Hundredth Anniversary

St. Paul Evangelical Church
(Evangelical and Reformed)
Covington, Kentucky

May 4-10, 1947
St. Paul Evangelical Church

[Eleventh and Backlick Streets, Cxvinton, Kentucky]

PHILIP WIGGEMANN, Minister  MABEL FRAKES, Organist
"Hitherto hath the Lord helped us."

1 Samuel 7:12.

With these words we acknowledge the goodness of Almighty God in directing the destiny of St. Paul Evangelical and Reformed Church during the past one hundred years. As we gather for the celebration of this event, our souls cry out with the psalmist, "The Lord hath done great things for us; wherein we are glad. "Praise the Lord, oh my soul and all that is within me praise his holy name."

In connection with our program we present a brief historical sketch of the development of the church. The greater part of this history was compiled by The Rev. A. C. Lehman, at the time of the celebration of the seventy-fifth anniversary in the year 1922. We incorporate the important events from that date to the present time.

On May 1, 1847, a small number of German Protestant people gathered together in Covington, Kentucky, for the purpose of organizing a Protestant Congregation and to build a church. They proceeded to elect the following Trustees: Carl Wolf, Valentine Hagena, Henry Loeborn, Carl Geibauer was elected Treasurer and Ludwig Kastan, Recording Secretary.

Agitation was at once begun for a suitable and permanent church home, which resulted in the purchase of the lot at the corner of Eleventh and Backlick Streets. The first payment in the amount of $25,000 on this property was made May 17, 1847. A modest church building was then erected and the first religious service was held August 29, 1847, at which time the Rev. Henry Christian Delle was elected as the first pastor.

Records show that the first child baptized in the church was a daughter of Friedrich and Caroline Kuhlmann, September 15, 1847. The first funeral service held in the church was that of Marie Kreyhopp, September 17, 1847.

The first marriage ceremony was performed October 23, 1847 for Gerlach Leibenholt and Sophia Leibfried Metz.

Records show that the congregation soon outgrew its modest quarters and so find that the cornerstone of the present church building was laid July 1, 1867, and the building completed and dedicated April 20, 1868.
The twenty-fifth anniversary of the church was held April 30, 1872, at which time new chandeliers and argyle glass windows consisted of individuals and societies of the church were dedicated.

The fiftieth anniversary was held in the summer of 1877.

At the annual meeting May 3, 1898, the Rev. Gilbert Schmoldt, then Pastor of the Church, presented a document to the Church in which Mr. Frederick Bremner, chief heir of Mr. John and Mrs. Caroline Bremner, presented to the church the sum of $2,000 to be held in trust by the Rev. Gilbert Schmoldt for the purchase of a new Organ. At the request of the Pastor, a committee was appointed with him for the purpose of purchasing a new Organ. The new Organ was dedicated in memory of the donor, July 29, 1900.

In 1913 the parlor lights in the church were replaced by electric lights. In 1919 the organ was removed from the balcony to a place back of the pulpit after a niche had been built for the same. At that time an addition was built to the Sunday School room. A Parson's study and infant class room were added.

The seventy-fifth anniversary of the church was held May 7, 1922.

In May, 1923 the present parsonage at 321 Holman Street was purchased.

The Church was received into the Evangelical Synod of North America at the Indiana District Conference, held at New Albany, Indiana, May 11, 1924, and was formally received by the Rev. W. F. Mohl, D. D., President of the Indiana District, at a service held in the church June 8, 1924. Since the union of the Evangelical and Reformed Churches, this church is a member of the South-West Ohio Synod of The Evangelical and Reformed Church.

In 1926 the church again undertook a remodeling program, adding to the beginning and Primary Departments of the Sunday School. Two Choir rooms were added, a Three-Manual (Tanbark-Kraft) Pipe Organ, including twenty-one Reuben Chimes and a twelve-foot Harp were installed. A new choir loft, new lights throughout the church and Sunday School, a steam heating system and new carpet for the church were acquired. The Church Tower was also rebuilt. On the Spire was placed a copper hand with the index finger pointing heavenward.

