



OLD ST. MARK'S

LUTHERAN CHURCH

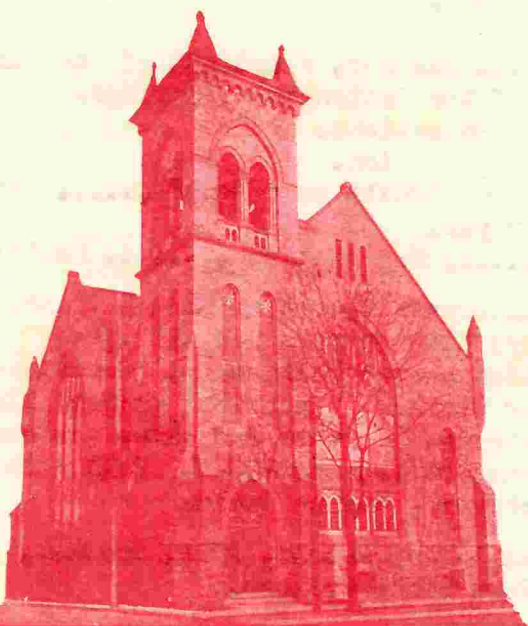
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CENTENNIAL SERVICES

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Market St., Two Blocks South of Square

"Always a Warm Welcome at Old St. Mark's!"

Holy Spirit of God, Thou who are a gracious and willing guest in every heart that is humble enough to receive Thee, be present now within our hearts and guide our worship. Make our week of Centennial celebration a week of spiritual joy and peace, a part of the work of the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

8:30 A.M. THE CENTENNIAL COMMUNION. Celebrants:

The Rev. E.E. Fischer, D.D., LL.D., President of the Ministerium of Pa.; Pastor Houser.

9:35 A.M. The Sunday School.

THE SERVICE 10:45 A.M.

Organ, "Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now" ..Karg-Elert
Processional Hymn 199.

The Service, page 9.

Introit and Collect for Third Sunday after Easter, p. 84.

Epistle, Rev. 3:1-6 (Thomasius)

The Gradual.

Gospel, John 10:1-10 (Thomasius)

The Apostles Creed.

Hymn 250.

Sermon, Dr. E.E. Fischer, President of the Ministerium.
Presentation of the Centennial Offerings.

a. The Organizations.

b. The Congregation.

Offertory Anthem, "Built on a Rock" Christiansen

The General Prayer.

Hymn 207. Benediction Meditation ...

10:45 A.M. Children's Church in Chapel of the Upper Room. Nursery; Kindergarten for all ages.

4:30 P.M. Golden Agers' Fellowship. Greetings from Sister Mildred Winter. Historical parish films. All St. Mark's veterans 65 years and older are expected present. Transportation provided. Call Herman Lentz, 7895. Refreshments, Marien Guild.

6:30 P.M. Area Luther League, Avis, Speaker, Pastor Korte, from Penn State College.

TODAY IN OUR CHURCH

Today is a day that comes only once in the life of a church and in our life. We will remember this day to the end of our earthly existence. It is truly right and appropriate that we begin the day with Our Risen Lord coming to us in the Holy Communion. Let us welcome Him with humble and thankful hearts for His guidance of our church through the years.

We are extremely grateful that the highly esteemed President of the oldest Lutheran church body in the country, Dr. Fischer, fellowships with us on this day and breaks the bread with us. Without him and his message our Centennial simply would not be the success we pray it to be. We welcome, too, his charming partner, Mrs. Fischer.

No group in our church deserves recognition more than the veterans over 65 years who have invested their lives in the Church of our Lord and Savior. These have sown richly and we younger ones are enjoying the fruits of their labors. In our parish is a group of approximately 100 "Golden Agers", presided over by Mr. Fred. A. Applegate, whom we honor and fete this afternoon at 4:30. Significant is it that the group doing the honor for the congregation is the Marien Guild, one of our younger organizations in terms of years.

THE FLOWERS are in loving memory of Mr. Carl Anderson, by his family; in loving memory of Mr. Charles B. Ott, Sr., by his family.

CENTENNIAL CHATTER

THE DRESS REHEARSAL of the 150 persons comprising the pageant cast will be held in Stevens Jr. Hi-School Monday evening at 7:00. It is extremely important that EVERY MEMBER of the cast be present promptly. The pageant committee has spent long hours in preparation for these big evenings, May 13 and 14th, and we should assist them by loyal cooperation. Don't miss the presentation of St. Mark's history in costume and music. Yes, Martin Luther will be with us! Chaplain Rick, the soldiers of former wars, grandfathers and grandmothers, all the saints of yesterday! Never has any church in Williamsport attempted anything so

dramatic, so overwhelming. A "Must" for all our folks.

