

# ***125th ANNIVERSARY SERVICES***

**1834 • 1959**



**ST. PETER'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**PRESTON, ONTARIO**

**The Rev. J. S. Dauphinee, Pastor**





## ***Our Heritage***

"He shall choose our inheritance for us."— Ps. 47-4

A century and more! How long and yet  
How brief within the history of man;  
And as we worship we would not forget  
The roots from which our present life began.  
This place of adoration and of prayer  
Was builded by our fathers in the past,  
Footsteps have come and gone upon the stair,  
And hearts found comfort in a faith steadfast.

Today with our brave heritage of years  
Fearless we face a future veiled in night,  
Aware we have a God who always hears  
Our prayers and changes darkness into light.  
O God, without whose kingdom man is poor,  
Enable us to trust and to endure.

— Clara Bernhardt



**The Service of Thanksgiving with the Dedication  
of the Chancel Window —  
"THE ASCENSION"**

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 1959 — 11:00 a.m.**

**Organ Prelude — "St. Anne" — Noble.**

**Hymn No. 408**

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;  
Joining 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?  
All that is needful hath 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!

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. Amen.

**The Invocation**

Amen.

**The Confession of Sins**

O most merciful God, who hast given thine only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us, and for his sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by thy Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of thee and of thy will, and true obedience to thy Word, that by thy grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**The Absolution**

Amen.

**The Introit for the Day**

**The Gloria Patri**

**The Kyrie**

Lord, have mercy upon us.  
R.— Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.  
R.— Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.  
R.— Lord, have mercy upon us.



## **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, heavenly 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.

R.— And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

**The O. T. Lesson** — Deut. 33:1-3.

**Solo** — "Fear not ye, O Israel" — Harold Miller

**The Epistle** — Rev. 7:9-17.

**The Gospel** — Matt. 5:1-12.

## **The Apostles' Creed**

### **Hymn No. 242**

1. Christ is made the sure foundation,  
Christ the Head and Cornerstone;  
Chosen of the Lord, and precious,  
Binding all the Church in one;  
Holy Sion's help forever,  
And her confidence alone.
2. To this temple, where we call Thee,  
Come, O Lord, of hosts, to-day;  
With Thy wonted loving kindness  
Hear Thy servants as they pray,  
And Thy fullest benediction  
Shed within its walls again.
3. Here vouchsafe to all Thy servants  
What they ask of Thee to gain;  
What they gain from Thee for ever  
With the blessed to retain,  
And hereafter in Thy glory  
Evermore with Thee to reign.
4. Laud and honour to the Father,  
Laud and Honour to the Son,  
Laud and Honour to the Spirit,  
Ever Three and ever One,  
One in Might, and One in Glory,  
While unending ages run. Amen.

## **The Office for the Blessing of the Chancel Window**

Our help is in the Name of the Lord:

R.— Who made heaven and earth

The Dayspring from on high hath visited us; to give light to them that sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death;

R.— To guide our feet into the way of peace.

Our Lord Jesus said: I am the Light of the world; he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

R.— The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:

R.— As it was in the beginning, is, now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Arise, shine; for thy Light is come, and the Glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. Alleluia.

Blest and dedicate be this Window to the glory of Almighty God, In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Hallowed also be this Window presented by Mr. and Mrs. Norman Sipes in loving memory of their son John.



### Let us pray

O God, Who commanded the Light to shine out of darkness and didst send Thy Son to be the Light of Life: Accept this Window which we humbly dedicate to the enrichment of Thy House; and as the light which Thou hast created illuminates it, shedding its radiance in this Holy Place, so may the light of the knowledge of Thy glory in Thy dear Son shine in our hearts and nourish us in all holy living; through the same Thy Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

### Hymn No. 240

1. Angel voices ever singing  
Round Thy throne of light,  
Angel harps, for ever ringing,  
Rest not day nor night;  
Thousands only live to bless Thee  
And confess Thee Lord of might!
2. Thou, who art beyond the farthest  
Mortal eye can scan,  
Can it be that Thou regardest  
Songs of sinful man?  
Can we know that Thou art near us,  
And wilt hear us? Yea, we can!
3. Yea, we know that Thou rejoicest  
O'er each work of Thine;  
Thou didst ears and hands and voices  
For Thy praise combine;  
Craftsmen's art and music's measure  
For Thy pleasure didst design.
4. Here, great God, today we offer  
Of Thine own to Thee,  
And for Thine acceptance proffer,  
All unworthily,  
Hearts and minds and hands and voices  
In our choicest melody.
5. Honour, glory, might and merit  
Thine shall ever be,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
Blessed Trinity!  
Of the best that Thou hast given  
Earth and Heaven render Thee. Amen.