The lights, chimes, harp, choir chairs were donated by individuals. The money for all improvements was raised by voluntary subscriptions.
Dedication of Cross and Lectern The Pastor
Amen—Blessed are They Conaway
Offertory—Asperges Me Kreckel

Concertation of Offering (Song by Choir)
Welcome Alfred Schild, President of Church Council
Announcements

Hymn: “Praise Thou the Lord, the Almighty…” (Old Hymnal No. 15)

Praise thou the Lord, the Almighty, who reignest in glory! O thou my soul, let His praise be thy song and thy story!
Join with the throng, Wake now the harp and the song!
Loud let His praises be sounding!
Praise thou the Lord, who upholds all nature in splendor!
Bears thee on pinions of wings; thy Helper and Defender
Dash thee maintain, As thine own heart would ordain;
Soal, hast thou never perceived it?
Praise thou the Lord, yea, let all that within me is praise Hung; All that hath breath, all the faithful shall join to upraise Him!
He is thy Day, He shall shine on thy way;
Now with Amen end thy praising.

Jubilee Sermon—“Blessings From the Sanctuary”
The Rev. F. W. Schroeder, D. D., President Eden Theological Seminary, Webster Groves, Missouri.

Prayer

Benediction

The Response—“Blest be the Tie that binds…” (Old Hymnal No. 51)

Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in christian love; The fellowship of kindred minds Is like to that above.

Silent Prayer

Prelude—Grand Chorus in March Form Guillemard
1847

Scripture Reading—Romans 3:24-29. The Rev. William J. Witt, Pastor, Philippine Evangelical and Reformed Church, Cincinnati, O. 
Anthem—“Glorious Things of Thee are spoken” Durant 
Prayer. The Rev. William Witt 
Choir Response 
Welcome. Alfred Schield, President Church Council 
Anthem—“O My Soul Bles God the Father” Stimes 
Offertory—Veni Creator Kreckel 
Conservation of Offering (Sung by Choir) 
Announcements 
Hymn: “Glorious Things of Thee are spoken” Hymnal No. 323
Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God;
He whose word cannot be broken
Formed thee for His own abode;
On the Rock of Ages founded,
What can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation’s walls surrounded,
Thou may’st still at all thy foes,
See, the streams of living waters,
Springing from eternal Love,
Well supply thy sons and daughters,
And all fear of want remove;
Who can fail, while such a river
Ever flows their thirst to assuage;
Grace, which, like the Lord the Giver,
Never fails from age to age.
Round each habitation hovering,
See the cloud and fire appear,
For a glory and a covering,
Showing that the Lord is near;
Thus deriving from their former
Light by night and shade by day
Safe they feed upon the manna
Which He gives them when they pray. Amen.

Sermon—“Christ and His Church”—Ephesians 5:22
The Rev. Carl F. O. Schmidt 
Pastor St. Mark’s German Evangelical Protestant Congregational Church, Cincinnati, O.

1847

Hymn: “Dwell in Me” Hymnal No. 464
Dwell in me, O blessed Spirit,
How I need Thy help divine!
In the way of life eternal,
Keep, oh, keep this heart of mine.
Refrain—
Dwell in me, oh, dwell in me;
Hear and grant my prayer to Thee;
Spirit, now from heav’n descending,
Come, oh, come and dwell in me.

Let me feel Thy sacred presence;
Then my faith will a’er decline;
Comfort Thou and help me onward;
Fill with love this heart of mine.

Refrain

Dwell in me, O blessed Spirit,
Gracious Teacher, Friend divine,
For the house of bliss that waits me
O prepare this heart of mine.

Refrain

Greetings—By The Rev. Ben H. Klaiber, D. D., President of the Southwest Ohio Synod, Of The Evangelical and Reformed Church, Pastor of Zion Evangelical and Reformed Church, Norwood, O.


Lord’s Prayer (In unison)

Benediction

Closing Verse—“Saviour, again to Thy dear name we raise” Hymnal No. 32
Saviour, again to Thy dear name we raise
With one accord our parting hymn of praise;
We stand to bless Thee ere our worship cease;
Then lowly kneeling, wait Thy Word of peace. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Postlude—Marche Pontificale Tombeule
1847
TUESDAY MAY 6, 1947 — 7:45 P. M.
Community Night

Anthem by the combined Choirs of:
St. Mark Evangelical and Reformed Church, Latonia, Ky., and St. Paul Evangelical and Reformed Church, Covington, Ky.

Hesse Susanne, Cornet Organist
Mabel Blakes, Pianist

Prelude—Fantasia
Gloria Patri

Invocation
Hymn—"Come, Thou Almighty King" (Hymnal No. 4)

Come, Thou Almighty King,
Help us to Thy Name to sing;
Help us to praise;
Father, almighty, wise,
Over all victorious;
Come, and reign o'er us,
Ancient of Days.

