

THE ORDER  
FOR THE  
DEDICATION OF

Grace Lutheran Church



COOK, NEBR.

DECEMBER 16, 1951

Rev. O. Lehman, Pastor

“Therefore, when we build, let us think that we build forever. Let it be not for present delight, nor for present use alone; let it be such work as our descendants will thank us for; and let us think, as we lay stone upon stone, that a time is to come when those stones will be held sacred because our hands have touched them, and that men will say as they look upon the labor and the wrought substance of them, ‘See, This our fathers did for us.’ ”

—John Ruskin

# *The Service of Dedication*

## MORNING SERVICE, 10:30 A. M.



Officiating ministers: The Rev. Professor A. J. Engelbrecht, The Rev. R. Hanselmann, the local Pastor.

Organist: Miss Marjorie Seeba.

(If the weather permits, the congregation shall assemble at the main entrance for the door-opening ceremony)

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.  
**Amen.**

Psalm 24. (Read responsively.)

The earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof  
**The world, and they that dwell therein.**

For he hath founded it upon the seas  
**And established it upon the floods.**

Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord  
**Or who shall stand in his holy place?**

He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart  
**Who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully.**

He shall receive the blessing from the Lord  
**And righteousness from the God of his salvation.**

This is the generation of them that seek him  
**That seek thy face, O Jacob.**

Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors  
**And the King of glory shall come in.**

Who is this King of glory?  
**The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.**

Lift up your heads, O ye gates; even lift them up, ye everlasting doors  
**And the King of glory shall come in.**

Who is this King of glory?  
**The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.  
**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, ever one God, world without end. Amen.**

PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF THE KEYS AND OPENING OF THE DOORS

Peace be to this house  
**And to all that enter therein.**

(During the singing of the Processional Hymn, the officiating Pastors, the Church Council, the Building Committee, and the Choir, followed by the congregation, shall enter the church.)

(If the weather is unfavorable, the above ceremony will be omitted. In that case the congregation will enter the church immediately and the service will begin with a prelude and the processional hymn.)

### THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN, "OPEN NOW THY GATES OF BEAUTY"

Open now thy gates of beauty,  
Zion, let me enter there  
Where my soul in joyful duty  
Waits on Him who answers prayer.  
Oh, how blessed is this place,  
Filled with solace, light and grace!

Lord, my God, I come before Thee,  
Come Thou also down to me;  
Where I find Thee and adore Thee,  
There a heaven on earth must be.  
With Thy grace O enter Thou,  
Make my heart Thy temple now.

Here Thy praise is gladly chanted,  
Here Thy seed is duly sown;  
Let my soul, Thy blessing granted,  
Precious sheaves bring forth alone.  
Grant that all I hear may be  
Fruitful unto life in me.

Thou my faith increase and quicken,  
Let us keep that gift divine;  
When temptations come and thicken,  
Make Thy Word forever shine  
As my guiding star through life,  
As my comfort in my strife.

Speak, O Lord, and I will hear Thee,  
Let Thy will be done indeed;  
May I undisturbed draw near Thee  
While Thou dost Thy people feed;  
Here of life the fountain flows,  
Here is balm for all our woes.

### THE LESSON: Ephesians 2:13-22

### THE DEDICATORY PRAYER

**THE RITE OF DEDICATION:** And now, we do set apart and dedicate to the glory of Almighty God and to the service of His Holy Church, this sanctuary and this entire building of Grace Lutheran Church: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

### THE INTROIT (Read by the Pastor)

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, ever one God, world without end. Amen.**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Christ, have mercy upon us.

**Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Glory be to God on high.

**Glory be to God on high,**

**And on earth peace, good will toward men.**

**We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,**

**We glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory,**

**O Lord God, heav'nly King,**

God the Father Almighty.  
O Lord, the Only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
That takest away the sin of the world.  
Have mercy upon us.  
Thou that takest away the sin of the world,  
Receive our prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,  
Have mercy upon us.  
For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord;  
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,  
Art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Lord be with you.  
And with Thy Spirit.

THE COLLECT  
Amen.

