

DEDICATION  
OF THE ORGAN

**SAINT PAUL EVANGELICAL  
LUTHERAN CHURCH  
OCTOBER 20, 2019 A.D.**



## THANK YOU

Thanks be to God for the many generous  
donors, volunteers, musicians,  
and workers who gave their time, talents, and gifts  
to bring this monumental project to completion.

Thanks to your support,  
the St. Paul Lutheran church organ  
will benefit congregations and musicians alike  
for generations to come!



**Liturgist:** Rev. Thomas E. Fast

**Preacher:** Rev. Anthony T. Bertram

**Director of Music:** Michael Kutch

**Guest Organist:** Stephen Wurst

**Crucifer:** Jacob Singleton

**Mixed Choir**

**Handbell Choir**

**Brass Ensemble:** Hudson Laven, Lilly Laven, Emma Bolen, Tyson Kube

Sunday, October 20, 2019, at 9:00 a.m.

## BLESSING OF AN ORGAN

*Stand and face the church balcony*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** Beloved in the Lord, the gracious God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has made this a day of special rejoicing. With this renovated organ we will be encouraged to “sing to the LORD and bless His name, to tell of His salvation from day to day.”

It will also adorn the Word of Christ which dwells in us richly in all wisdom so that, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, we may sing with grace in our hearts to the Lord. As He has taught us in His holy Word that everything is sanctified by the Word of God and prayer, it is fitting that we bless and sanctify this instrument for use in God’s holy house.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, You dwell in the heavens surrounded by angels and archangels and all the company of heaven as they offer their worship and sing, “Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth.” We thank You that You have united our voices with their unending hymn of praise. Of Your goodness You have blessed us with this organ to enliven our hearts and adorn our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Grant that by Your mercy we may ever glorify Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

**P** The Lord Almighty, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless this organ for use in the services of His house.

**C** Amen.

**Entrance Hymn: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty**

LSB 790

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.  
**C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.  
**C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**
- P** God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** **Amen.**

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

**Introit:** Ps. 74:18–19, 21, 20a, 22a; antiphon: Ps. 74:2a



- P** Remember your congre- | gation,\*  
 which you have pur- | chased of old,  
 which you | have redeemed\*  
 to be the tribe of your | heritage!
- Remember this, O LORD, how the en- | emy scoffs,\*  
 and a foolish people re- | viles your name.  
 Do not deliver the soul of your dove to the | wild beasts;\*  
 do not forget the life of your poor for- | ever.
- C** **Let not the downtrodden turn | back in shame;\***  
**let the poor and needy | praise your name.**  
**Have regard for the | covenant,\***  
**Arise, O God, de- | fend your cause.**
- All: Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***  
**and to the Holy | Spirit;**  
**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***  
**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**
- P** Remember your congre- | gation,\*  
 which you have pur- | chased of old,  
 which you | have redeemed\*  
 to be the tribe of your | heritage!

# Kyrie

**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,

and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise

let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.

**C** A - men.

## Hymn of Praise: This Is the Feast

*Refrain*

**C** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 — Wor-ty is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and  
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and  
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to  
 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*  
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*  
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*  
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*  
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

*Final Refrain*

**C** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And al - so with you.

**P** Let us pray.

O Lord, almighty and everlasting God, You have commanded us to pray and have promised to hear us. Mercifully grant that Your Holy Spirit may direct and govern our hearts in all things that we may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of Your name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

### Old Testament Reading

Genesis 32:22–30

The same night [Jacob] arose and took his two wives, his two female servants, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and everything else that he had. And Jacob was left alone. And a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he touched his hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day has broken." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go unless you bless me." And he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then he said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life has been delivered."

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Mixed Choir: Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

Dan Forrest

### Epistle

2 Timothy 3:14—4:5

As for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work.

I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## Alleluia and Verse



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Holy Gospel

Luke 18:1-8

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 18<sup>th</sup> chapter.



