

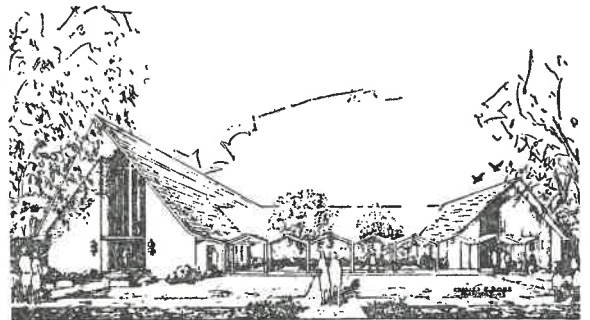
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*To the Glory  
of  
God  
We Dedicate  
Saint Paul  
Lutheran Church*

PARKERSBURG, WEST VIRGINIA



October 6-13, 1968

## SERVICE OF DEDICATION

4:00 p.m. — Sunday, October 6, 1968 XVII p. Trinity

Weather permitting, we shall gather on the front sidewalk to enter the main doors of the Sanctuary. (In case of light rain, the covered sidewalk will afford shelter. In very inclement weather, we shall gather in the former church for passage up through the new basement.)

Participants shall assemble before the church doors for the opening ceremony according to the following order:

1. The Pastor and Assisting Clergy
2. The Architect and Builder (and their representatives)
3. The Building Committee
4. The Elders and Ushers
5. The Choirs
6. The Congregation and Guests

The Builder shall present the key to the Architect saying:

This building has been completed by our craftsmen according to the specifications and in token of this we present this key.

The Architect shall cut the ribbon and present the key to the chairman of the Building Committee saying:

This building has been completed to our design. It is our sincere hope and prayer that the congregation and the community will find in this design a desire to worship and hear the Word of the God whom this church honors.

The chairman of the Building Committee shall present the key to the chairman of the Board of Elders saying:

Your committee has completed the task given to it by St. Paul Lutheran congregation. In token of the completion of this work we give this key to you as the representatives of the congregation. We feel that this house of worship and Christian education will be of full service to the congregation in its program, giving honor to God who has guided and directed our task.

The chairman of the Board of Elders and the President of the congregation shall unlock and open the doors.

The chairman of the Board of Elders shall extend the invitation to the congregation saying:

Whereas by the grace of God we are permitted this day to dedicate this building to God, we hereby open the doors for the preaching of the saving Word of God in accordance with our Lutheran Confessions, for the administration of the Sacrament according to our Lord's institution, for the offering to God of the sacrifice of prayer and thanksgiving, and for the teaching of His Word to the children and adults of this congregation.

## THE ENTRANCE

Following the participants and the officiants, the entire assembly will enter the church reverently and quietly while the prelude is played. Seats will be occupied from the front towards the rear, as directed by the ushers. The choirs go immediately to the balcony.

THE PRELUDE-----Mrs. Charles Caltrider, Organist

THE OPENING HYMN OF PRAISE (Congregation standing)

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,  
the King of Creation"-----LH., No. 39

(The congregation sings alternately with the choirs  
stanzas 1, 3, 5; choirs only, 2 and 4)

The Trumpeters: Jo Lea Hastings, Robert Baker

### THE RITE OF DEDICATION

**Minister:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and  
of the Holy Ghost.

**Congregation:** Amen.

**Minister:** We are assembled here today to dedicate this  
St. Paul Lutheran Church to the glory of God, to  
the worship of His Holy Name, and to the service  
of Christ and His Kingdom.

**Congregation:** The Lord bless our coming in and going out  
forevermore. Peace be unto this house and to all  
who enter.

**Minister:** O Lord, our God, to Thee we dedicate this build-  
ing, the altar, pulpit, font and other chancel ap-  
pointments for holy use; for worship in prayer and  
praise, for the ministry of the Word; for faithful  
administration of the sacraments of Holy Baptism  
and of Holy Communion.

**Congregation:** May it ever be a holy place where we shall  
bring our prayers, our hymns of praise, our offer-  
ings, ourselves; for Thy glory, O Lord, and for  
Thy service.

**Minister:** We dedicate this church with all its appointments  
a holy place for the conversion of sinners, the  
edifying of saints, the comfort of the sorrowing,  
the strength of the tempted, the guidance of the  
perplexed.

**Congregation:** May it be said of us and of all whom the Lord  
will here add to His Church, "Blessed are they  
that hear the Word of God and keep it."

**Minister:** We dedicate this church and set it apart as Thy  
house, O God, the house of prayer, of worship and  
praise, for all people.

**Congregation:** May it ever serve to build faith in Christ  
Crucified as the only hope for a dying world.

**Minister:** We dedicate this church to the study of God's  
Word by old and young that it may shape our  
thoughts and life.