THE EPISTLE: Romans 11:33-36

ANTHEM: "PRAISE YE THE LORD" ----- Choir

THE GOSPEL: John 3:1-15

THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only-begotten Son of God, Begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; Who, for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, And was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins; And I look for the Resurrection of the dead; And the Life of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN: "NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD"

Now thank we all our God  
With hearts and hands and voices,  
Who wondrous things hath done,  
In whom the world rejoices;  
Who from our mother's arms  
Hath blessed us on our way  
With countless gifts of love,  
And still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God  
Through all our life be near us,  
With ever joyful hearts  
And blessed peace to cheer us  
And keep us in His grace  
And guide us when perplexed  
And free us from all ills  
In this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God  
The Father now be given;  
Praise to the Son and Him  
Who reigns with them in heaven;

Praise to the triune God  
Whom earth and heaven adore;  
For thus it was, is now  
And shall be evermore.

**THE SERMON** ----- The Rev. Professor August J. Engelbrecht  
Wartburg Theological Seminary  
Dubuque, Iowa

**THE OFFERTORY**

Create in me a clean heart, O God: And renew a right spirit  
within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence: And take not  
Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy sal-  
vation: And uphold me with Thy free Spirit.

**HYMN: "A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD."** (During the  
singing of this hymn, the dedication offering will be received.)

A Mighty Fortress is our God,  
A trusty shield and weapon!  
He is our help in every need  
That hath us now o'er taken.  
The old bitter foe  
Now means deadly woe;  
Deep guile and cruel might  
Are his dread arms in fight:  
On earth is not his equal.

With might of ours can naught be  
done,  
Soon were our loss effected;  
But for us fights the valiant One  
Whom God Himself elected.  
Ask ye, Who is He?  
Christ Jesus here see  
As God of hosts adored,  
Our only King and Lord:  
He holds the field for ever.

Though devils all the world should fill,  
All watching to devour us,  
We tremble not, we fear no ill,  
They cannot overpower us.  
This world's prince may still  
Scowl fierce as he will;  
He yet can harm us none,  
For he is judged, undone!  
One little word o'erthrows him.

The Word of God they shall let stand  
Nor any thanks have for it;  
Here Christ Himself leads the com-  
mand  
With His good gifts and Spirit.  
Take they then our life,  
Goods, fame, child and wife;  
When they their worst have done,  
They yet have nothing won:  
The kingdom ours remaineth.

**PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER**

**BENEDICTION AND DOXOLOGY**

**RECOGNITION OF GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**POSTLUDE**



**THE NOON LUNCHEON WILL BE SERVED IN THE CHURCH  
BASEMENT IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE SERVICE.**



# The Order of the Afternoon Service

2:30 P. M.

LITURGIST-----The Rev. Karl Fullgrabe, Wymore, Nebraska

ORGAN PRELUDE-----Miss Marjorie Seeba

HYMN: "HOLY, HOLY, HOLY"

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall  
rise to Thee;

Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,  
God in Three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore  
Thee,  
Casting down their golden crowns  
around the glassy sea,  
Cherubim and seraphim falling down  
before Thee,  
Who wert and art and evermore shalt  
be.

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.  
Amen.

THE LESSON: Psalm 122

THE PRAYER

THE SERMON-----The Rev. J. H. Reents, Adams, Nebraska  
Chairman, the Southeast-Nebraska Conference

ANTHEM: "SEND OUT THY LIGHT"-----Choir

HYMN: "PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY"

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the  
King of creation;

O my soul, praise Him for He is thy  
health and salvation!

All ye who hear,  
Now to His temple draw near;  
Praise Him in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all  
things so wondrously reigneth,  
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so  
gently sustaineth;

Hast thou not seen  
How thy desires e'er have been  
Granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord! Who doth prosper  
thy work and defend thee;  
Surely His goodness and mercy here  
daily attend thee.

Ponder anew  
What the Almighty can do,  
If with His love He befriend thee.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the dark-  
ness hide Thee,  
Though the eye of sinful man Thy  
glory may not see,  
Only Thou art holy; there is none  
beside Thee,  
Perfect in power, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!  
All Thy works shall praise Thy name,  
in earth and sky and sea;  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,  
God in Three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Praise to the Lord who with mar-  
velous wisdom hath made thee!  
Decked thee with health, and with lov-  
ing hand guided and stayed thee;  
How oft in grief  
Hath not He brought thee relief,  
Spreading His wings e'er to shade  
thee!

