

*The Seventy-Fifth Anniversary*  
*1891 - 1966*



*Immanuel Lutheran Church*

of

Lawrence

Everson

Route 2

Washington

ORNING FJELSTAD, *Pastor*

CORINNE ERICKSON, *Parish Worker*

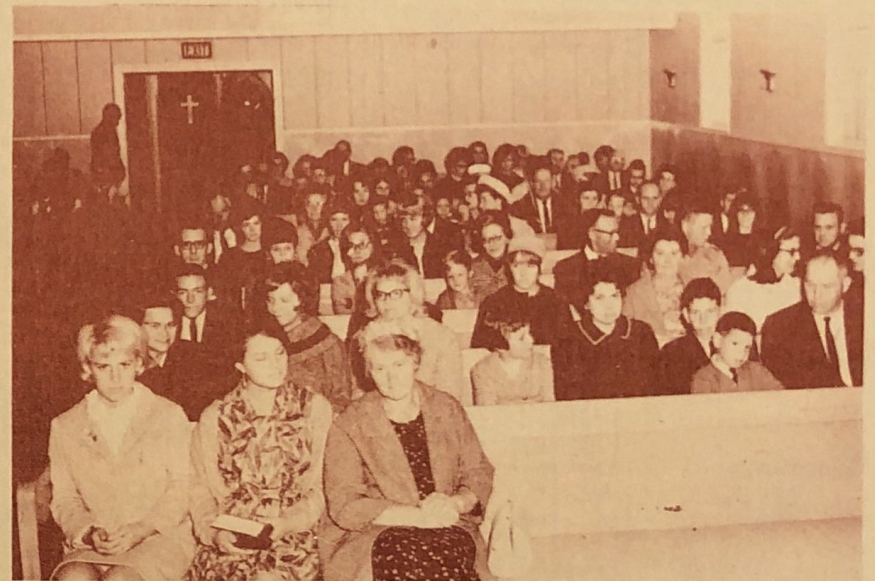
## *A Historical Sketch of Immanuel Lutheran Church*

It is with gratitude to God that we learn of the 75 years of our church in this community. The early pioneers came by water to Whatcom (now Bellingham) by team and wagon north along the Telegraph Road, by ferry across the Nooksack River, about one mile west of Everson, and then afoot or on horseback to the present site of the community of Lawrence.

Two brothers, Ole and S. H. Howem, were among the first settlers to take a homestead in the Lawrence community. They arrived in 1883. In 1884, Ole Helgesen and John Johnson with their families arrived from the East. The community continued to grow until in 1887 Pastor Jorgenson, journeying north from Stanwood, found many souls eager for the Word and Sacrament. It was this work which led in 1891 to the calling of Pastor L. C. Foss, who was serving a congregation in Fairhaven, South Bellingham. The first service at Lawrence was conducted in the J. Johnson home by Pastor Foss on March 15, 1891. His memory will live long in our church as he was so closely linked with its humble beginning.

Marie Tollum was the first baby baptized by Pastor L. C. Foss on March 15, 1891. After her confirmation, Marie was Sunday School teacher and Superintendent and organist for more than 25 years of continuous service.

On January 7, 1892, the first constitution written in Pastor Foss'



handwriting was read and adopted. The same year plans were begun for a church. Pastor Foss was a good carpenter and with the help of C. L. Tolum (who came with his family in 1888) acted as chief carpenter. Though there was little money there were many willing hands and the church was completed and dedicated in 1898.

In 1906 the congregation built a school house to be used for Sunday School, Young People's meetings and choir practice. The site was a half acre north of the railroad track and now occupied by Fullner's Shake Mill. In later years Pastor Borge conducted parochial and public school there for two years.

In 1918 another building project was launched. This time a parsonage was built upon an acre of land given by S. S. Howem, who had also donated the land for the school house. Pastor Borge occupied it in 1919.

In 1924, the statue of Christ, which we now have on the altar was given by the girls Sewing Society, "Pigsforening".

The school house was moved to the church grounds in 1942 to become the parish hall. It was during the Reverend Eggen's pastorate that plans for the present church building were begun and a building fund was established.

