music, trumpet

Festive Overture  
Dmitri Shostakovich
Luther College Concert Band
conducted by Joan deAlbuquerque, associate professor of music and director of bands

INVOCATION
Michael Blair, college pastor

HYMN (music on following page)
ELW 425 Behold the Host Arrayed in White
( Den store hvide flok)
First stanza sung in Norwegian by soloist Karen (Gesme) Brunssen ’75.
Congregation then sings first stanza in English.

PRAYER OF THE DAY  
Anne Edison-Albright, college pastor

GREETING
Paula J. Carlson, president

Amazing Grace  
John Newton
Gregory Berg ’82

REMEMBRANCES of Family, Colleagues and Friends
Lowell Noble with George Gentes ’71
Daniel Baldwin, professor of music, director of orchestra activities
Diana Leland, past president of the American Choral Directors Association
Craig Jessop, dean of the Caine College of the Arts, Utah State University

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross  
arr. Gilbert M. Martin, Luther College Nordic Choir
conducted by Jennaya Robison ’96, assistant professor of music

SCRIPTURE READING
Psalm 50:15; Psalm 104:33
Tony Guzman ’90, Weston Noble Chair in Music, professor of music and director of the jazz program
Behold the Host Arrayed in White

1 Behold the host arrayed in white like thousand snow-clad
2 On earth their work was not thought wise, but see them now in
3 O blessed saints, now take your rest; a thousand times shall

mountains bright, that stands with palms and sings its psalms be-
heaven’s eyes; before God’s throne of precious stone they
you be blest for keeping faith firm unto death and

fore the throne of light! These are the saints who
shout their victory cries. On earth they wept through
scorning worldly trust. For now you live at

kept God’s word; they are the honored of the Lord. He
bitter years; now God has wiped away their tears, trans-
home with God and harvest seeds once cast abroad in
is their prince who drowned their sins, so they were cleansed, re-
formed their strife to heav’n-ly life, and freed them from their
ears and sighs. See with new eyes the pat-
tern in the

stored. They now serve God both day and night; they
fears. For now they have the best at last; they
seed. The myr- iad an-gels raise their song. O

sing their songs in end-less light. Their an-thems ring when
keep their sweet e-ter-nal feast. At God’s right hand our
saints, sing with that hap-py throng; lift up one voice; let

they all sing with an-gels shin-ing bright.
Lord com-mands; he is both host and guest.
heav’n re-joice in our re-deem-er’s song!
Turn! Turn! Turn!

Pete Seeger
arr. Linda Palmer ’76
Weston Noble Alumni Choir
Jane Henderson ’71, Jack Magnuson ’71, soloists
conducted by Andrew Last ’97,
assistant professor of music

SCRETRIPUTE READING

Paul V. Olsen ’65

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Donovan Hommen ’56

HYMN (music opposite page)

Marty Haugen ’73

ELW-878 Soli Deo Gloria
(Marty Haugen dedicated this hymn to Weston Noble.)
Nordic Choir sings fourth stanza.

Who Puts His Trust in God Most Just

J.S. Bach
arr. James Croft
Luther College Concert Band,
conducted by Fred Nyline,
professor emeritus of music

PRAYERS

THE LORD’S PRAYER

O Lord God
Nordic Choir alumni are invited to join in;
stand and sing from where you are seated.

BENEDICTION

Hallelujah Chorus—all sing

G.F. Handel

RECESSIONAL

Fantasy in G Major, BWV 572

J. S. Bach
Gregory Peterson ’83

Reception immediately following in Bentdahl Commons and Valders Concourse.
Following the service and reception, shuttles to the parking lots will run every 15 minutes until 4 p.m.

SOLI DEO GLORIA

1. O God of blessings, all praise to you!
Your love surrounds us our whole life through.
You are the freedom of those oppressed;
You are the comfort of all distressed.
Come now, O holy and welcome guest:
Whose life of service brought us to you:
fall; With them may we live your Gospel call:
true With all creation one song we raise:

2. All praise for wisdom, great gift of
Through words and teachers of every time;
For stories ancient and knowledge fire.
For coaches, mentors, and counselors small.
Whose life of service brought us to you:
fall; With them may we live your Gospel call:
true With all creation one song we raise:
true With all creation one song we raise:

3. All praise for prophets, through grace inspired
To preach and witness with hearts on found,
Through hands and voices in holy vine
Through word and witness, in bread and song,
For stories ancient and knowledge fire.
For stories ancient and knowledge fire.
Are the comforts of all distressed.
Are the comforts of all distressed.
Whose life of service brought us to you:
Whose life of service brought us to you:

4. All praise for music, deep gift of
With hearts on found,
In holy vine
In holy vine
For stories ancient and knowledge fire.
For stories ancient and knowledge fire.