**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

[Jesus] told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man. And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, 'Give me justice against my adversary.' For a while he refused, but afterward he said to himself, 'Though I neither fear God nor respect man, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming.'" And the Lord said, "Hear what the unrighteous judge says. And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

## Hymn of the Day: The Church's One Foundation

LSB 644

## Sermon

*Stand*

## Nicene Creed

**C** I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life  $\dagger$  of the world to come. Amen.

## Prayer of the Church

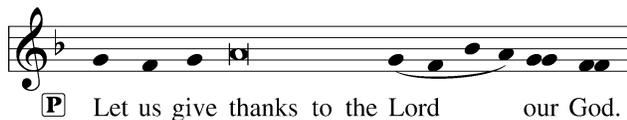
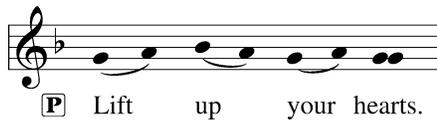
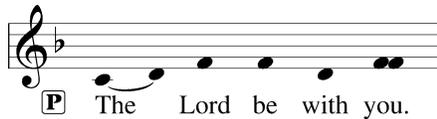
*Sit*

Offering — Handbells: Eternal Father, Strong to Save

Janet Linker and Jane McFadden

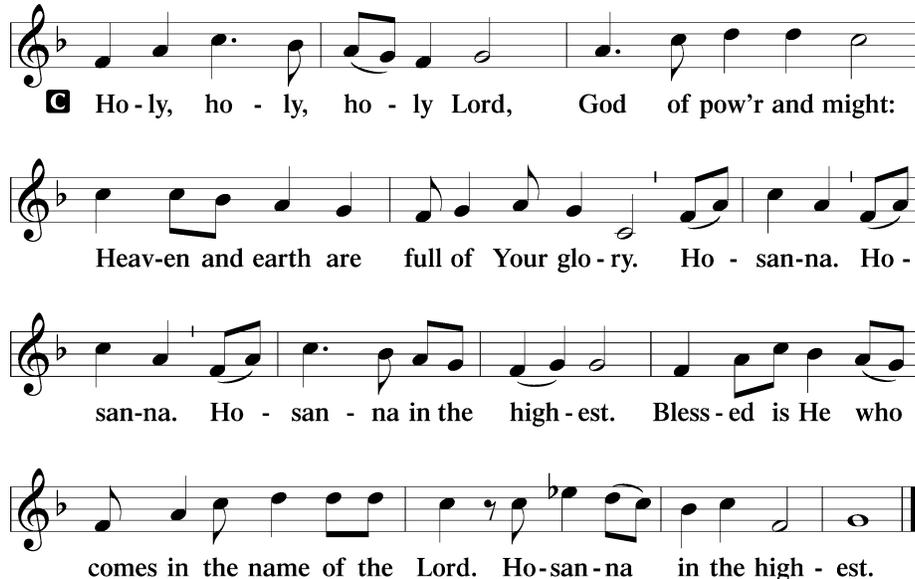
## SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

### Preface



**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## Sanctus



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -  
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

**C** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Lord's Prayer

**P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**C** Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;  
give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.

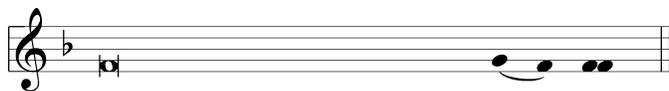
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

## The Words of Our Lord

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

## Pax Domini



**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



**C** A - men.

## Agnus Dei



**C** Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.

*Sit*

## Distribution

**At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing**

LSB 633

**Beautiful Savior**

Setting by Jeffrey Blersch; LSB 537 (*Choir only, St. 3*)

**Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness**

LSB 636

**All Christians Who Have Been Baptized**

LSB 596

*Stand*

## Post-Communion Canticle: Thank the Lord



**C** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

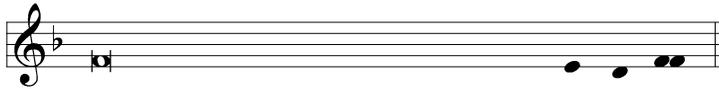
## Post-Communion Collect

**P** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Benediction



**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you  
and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



**C** A - men.

## Recessional Hymn: All People That on Earth Do Dwell      LSB 791 (*Choir only, St. 4; St. 5 as printed*)

Stanza 5: △ Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Setting by Stephen Wurst and Michael Kutch*

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# STEPHEN WURST

## GUEST ORGANIST

Originally from Maple City, Michigan, Stephen Wurst is currently a Doctor of Musical Arts candidate at the University of Oklahoma with the American Organ Institute. He also received his Master of Music degree from OU. Prior to his studies in Oklahoma, he attended Concordia University Wisconsin for his undergraduate degree in Parish Music. His previous organ professors include Sally Lewis, John Behnke, Damin Spritzer, and Adam Pajan; he is currently a student of John Schwandt. During his time at OU, he spent four years as a graduate assistant at the organ shop as part of his studies with the American Organ Institute. While working there, he helped restore two pipe organs significant to the state of Oklahoma.

Stephen has been a church musician since he began organ lessons at the age of fourteen. He currently serves as the Director of Parish Music at 1,400-member Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Edmond, Oklahoma. He oversees the music program there with eight ensembles, directly leading four of them. In addition to performing solo concerts across the country, he has also collaborated with the Wind Symphony at OU and University of Central Oklahoma Concert Chorale.

# HOWARD NOLTE

## ORGAN BUILDER

Howard began working on pipe organs when he was in High School, and several years later, after completing his first year of teacher training, he was approached by Mr. Ernst Vogelpohl, of the former Vogelpohl & Sons Pipe Organ Company of New Ulm, MN. He was asked if he wished to serve an apprenticeship with the present firm.

Mr. Ernst Vogelpohl was one of the last remaining sons of the firm, also having a brother who began this trade in another state; however, Ernst did not have any sons. He asked if Howard would be interested in learning the trade, as he had no sons to take over the business when he would later retire.

This was, of course, the same Mr. Vogelpohl who sold and installed the Wicks Organ in St. Paul's Church in 1951. Since the Nolte family (Howard's grandparents, and many aunts, uncles and cousins) were members of St. Paul's, Howard was well acquainted with Fairmont, and the construction of the new church after World War II.

Howard worked with Mr. Vogelpohl for a number of years, tuning, repairing, moving, and installing pipe organs. This would become the foundation of a new business enterprise, Ulm Orgelwerke.

After this, and many years to follow, Howard and his students and employees have traveled throughout seven states and part of Ontario working on instruments of all sizes and makes, as well as building several smaller organs.

Nearly 25 year ago, Mr. Richard Eyerly contacted Howard and asked if he would help with servicing the organ at St. Paul's since there were many issues arising with the 'new organ console'. Numerous repairs were done on the console, as well as rewiring, revoicing of pipes, and regulating of the instrument.

Howard Nolte's expertise and skills have been crucial in the current organ project, as he has an intricate and long history with the pipe organ at St. Paul's. It is with much gratitude that we thank Mr. Nolte for his many years of service and dedication to our pipe organ.

# ORGAN SPECIFICATION

Production Stop List C180915 & C181176  
St. Paul Lutheran Church ~ Fairmont, MN  
Wicks-Levsen 3/34 New Console & Relay & 10 Ranks Augmented  
August 26, 2019

Key: **bold** = new stops

## GREAT ORGAN

1	16' Bourdon	61 N (16)
2	8' Principal	61 P
3	8' Melodia	61 P
4	8' Gamba	61 P
5	8' Dulciana	61 P
<b>6</b>	<b>4' Octave</b>	<b>61 P</b>
7	4' Flute	12 P (3)
8	2' Fifteenth	61 P
9	1 1/3 Mixtur	183 P
10	8' Trumpet	61 P
11	Chimes	21 Tubes
12	Tremolo	
13	4' Great	

## SWELL ORGAN

14	16' Bourdon	61 N (16)
15	8' Geigen Principal	61 P
16	8' Gedeckt	61 P
17	8 Salicional	61 P
18	8' Vox Celeste TC	61 P
19	4' Flute Harmonic	61 P
20	4' Violina	12 P (17)
<b>21</b>	<b>2 2/3' Nazard</b>	<b>61 P</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>2' Flachflöte</b>	<b>61 P</b>
<b>23</b>	<b>1 3/5 Terz</b>	<b>61 P</b>
<b>24</b>	<b>II Sharf</b>	<b>122 P</b>
25	8' Cornopean	61 P
<b>26</b>	<b>4' Rohr Schalmel</b>	<b>61 P NC</b>
27	Tremolo	
28	4' Swell	

## POSITIV ORGAN

29	8' Holz Gedeckt	61 P
30	4' Spill Pfeife	61 P
31	2' Principal	61 P
32	1 1/3 Klein Nazat	61 P
33	III Cymbal	183 P
34	8' Krummhorn	61 P
35	4' Positiv	
36	Zymbelstern	