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is  
in me adore Him!  
All that hath life and breath, come  
now with praises before Him!  
Let the Amen  
Sound from His people again;  
Gladly for aye we adore Him.

GREETINGS-----The Rev. F. Hefner  
Luther Memorial Church, Syracuse

HYMN: "CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS"

Crown Him with many crowns,  
The Lamb upon His throne;  
Hark, how the heavenly anthem  
drowns  
All music but its own!  
Awake, my soul, and sing  
Of Him who died for thee,  
And hail Him as thy chosen King  
Through all eternity.

Crown Him the Son of God  
Before the worlds began;  
And ye, who tread where He hath  
trod,  
Crown Him the Son of man,  
Who every grief hath known  
That wrings the human breast,  
And takes and bears them for His own  
That all in Him may rest.

Crown Him the Lord of life,  
Who triumphed o'er the grave  
And rose victorious in the strife  
For those He came to save.  
His glories now we sing,  
Who died, and rose on high,  
Who died, eternal life to bring,  
And lives that death may die.

Crown Him the Lord of heaven,  
Enthroned in worlds above,  
Crown Him the King to whom is  
given  
The wondrous name of Love.  
Crown Him with many crowns  
As thrones before Him fall,  
Crown Him, ye kings, with many  
crowns,  
For He is King of all.

PRAYER, LORD'S PRAYER, and BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN: "MAY THE GRACE OF CHRIST OUR  
SAVIOUR"

May the grace of Christ our Saviour  
And the Father's boundless love,  
With the Holy Spirit's favor  
Rest upon us from above.

Thus may we abide in union  
With each other and the Lord  
And possess in sweet communion  
Joys which earth cannot afford.



A LUNCH WILL BE SERVED AT 5:00 O'CLOCK IN THE BASE-  
MENT FOR VISITORS COMING FROM A DISTANCE.



Evening Service

7:30 P. M.

7:30-8:00, ORGAN MUSIC---By Mr. Bob Bretland, Lincoln, Nebr.  
(Mr. Bretland appears through the courtesy of C. R. Williams,  
M.D., Syracuse.)

HYMN: "SUN OF MY SOUL, THOU SAVIOUR DEAR"

Sun of my soul, Thou Saviour dear,  
It is not night if Thou art near;  
O may no earth-born cloud arise,  
To hide Thee from Thy servant's  
eyes.

When the soft dews of kindly sleep  
My wearied eyelids gently steep,  
Be my last thought, how sweet to  
rest  
Forever on my Saviour's breast.

Abide with me from morn till eve,  
For without Thee I cannot live;  
Abide with me when night is  
nigh,  
For without Thee I dare not die.

If some poor wandering child of Thine  
Have spurned today the voice divine,  
Now, Lord, the gracious work begin;  
Let him no more lie down in sin.

Watch by the sick; enrich the poor  
With blessings from Thy boundless  
store;  
Be every mourner's sleep tonight,  
Like infant's slumbers, pure and  
light.

Come near and bless us when we  
wake,  
Ere through the world our way we  
take;  
And lead us by Thy hand of love,  
Until we reach our home above.

O Lord, open Thou my lips  
**And my mouth shall show forth Thy praise.**

Make haste, O God, to deliver me  
**Make haste to help me, O Lord.**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost  
**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world  
without end. Amen.**

Psalm 84 (Read responsively)

How amiable are thy tabernacles, O Lord of hosts! My soul longeth,  
yea, even fainteth for the courts of the Lord  
**My heart and my flesh crieth out for the living God.**

Yea, the sparrow hath found an house, and the swallow a nest for  
herself, where she may lay her young.  
**Even thine altars, O Lord of hosts, my King, and my God.**

Blessed are they that dwell in thy house  
**They will be still praising thee.**

Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee  
**In whose heart are the ways of them.**

Who passing through the valley of Baca make it a well  
**The rain also filleth the pools.**

They go from strength to strength  
**Every one of them in Zion appeareth before God.**

O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer  
**Give ear, O God of Jacob.**

Behold, O God our shield  
**And look upon the face of thine anointed.**

For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand  
**I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to  
dwell in the tents of wickedness.**

For the Lord God is a sun and shield  
**The Lord will give grace and glory.**

No good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly  
**O Lord of hosts, blessed is the man that trusteth in thee.**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost  
**As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world  
without end. Amen.**

THE LESSON: Ephesians 2:13-22

HYMN: "THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION"

The Church's one foundation  
Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;  
She is His new creation  
By water and the Word;  
From heaven He came and sought her  
To be His holy bride;  
With His own blood He bought her,  
And for her life He died.

