DEDICATION

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH
Broadway and Wells Avenue
KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER
May 15, 1955
THE DEDICATORY SERVICE

PRELUDE ---------------------------------- W. E. Krause, Organist

HYMN OF INVOCATION

1. Christ, Thou art the sure Foundation,
   Thou the Head and Cornerstone;
   Chosen of the Lord and precious,
   Binding all the Church in one;
   Thou Thy Zion’s Help forever
   And her Confidence alone.

2. To this temple, where we call Thee,
   Come, O Lord of hosts, today;
   With Thy wonted lovingkindness
   Hear Thy servants as they pray
   And Thy fullest benediction
   Shed within these walls alway.

3. Here vouchsafe to all Thy servants
   What they ask of Thee to gain,
   What they gain from Thee forever
   With the blessed to retain,
   And hereafter in Thy glory
   Evermore with Thee to reign.

4. Praise and honor to the Father,
   Praise and honor to the Son,
   Praise and honor to the Spirit,
   Ever Three and ever One,
   One in might and one in glory,
   While unending ages run. Amen.

(The Congregation will stand)

Minister: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.

Congregation: Amen.

Minister: Beloved in the Lord: Let us draw near with a true heart and confess
   our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord
   Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
   Our help is in the name of the Lord.

Congregation: Who made heaven and earth.

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

Congregation: And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.

Minister: 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.

Congregation and Minister: 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 knowl-
   edge 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.

Minister: 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 hath promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believeth and is baptized
   shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

Congregation: Amen.

Choir (The Introit): With the voice of singing declare ye and tell this: utter it
   even to the end of the earth. Hallelujah! The Lord hath redeemed His
   servant Jacob: Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Make a joyful noise unto God, all
   ye lands; sing forth the honor of His name; Make His praise glorious.
   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.

Congregation: Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us. Lord
   have mercy upon us.
Minister: Glory be to God on high:

Congregation: 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.

Minister: The Lord be with you.
Congregation: And with thy spirit.

Minister: Let us pray:
THE COLLECT
Congregation: Amen.
(The Congregation will be seated)

THE EPISTLE: Revelation 21, 1-5
Congregation: Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

THE ANTHEM: "Our God, Our Help In Ages Past" Markworth
(The Congregation will stand)

Announcement of the Gospel
Congregation: Glory be to Thee, O Lord!

THE GOSPEL: Luke 19, 1-10
Congregation: Praise be to Thee, O Christ!

THE APOSTLE'S CREED (in unison).
(The Congregation will be seated)

HYMN

1. All glory be to God on high,
   Who hath our race befriended!
   To us no harm shall now come nigh
   The strife at last is ended.
   God showeth His good will toward men,
   And peace shall reign on earth again;
   Oh, thank Him for His goodness!

2. We praise, we worship Thee, we trust,
   And give Thee thanks forever,
   O Father, that Thy rule is just
   And wise and changes never.
   Thy boundless power o'er all things reigns,
   Done is what'er Thy will ordains:
   Well for us that Thou rulest.

3. O Jesus Christ, Thou only Son
   Of God, Thy heavenly Father,
   Who didst for all our sins atone
   And Thy lost sheep dost gather:
   Thou Lamb of God, to Thee on high
   From out our depths we sinners cry,
   Have mercy on us, Jesus!

4. O Holy Ghost, Thou precious Gift,
   Thou Comforter unfailling,
   O'er Satan's snares our souls uplift
   And let Thy pow'r avail
   Avert our woes and calm our dread
   For us the Savior's blood was shed;
   We trust in Thee to save us. Amen.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Herman Scherer
Pastor of First Lutheran Church, Chattanooga, Tennessee
(The Congregation will stand)

Congregation (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. Amen.
(The Congregation will be seated)

THE OFFERINGS
THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

THE ANTHEM: "Blessing, Glory, Wisdom and Thanks"—Croft-Markworth

THE DEDICATORY SENTENCES.

Minister: To the glory and honor of Thee, the Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
Congregation: WE HAVE BUILT AND WOULD DEDICATE THIS CHURCH.

Minister: For worship of Thee in prayer and song;
For the ministry of Thy Word, the proclamation of Thy Law and Gospel;
For the proper administration of the holy Sacraments:
Congregation: WE HAVE BUILT AND WOULD DEDICATE THIS CHURCH.

Minister: For the training of children in all godly knowledge;
For the instruction and admonition of old and young;
For the guidance and direction of all men in the Way of Life:
Congregation: WE HAVE BUILT AND WOULD DEDICATE THIS CHURCH.

Minister: For comfort to those who mourn;
For strength to those who are weak;
For growth in grace and knowledge of Thee:
Congregation: WE HAVE BUILT AND WOULD DEDICATE THIS CHURCH.

Minister: For the promotion of the fellowship of the saints;
For the furtherance of the Gospel through evangelism and missions;
For a testimony against apostasy and error in creed and conduct:
Congregation: WE HAVE BUILT AND WOULD DEDICATE THIS CHURCH.

Minister: As a tribute of gratitude and love;
As a freewill offering of thanksgiving and praise;
From those who have tasted the cup of Thy salvation and experienced the riches of Thy grace:
Congregation: WE HAVE BUILT AND WOULD DEDICATE THIS CHURCH.

THE DEDICATORY PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER.

THE ACT OF DEDICATION.

HYMN OF DEDICATION.

1. In loud, exalted strains
The King of Glory praise.
O'er heav'n and earth He reigns
Thro' everlasting days;
But Zion, thou, so richly blest
Art His delight, His chosen rest.

2. O King of Glory, come
And with Thy favor crown
This temple as Thy home,
This people as Thine own.
Beneath this roof vouchsafe to show
How God can dwell with men below.

3. Now let Thine ear attend
Our supplicating cries;
Now let our praise ascend,
Accepted, to the skies;
Now let Thy Word, the Gospel, sound,
Spread Thy celestial blessing round.

4. Here may the list'ning throng
Receive Thy truth and love;
Here Christians join the song
Of seraphim above
Till all who here may seek Thy face

THE BENEDICTION


THE POSTLUDE

SOLI DEO GLORIA
AN APPRECIATION

First Lutheran Church, and especially the Building Committee of the congregation, wish to take this opportunity to thank the architect, Mr. L. C. Shelton; the general contractor, Mr. Geo. Reagan; and all the other artisans and craftsmen participating in the construction and furnishing of the new church for their excellent work.

THE BUILDING COMMITTEE
A. G. HEINS, SR., Chairman
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A. W. SIEKNECHT
E. ZURCHER

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