

Mt. Gretna Bible Festival

Choir Festival

an annual tradition since 1959

Sunday, July 30, 2023, 7:00 pm



Dr. Robert Lau

Dr. Lau, a native of Lebanon, is Professor Emeritus of Music at Lebanon Valley College, where he taught for 22 years and was chair of the music department for 11 years. He has more than 500 choral and keyboard works published by the leading music publishing companies in the US. He is the first “local” composer to be our guest conductor.

**This Year's
Guest
Conductor**



All music provided without charge to choir members by...



Please NOTE: *If you receive music and find you cannot sing in the choir festival, we ask you to either return the music to the Bible Festival or send a check to Loser's for \$45.00.*

**Important Rehearsal Information – Please Read Carefully
(Changed from previous years)**

- 1) If you plan to sing in the choir festival this year, **PUT THE LAST THREE SUNDAY AFTERNOONS IN JULY ON YOUR CALENDAR NOW.** We will expect you to attend all the July rehearsals; they will all be conducted by Dr. Robert Lau, our guest conductor for the program. We want the full choir together so that Dr. Lau can blend us together for the final program.

2)

(PLEASE NOTE Rehearsal TIMES and LOCATIONS)

At First United Methodist Church, Hershey – 64 West Chocolate Ave., Hershey PA (717) 533-9668, south side of W. Chocolate (Route 422), about 1 block west of former chocolate factory; across the street from the Hershey Museum (The Hershey Story)

Sunday, June 4, 2023 (2-4 pm) Led by Shawn Gingrich

At St. Andrews Presbyterian Church - 600 S. 12th St. St., Lebanon, PA Phone – 717-272-9933. Church is in the southwest part of Lebanon, six blocks south of Route 322.

Saturday, June 16, 2023 (10-12 am) Led by Robert Lau

At Lititz Church of the Brethren – 300 West Orange St., Lititz, PA Phone (717) 626-2131 From Route 501, turn west on W. Orange Street 4/10 mile.

Church is second church on left, across from Warwick High School

Monday, June 26 , 2023 (7-9 pm) Led by Shawn Gingrich

FINAL REHEARSALS (July) –We expect all who want to sing on July 30 to attend!

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Sundays, July 16 & 23, 2023 (2-4 pm) Led by Robert Lau

At the Mt. Gretna Tabernacle – 3rd St. & Glossbrenner Ave., Mt. Gretna Campmeeting area, south of Route # 117

Sunday, July 30, 2023 (2-5pm) – A box lunch will be served to choir members after rehearsal.

- 3) **We expect singers to come to the July 30 rehearsal with the music learned!! And we expect that you have attended the other two July rehearsals,** so that our guest director can help us sing the music with expression and feeling.
- 4) **IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT** – As in previous years, because of limited space on the platform, we are limited to the first **175** persons who register. **Please register EARLY!** Again this year we would like to balance the sections a bit more , **so we are limiting the women's sections (soprano/alto) to the first 55 registrations in each part**, thereby opening up 35 positions in each of the men's sections (tenor/bass)
- 5) We are asking a REGISTRATION FEE of **\$15 (also a change)** for each singer. This fee will:
- assure you of a spot in the choir, and
 - provide a box lunch (prices have gone up) for you on the day of the program, plus help to cover other necessary expenses.
 - If the registration fee is a burden for anyone, please indicate that on the registration form.

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Choir Festival
July 30, 2023 – 7:00 pm – Mt. Gretna Tabernacle

We are happy to again invite you and your singing friends to join us in making music to the glory of God through the Choir Festival at the Mt. Gretna Bible Festival on July 30, 2023. These are the anthems we will be singing this summer. (Most of these can be found online. You may search and listen to them, and they will help you learn the anthems.)

Theme - **THROUGH THE CHURCH YEAR WITH ROBERT LAU**

OPENING HYMN (with congregation) – “Holy, Holy, Holy” (Hinshaw HMC 2226)

ADVENT – “Is Your Heart Prepared for a King?” (Flammer A-6782)

CHRISTMAS - “As I Went to Bethlehem” (Hinshaw HMC 1674)

EPIPHANY – “Fairest Lord Jesus” (Flammer A-7860)

Piano/Organ Solo

LENT – “Eat This Bread, Drink This Wine” (Lorenz E 198)

“See How He Dies” (Lorenz 10/1215 L)

EASTER – “Alleluias!” (Paraclete PPM-0920)

Offering

EASTER - “Sing to the Lord a New Song” (Paraclete PPM-00715)

PENTECOST – “Like the Murmur of the Dove’s Song” Hope (C-5518)

Piano/Organ Solo

GENERAL – “All Things Bright and Beautiful” (Morningstar MSM-50-7081))

CLOSING HYMN (with congregation) – “Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”
(Hinshaw HMC 1810)

Please work with us as we make an effort to better balance the sections of the choir. This may mean that some women who would like to sing may not be able to. But we encourage you to make a special effort to invite tenors and basses you know to register and sing with us this year. We will evaluate this effort at the end of the season.

Loser’s Music in Lebanon has again generously agreed to provide copies of these anthems to each singer **FREE OF CHARGE!!** We appreciate this contribution of Loser’s to our program! Please indicate on the registration form how you wish to receive the anthems:

- d) At Loser’s store,
- e) At a June rehearsal, OR
- f) By mail (S&H: 1 or 2 packets - \$10; 3-14 packets - \$14; 15 or more packets - \$18).

We prefer you pick up music either at Loser’s or at a June rehearsals.

**When you are in Loser’s, please tell them “Thank You” for their generosity
to the Mt. Gretna Bible Festival.**

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Registration Form

Send this form, along with a check for the registration fee (\$15/singer), to:

Mt. Gretna Bible Festival, Attn: Don Zechman, 521 West Second Ave., Apt. 1014, Lititz, PA 17543

(Please return this form no later than May 15, 2023.
Music must be picked up by May 31 or registration will be cancelled.)

Name _____ Phone _____

(If you are registering for a group of singers, please put each name, voice part, and email address on another sheet of paper.)

Street
Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Voice Part: S A T B

Email address: (to contact you quickly, if necessary) _____

My choice for receiving the FREE packet of music:

Pick up at Loser's (between May 1 & June 2) (not available before May 1)

Pick up at rehearsal – June 4, June 17, June 26 (circle one)

Mail to me at above address

Please include a separate check made out to Mt. Gretna Bible Festival for S&H:
for 1 or 2 packets - \$10;
for 3-14 packets - \$14;
15 or more packets - \$18.

I do NOT plan to eat the box lunch provided.

I do NOT wish to continue getting mailings about this choir festival.

Feedback is welcomed!

Please return this registration form as soon as you can! We expect the registrations to fill up quickly.

Invite your friends and neighbors who like to sing to join us this summer!