5. All praise for Jesus, best gift of
deep gift of
With hearts on found,
In holy vine
In holy vine
For stories ancient and knowledge fire.
For stories ancient and knowledge fire.
Are the comforts of all distressed.
Are the comforts of all distressed.
Whose life of service brought us to you:
Whose life of service brought us to you:

6. All of voices in one great
song, Now soft and gentle, now deep and through.
You are the freedom of those oppressed;
You are the comfort of all distressed.
Come now, O holy and welcome guest:
Whose life of service brought us to you:
fall; With them may we live your Gospel call:
true With all creation one song we raise:

So-li De-o glo-ri-a! So-li De-o glo-ri-a!

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Weston Noble passed away peacefully December 21, 2016, at age 94, in Decorah, Iowa. Weston was a highly accomplished and honored American music educator and conductor. Most recently the Johnson Professor Emeritus of Music at Luther College, Weston had a 57-year tenure as a conductor and teacher at Luther.

Weston was born in Riceville, Iowa, on November 30, 1922. After beginning his education in a one-room country schoolhouse, he attended Riceville High School, where he played in the school band, sang in the choir and performed clarinet solos at state music contests. Graduating from high school at age 16, Weston enrolled at Luther College in 1939. Majoring in history, in his second year he began leading rehearsals for the choral ensemble, Schola Cantorum. He completed his student teaching at Decorah High School.

In February 1943, the spring semester of his senior year, Weston was called to active military duty. The college arranged for Weston and his fellow classmates to accelerate their studies and complete their final semester prior to Commencement; he graduated magna cum laude. He saw action in the Battle of the Bulge in 1944 as a tank driver and was part of the main Allied attack on Nazi Germany in 1945.

Weston returned to Iowa in 1946, where he taught at the high school and directed the school’s music program in Lu Verne. After teaching for two years, he began graduate studies in music at the University of Michigan, and in 1948 Luther College asked Weston to fill a one-year faculty appointment as interim director of the band and choir. His appointment became permanent in 1950.

Weston received acclaim from across the country and the world as the conductor of the Luther College Nordic Choir from 1948 to 2005, the Luther College Concert Band from 1948 to 1973, and as guest director for more than 900 all-state bands, orchestras, choirs, and festivals across four continents. Most recently, he conducted the Pacific Summer Music Festival of Guam, Korea National Choir in Seoul, and the International Schools Festival in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

Following year-long guest residencies at Carthage College, Wartburg College, and Augustana College (Sioux Falls), Weston worked part time for the Luther College Development Office.

Weston was a charter member of the American Choral Directors Association and an elected member of the American Bandmasters Association. In 1994 the North Central Division of the American Choral Directors Association established the Weston H. Noble Award for Lifetime Achievement. Weston was the first to be honored by this award.

Because of his outstanding contributions to choral music, Weston was the recipient of the Robert Lawson Shaw Award given by the American Choral Directors Association. For his impressive contributions to instrumental music, he was awarded the 2008 Midwest Clinic Medal of Honor, given by the International Convention of Band and Orchestra Directors. In the field of music education, the National Federation of State High School Associations recognized him as the Outstanding Music Educator of the United States, and the National Association for Music Education awarded him the Lowell Mason Fellow Award.

Weston held honorary doctoral degrees from Augustana College (South Dakota), St. Olaf College, Westminster Choir College of Rider University, Carthage College and Wartburg College. He was awarded the St. Olav’s Medal from King Harald V of Norway for his contributions to Norwegian-American relations.

In honor and celebration of Weston’s love of concert tours and commitment to international travel, memorial gifts received today will benefit the Luther College Friends of International Touring scholarship, which helps to cover international touring expenses for student-musicians with demonstrated financial need. If you’d like to direct your gift to a different designation, please contact the Luther College Development Office at 1-800-225-8664.