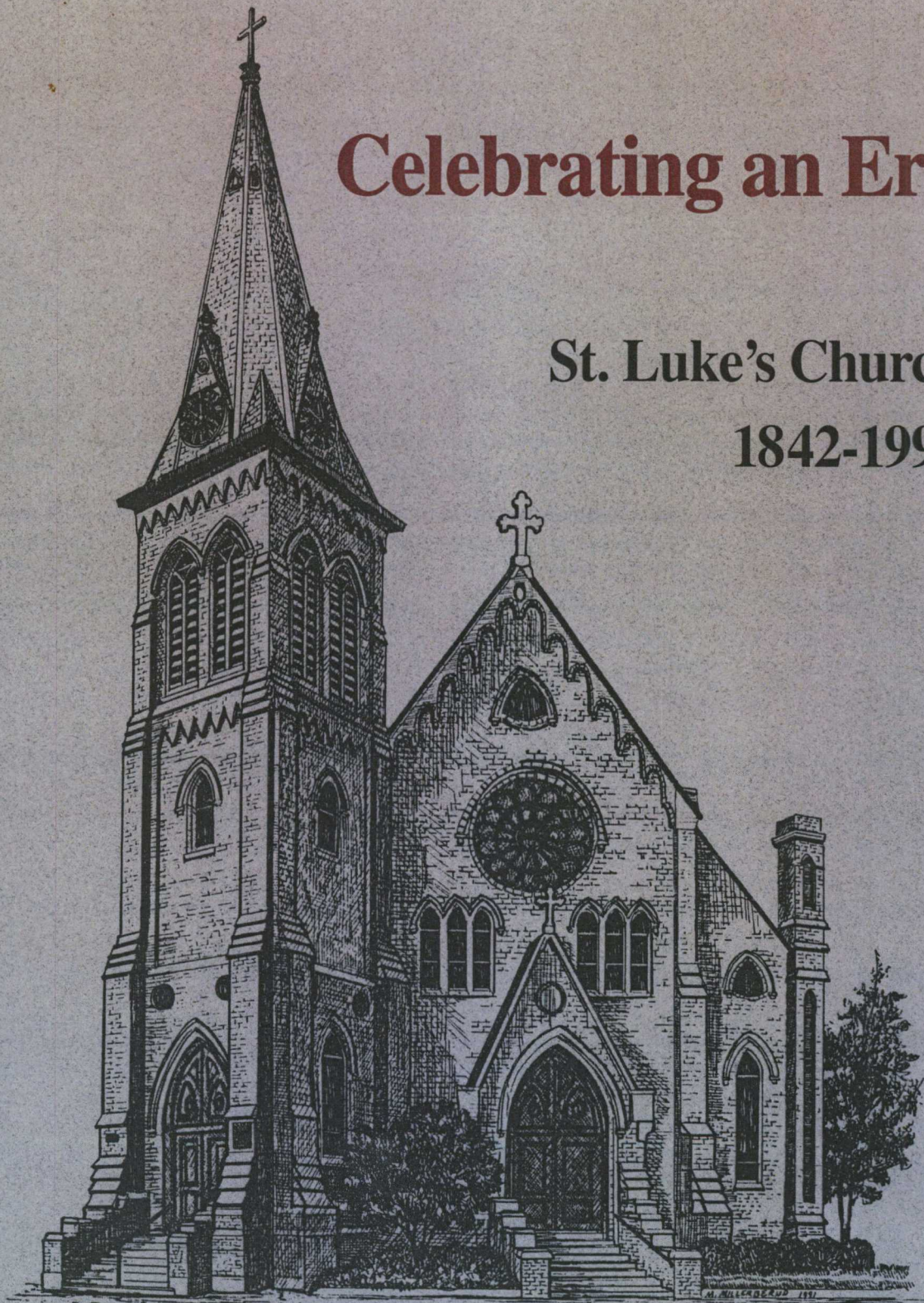


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It stands vigil over the streets below,
Its gleaming cross a beacon by land and sea,
Its garden where lovely summer flowers grow,
Speaking to all who pass this way: "Come and see."

The red doors swing open to the peace inside
Where sturdy beams spread beneath the roof above,
Enfolding this Sacred, Holy Place with pride,
Speaking to all who enter: "Come, share the love."

The cushioned pews in silent prayerful rows
Await another generation today,
Holding family blessings, joys and woes,
Speaking to all who come each week: "Kneel and pray."

