

# ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

WATERLOO : ONTARIO



## One Hundred and Twentieth Anniversary Services

9:30 A.M. — 11:00 A.M.

**JUNE 23, 1957**

Pastors:— A. L. Conrad; C. S. Roberts

# ORDER OF SERVICE

ORGAN PRELUDE

Mr. Robert Pletsch, Organist

## THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN (The congregation will rise)

1 A Mighty Fortress is our God,  
A trusty Shield and Weapon;  
He helps us free from every need  
That hath us now o'ertaken.  
The old bitter foe  
Means us deadly woe;  
Deep guile and great might  
Are his dread arms in fight:  
On earth is not his equal.

2 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 this?  
Jesus Christ it is,  
Of Sabaoth Lord,  
And there's none other God;  
He holds the field for ever.

3 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 can harm us none:  
He's judged, the deed is done,  
One little word o'erthrows him.

4 The Word they still shall let remain,  
Nor any thanks have for it;  
He's by our side upon the plain  
With His good gifts and Spirit.  
Take they then our life,  
Goods, fame, child, and wife,  
When their worst is done,  
They yet have nothing won:  
The Kingdom ours remaineth.

## THE INVOCATION

The Rev. A. L. Conrad

Our help is in the Name of the Lord.

Response: Who made Heaven and earth.

I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

Response: And Thou forgivest the iniquity of my sins.

Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto Thee that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against Thee by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Thine infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Thy grace, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Response: 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, to the end that by Thy grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, hath had mercy upon us, and hath given His Only Son to die for us, and for His sake forgiveth us all our sins. To them that believe on His Name, He giveth power to become the sons of God, and bestoweth upon them His Holy Spirit. He that believeth and is baptized, shall be saved. Grant this, O Lord, unto us all.

Response: Amen.

## THE INTROIT FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY:

O Lord, I have trusted in Thy mercy.

Response: My heart shall rejoice in Thy salvation.

I will sing unto the Lord.

Response: Because He hath dealt bountifully with me.

How long wilt Thou forget me, O Lord.

Response: How long wilt Thou hide Thy face from me?

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

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

## THE KYRIE:

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

## THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS:

Glory be to God on high . . . . . etc.

The Lord be with you.

Response: And with thy spirit.

## THE COLLECT:

THE SELECTED LESSON: Ephesians 4: 1-13

The Rev. L. Schaus, M.A.

**THE GRADUAL:**

I said, Lord, be merciful unto me: heal my soul, for I have sinned against Thee.  
V. Blessed is He that considereth the poor: the Lord will deliver him in time of trouble.  
Hallelujah. Hallelujah. V. O Lord my God, in Thee do I put my trust: save me from all them  
that persecute me, and deliver me. Hallelujah.

**THE SELECTED GOSPEL LESSON:** John 15: 1-9 - The Rev. A. Little, S.T.D.  
Response: Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

**THE APOSTLES CREED:**

**THE ANTHEM:** "Behold the Tabernacle of God" - by Healey Willan  
Behold the tabernacle of God is with men, and the Spirit of God dwelleth within you:  
For the temple of God is holy, Which temple are ye:  
For the love of whom ye do this day celebrate the joys of the temple with a season of festivity.  
How dreadful is this place. This is the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.

**THE ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**HYMN:**

1 The Son of God goes forth to war,  
A kingly crown to gain;  
His blood-red banner streams afar;—  
Who follows in His train?  
Who best can drink His cup of woe,  
Triumphant over pain,  
Who patient bears his cross below,  
He follows in His train.  
2 The martyr first, whose eagle eye  
Could pierce beyond the grave,  
Who saw his Master in the sky,  
And called on Him to save;  
Like Him, with pardon on his tongue,  
In midst of mortal pain,  
He prayed for them that did the wrong,—  
Who follows in his train?

3 A glorious band, the chosen few,  
On whom the Spirit came,  
Twelve valiant saints, their hope they knew,  
And mocked the cross and flame.  
They met the tyrant's brandished steel,  
The lion's gory mane;  
They bowed their necks the death to feel;—  
Who follows in their train?  
4 A noble army—men and boys,  
The matron and the maid,  
Around the Saviour's throne rejoice  
In robes of light arrayed.  
They climbed the steep ascent of heaven  
Through peril, toil, and pain!  
O God! to us may grace be given  
To follow in their train!

**THE SERMON:** "Our On-going Task" - The Rev. H. L. Creager, S.T.M., D.D.,  
of Columbia, South Carolina

**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 salvation: And uphold me with Thy free Spirit.

**HISTORICAL SKETCH:** - - - - The Rev. C. S. Roberts

**THE OFFERING:**

**THE ANTHEM:** "My Inmost Heart Now Raises" - by Johann S. Bach

**THE PRAYER:**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER:**

**THE BENEDICTION:**

**HYMN:**

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 to-day.

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.

(Over)

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.

**SILENT PRAYER BEFORE DEPARTING:**

Dismiss us now, O Lord, with Thy blessing, and accompany us ever with Thy grace, that we may henceforth live to serve Thee in the work of Thy church. Through Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

**POSTLUDE:**

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## **Anniversary Message**

The Church of Christ is the imperishable institution founded by our Lord Himself to save souls and to strengthen the faith of His people; to lift men into fellowship with God and to be the pillar and ground of the truth. In Her is eternal life. Outside of the church there is no promise of salvation.

For one hundred and twenty years our congregation as a member of Christ's Church has been faithful to her high calling. She has proclaimed the good news of life and salvation unto men through faith in Christ and diligently watched over the souls committed to her care. Her youth she has instructed in God's truth, brought comfort to the sorrowing and consolation to the sick and dying.

In the larger work of the church - Christian Education, Home and Foreign Missions, Lutheran World Action, etc., she has helped speed the Gospel on its way, and brought succor and relief to needy and despairing brethren in distant lands.

On the occasion of our one hundred and twentieth Anniversary we remember with gratitude the many faithful members of our congregation who toiled and sacrificed for the promotion of Christ's Kingdom and whose prayers have brought down the Lord's blessings upon our work. They have finished their labours and now enjoy the reward Christ gives His faithful people. Especially do we lift our hearts in thanks to God for the many blessings received from His gracious hand. He has crowned our feeble and imperfect efforts with success, so that streams of blessing have flowed forth from our midst. To Him be all praise and glory.

What the future holds in store for our congregation and the world, is difficult to discern. Dark powers of sin and evil have been unleashed in recent years. The Church of Christ has passed through days of trial and endured sufferings and persecutions in lands where godlessness has been in the ascendency. In our own land worldliness, a love of pleasure and money is undermining the faith of many.

But we know that Christ will be with His Church. He has guided her in days gone by through periods of trial and distress. He will be with His Church to-day. In Him we put our trust who has promised: "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world". He will not fail us if in living faith we look to Him, let His Spirit be our guide and seek only the honour of His Name.