THE HISTORICAL DISPLAY is now on exhibition in a special room on the first floor. This, like the pageant represents long hours of research, repair, assorting, labeling, etc. See the flag sewed by Cotta members under the presidency of Mrs. Dietrick Lamade and presented to our boys as they departed for the Spanish-American War, the contract for the "new church", old baptism, confirmation, marriage certificates, the paraments of the first church (recently returned by St. Michael's, Quiggleville), charter membership roll by the first pastor, etc., etc.

THE CENTENNIAL BULLETIN COVERS, so expertly designed, are the work of Helene Ritter Snell.

THE FLOWERS upon the altar in Pine St. Methodist on GRAND JUBILEE DAY will be in memory of Pastor Wm. F. Rick, and will be given by his wife and daughter. Our attendance goal for the climatic event is 1500. Invite all your friends and neighbors. Dr. Ruff has made THE LUTHERAN the outstanding publication of its kind in America, recently receiving such an award.

"DOUBLE THAT ANNOUNCEMENT IN LAST SUNDAY'S BULLETIN, PASTOR!", enthusiastically exclaimed a person this past week. "I WOULD NOT HAVE MISSED LAST SUNDAY EVENING'S SERVICE FOR A GOLD MINE!". Pastor Yount certainly was at his best, uniting humor, information, and inspiration in one grand sermon. The zeal and enthusiasm engendered by our Centennial is mounting week by week.

WELCOME REDEEMER CHOIR! The members of St. Mark's living in the East End rallied to the support of Redeemer in its early days.

THE CENTENNIAL HISTORICAL BOOKLET will be off the press any day. Of course you will receive a copy.

NOTICE THE CENTENNIAL RIBBONS being worn by our ushers and committee members. They have worked hard for us. All honor to them!

NEXT SUNDAY WORSHIP WITH MOTHER AT 3 P.M. IN OUR GRAND JUBILEE IN PINE ST. CHURCH.

ANOTHER CENTENNIAL CLASS OF NEW MEMBERS is being assembled for reception on Whitsunday, June 1st. If you have no church home in Williamsport, we welcome YOU!

CENTENNIAL COMMUNITY NIGHT 7:30 P.M.

Organ, Romanza, by Mozart Wm. Wurster
Hymn 198.

Vespers, page 40; Psalm 98, page 188.

The First Lesson, I Peter 2:11-20.

Anthem, "Like as a Hart" Ronald Neil

Redeemer Lutheran Church Choir

The Second Lesson, John 16:16-23.

Hymn (Centennial)

GREETINGS: The Reverend Clarence H. Hershey, Executive Secretary, Williamsport Council of Churches; The Rev. Ward Gage, President, Williamsport Ministerium Assoc.; The Rev. Eugene O. Steigerwalt, President of the Danville Conference of the Ministerium of Pa., Selinsgrove; neighboring churches, etc.

Anthem, "How Amiable Thy Dwellings" Redeemer Choir.
Hymn (Centennial) Prayers Benediction

8:30 P.M. Reception to all our fellow Christians and members in Fellowship Hall. Refreshments by Semper Fidelis.

CALENDAR

Monday 7:45 P.M. SISTER MILDRED WINTER with all her former friends, parishioners, and all members of Sunday School over 9 years of age. Refreshments by Leaguers.

Tuesday 7:45 P.M. MUSIC NIGHT. All former members of choirs and organists (Mrs. Ed. P. Mackey, Paul T. Logue) "The Holy City", Alfred Gaul, Senior Choir. Refreshments by Choir Guild and Mothers.

Wednesday 7:45 P.M. LIFE SERVICE NIGHT. Rev. Rollin Shaffer, son of Mr. and Mrs. B.H. Shaffer, speaking for all our sons in the pastorate and those preparing for the pastorate. Our candidates for the diaconate. Refreshments by Women's Missionary Society.

Thursday 8:00 P.M. RUTH YOUNGDAHL NELSON, Minneapolis, and Washington, D.C., in church, for all St. Mark's women, mothers and daughters. 6:30 P.M. The members of all St. Mark's women's organizations will be served a delicious turkey dinner by the MEN of St. Mark's.
Sunday May 11 3:00 P.M. Pine St. Methodist Church.
Speaker, G. Elson Ruff, D.D., Litt. D., Editor of THE LUTHERAN.

OLD MINISTERIUM CHURCH MAPS CENTENNIAL PROGRAM

ONE HUNDRED YEARS of consecrated service to the Kingdom of God in Williamsport and Central Pennsylvania will be celebrated May 4-18 when St. Mark's Church presents a varied program expected to attract capacity congregations.