**The Sermon** — The Rev. A. L. Conrad of St. John's Lutheran Church,  
Waterloo, Ontario.

### The Offering

**The Anthem** — "Paeon" - "Now thank we all our God" — Wolff

### The Offertory

**The General Prayer** — THE LORD'S PRAYER.

### The Benediction

### Hymn No. 443

1. Now thank we all our God  
With heart and hands and voices,  
Who wondrous things hath done,  
In whom His world rejoices;  
Who, from our mother's arms,  
Hath blessed us on our way  
With countless gifts of love,  
And still is ours today.
2. 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.
3. All praise and thanks to God  
The Father now be given,  
The Son, and Him who reigns  
With them in highest heaven;  
The one eternal God,  
Whom earth and heaven adore;  
For thus it was, is now,  
And shall be evermore. Amen.

**Organ Postlude** — "Chorale" Cuite Gothique — Boelmann.



# ***The 125th Anniversary Congregational Social***

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 1959 — 8:00 p.m.**

**FELLOWSHIP HALL**

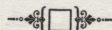
**DEVOTIONS — The Rev. J. S. Dauphinee, Pastor**

**GUEST SPEAKER — The Rev. Walter Goos, Fisherville, Ontario**



## **. . . Programme . . .**

### **MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT**



#### **ONE ACT PLAY — "ELMER CLEANS UP"**

Presented by the Luther League

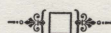
Mrs. George Schultz, Director

#### **. . . CAST . . .**

Mother	- - - - -	SYLVIA BECKER
Father	- - - - -	GRAHAM RIFE
Mary (daughter)	- - - - -	MARION SCHULTZ
Elmer	- - - - -	SIEGFRIED STETTNER
Visitor	- - - - -	JULIANNE KNACK



### **HYMN SING**



### **REFRESHMENTS**



# ***The Service with Holy Communion***

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 1959 — 11:00 a.m.**

**Organ Prelude — “Rockingham” - Parry.**

## **Hymn No. 187**

1. Open now thy gates of beauty,  
Zion, let me enter there,  
Where my soul in joyful duty:  
Waits on him who answers prayer:  
O how blessed is this place,  
Filled with solace, light, and grace.
2. Here, O God, I come before Thee,  
Come Thou also down to me;  
Where we find Thee and adore Thee,  
There a heaven on earth must be:  
To my heart O enter Thou,  
Let it be Thy temple now.
3. Here Thy praise is gladly chanted,  
Here Thy seed is duly sown;  
Let my soul, where it is planted,  
Bring forth precious sheaves alone:  
So that all I hear may be  
Fruitful unto life in me.
4. Thou my faith increase and quicken,  
Let me keep Thy gift divine;  
Howsoe'er temptations thicken,  
May Thy word still o'er me shine,  
As my guiding star through life,  
As my comfort in my strife.
5. Speak, O God, 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. Amen.

## **The Invocation**

Amen.

## **The Order for Public Confession**

### **The Exhortation**

Let us humbly kneel, and make confession unto God, imploring his forgiveness through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

O God, our heavenly Father, I confess unto thee that I have grievously sinned against thee in many ways; not only by outward transgressions, but also by secret thoughts and desires which I cannot fully understand, but which all are known to thee. I do earnestly repent, and am heartily sorry for these my offences, and I beseech thee of thy great goodness to have mercy upon me, and for the sake of thy dear Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, to forgive my sins, and graciously to help my infirmities. Amen.

## **The Absolution**

## **The Introit for the Day**

## **The Gloria Patri**

## **The Kyrie**

- Lord, have mercy upon us.  
R.— Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
R.— Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.  
R.— Lord, have mercy upon us.

## **The Gloria in Excelsis**

- The Lord be with you,  
R.— And with thy spirit.  
Let us pray.



