

Our Director



Erin Rohde

Meet Erin!

Erin has her degree in General and Vocal Music Education from the University of Minnesota, and has been in many choral ensembles, both here and abroad, including the Minnesota Chorale. Erin taught at Hope Academy in Minneapolis for several years, where she worked to turn the K-5 elementary music class from a room with tables and worksheets into a dynamic program filled with singing and playing, music literacy, movement, improvisation, and composition.

Erin began walking with Jesus at 13, and is passionate about young people being spiritually equipped. Reviving the children's choir ministry at Trinity in 2023, Erin counts it an immense privilege to continue the important work of raising up a singing generation in the church, with Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs to carry through life.

Erin enjoys books and people, hot beverages, Muppets, the oxford comma, and is a delighted resident of Cedar Falls with her husband, Erik, and children Carter, Ethan, Fiona and Peter.

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Practice

Our Kids Choir practice schedule will follow the Awana schedule. (Every Wednesday that we have Awana we will also have choir practice.) You can find the Awana schedule HERE.

- Please check in your student(s) a few minutes early so that they are ready to start practice promptly at 5:30pm.
- Practice will run from 5:30pm-6:15pm.

Though we understand that availability can change throughout the year, regular and prompt attendance will be best to continue to build skills and prepare for our performance schedule.

Volunteer Opportunities

Throughout the school year, there are several opportunities where volunteers are needed at Kids Choir! If you would be interested in serving the Kids Choir in any of the following ways, please email Erin at **erinmrohde@gmail.com**

- Volunteering during practice time on Wednesdays
- Making dessert(s) for performance receptions
- Sunday morning performance help



Behavioral Conduct

Singing for our congregation on Sundays and special events is an awesome privilege! To be able to prepare and perform well, we need to practice well and work together for a shared result. All students doing their best and respecting the time and hard work of their peers will allow us to learn more, sing well, have a lot of fun, and, most importantly, to honor God in our collective work.

During Rehearsals:

If a choir member/child/student is making choices that are hindering themselves or their peers from participating in our rehearsal or following an activity laid out by the leader, the following protocols will be followed:

- 1. First, the student will be redirected and given the chance to re-engage in the activity. If they persist in their choices, are defiant, or need to be redirected a second time during the rehearsal
- 2. They will be asked to sit out for a time, and will be invited to re-engage in the rehearsal when they are prepared to do so appropriately.
- 3. If a student has had to sit out during a rehearsal on another occasion, Mrs. Rohde will contact the parent(s) or guardian of the child.
- 4. After that, if that same student needs to sit out during a rehearsal a third time, that child will be invited to listen to the choir sing at our next Sunday or special event while sitting with their family. If this occurs, the child is still invited, and encouraged, to attend any rehearsals leading up to the performance, with the hope that they will continue to learn with the rest of the choir and be prepared to sing with us at the next Sunday or special event on our schedule.

During Sunday Services or Special Events:

If a choir member/child/student is making choices that are hindering themselves or their peers from participating in our preparations on a Sunday morning or before a special event, the following protocols will be followed:

- 1. First, the student will be redirected and given the chance to re-engage in the activity. If they persist in their choices, are defiant, or need to be redirected a second time
- 2. They will be asked to sit out for a time, and will be invited to re-engage in the rehearsal when they are prepared to do so appropriately.
- 3.If a child has had to sit out during a rehearsal a second time, they will stay with a Kids Choir volunteer during the following performance that day, and listen to the choir sing. If there are more services left that day, the child will be invited to re-engage with the group and sing in the following performances, if they display appropriate participation.
- 4.After that, if that same student needs to sit out during a service for a second time, that child will be invited to sit with their family for the remainder of the morning or special event.

Performance Schedule

Kids Choir will follow the Awana Schedule for practice dates. (Every Wednesday that we have Awana we will also have choir practice.) Click HERE to view the 2025-26 Awana Calendar. *This year, we will also have practice on May 7th and 14th. These practices will take us up to our Spring Concert.

