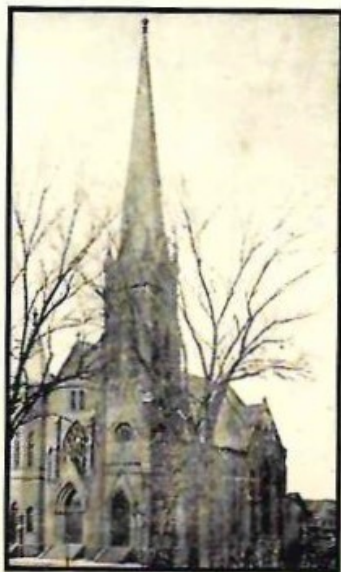


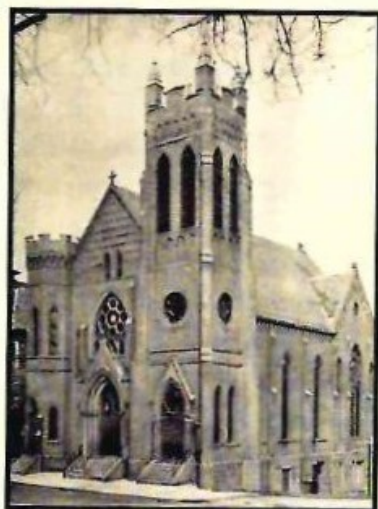


Liberty & Norwood Streets:
Dedicated March 5, 1867

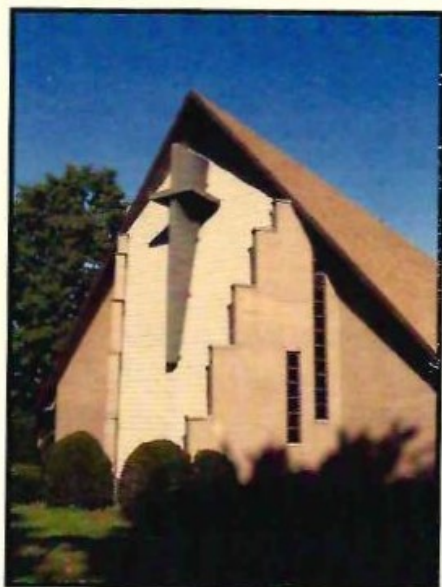


Liberty & Norwood Streets:
Dedicated March 13, 1892

St. John Lutheran Church
Celebrating 150 Years of Service
November 22, 2015



Liberty & Norwood Streets:
Steeple remodeled 1959



520 Paddock Ave:
Dedicated April 18, 1971

The 150th Anniversary Service
(* Indicates congregation please stand.)

The Prelude:

I am Jesus' Little Lamb — Brüder Choral-Buch

Katie and Emily Anastasio, vocals

How Can I Keep From Singing? — Lowry, arr. Ellingboe

Amanda Ness Caron, Amy Hintz, and Alysha Martin, vocals

*** The Processional Hymn:** *The First Song of Isaiah* — White

(The congregation is invited to join in singing the refrain, which is found on the inside back cover of the bulletin.)

*** Responsive Readings**

Rev. Joel Kotila

The Opening Verses

P O Lord, open Thou my lips:

C And my mouth shall show forth Thy praise.

P Make Haste, O God, to deliver me:

C Make haste to help me, O Lord.

A Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

The Anniversary Verses

P This is the day which the Lord has made:

C Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

P I remember the days of old:

C I meditate on all Thou has done.

P We have heard with our ears, O God, our fathers have told us:

C What deeds Thou didst perform in their days, in the days of old.

P In Thee our fathers trusted. They trusted and Thou didst deliver them:

C To Thee they cried and were saved: in Thee they trusted and were not disappointed.

P I will seek Thy steadfast love, O Lord forever;

C With my mouth I will proclaim Thy faithfulness to all generations.

P Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless His holy name.

C Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits.

P The things that we have heard and known; that our fathers have told us:

C We will not hide them from their children, but tell them to the coming generations.

P So that they should set their hope in God:

C And not forget the works of God, but keep His commandments.

P O give thanks unto the Lord for He is good; And His mercy endures forever;

C To the only true God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

*** Prayer of the Day**

(Read by All)

O God, You have promised through Your Son to be with Your Church forever. We give You thanks for those who founded this community of believers and for the signs of Your presence in our congregation. Increase in us the spirit of faith and love, and make us worthy of our heritage. Knit us together in the communion of saints, and make our fellowship an example to all believers and to all nations. We pray through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The First Lesson: I Kings 8: 22–30

Rev. James Wiese

Anthem: *Old Time Religion Medley* — arr. Hayes

Chorister Choir

Psalm 122

(Spoken in Unison)

A song of ascents. Of David.

¹I rejoiced with those who said to me,
“Let us go to the house of the LORD.”

²Our feet are standing
in your gates, Jerusalem.

³Jerusalem is built like a city
that is closely compacted together.

⁴That is where the tribes go up —
the tribes of the LORD —
to praise the name of the LORD
according to the statute given to Israel.

⁵There stand the thrones for judgment,
the thrones of the house of David.

⁶Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:
“May those who love you be secure.

⁷May there be peace within your walls
and security within your citadels.”

⁸For the sake of my family and friends,
I will say, “Peace be within you.”

⁹For the sake of the house of the LORD our God,
I will seek your prosperity.