**The O. T. Lesson** — 1 Kings 8: 18-30.

**The Epistle** — Acts 2: 41-47.

**The Gospel** — Matthew 13: 1-18.

**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 the 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 worshipped 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 No. 149**

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| 1. The Church's one foundation<br>Is Jesus Christ her Lord;<br>She is His new creation<br>By water and the Word:<br>From heaven He came and sought her<br>To be His holy bride,<br>With His own blood He bought her,<br>And for her life He died. | 3. 'Mid toil and tribulation,<br>And tumult of her war,<br>She waits the consummation<br>Of peace for evermore;<br>Till with the vision glorious<br>Her longing eyes are blest,<br>And the great Church victorious<br>Shall be the Church at rest.           |
| 2. Elect from every nation,<br>Yet one o'er all the earth,<br>Her charter of salvation<br>One Lord, one faith, one birth;<br>One Holy Name she blesses,<br>Partakes one holy food,<br>And to one hope she presses,<br>With every grace endued.    | 4. Yet she on earth has union<br>With God, the Three in One,<br>And mystic sweet communion<br>With those whose rest is won.<br>O happy ones and holy!<br>Lord, give us grace that we<br>Like them, the meek and lowly,<br>On high may dwell with Thee. Amen. |

**The Sermon** The Rev. Charles Dechert, Rankin, Ontario.

**The Offering**

**The Anthem** "Father we Praise Thee."— Willan.

**The Offertory**

**The General Prayer**

**Hymn No. 569**

1. Come, ye disconsolate, where'er ye languish;  
Come to the mercy seat, fervently kneel;  
Here bring your wounded hearts, here tell your anguish;  
Earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal.



2. Joy of the desolate, light of the straying,  
Hope of the penitent, fadeless and pure!  
Here speaks the Comforter, tenderly saying,  
'Earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot cure.'
3. Here see the Bread of Life; see waters flowing  
Forth from the throne of God, pure from above;  
Come to the feast of love; come, ever knowing,  
Earth has no sorrow but heaven can remove. Amen.

### **The Thanksgiving —**

The Lord be with you  
R.— And with thy spirit.  
Lift up your hearts  
R.— We lift them up unto the Lord.  
Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.  
R.— It is meet and right so to do.

### **The Sanctus**

#### **The Words of Institution**

**Agnus Dei** — O Christ, thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us thy peace. Amen.

### **The Communion.**

#### **The Post Communion.**

#### **Nunc Dimittis**

O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good.  
R.— And his mercy endureth for ever.

The Lord be with you.  
R.— And with thy spirit  
Bless we the Lord  
R.— Thanks be to God.

### **The Benediction**

#### **Hymn No. 415**

1. Thee we adore, eternal Lord!  
We praise thy Name with one accord,  
Thy saints, who here thy goodness see,  
Through all the world do worship Thee.
2. To Thee aloud all angels cry,  
The heavens and all the powers on high;  
Thee holy, holy, holy, King,  
Lord God of Hosts, they ever sing.
3. The apostles join the glorious throng,  
The prophets swell the immortal song,  
The martyrs' noble army raise  
Eternal anthems to Thy praise.
4. From day to day, O Lord, do we  
Highly exalt and honour Thee;  
Thy Name we worship and adore,  
World without end, for evermore!
5. Vouchsafe, O Lord, we humbly pray,  
To keep us safe from sin this day;  
Have mercy Lord, we trust in Thee;  
O let us ne'er confounded be! Amen.

### **Organ Postlude — Concerto — Vivaldi.**



## *Our Progress*

**1834** St. Peter's Congregation was organized under the guidance of Almighty God.

**1842** Title was received to our property for the first church building on our present site. The building known as "The Old Frame Church."

**1854** The Congregation was able to purchase the deed to our property from four laymen who purchased the deed when it was sold by the sheriff.

X **1856** The plans for the building of a stone church were approved. The old church was rolled away and construction on our present church building began.

**1913** The present parsonage was built on the former burial grounds at the rear of the church.

**1928** The interior of the church was redecorated and the pipe organ installed.

**1934** The Centennial, one hundred years of preaching the Gospel and administering the Sacraments, was fittingly celebrated.

**1954** Plans for an Educational Building, the addition of a chancel and the renovation of the nave of the church were made.

**1958** The Church was rededicated and the Educational Building dedicated.

**1959** Under God's Guidance we are able to gratefully remember His continuing Grace and Favor through the services of praise on this the One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Anniversary.