In 1946 when the Rev. John Halverson was pastor, definite plans for the new church was completed. On land donated by Henry Halverson and S. O. Howem, ground breaking took place early in 1947. The cornerstone was laid June 22, 1947.

# The Festival Service Of Worship

Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

October 9, 1966 — 11:00 A. M.

## Organ and Piano Prelude

- The Choir Invocation ..... Junior Choir
- The Opening Hymn "I Love Thy Kingdom Lord" No. 158
- The Service ..... (The Hymnal, Page 15)  
The Invocation, Confession of Sins, The Absolution, The  
Introit, The Gloria Patri; The Kyrie, The Gloria in Excelsis,  
The Collect
- The Lesson: 2 Chronicles 1:7-12
- The Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:4-9
- The Gospel: Matthew 22:34-46
- The Confession of Faith ..... Nicene Creed, Page 4
- Anthem "Look Upon Thy Children" Hopkins  
Junior Choir — Mrs. Russell Hedman, Director  
Mrs. Arvid Eggen, Accompanist
- The Announcements
- The Offertory "The Trumpet Shall Sound" Vocal Solo  
Mr. Eugene McCollum — Mrs. Oddmund Valum, Accompanist
- The Offertory Response
- The Pulpit Hymn "Built On A Rock" No. 151
- The Sermon ..... The Reverend Judson Cray  
Executive Assistant to the District President  
North Pacific District; The American Lutheran Church
- Anthem "I Will Love Thee O My Lord" Van Denman Thompson  
Senior Choir — Mr. Loren Monsen, Director  
Mrs. Richard Bruland, Accompanist
- The Closing Prayers
- The Lord's Prayer
- The Benediction
- The Closing Hymn "Faith Of Our Fathers" No. 516
- The Postlude A Medley Mrs. Arvid Eggen, Organ  
Mrs. Lillian Howem, Piano

# The Seventy-Fifth Anniversary Service

October 9, 1966 — 2:30 P. M.

## Organ and Piano Prelude

- Hymn "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken" No. 152
- Responsive Reading of Psalm 84 (Hymnal, Page 172)  
and Prayer ..... Pastor Orning Fjelstad

## FESTIVAL OF SONG

- Anthem "A Mighty Fortress" Martin Luther  
Senior Choir — Mr. Loren Monsen, Director  
Mrs. Richard Bruland, Accompanist
- Hymn "O God Our Help In Ages Past" No. 168
- Vocal Duet ..... "Bless This House"  
Miss Sally Eggen and Miss Lillian Howem  
Mrs. Arvid Eggen, Accompanist
- Hymn "Now Thank We All Our God" No. 443
- Vocal Solo ..... "God Shall Wipe Away All Tears"  
Miss Lynn Valum; Mrs. Oddmund Valum, Accompanist
- Anthem "The Lord's Prayer" B. Cecil Gates  
Senior Choir

## Announcements and Greetings

- The Anniversary Offering  
Offertory ..... Mrs. Arvid Eggen, Organ  
Miss Lillian Howem, Piano

## The Prayer of Thanksgiving

- Hymn "The Church's One Foundation" No. 149
- The Anniversary Message ..... Pastor E. M. Bremer  
Trinity Lutheran Church; Kirkland, Washington
- Hymn "Blest Be The Tie That Binds" No. 543

## Closing Prayer

## Benediction

- Hymn "On Our Way Rejoicing" No. 195
- Organ — Piano Postlude

Coffee and refreshments will be served in the Parish Hall  
following the Service

## Historical Sketch continued

After many sacrifices, gifts, and valuable hours donated by our members, the beautiful new church was completed. It was dedicated May 23, 1948, fifty years after the dedication of the old church.

In the spring of 1949 the new Hammond electric organ was dedicated.

In the fall of 1949 the congregation made extensive improvements of our cemetery; more land was purchased and some donated by Fred Williams.

At the annual meeting, January 30, 1950, it was voted that we become self-supporting under the leadership of our first full-time pastor, Juston Crary. Previously our pastor had served Ferndale, Custer and Matsqui.