## PEDAL ORGAN

37	32' Resultant	32 N
38	16' Principal	12 P
39	16' Subbass	32 P
40	16' Bourdon	12 P (16)
<b>41</b>	<b>8' Octave Bass</b>	<b>32 P NC</b>
42	8' Flute	32 N (3)
43	8' Gamba	32 N (4)
44	4' Choral Bass	12 P (41)
45	4' Flute	32 N (3)
<b>46</b>	<b>II Rausch Bass</b>	<b>64 P NC</b>
<b>47</b>	<b>III Mixtur</b>	<b>36 P NC (9)</b>
48	16' Trumpet	12 P (10)
49	8' Trumpet	32 N (10)
<b>50</b>	<b>4' Rohr Schalmel</b>	<b>32 N (32)</b>

## COUPLERS—ROCKER TABS

51	Great to Pedal	8
52	Great to Pedal	4
53	Swell to Pedal	8
54	Swell to Pedal	4
55	Positiv to Pedal	8
56	Positiv to Pedal	4
57	Swell to Great	16
58	Swell to Great	8
59	Swell to Great	4
60	Positiv to Great	16
61	Positiv to Great	8
62	Positiv to Great	4
63	Swell to Positiv	8
64	Swell to Positiv	4
65	MIDI #1	
66	MIDI #2	
67	MIDI #3	
68	MIDI #4	

## COMBINATION ACTION—MANUAL THUMB PISTONS WITH REMOTE CAPTURE WITH LOCKING SETTER KEY

Swell	1-5
Great	1-5
Positiv	1-5
Pedal	1-5
Generals	1-10
Great to Pedal Reversible dup by toe stud	
Swell to Pedal Reversible dup by toe stud	
Positiv to Pedal Reversible dup by toe stud	
Zimbelstern dup by toe stud	
Tutti Reversible dup by toe stud	

### TOE STUDS

Pedal	1-5
Generals	6-10 (dup from manual piston)
Swell Expression Pedal	
Great Expression Pedal	
Crescendo Pedal	
New Rectifiers	
Present Blower Reused	



## HISTORY

Levsen Organ Company came into existence in 1954 as a service and tuning facility. Tuning and servicing pianos and electric organs was the scope of the operation until 1965. Rodney E. Levsen, founder, worked with a major pipe organ builder where he designed, negotiated and installed more than 80 new pipe organs. After completion of a suitable apprenticeship, he commenced doing tuning and repair of pipe organs. In 1980, he began contracting and building organs that bear the Levsen Organ Company name. Levsen has since built and rebuilt 100+ pipe organs.

Levsen Organ Company tunes and services more than 270 pipe organs mainly in the upper Midwest. They believe the care of the organ is very important. The company innovated tooling and software that is accepted and used by other domestic and foreign organ builders.



Rodney E. Levsen, President, has a deep interest in the preservation of valuable historic organs. He is a longtime member of the Organ Historical Society, American Institute of Organ Builders and the International Society of Organ Builders, and has been a sustaining member of the American Guild of Organists since 1965, now with three generations of Levsens (Sons: Rod Jr.—Vice-President/General Manager, Greg—IT/Organ Tech, Matthew—Maintenance/Organ Tech; Grandson: Chris—Draftsman/Organ Tuner) plus Steve Meyermann—Tonal & Organ Tuner, Ron Schnack—Organ Tech actively working to serve our customers.

## OUR PHILOSOPHY

Levsen Organ Company is inclined to build in the American Classical tonal principal. We feel it yields an eclectic instrument that is flexible, as a worship organ should be. We also believe in building affordable organs with state-of-the-art technology using both mechanical and electric action. Please feel welcome to use our many years of experience and dedicated staff as a resource. We are honored to have been of assistance.

# HISTORY OF THE PIPE ORGAN

AT ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH ~ FAIRMONT, MINNESOTA

On Monday, May 2, 1949, the day after the last service was conducted in the old St. Paul Lutheran Church building, Ernest Vogelpohl, an organ builder of New Ulm, MN disassembled the old organ. For the next two and a half years, the congregation would have to get along as best it could without the accompaniment of a pipe organ.