**Congregation:** May it ever be a place where we can sit at  
Jesus' feet to hear the One Thing Needful and  
from which we shall go forth to tell all men of  
our Savior.

**Minister:** We dedicate this church to the faith of our Fathers  
who have fought the good fight of faith, and await  
our glory with them.

**Congregation:** May we here ever exemplify the fellowship  
of the saints on earth, the love of the brethren,  
the unity of the spirit.

**Minister:** I do now set apart this St. Paul Lutheran Church  
as a house of worship dedicated to the Almighty  
God.

**Congregation:** To the Father, and to the Son, and to the  
Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE ORDER OF VESPERS-----LH., p. 41

THE PSALMODY-----Psalm 150

THE GLORIA PATRI-----LH., p. 41

THE ANTHEM---"The Heavens Are Telling"---Beethoven  
By the Adult Choir, Mrs. E. H. Albrecht, Director

THE LESSONS-----II Timothy 3, 14-17; Matthew 5, 13-17

THE ANTHEM---"Holy God, We Praise Thy Name"  
By the Children's Choir, Miss Ruth Ann Gustke, Director

THE PRE-SERMON HYMN

"Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"-----LH., No. 1

THE SERMON-----The Reverend Paul Stanko  
Second Vice President, Ohio District  
The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod

THE VOLUNTARY-----Offertory

(The offering received during the voluntary and the  
singing of the choirs will be used for the Building Fund)

"Go Not Far from Me"-----by the Adult Choir

"The Common Doxology"-----by the Children's Choir

THE DEDICATORY HYMN

"Now Thank We All Our God"-----P. E. Kretzmann  
(Tune: LH. No. 36. On the final, doxological  
stanza, the congregation rises)

Now thank we all our God,  
The Father of creation,  
Who through these many

years  
Has kept our life and  
station.

To Him we dedicate  
This house, and to His  
name,

That it may serve to spread  
The glory of His fame.

Now thank we all our God,  
The Son who has re-  
deemed us;

As God's own sons and heirs  
In grace He has esteemed  
us.

This house to Him in love  
We gladly dedicate;  
His name we shall proclaim,  
His glory shall make great.

Now thank we all our God,  
The Spirit who enlightens  
The darkness of our hearts  
And all our pathway  
brightens;

In Word and Sacrament  
His blessings we receive  
And gladly we confess:  
In Thee, Lord, we believe.

Now thank we all our God,  
The Father, Son, and  
Spirit,

Who chose us as His own  
Without our worth and  
merit.

We dedicate to Him  
This house of Word and  
prayer,

And place it truthfully  
In His most gracious care.

THE VERSICLE-----LH., p. 42

THE CANTICLE---The Nunc Dimittis-----LH., p. 43

THE KYRIE  
 THE LORD'S PRAYER  
 THE COLLECT  
 THE SALUTATION  
 THE COLLECT FOR PEACE  
 THE BENEDICAMUS  
 THE BENEDICTION  
 THE POSTLUDE

The Acolyte: Tom Huffman

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**THE KINDERGARTEN SERVICE**

7:30 p.m. — Monday, October 7, 1968

THE PRELUDE.....Mrs. Charles Caltrider, Organist  
 THE OPENING HYMN  
 "Let Children Hear the Mighty Deeds".....LH., No. 629  
 THE ORDER OF VESPERS.....LH., p. 41  
 THE PSALMODY.....Psalm 23  
 THE GLORIA PATRI.....LH., p. 41  
 THE ANTHEM....."I Am Jesus' Little Lamb"  
 By the Children's Choir—Miss Ruth Ann Gustke, Director  
 Miss Janis Gustke, Accompanist

THE LECTURE.....Mark 10, 13-15

THE HYMN ON TONIGHT'S GOSPEL  
 "Ye Parents, Hear What Jesus Taught".....LH., No. 630

THE SERMON.....The Reverend Lorenz Blankenbuehler  
 Founder of SPL Kindergarten  
 Pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church  
 Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

THE OFFERING  
 (The children of this year's Kindergarten class will move  
 forward at this time to sing)

THE KINDERGARTEN SONG-OFFERING —  
 "Jesus Is My Shepherd"

THE HYMN OF TRUST  
 "I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus".....LH., No. 428  
 (The children who are graduates of SPL have learned  
 this hymn and will join in singing it)

THE PRAYERS  
 THE KYRIE  
 THE LORD'S PRAYER  
 THE HYMN-PRAYER----"Now the Light Has Gone Away"  
 By the Children's Choir  
 THE BENEDICTION.....Sung by the Children's Choir  
 The Acolyte: David Gustke