On October 21, 1951, the Congregation and Ladies Aid commemorated 60 years with festival services with Dr. Foss as guest speaker and a Choir Concert in the evening. A cross, candle sticks, and altar cloth given by church members were dedicated.

On May 18, 1953, the mortgage of the church was burned and an offering was received to begin a fund for the building of a new parish house and Sunday School rooms.

Plans for the parish house were completed in 1954, the first year of Pastor Bremer's ministry. Construction began in July and again with many donations of money and time by members and friends. Church pews were purchased and the parish house was completed



and dedicated on October 30, 1955, with Chaplain J. Crary as guest speaker.

In 1959, land for a new parsonage near the church was given by Mrs. John Richardt in memory of her husband and son, Arnold.

The 70th Anniversary of the congregation was observed with much festivity. An Anniversary fellowship banquet on Friday, June 2, 1961, was followed on Sunday with a Festival Service at 11:00 a.m. and an Anniversary Confirmation Reunion at 2:30 p.m. Dr. H. L. Foss, Pastors Judson Crary and Obed Vold were speakers.

In 1963 the congregation ventured forth in a progressive way to serve the community. A Christian Kindergarten began to function in the month of February, 1963, with the purpose to prepare children for school and to teach the basic truths of Christianity. Miss Corinne Erickson was called as our first full time parish worker then. Before her coming, the congregation had only part-time parish workers, Miss Ruth Getz, and Miss Judy Fredrickson, 1961-1962.

A beautiful new parsonage was dedicated by Dr. S. C. Siefkes on January 10, 1965. It was built almost entirely by the members of the congregation on land donated by Mrs. John Richardt. The first pastor's family to occupy it is the Orning Fjelstads, who arrived in August of 1964, Pastor Bremer having left in May of that year.

Immanuel Congregation is most thankful to God for His faithfulness through these 75 years and for His promise to lead us in the future. The growth of the congregation has been gratifying through the years. There are now 436 baptised members. There are 180 students and staff in the Sunday School. Through the 75 years there have been 673 baptisms, 458 confirmations, 226 marriages and 245 funerals.

We thank God for continually providing new opportunities to serve our Lord and community. The congregation is now involved in the Bethel Series Bible Study, hoping to have most of the adults studying the Bible in 1967. There are plans being made for additional building in the very near future. We give credit to the many men, women and children, who in the past have served Christ through the work of this congregation and whose faith and talents have been used by God to produce this congregation and these buildings and this witness to our Lord. We look to Him, our crucified and risen Lord, who promises to be with us until the end and in whom we have found our deepest joy and reason for being.

L. C. Foss .....	1891-1895	C. B. Johanson .....	1924-1939
O. Hagos .....	1895-1900	A. N. Eggen .....	1939-1944
George Lane .....	1900-1902	J. V. Halvorson .....	1944-1949
Olaf J. Ordal .....	1902-1906	J. L. Crary .....	1949-1953
Olaf Borge .....	1906-1911	E. M. Bremer .....	1953-1964
Martin Skonhovd .....	1911-1914	Orning Fjelstad .....	1964-
O. Borge .....	1915-1924		



*“O How Blessed Is This Place  
Filled With Solace, Light And Grace”*

Here our God has touched our lives and poured his grace into our souls through the Baptisms, Confirmations, Marriages, Sacraments of the Altar, Benedictions and Messages from His Word which have come to us here and made this place most treasured.

*“Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to thy name give glory,  
for the sake of thy steadfast love and thy faithfulness!”*

*—Psalm 115:1*

The Anniversary Committee

Mrs. Arvid Eggen, *Chairman*  
Mr. Shirley Daniels  
Mr. Gordon McGillivray

Mrs. Arthur Bruland  
Mrs. Russell Hedman  
Mr. Loren Monsen

*Our thanks also to Mrs. Oliver Helgeson, Mrs. C. H. Hoff and Miss Marie Tollum for their fine work in producing the memory book and historical display for the anniversary.*

BLESSING, AND GLORY, AND WISDOM, AND THANKSGIVING,  
AND HONOR, AND POWER, AND MIGHT, BE UNTO  
OUR GOD FOR EVER AND EVER.

AMEN: