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#### JULTIDE AT BETHANY CELEBRATES TWO ANNIVERSARIES

LINDSBORG, Kan.—The annual music event, Jultide at Bethany, will be December 6 at 4 p.m. The program is the college's way of wishing the local communities a happy holiday.

This year's Jultide at Bethany program also celebrates two significant anniversaries. The first is the bicentennial anniversary of the birth of composer Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847). To mark this occasion, the program will include two of his most beloved choral works, "Behold, a Star from Jacob Shining," from the incomplete oratorio *Christus*, and "Grant Peace, We Pray," both performed by the Bethany Choir, Chapel Choir and Bethany College/Lindsborg Community Orchestra.

This year also marks the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the Bethany Choir. The cover art on this year's printed program, featuring the Magi with the Virgin Mary and Child, comes from the Bethany yearbook, *The Daisy*, from 1935, the year of the choir's founding. In that publication, each section of the yearbook was introduced by a title page featuring a theme based on one movement from Handel's *Messiah*. These pages were designed by F. Leonard Stout, class of 1937.

The music and readings, all based around the theme "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly," lead the audience through the infancy of Christ, from the annunciation of Gabriel to the Virgin Mary up to the presentation of Jesus in the temple by his parents.

The event is free and open to the public.

Bethany College, established by Swedish Lutheran immigrants in 1881, is a college of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. The mission of Bethany College is to educate, develop and challenge individuals to reach for truth and excellence as they lead lives of faith, learning and service. Bethany College is on the Web at [www.bethanylb.edu](http://www.bethanylb.edu).