The Second Lesson: I Peter 2:1–9

Rev. Louis Nuechterlein

Anthem: *Amazing Grace* — arr. Gentry

Spirits of Harmony

*** The Holy Gospel: John 15: 9–17**

Rev. John Beck

Hymn of the Day: *This Church Has Been Our Dwelling Place*

(Words by Brian Shea. Sung to tune of *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*)

1. This church has been our dwelling place
For many years blessed by God's grace.
Through times of peril and delight,
From Eastertime to silent night.
Children baptized and born anew,
Couples have come to say, “I do.”
2. We've mourned our loved ones laid to rest,
But all have certainly been blessed.
With strength of faith that e'er will last
From now on, as in all the past.
We've changed in people and faces,
As many move to far away places.

3. But we're all one by God above,
Teaching peace, harmony, and love.
So as this special time is here
There's something for all, that should be clear,
A hundred years plus we have stood,
With our help and all of God's good.

The Anniversary Sermon:

**Reverend Timothy Yeadon,
New England District President**

Anniversary Offering

Our offering this afternoon is collected in support of Master's Manna. Master's Manna provides for those in our community in need — clothes, food, shelter, physical and mental health services, and educational opportunities, as well as other valuable services. St. John Church has been a long-time supporter of this faith-based local institution.

Voluntary: *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* — arr. Dobrinski **Bell Choir**

*** Doxology** **(Sung by All)**

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, O heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

*** Remembrance of the Faithful Departed** **(Read by All)**

With reverence and affection we remember before You, O everlasting God, all our departed friends and relatives. Keep us in union with them here through faith and love toward You, that hereafter we may enter into Your presence and be numbered with those who serve You and look upon Your face in glory everlasting, through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Anthem: *It Is Well with My Soul* — Bliss/Spafford **Chorister Choir**
The Chorister Choir performs this piece in honor of the St. John members, our loved ones, and friends, who have gone before us to meet the Lord. The lyrics

written by Horatio G. Spafford have special significance for us this day. Spafford penned the lyrics to this hymn in 1875 aboard a ship as he traveled to meet his wife in Europe. Just days prior, Spafford had sent his wife and four daughters aboard the SS Ville Du Havre on a journey from the United States to Europe, when the ship collided with another and sank, and all four of his daughters were lost, his wife "saved alone." As Spafford's ship traveled through the area where his daughters perished, he found comfort and peace in the Lord, and composed the text that was later set to music by family friend Philip P. Bliss. Today is the anniversary of the tragedy, which occurred on November 22, 1875.

*** The Prayers of the Church**

Rev. Joel Kotila

*** The Kyrie**

(Spoken by All)

Lord, have mercy;
Christ, have mercy;
Lord, have mercy.

*** The Lord's Prayer**

(Spoken by All)

*** The Salutation**

☞ The Lord be with you.

☞ And with your spirit.

*** Confession of Faith by the Congregation**

(Read by All)

Thanksgiving to God the Father

I believe that God has made me and all creatures, that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still preserves them;

also clothing and shoes, meat and drink, house and home, wife and children, fields, cattle, and all my goods; that He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life;

that He defends me against all danger, and guards and protects me from all evil;

and all this purely out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me;

for all which it is my duty to thank and praise, to serve and obey

Him.

This is most certainly true.

Thanksgiving to God the Son

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord,

Who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death,

that I may be His own, and live under Him in His kingdom, and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence and blessedness, even as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity.

This is most certainly true.

Thanksgiving to God the Holy Spirit

I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord or come to Him; but the Holy Ghost has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith;

even as He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith;

in which Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all sins to me and all believers,

and will at the Last Day raise up me and all the dead, and give unto me and all believers in Christ eternal life.

This is most certainly true.

*** The Benediction**

Rev. Timothy Yeadon

*** The Recessional Hymn: *The Church's One Foundation***

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The Postlude: *Procesión Alegre* — Cornell

Tom Hintz and Amy Hintz, trumpets



Attending Clergy:

Rev. Timothy Yeadon

New England District President

Rev. Joel Kotila

Circuit Visitor

Rev. John Beck

Rev. Timothy Krieger

Rev. Carl Krueger

Rev. Wallace Merdinyan

Rev. Louis Nuechterlein

Rev. James Wiese



We would like to extend a special thank you to the members of the 150th Anniversary Committee for volunteering their time and considerable talents in putting together all of the aspects of our anniversary celebration year. Thank you also to the participating clergy, and to all who contributed their musical talents for this special service today.

THE FIRST SONG OF ISAIAH

Ecce, Deus

The congregation is invited to join in the singing of the refrain, which is sung twice at the beginning of the song, once after each verse, and twice again at the end of the song.

Isaiah 12:2-6*

Slow

JACK NOBLE WHITE

REFRAIN:



Sure-ly, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be a - fraid ___ for the



Lord is my strong - hold and my sure ___ de-fense, and he will ___ be my ___ Sav - ior. _____

VERSE

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing
from the springs of salvation.
And on that day you shall say,
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name;

REFRAIN

VERSE

Make his deeds known among the peoples;
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.
Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things,
and this is known in all the world.

REFRAIN

VERSE

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion,
ring out your joy,
For the great one in the midst of you
is the Holy One of Israel.

REFRAIN (Sung twice)

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