Come, Thou Incarnate Word,
God on Thy mighty sword,
Our prayer attend;
Come, and Thy people bless,
And give Thy word success;
Spirit of holiness,
On us descend.

Come, Holy Comforter,
Thy sacred witness bear
In this glad hour;
Those who Almighty art,
New rule in every heart,
And ease from us depart,
Spirit of power.

To the great One in Three,
The highest praise be,
Hence ever more!
His sovereign majesty
May we in glory see,
And to eternity
Love and adore. Amen.
THURSDAY, MAY 8, 1947 — 7:45 P. M.

Organization Night

Prelude — "The Lost Chase" ........................................ Sullivan

Gloria Patri .......................................................... (Hymnal No. 322)

Invocation

Hymn: "Ye Servants of God" ........................................ (Hymnal No. 11)

Ye servants of God;

Your Master proclaims

And publish abroad;

And He is rich;

The Name all glorious,

His kingdom is glorious,

And rules over all.

Then let us adore,

And give Him His right,

And wisdom and might;

And all honor and blessing,

And infinite love. Amen.

Prayer ................................................................. The Rev. Carl B. Kollath

Father Grant and Retired Church, Ft. Thomas, Ky.

Anthem — "Great and Marvelous"

Turner

Scripture Lesson — Psalms 122 .................................. Rev. Carl B. Kollath

Announcements

Anthem — "Open My Eyes" ......................................... McFarlane

Offering — "Aurum Canumile" .................................... Wides

Conservation of Offering . ................................. (Sung by Choir, Hymnal No. 596)

Hymn: "Who is on the Lord's side" ............................. (Hymnal No. 259)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7, 1947

ANNIVERSARY DINNER

Served by members of the Ladies Aid Society.

Meals will be served from 11:30 A. M. until 1:30 P. M.

and from 5 P. M. until 7 P. M.

The Public is Invited.
Who is on the Lord's side?
Who for Him will go?
By Thy call of mercy,
By Thy grace divine,
We are on the Lord's side.
Saviour, we are Thine.

Not for weight of glory,
Not for crown or palm
Enter we the army,
Raise the warrior's psalm:
But for love that claimeth
Lives for whom He died;
Whom Jesus named;
May he on His side;
By Thy love constraining,
By Thy grace divine,
We are on the Lord's side.
Saviour, we are Thine.

Fierce may be the conflict,
Strong may be the foe,
But the King's own army
None can over throw;
Round His standards ranging,
Victory is secure;
For His truth unchanging
Makes the triumph sure.
Joyfully adorning,
By Thy grace divine
We are on the Lord's side.
Saviour, we are Thine. Amen.

Serenade—"Creative Hands"—Exaltation No. 9120...The Rev. J. Paul Goebel Pastor, St. Paul Reformed Church, Newf, Ky.

Anthem—"Great is the Lord" ............................................. Lehr

Greetings by the President of the various organizations of the church.

Lord's Prayer in unison

Closing Hymn—"Lord, dismiss us with Thy Blessing" .... (Hymnal 35)

Lord, dismiss us with Thy Blessing;
Fill our hearts with joy and peace;
Let us each, Thy love possessing,
Triumph in redeeming Grace;
O refresh us, O refresh us,
Traveling through this wilderness.

Thanks we give and adoration
For Thy gospels' joyful sound;
May the fruits of Thy salvation
In our hearts and lives abound;
Ever faithful, ever faithful
To the truth may we be found. Amen.

Benediction

Silent Prayer

Postlude—Coronation March ............................................. Meyerbeer
Hymn: "O Master, let me walk with Thee" (Hymn No. 205)

- O Master, let me walk with Thee
- In ways that men have never trod,
- Tell me Thy secret, help me hear
- The strain of toil, the feet of care.
- Help me the slow of heart to move
- By some clear, winning word of love;
- Teach me the wayward feet to stay,
- And guide them in the homeward way.
- In hope that sends a shining ray
- For down the future's broadening way,
- In peace that only Thee can give,
- With Thee, O Master, let me live. Amen.

Sermon—"Returning to the Valley" (Luke 9: 37)

Anthem—"My God and I" (Sacred Music)

Benediction

Closing Hymn: "Abide with Us, our Saviour" (Hymn No. 344)

- Abide with us, our Saviour,
- Nor let Thy prayer cease:
- From Satan's might defend us,
- And grant our souls release.
- Abide with us, our Saviour,
- Thou Light of earthly night:
- Increase to us Thy blessings,
- And save us by Thy might. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Postlude—"Triumphant March" (Grieg)