**THE CONCERT OF SACRED MUSIC\***

8:00 p.m. — Tuesday, October 8, 1968

THE PRELUDE.....Mrs. Charles Caltrider, Organist  
 THE OPENING HYMN (The Congregation Standing)  
 "Praise the Almighty, My Soul, Adore Him"---LH., No. 26  
 THE VERSICLES OF VERSES —  
 (through the Gloria Patri only).....LH., p. 41  
 THE PSALMODY — Psalm 122.....Ed Sprague  
 "Jesus, Priceless Treasure".....J. S. Bach  
 "Now Let All the Heavens Adore Thee"  
 "Bless the Lord, Oh My Soul".....Ippolitoff Ivanoff  
 "Glory to God in the Highest".....Giovanni B. Pergolesi  
 "Holy, Holy, Holy".....Charles Gounod  
 (Tenor Soloist: Mr. Marden Wilson)  
 "The Lord Is My Shepherd"

THE OFFERING  
 "How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place".....Brahms  
 "Break Forth O Beauteous Heavenly Light"---J. S. Bach

**HYMNS FROM THE LUTHERAN HYMNAL**

(Congregation joining)  
 The Hymn of Thanksgiving: "We Praise Thee,  
 O God, Our Redeemer, Creator".....LH., No. 568  
 The Dedication Hymn: "In Loud  
 Exalted Strains".....LH., No. 638  
 "Jesu, Word of God Incarnate".....Wolfgang Mozart  
 THE BENEDICTION.....Rev. W. O. Neisch

The Acolyte: Jim Siebel

\*St. Paul Congregation expresses its gratitude to Professor Edward Sprague and the Parkersburg Choral Society for devoting time and talents to enhancing our dedication week with this fine concert of sacred music. The Parkersburg Choral Society is affiliated with the Fine Arts Council of our community. Special thanks is also due the accompanist, Mrs. David Clark, Music Director, First Presbyterian Church, Sistersville, W. Va. The Knight piano was furnished compliments of Carl's Keyboard Center.

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**THE CHURCH AND SACRED ART**

7:30 p.m. — Wednesday, October 9, 1968

THE PRELUDE.....Mrs. Donald Robinson, Organist  
 THE CALL TO WORSHIP—"The Lord Is in His Holy Temple"  
 The Adult Choir — Mrs. E. H. Albrecht, Director  
 THE OPENING HYMN —  
 "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord".....LH., No. 462  
 THE ORDER OF VESPERS.....LH., p. 41  
 THE PSALMODY.....Psalm 25

THE GLORIA PATRI-----LH., p. 41

THE LECTION-----I Kings, 6, 11-37

THE ANTHEM-----“Now Let All the Heavens Adore”  
The Adult Choir — Mrs. E. H. Albrecht, Director  
Mrs. Charles Caltrider, Accompanist

THE PRE-SERMON HYMN--“Beautiful Savior”\_LH., No. 657

THE SERMON-----The Reverend Robert Beyer  
Pastor, Buckhannon Lutheran Church  
Buckhannon, West Virginia

THE OFFERING

THE EVENING HYMN--“Abide, O Dearest Jesus”\_LH., No. 53

THE PRAYERS

BENEDICTION--“The Lord Bless You and Keep You”\_Lutkins  
The Adult Choir

The Acolyte: Jonathan Neisch

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NOTE: Art Gallery No. 2 of Lutheran Brotherhood National Student Art Award Program will be on display in our buildings through October 20th. This display is a part of Lutheran Brotherhood's Fine Arts Program, which provides encouragement and stimulation in the attainment of high standards of achievement and originality of expression through various media. This exhibit is open to the public daily between 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. Our thanks to Mrs. Kathryn F. Dailey, local representative of Lutheran Brotherhood (Life and Health Insurance), for her assistance in arranging for the exhibit.

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THE CHURCH AND MISSIONS

7:30 p.m. — Thursday, October 10, 1968

THE PRELUDE-----Mrs. James Scott

THE OPENING HYMN OF PRAISE —  
“From All That Dwell Below the Skies”-----LH., No. 15

THE ORDER OF VESPERS-----LH., p. 41

THE PSALMODY-----Psalm 67

THE GLORIA PATRI

THE LECTION

THE ANTHEM-----“All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name”  
The Adult Choir — Mrs. E. H. Albrecht, Director  
Mrs. Charles Caltrider, Accompanist

THE PRE-SERMON HYMN —  
“Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”-----LH., No. 360

THE SERMON-----The Reverend E. C. Kruse  
Pastor, Redeemer Lutheran Church  
South Charleston, W. Va.

