

Trinity Lutheran Church

Halparaiso, Indiana



25th
ANNIVERSARY

1934 ----- 1959

THE FESTIVAL OF THE HOLY TRINITY

Sunday, May 24, 1959



In the NAME of the FATHER, and of the SON,
and of the HOLY GHOST. — Amen.



*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, though the darkness 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.*

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.



OUR INVITATION

Jesus said, "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." All are welcome in this house of the Lord. Enter it not without praise and thanksgiving to the Triune God. Leave it not without a prayer for thyself, and for those who worship and minister here. Serve the Lord with gladness.

OUR PRESENT MOTTO

We are organized for obedience and service to
Christ and His Church.

OUR AIM AND PURPOSE

. . . . "that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion forever and ever. Amen." — I Peter 4:11.

OUR LORD AND SAVIOUR



"HEAD OF CHRIST"

By Paul Remmey

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, Who art the Head of Thy Church and the Saviour of all who receive Thee and trust Thee: We give Thee humble and hearty thanks for the abundance of Thy grace and mercy that has been showered upon us during the 25 years of our existence as one of Thy congregations. Through Thy continued presence and power, rule and govern our hearts and lives, that we may boldly proclaim to all people the wonder of Thy love and the blessedness of Thy Kingdom. Help us to give ourselves in cheerful and willing obedience to Thy Word and Truth. Let Thy love be the motivating and determining factor in all our actions. Keep us ever steadfast in true faith that we might always be numbered among the redeemed children of Thy Kingdom and live in heaven with Thee forever. Amen.

OUR CHANCEL AND ALTAR



ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD, Who hast created us for fellowship with Thee, and Who didst promise to hear the prayers of Thy faithful people: Grant Thy pardon and peace to all who come to this house of prayer in the spirit of repentance and faith. Deliver us from all coldness of heart and wanderings of mind, that with genuine humility and sincere devotion we may worship Thee in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

OUR PASTOR



*Grace be unto you and Peace
from God, our Father,
and the Lord Jesus Christ.
Amen.*

DEAR FRIENDS IN CHRIST:

How richly God has blessed our church, and lead us through the years;
Through days of peace and happiness; through nights of doubt and fear.

On this our anniversary, we loudly do proclaim;
All praise and thanks be unto God; O bless His Holy Name!

His presence and His power and love, help us to conquer sin;
O let our celebration prove, our loyalty to Him.

His precious Word and Sacraments, have been our source of joy;
They are God's own dear promises; e'en death cannot destroy.

O God our Father, by whose grace, our lives we have been given;
Help us to use all that we have, to spread the truth of heaven.

O Christ, our King, our Lord, our God, before Whom all must stand;
We yield our hearts and lives to Thee; we trust Thy guiding hand.

O Holy Spirit, Comforter; grant us the light to see
That what we do for God on earth, is for eternity!

Duane E. Schroeder

OUR HOPE --- A NEW

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OUR HISTORY

TRINITY SUNDAY—First service was held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Schlundt.
 May 27, 1934

June 10, 1934—First service held in the new property at 201 Washington St.

June 27, 1934—Congregation formerly organized with 143 confirmed members. Rev. George F. Schutes called as pastor. Officers elected were: George Wyman, President; Stanley Briscoe, Treasurer; and Ernest Lembke, Secretary. The original church property was purchased at this meeting.

July 4, 1934—Remodeling of church property begun.

August 7, 1934—Meeting with Dr. A. H. Keck of the Indiana Synod, followed by formal application into the Indiana Synod of the United Lutheran Church in America.

December 2, 1934—Dedication of our first church building.

May, 1935—Accepted as a member of the Indiana Synod.

February 9, 1938—Pastor Schutes died, called to eternal rest.

May 1, 1938—Pastor Paul W. Schrope installed as Pastor.

July, 1939—Burning of the mortgage on the church property. Building fund for a new church begun.

March, 1940—Pastor Schrope called into the United States Army Chaplaincy.

June 9, 1940—Pastor Albert R. Swasko installed as Pastor.

TRINITY SUNDAY 1944—Pastor Swasko leaves for Evansville, Indiana. Pastor Dorris A. Flesner installed as Pastor.

June, 1944—New parsonage purchased.

TRINITY SUNDAY—Ground breaking for the new church.
 June 4, 1950

August, 1950—Cornerstone laid.

January 1, 1952—Old church razed by volunteer help in one day.

June 8, 1952—Dedication of the new church.

October, 1954—Dr. Willard Hackenberg arrived as Supply Pastor for nine months while Pastor Flesner completed his studies for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Church History.

April, 1957—Dreschoff property was acquired.

TRINITY SUNDAY—\$70,000.00 mortgage on the church is burned.
 June 16, 1957

August, 1957—Dr. Flesner assumes position as Professor at Northwestern Lutheran Theological Seminary.

August, 1957—Pastor Duane E. Schroeder begins pastorate at Trinity.

October, 1958—Dierking property, north of the church, is acquired.

TRINITY SUNDAY—Silver Anniversary is celebrated.
 May 24, 1959

Present Membership	Baptized	Confirmed	Communing
	901	640	475

OUR FORMER PASTORS



Pastor G. F. Schutes, LL. D.
1934 - 1938



Pastor P. W. Schrope
1938 - 1940



Pastor A. R. Swasko
1940 - 1944



Pastor D. A. Flesner, Ph.D.
1944 - 1957



Pastor
W. M. Hackenberg, D. D.
Interim-Supply Pastor
1954 - 1955

OUR SON PREPARING FOR THE GOSPEL MINISTRY



MR. WALTER DOERING

Student at Chicago Lutheran Seminary

O HOLY SPIRIT, Who dost call, gather, enlighten and sanctify the whole Christian Church on earth, and dost summon from its midst those who will proclaim God's Word and administer the Sacraments: Guide, bless and sustain all who are preparing for the Gospel ministry and all who are now laboring in the Kingdom. Fill their hearts with divine wisdom and love that they may know the will of our Heavenly Father and live in charity toward all mankind. Give them the courage and the strength to preach and to teach the fullness of the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ. Increase within them, and those whom they serve, the gifts of faith, hope and love. So inspire the hearts of our people that more might hear and favorably respond to Thy call to full-time Christian service. And keep us faithful unto eternal life, Who with the Father and the Son livest and reignest ever One God, would without end. Amen.

OUR FORMER CHURCH



Our Church—1934-1951

“Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise. Be thankful unto Him and bless His name.”

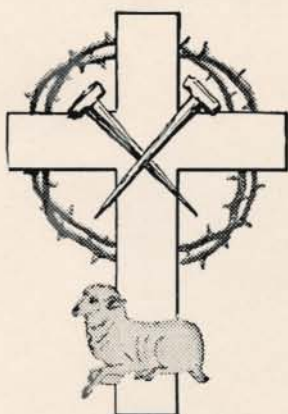
—Psalm 100:4

OUR PRESENT CHURCH



“The whole world has nothing better, nothing more precious, nothing finer, than the dear church in which we hear God’s Word and where He is honored with real worship.”

—Martin Luther.



Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Hebrews 12:2

OUR CHRISTIAN PLEDGE

Believing Jesus Christ to be the Son of God, my personal Lord and Saviour, Who loves me and died for my sins, Who promises everlasting life to me and to all who believe in Him; I pledge to support His Church and help further the cause of His Kingdom through regular worship, daily prayer and repentance; through faithful participation in the Lord's Supper; by giving of my time, talent and treasure to the work of the Lord as He prospers and directs me. God help me, through His most precious Gospel, and have mercy upon me. Amen.



