

# HOUSTON LUTHERAN CHORALE

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## Houston Lutheran Chorale Looks Forward, Marks Past

The Houston Lutheran Chorale is already more than halfway through our spring rehearsal season which will culminate in our traditional Independence Day concert, *I Thank You, God!*, on Saturday, July 4, at 6:00 p.m. This year's concert features a variety of patriotic music, hymn tunes, contemporary works, and Broadway musical selections.

The Chorale continues to the end of July this summer when we sing the National Anthem for Lutheran Social Services of the South night at Minute Maid Park on Saturday, July 25. The Astros will play the New York Mets; current game time is 6:05 p.m.

In Fall 2009, HLC will begin to celebrate our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The Christmas concert series will feature an alumni choir in the second half and all former Chorale members are urged to be a part of this special celebration! There will be additional special events in 2010.

And, of course, the traditional Oktoberfest fundraiser dinners will be held – mark your calendars for Friday, October 2 and Saturday, October 3 and make plans to join us for excellent food and fellowship. We ask you to keep this and all of the Chorale's endeavors in your continued prayers, and thank you for your support throughout the years.



*From the Director...*

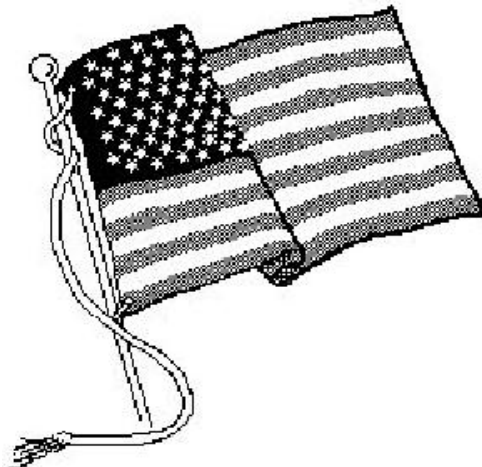
***I THANK YOU, GOD!*** is the title of this year's Houston Lutheran Chorale Independence Day concert. I thank you God for ... faith, family, and country. What else are you thankful for? In a time of economic uncertainty in America and the world, it is easy to forget the many blessings in our lives. Join us on the birth of our nation as we celebrate the gift of music and freedom.

Come and hear patriotic favorites like the "You're a Grand Old Flag," and "Salute to the Armed Forces," the popular classic, "You Raise Me Up," and church numbers like "O Clap Your Hands" and "Lamb of God." Following the concert, the Chorale will provide the opportunity for fellowship before the downtown firework display with a variety of food and drink available.

For ticket information, call (713) 869-8486 or visit online at <http://www.hlc-tx.org>.

It is our prayer that the ministry of the Houston Lutheran Chorale can share the love of Christ through our music and remind today's society that God is a vital part of our lives in America.

***I THANK YOU, GOD!***  
Independence Day Concert  
July 4, 2009 – 6:00 PM  
Trinity Lutheran Church  
800 Houston Ave  
Houston, TX 77007





## Houston Lutheran Chorale Celebrates 25 Years!

This fall marks the start of the Houston Lutheran Chorale's 25<sup>th</sup> year. Twenty-five years of music ministry which included over 200 concerts, 900 pieces of music, and thousands touched through the ministry of the HLC.

This Christmas Concert on December 5 & 6, 2009 will feature an HLC alumni choir. We will rehearse Saturday, November 14 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., with sectionals in the morning and a full rehearsal in the afternoon. Lunch will be provided. We will feature Chorale favorites over the 25 years. For more information, see our website <http://www.hlc-tx.org>.

Houston Lutheran Chorale *presents*  
The 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Concert  
December 5, 2009 – 7:00 p.m.  
St. Mark Lutheran

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The 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Concert  
December 6, 2009 – 3:00 p.m.  
Trinity Lutheran, Downtown

## Oktoberfest 2009

Friday, October 2 and Saturday, October 3

You are invited to join us for the fourth annual Oktoberfest in the home of Jason and Cheryl Mangels at 1530 Ashford Parkway. Join us for good German food, beverages, and music. The social hour will begin in the Biergarten at 6:00 p.m. with appetizers and beverages (including German beers and wines), with dinner at 7:00 p.m. The scrumptious meal is created and served by Chorale members.

The cost is \$75 per person, a portion of which is tax deductible. Dress is business casual.

To make your reservation, call Carolyn Heine at (713) 869-8486 or email [caheine@comcast.net](mailto:caheine@comcast.net).

This is the Chorale's major fundraiser for the purchase of music and general operating expenses. Oktoberfest is sponsored in part by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.





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*To reserve your complimentary tickets, call number listed  
above or order through our website <http://www.hlc-tx.org>.*