Date Celebration

Sun, Nov 2nd Sunday Services

Sun, Dec 21st Sunday Services

Sun, Jan 18th OR

Sun, Jan 25th

Missions Conference Services TBD

Sun, Mar 29th Palm Sunday Services

Sun, May 3rd Spring Concert @ 4pm



Performance Procedures

Sunday Morning Performance

8:45a, 9:30a & 11a Services

- Please have your choir student(s) arrive at 8:45a.
- Check into TreeHouse (at the iPads) and drop your student(s) off in the Clubhouse.
- Sound Check will start promptly at 9a in the Worship Center.
- Students will sing at the end of the 8:45a service, then sing at the beginning of the 9:30a service before singing at TreeHouse kids.
- Students will then go to their respective classrooms for the remainder of the service.
 Mrs. Rohde will then gather Choir students at the end of TreeHouse to prep for singing at the 11a service.
- Between services students are encouraged to stay with Mrs. Rhode. A snack will be provided for students at this time.
- Students will then sing at the start of the 11a service before singing at TreeHouse one
 last time.
- If you wish to follow your student out of the 11a service, please follow them into the Clubhouse and watch/wait for your student to finish singing for TreeHouse Kids.
- Your student will always be dismissed from the Clubhouse on these performance days. A security team member will be present to check you out, so don't forget your security tags!

Sunday Morning Performance (No TreeHouse Kids)

8:45a, 9:30a & 11a Services

- Please have your choir student(s) arrive at 8:45a. (Meet in the clubhouse)
- Students will sing at the end of the 8:45a service, then sing at the beginning of the 9:30a service.
- Students will then be dismissed to sit with their grown-ups during the current service (there will be NO TreeHouse classes that day).
- Directly after the 9:30a service, please bring your student(s) back to the clubhouse, so that the choir can prepare for the 11a service. A snack will be provided.
- After opening the 11a service, students will be released to their grown-ups (in the Clubhouse), either to stay for the 11a service or to go home.

Worship Night Performance

6p- Worship Center

- Please have your choir student(s) arrive at 5:30p. (Meet in the clubhouse)
- The Kids Choir will open the Worship Night and will be dismissed to sit with you
 after they sing to worship together for the remainder of the worship time.

End of Year Concert

5p-Sanctuary

- Please have your choir student(s) arrive at half hour before the start of the
 performance. (Meet in the Sanctuary)
- Your student will be released to you at the end of the performance.

Song Bank

Here you can find links to songs we will work on throughout the year. Practicing at home is a great way for your student to have a head start before coming to practice!

Kids Choir Repertoire (2024-25)

Youtube Playlist: Click **HERE**

Hymns of the Month (2024-25)

September: Come Thou Almighty King

October: Christ the Solid Rock (My Hope is Built on Nothing Less)

January: O, How Sweet to Trust in Jesus

February: Jesus Shall Reign March: Softly and Tenderly April: To God be the Glory

Spring Concert Rehearsal Guide

Click HERE

Past Repertoire

2023-24: HERE



Camp



At Kids Choir Camp, we have a lot of fun as we grow in our musical skills - with activities surrounding Pitch, Rhythm, Music Literacy, Movement, and Improvisation - and learn songs that we share in a concert at the close of the camp! This camp is a "stand-alone" event: kids do not need to have participated in Kid's Choir previously in order to attend the camp. It is free and open to kids entering 1st-6th grades. We would love to have your child(ren) join us - it's going to be a blast!

If you are interested in volunteering for an event like this, see our volunteer opportunities section of this booklet.









YOUTH CHOIR

Practice Recordings

What I See- Alto What I See- Soprano What I See- Tenor

Only A Holy God- Alto Only A Holy God- Soprano Only A Holy God- Tenor

To God Be The Glory- Alto
To God Be The Glory- Soprano
To God Be The Glory- Tenor

"Promises" Choir Book

Click HERE for the "Promises" playlist.

Youth Choir YouTube Playlist

Click HERE for the Youth Choir playlist.