Having retired the old organ, discussion began regarding the building of a new organ for the new sanctuary. Of the obstacles involved in this process, fundraising was among the foremost, since the cost of such an instrument would be quite expensive. With the goal of having a pipe organ in the church for the day of the dedication, a group of men banded together to form the Men's Club. Floyd Nolte was elected as the first president, and began communication with the Wicks Organ Company of Highland, Illinois. Marvin Carlson succeeded Floyd as president, Willis Hinz served as scribe, and Vernon Tietje assumed the responsibility of collecting dues and soliciting larger donations. On August 23 the Men's Club signed a contract with the Wicks Organ Company — a large project to the tune of \$10,100.

A special Organ Committee was formed to oversee communication and technical details of this project. The committee consisted of St. Paul's organists A.W. Banke, H.W. Otte, and Pastor O.F. Krause. Additions this committee added to the organ project included: adding an additional manual for the cost of \$1,797, and casework and grille for \$1,108. All-in-all the cost of the project would total around \$14,000. The final payment would be made July of 1953.

The architect had provided two chambers for the ranks of pipes. According to the Organ Committee: "There is ample room to augment this instrument, and when this has been done to the full, our three-manual Wicks organ will be one of the finest in southern Minnesota. It is truly an instrument which helps the worshipers sing unto the Lord joyfully and devoutly."

On December 9, 1951, one week before the dedication, the truck of Wicks Organ Company arrived, and on the following day the installation began under the leadership of Ernest Vogelpohl.

"The Men's Club will always regard the pipe organ as a project. Nothing could be more befitting to that society than the promotion of good church music. May our sons and daughters who are musically talented be induced to play skillfully and efficiently the finest instrument for church services, the pipe organ!"



1950: Wicks Organ installed with 12 ranks of pipes

1980: An additional 12 ranks of Wicks pipes installed

1989: New organ console built to replace original

1999: Zimbelstern added in memory of Janice Borchert's mother, Erma

2019: New organ console built by Levsen Organ Co., 10 additional ranks of pipes and new wiring for the entire instrument at a cost of approximately \$220,750.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Saturday, November 2, 2019

Handbell Workshop, 9:00 a.m. to Noon

St. Paul Lutheran Church

*Dr. John Behnke, Clinician*

*Cost: \$15 per ringer; includes new piece of music*

*Entire choirs or individual ringers are welcome!*



## Sunday, November 3, 2019

Hymn Festival, 4:00 p.m.

St. Paul Lutheran Church

*Freewill Donation*

*Dr. John Behnke, Emeritus Professor of Music of Concordia University, Mequon, Wisconsin*

## DR. JOHN BEHNKE

### HYMN FESTIVAL ORGANIST AND CLINICIAN

John Behnke is Emeritus Professor of Music of Concordia University, in Mequon, Wisconsin where for 29 years he taught organ, church music courses, and directed The Alleluia Ringers, Concordia's touring handbell choir.

He was the organist and choir director at Historic Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church in downtown Milwaukee, from 1990 until 2019, and the director of the Milwaukee Handbell Ensemble and Music Editor of AGEHR Publishing — Handbell Musicians of America from 2003 until 2019.

Dr. Behnke is also a frequent organ recitalist, handbell clinician, and festival director. He enjoys composing and arranging having over 450+ handbell, choral, and organ compositions in print with seventeen different publishers in the United States, Germany, and Taiwan. A complete works listing can be found online at [www.johnbehnke.com](http://www.johnbehnke.com).

He was honored in December of 1993 being named "MVP" Most Valuable Player in the Milwaukee area by Milwaukee Sentinel music critic, Nancy Raabe. In May of 1994 he was named Concordia's "Faculty Laureate." He has also received an ASCAP Composers Award every year since 1998. In March of 2004, he was selected by the Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel as one of the "10 Beautiful Minds" of scholars who help make Milwaukee a brighter place. In March of 2009, he was selected as one of 103 notable people who live and work in Ozaukee County, Wisconsin.

A 1974 graduate of Concordia-River Forest, IL, he received his M. Mus. in Church Music and Organ from Northwestern University where he was elected into the Alpha Chapter of Pi Kappa Lambda, a National Honorary Music Society. From August 1978 to July 1979 Dr. Behnke studied at the Westphalian Church Music Institute in Herford, W. Germany, where he passed the "A" Exam in Organ with the grade of "1-Excellent."



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