Elect from every nation,  
Yet one o'er all the earth,  
Her charter of salvation  
One Lord, one faith, one birth;  
One holy name she blesses,  
Partakes one holy food,  
And to one hope she presses,  
With every grace endued.

'Mid toil and tribulation,  
And tumult of her war,  
She waits the consummation  
Of peace for evermore;  
Till with the vision glorious  
Her longing eyes are blest,  
And soon the Church victorious  
Shall be the Church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union  
With God the Three in One,  
And mystic sweet communion  
With those whose rest is won;  
O happy ones and holy!  
Lord, give us grace that we,  
Like them, the meek and lowly,  
On high may dwell with Thee.

THE SERMON-----The Rev. G. Bergstraesser, D.D., Avoca, Nebr.

HYMN: "FERVENT IN SPIRIT, SERVING THE LORD"

Fervent in spirit, serving the Lord:  
Filled with the strength of his merciful Word,  
Hearts full of zeal to accomplish His will,  
Souls that are burning their task to fulfill,  
Fervent with power supplied from above,  
Eager to drink from His fountain of love.

Fervent in spirit, serving the Lord:  
Feeling the strength which His mercies afford,  
Humbly extolling the wealth of His grace,

Basking with joy in the light of His face,  
Eager to serve where His hand may direct,  
Anxious to find what our work may effect.

Fervent in spirit, serving the Lord:  
Not for world's gain or the hope of reward,  
Only to minister, humble and meek,  
Only in all things His glory to seek,  
Living to labor that others may live,  
Ready to love and to serve and to give.

THE CANTICLE: Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace: According to Thy word; For mine eyes have seen Thy salvation: Which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people; A light to lighten the Gentiles: And the glory of Thy people Israel. GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, And to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: World without end. Amen.

Lord, have mercy upon us  
**Lord, have mercy upon us; Christ, have mercy upon us;**  
**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Pastor and Congregation)

The Lord be with you  
**And with thy spirit.**

THE COLLECT  
**Amen.**

The Lord will give strength unto His people  
**The Lord will bless His people with peace.**

THE COLLECT FOR PEACE  
**Amen.**

Bless we the Lord  
**Thanks be to God.**

THE BENEDICTION

THE CLOSING HYMN: "LORD, DISMISS US WITH THY  
BLESSING"

Lord, dismiss us with Thy blessing,  
Fill our hearts with joy and peace!  
Let us each, Thy love possessing,  
Triumph in redeeming grace.  
O refresh us, O refresh us,  
Trav'ling thro' this wilderness.

Thanks we give and adoration  
For Thy Gospel's joyful sound.  
May the fruits of Thy salvation

In our hearts and lives abound:  
May Thy presence, may Thy presence  
With us evermore be found.

So, whene'er the signal's given  
Us from earth to call away,  
Borne on angel's wings to heaven,  
Glad the summons to obey,  
May we, ready, may we, ready,  
Rise and reign in endless day.

POSTLUDE



## History of the Organization of Grace Lutheran Church



Grace Lutheran Church, of Cook, Nebraska, was formally organized at a meeting held on September 12, 1949. The constituency of this new congregation came from two congregations, both members of the American Lutheran Church, Central District. St. Paul Lutheran, Helena Precinct, was organized in the year 1866 and was in continuous existence at the same site, located four and one-half miles west of Cook, until the merger. Immanuel Lutheran, organization date not available, held services four miles northeast of Cook until 1892, when the congregation relocated in the village of Cook. It continued to exist as a congregation in that place until the time of the merger.

As the years passed, it became increasingly apparent that a merged congregation would be advantageous to both groups. This thinking first took concrete form, when on August 1, 1949, Immanuel Lutheran of Cook, through its council, extended to St. Paul, Helena Precinct, an invitation to enter negotiations, looking toward the organic merger of the two congregations.

As a result of this invitation, the councils of both congregations met jointly on August 22, 1949, and proposed merger plans were drafted.

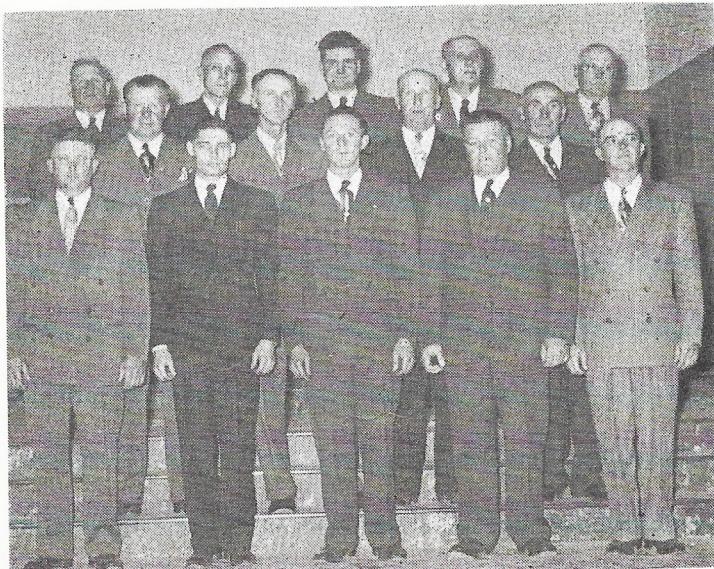
Following this joint council meeting, each congregation met separately to ratify the action taken by their respective councils.

This having been accomplished, the two congregations met jointly on September 12, 1949. The action taken by the separate congregations was ratified without a dissenting vote, and the new congregation thus came into being. The name, Grace Lutheran Church, was selected by the newly organized group, which at that time consisted of approximately 325 baptized souls. The present Pastor, Rev. O. Lehman, was the first to serve in that capacity. He was ordained on June 18, 1950, and on June 25, 1950, was installed as the first regular Pastor of the new congregation.



## Council and Building Committee

COUNCIL: Wm. Schmidt, vice chairman; Otis Grotrian, secretary; Louis Bentzinger, treasurer; Raymond Roesener, Alvin Ihde, Fred Panko, Alfred Petersen, Merle Riensche, Conrad Stutheit.



Front row, left to right: Alfred Petersen, Rev. Lehman, Merle Riensche, Conrad Stutheit, Otis Grotrian.

Second row: Fred Probst, Louis Bentzinger, Wm. Schmidt, Fred Panko.

Back row: Theo. Riensche, Herman Seeba, Raymond Roesener, Jacob Oetken, Alvin Ihde.

BUILDING COMMITTEE: Jacob Oetken, chairman; Herman Seeba, treasurer; Theo. Riensche, Fred Probst.

# History of the Building Program of Grace Lutheran Church

As soon as the merger became a reality, it was obvious to all that a new house of worship would have to be erected. The necessity of such action was recognized by the joint councils in their meeting on August 22, 1949. At a special meeting of the congregation, held on November 16, 1949, the motion was passed that a new church be constructed. The Church Council at this time was composed of: Fred Panko, Otis Grotrian, Louis Bentzinger, Arthur Riensche, Conrad Stutheit, Alfred Petersen, William Schmidt, Raymond Roesener, Alvin Ihde, and August Pieper. In January of 1951, Merle Riensche was chosen to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Arthur Riensche. The Building Committee was elected as follows: Jacob Oetken, Chairman, Herman Seeba, Treasurer, Theo. Riensche, and Fred Probst. Throughout the building program, these two groups have worked together, to coordinate activities, and to make the innumerable decisions that are inevitably connected with a building program.

The first step in the building program was the drive for funds, which was ably conducted by The Rev. F. Hefner, Syracuse, the supply Pastor, and the Building Committee. The goal had previously been set at \$60,000.00. This goal was reached in full within a week. The successful conduct of the drive was observed by a victory dinner, followed by a service of consecration of gifts, on March 8, 1950.

After careful consideration, the present site was selected and purchased, and the detailed planning for the structure was begun. By June of 1950, many of the important decisions had been made. Fritz Craig of Lincoln was selected to serve as architect, and the contract for the construction was awarded to Krumme and Sons, Arapahoe, Nebraska. Ground-breaking ceremonies were held on the morning of July 16, 1950. The actual work of construction was begun early in the fall.

When cold weather approached, it was deemed most advisable to suspend construction for the winter. During this period of cessation of actual construction, the Building Committee and the Church Council were active in securing many of the materials that would be needed upon resumption of work.

During the month of March, 1951, building operations were resumed. In spite of unfavorable weather conditions, progress was made, making possible the laying of the cornerstone on the afternoon of April 22, 1951. The Rev. R. Hanselmann of Burr served as the Liturgist, and The Rev. F. Hefner of Syracuse delivered the sermon.

In the months following the laying of the cornerstone, progress was slow due to continuing unfavorable weather. It was not until early fall that substantial progress could be made.

Since that time, however, with more suitable working conditions prevailing, the rate of construction increased considerably, and the building has now been substantially completed. Every member of Grace Lutheran rejoices over the successful completion of this undertaking, and is thankful that the Lord has permitted us to have it ready for the observance of the Christmas season.

# Symbolism in the Nave Windows



The symbols in the nave windows were selected with definite ideas in mind. This brief explanation is offered to enhance your enjoyment of this beautiful work.

The ten windows on the south side of the nave demonstrate all of the important festivals and seasons of the Church Year. They are as follows, beginning at the south front:

1. **Advent**—A scroll with a Latin text, referring to the preparatory work of John the Baptist.
2. **Christmas**—The manger so typical of the nativity.
3. **Epiphany**—The five-pointed star, symbolizing the one which led the wise men.
4. **Lent**—The crown of thorns and the nails, depicting our Lord's Passion.
5. **Palm Sunday**—The crossed palms, representing the triumphant entry into Jerusalem. The cross and orb symbolize the victory of the Gospel.
6. **Good Friday**—Tradition states that the pelican, in times of famine, feeds her young with her own blood, and oftentimes loses her own life. Hence the idea of Good Friday.
7. **Easter**—The empty cross, and the rising sun, representing the women who went to the sepulchre early in the morning.
8. **Ascension**—The fiery chariot of Elijah, a type of our Lord's ascension.
9. **Pentecost**—The dove, a well-known symbol of the Holy Ghost.
10. **Trinity**—Design with Latin inscription, reading: Father is not Son: Father is God; Son is not Holy Ghost: Son is God; Holy Ghost is not Father: Holy Ghost is God.

The windows on the north side show in eight symbols a complete history of God's dealing with men. These too, begin at the front of the church, adjacent to the choir.

1. **Creation**—A scroll which contains the Hebrew text of Genesis 1:1.
2. **The Temptation and Fall**—The tree of Life, the fruit, the serpent.
3. **The Giving of the Law**—The two stone tablets on which the 10 Commandments were written.
4. **Messianic Prophecy**—The Messianic Rose representing the work of the Old Testament Prophets who kept the hope of the Saviour alive.
5. **John the Baptist**—The coat of camel's hair, symbolizing John, the last and the greatest of the prophets.

6. **The Lamb of God**—Symbolic both of our Lord's suffering as the Lamb of God (Agnus Dei) and his triumph over sin, death and the devil (The banner of victory).
7. **The New Testament Church**—The Church set on the solid foundation. "Other foundation can no man lay," I Corinthians 3:11.
8. **The Angel with Trumpet**—Symbolic of the end of the world and the judgment of the last day.



## RECOGNITIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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Fritz Craig, Lincoln—Architect  
Krumme and Sons, Arapahoe—General Contractors  
Cloud Ceramics, Cook, Kansas—Brick  
L. L. Sams and Sons, Waco, Texas—Furniture  
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## MEMORIALS AND SPECIAL GIFTS

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Altar—In Memory of John Wiechmann, by The Wiechmann Family.  
Pulpit—In Memory of Wm. Behrens, by Mrs. Bertha Behrens, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Behrens and Family, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Behrens and Family.  
Offering Plates—In Memory of Earl Zabel, by the Fred Zabel Children.

## SPECIAL GIFTS

Dossal Curtain—Mr. and Mrs. August H. Rosenthal and Family.

Chancel Cross—Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Evers and Greta.

Altar Candelabra and Vases—Miss Agnes Riensche.