To prepare its members for the Jubilee the Church has invited two former pastors to return to preach and to fellowship with former friends and members. Sunday evening, April 20, the Rev. Dr. Stephen M. Paulson, 1903-11, will preach. Dr. Paulson has won fame as the author of the popular sermon appearing each week in Grit. Christ Episcopal choir will sing at this service. Sunday evening, April 27, Dr. Paul L. Yount, 1920-28, will preach and fellowship with his host of friends in the church and community. The senior choir of our daughter church, Messiah's, South Williamsport, will add to the joy of this service.

The Jubilee will officially begin with a Communion Service 8:30 A. M., Sunday, May 4, with the president of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania, Dr. E. E. Fischer, D.D., LL.D., assisting the Pastor. At the 10:45 A. M. Service President Fischer will preach. At the evening service the president of the city's Ministerial Association, the executive secretary of the local Council of Churches, and representatives of the sister and daughter Lutheran Churches will give greetings and the choir of Redeemer Church, a daughter, will sing. At 4:30 P. M. "The Golden Agers" will be guests of the church in Fellowship Hall to recall together the "good old days in Old St. Mark's."

MONDAY EVENING, May 5, "Religious Education Night", will feature a message by the first deaconess to serve the parish and Central Pennsylvania, Sister Mildred Winter. After serving the parish with unselfish devotion for 13 years she became a secretary of the United Lutheran Church Deaconess Board, from which she was advanced to the Executive Secretaryship in charge of Deaconess Work. She will represent the women of the U. L. C. at the Lutheran World Assembly in Hannover, Germany, July 25-August 2. The members of all religious education schools will attend this service as units, along with her many friends.

TUESDAY EVENING, May 6, will be "Music Night", featuring the singing of Alfred Gaul's lovely oratorio, "The Holy City", by the senior choir. The choir has sung this work before several large congregations in Central Pennsylvania and will repeat it for those who have not heard it and for the many who desire to hear it again. All former members of the choir will be invited to this service and honored.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, May 7, will bring back to Williamsport a spiritual son of St. Mark's whose ministry through Lutheran World Action is touching a world-wide multitude. He is the Rev. Rollin H. Shaffer, New York City, who will speak on behalf of the youth of St. Mark's who have entered the service of the Church as pastors and deaconesses or who are planning to do so. Twelve of these will be present or will have greetings. This evening has been designated "Life Service Night."

THURSDAY EVENING, May 8, one of America's great Christian women, Ruth Youngdahl Nelson, Minneapolis and Washington, D. C., Chairman of the Women's Department of Washington's Federation of Churches, will address the members of all the parish women's organizations, their friends, and all women and young women of the parish in the church at 8 o'clock. One of her brothers, from the governorship of Minnesota, was appointed by President Truman to be Federal Judge in District of Columbia. Another is the pastor of the Lutheran Church in Minneapolis chosen by the Christian Century as the number one Protestant Church in America. At the Lutheran Conference on Evangelism in Minneapolis last January she thrilled a vast audience by her dynamic message. For 12 years she served as the only woman member of Gustavus Adolphus College Board of Trustees. Her presence at the Banquet of the Organizations at 6:30 P. M. and before the expected overflow church congregation will be one of the Jubilee's spiritual peaks.

SUNDAY, May 11, will bring together for the first time all members of the parish and its organizations for a gigantic rally in Pine St. Methodist Church at 3 P. M. to hear Dr. Elson G. Ruff, Litt. D., editor of The Lutheran, one of the most widely read church papers. Sunday School will be at 9:35 this Sunday. The early 8:45 A. M. Service will be held but the 10:45 A. M. Service will be omitted. The attendance goal for this rally is 1500.

TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY EVENING, May 13 and 14, in Steven's Junior-High auditorium some 150 St. Mark's members will portray the Story of St. Mark's in a stirring historical pageant, "Ye Shall be Witnesses." Crisis scenes and experiences in the life of the parish will be re-enacted in costume before elaborate scenery. Attendance will be a "Must" for all parish members and their friends. There will be no admission charge.

The JUBILEE'S ORGAN RECITAL will be played Sunday evening, May 18, at 7:30 o'clock in the church by Mr. John Wintersteen, New York, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred B. Wintersteen, parish members. A son of St. Mark's, he has become famous in the musical world as an organist and composer. Whenever he plays in St. Mark's a capacity audience is always present.

A feature of the Jubilee will be the singing of two hymns composed for the event by two parish members, Mrs. C. Victor Beach and Mr. Fred H. Smith.

The Committee that has worked so long and so hard for the success of the Jubilee expects all members whose names appear in the historical booklet to attend these inspiring services and cordially invites the public to share the joy of St. Mark's loyal members as they celebrate their Church's One Hundredth Birthday.