THE OFFERING  
“A Mighty Fortress” — J. S. Bach-----The Adult Choir

THE HYMN-PRAYER FOR MISSIONS —  
“Awake, Thou Spirit, Who Didst Fire”\_LH., No. 494, 1.2.4

THE PRAYERS

THE BENEDICTION

THE CHOIR-----“Dear Lord and Father of Mankind”  
The Acolyte: Alan Pashkevich

THE DEAF SERVICE OF PRAISE IN THE SIGN  
LANGUAGE — 7:30 p.m. — Friday, October 11, 1968

THE OPENING HYMN, A CALL TO WORSHIP —  
“God Himself Is Present”-----LH., No. 4

THE ORDER OF VESPERS-----LH., p. 41ff

THE PSALMODY-----Psalm 117  
“Oh, praise the Lord, all ye nations; praise Him, all ye people. For His merciful kindness is great toward us; and the truth of the Lord endureth forever. Praise ye the Lord. Amen.”

THE GLORIA PATRI — “Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.”

THE LECTION-----Revelation 21, 1-5

THE RESPONSE —

Pastor: But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: Thanks be to Thee, O Lord.

THE HYMN OF WORSHIP AND PRAISE —  
“Jehovah, Let Me Now Adore Thee”-----LH., No. 21

THE SERMON-----The Reverend W. O. Neisch  
Pastor, St. Paul Lutheran Church  
and Minister to Parkersburg Area Deaf

THE OFFERING

THE HYMN TO THE SAVIOR —  
“Beautiful Savior”-----LH., No. 657

THE VERSICLE —

Pastor: Let my prayers be set forth before Thee as incense;  
People: And the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

THE CANTICLE----The Magnificat-----LH., p. 43

THE KYRIE — Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE SALUTATION, COLLECT, BENEDICAMUS,  
AND BENEDICTION-----LH., p. 45

The Acolyte: Jonathan Neisch

**THE YOUTH RALLY — Saturday Evening, October 12, 1968**

- 3 - 5 p.m. Arrival and registration of youth from Ashland, Ky.; Waverly and Chillicothe, Ohio; Huntington and South Charleston, W. Va.
- 6:00 p.m. Spaghetti supper in the church dining hall
- 7:30 p.m. Topic discussion led by Robert Baker, assistant adviser, St. Paul Walther League
- 8:30 p.m. Party initiating our new facilities
- 11:00 p.m. Meditation, Hymns for Now, and vespers in our new sanctuary, led by the Pastor and youth of St. Paul Walther League

The Acolyte: John Caltrider

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**THE SERVICE OF PRAISE**

11:00 a.m. — Sunday, October 13, 1968 XVIII p. Trinity

THE PRELUDE-----Mrs. Charles Caltrider, Organist

THE HYMN FOR BAPTISM —

“Dear Father Who Hast Made Us All”-----LH., No. 299  
THE INFANT BAPTISM of Mary Heather Heckman

THE ORDER OF MORNING SERVICE-----LH., p. 5

- The Invitation
- The Versicles
- The Confession of Sins and Announcement of God's Grace

THE OFFICE OF THE WORD

The Introit: “I was glad when they said unto me: Let us go into the house of the Lord.”  
The Combined Choirs

- The Collects
- The Old Testament Lesson-----Deuteronomy 10, 12-21
- The Epistle-----I Corinthians 1, 4-9
- The Gradual
- The Gospel-----Matthew 22, 34-46
- The Apostles' Creed
- The Anthem: “Thee, Lord, We Magnify”--the Adult Choir
- The Pre-Sermon Hymn —  
“We Sing the Almighty Power of God”---LH., No. 43
- The Sermon-----Rev. W. O. Neisch

THE OFFERING OF GIFTS AND PRAYERS TO GOD

- The Offertory (During the receipt of the offering, the Children's Choir will sing: “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”)
- The Prayers
- The Hymn of Glory — (Congregation stands)  
“Glory Be to God the Father”-----LH., No. 244
- The Benediction

The Acolyte: Tom Huffman



When twenty years ago some forty-five families chose north Parkersburg as the site to which to move from Red Hill after sixty years, it required trust in the blessings of God.

It was from among that same generation that encouragement was offered when doubts were expressed as to whether we could presently afford the undertaking of building another House of God. “Try Me and see if I will not open the very windows of heaven and pour out blessings . . .”, says our God.

This project is the fruition of the planning and giving by many over a period of years, which we acknowledge above and beyond the individual gifts recorded in our Book of Gifts and Memorials. Willing givers and the congregation blessed with their membership will reap His goodness.

Members and hired laborers alike have been pleased to see the fine attitude of Christian cooperation and spirit of common endeavor for the glory of God throughout the planning and building stages. May His Spirit of love and understanding continue to bless all who now and henceforth have use of these fine facilities which we dedicate in the name of our Triune God.

REVEREND W. O. NEISCH  
Pastor, 1963-

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“We thank everyone, young and old, who has given time and effort for the remodeling and painting in the old part of our building. Many, many hands have helped. Obviously, without this effort, we could not have these excellent facilities. May it all redound to our Lord's praise and honor and glory!”

— E. H. ALBRECHT, Congregation President

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