Altar Desk (Missal Stand)—Mrs. James Ocker and Children.

Altar Hymnal—Mrs. Fred Wendell.

Altar and Pulpit Hangings—Material, Rev. and Mrs. O. Lehman, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Lehman and Helen. Sewing by Mrs. Chas. Pieper.

Chancel Chairs (Sedelia)—Bernard H. Riensche; Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Hempeler and Virginia.

Lectern—Mr. and Mrs. Albert Antholz and Family.

Lectern Bible—Godfrey Lipps.

Baptismal Font—The Sunday School.

Communion Rail—Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Rosenthal and Family, Mr. and Mrs. Landis Rosenthal and Family, Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Rosenthal and Family, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Rosenthal and Family.

Pulpit Bible—Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Petersen.

Hymnboard—Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Riensche and Family.

Hammond Electric Organ—The Ladies Aid.

Nave Lanterns—Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Zabel  
Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Rosenthal and Family  
Mr. and Mrs. August Behrens  
Mrs. Bertha Dieckgrafe  
Eldon Dieckgrafe  
Mr. and Mrs. James Varner and Family  
Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Reuter and Jean  
Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Pieper, Mr. and Mrs. Duane Carman and Family  
Mr. and Mrs. John Crisler and Family  
Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Miller and Family

Pews—Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Riensche  
Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Evers and Greta  
Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Panko and Family  
Fred Hanau; Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Hanau and Carolyn  
Mr. and Mrs. Theo. G. Riensche  
Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Lipps and David  
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Probst and Family  
Mr. and Mrs. Jacob J. Oetken  
Alvin J. Ihde  
Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ebeler and Family  
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Effken and Family  
Mr. and Mrs. John Sinnen and Lois  
Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Sinnen  
Mr. and Mrs. William J. Schmidt and Family

Choir Chairs—Elva Mae Riensche

Arlene Riensche

Louis Dean Bentzinger

Marjorie Seeba

Mrs. Grace Wittstock and Children—3

Choir Robes—Mr. and Mrs. Martin Eisenhauer and Family

Windows:

Chancel (East) Windows—Mr. and Mrs. Herman Seeba and Marjorie  
Mr. and Mrs. Harold Seeba and Family

Lancet (West) Windows—Mr. and Mrs. Fred Panko and Family

Choir Windows—Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Petersen

Nave Windows—Alvin J. Ihde

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dieckgrafe and Roland

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Heyen and Harold

Mr. and Mrs. Merle Riensche and Family

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Mr. and Mrs. Carl Dieckgrafe and Family

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Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Damme and Family

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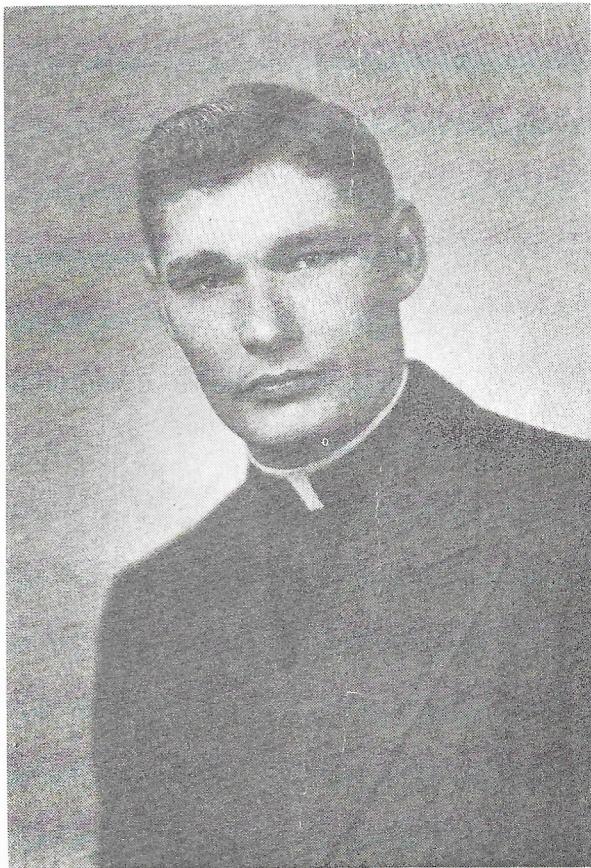
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