Saints Luke and John stand tall on either side;
Carved wood rises above the Altar of stone,
Crafted years ago with an artisan's pride,
Speaking to each who comes: "You're not alone."

The nave walls are lined with windows of stained glass
Filtering the colors the sun's rays release,
Flickering upon the path of those who pass
To leave this Holy Place, speaking: "Go in Peace."

ESTHER M. KLEMP, 1994

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The Bishop's Greeting



The Episcopal Diocese
of Milwaukee



Summer, 1992

My dear people of St. Luke's, Racine:

What a joy to celebrate this year of anniversary with you -- 150 years of significant ministry in the midst of the city of Racine.

St. Luke's has not only been the source of pastoral care for thousands in your community; it has been the seed planter for other parish ministries and a hospital ministry, as well as being very much a part of the DeKoven Foundation for Church Work.

Your priests and people have indeed been a witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ in both word and deed. For that, we need to give thanks and praise and yes, all the glory to God.

You are in my prayers as you celebrate -- you are in my thoughts and have my best wishes as you plan for another 150 years of significant ministry in Racine.

May God bless you all abundantly as you serve the one who is Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

In Christ's name with thankfulness for your parish life and ministry,

I am yours faithfully,

+Roger J. White
Bishop of Milwaukee

Bishops Serving St. Luke's Church

First

The Rt. Rev. Jackson Kemper, D.D. L.L.D.
Missionary Bishop of Northwest, 1835-1859
Provincial Bishop of Wisconsin, 1847-1854
Bishop of Wisconsin, 1854-1870
Died 1870, Age 80

Second

The Rt. Rev. William E. Armitage, D.D.
Assistant Bishop of Wisconsin, 1866-1870
Bishop of Wisconsin, 1870-1873
Died 1873, Age 43

Third

The Rt. Rev. Edward R. Welles, D.D.
Bishop of Milwaukee, 1874-1888
(Diocese of Fond du Lac formed)
Died 1888, Age 58

Fourth

The Rt. Rev. Cyrus F. Knight, D.D. D.C.L.
Bishop of Milwaukee, 1889-1891
Died 1891, Age 60

Fifth

The Rt. Rev. Isaac L. Nicholson, D.D.
Bishop of Milwaukee, 1891-1906
Died 1906, Age 62

Sixth

The Rt. Rev. William W. Webb, D.D. L.L.D.
Coadjutor Bishop, 1906
Bishop of Milwaukee, 1906-1933
(Diocese of Eau Claire formed)
Died 1933, Age 75

Seventh

The Rt. Rev. Benjamin F. P. Ivins, D.D. D.L.L.
Coadjutor Bishop, 1925-1933
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Coadjutor Bishop, 1952-1953
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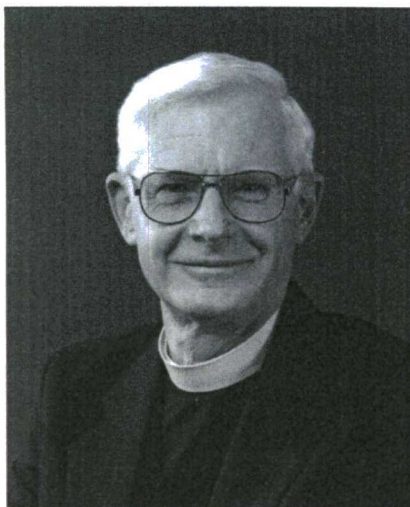
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The Rt. Rev. Charles T. Gaskell, M.Div. D.C.L.
Coadjutor Bishop, 1973-1974
Bishop of Milwaukee, 1974-1985

Tenth

The Rt. Rev. Roger J. White, B.D. D.C.L.
Coadjutor Bishop, 1984-1985
Bishop of Milwaukee, 1985-

The Rector's Foreword



To the Members and Friends of St. Luke's Church:

This year of 1992 we are granted the rare opportunity of celebrating 150 years in the life of St. Luke's parish. This is a privilege for us. We did not earn this day. It has been given to us in the realized dreams and visions of our predecessors.

The carefully documented record they have left us and the accompanying photographs capture and hold their energy and accomplishments. In this unique compilation we have the framework for a "House of God" completed by the many people who contributed deep and personal histories into the prayer life for which this church was established. Here and there we know of the tear stains that come from both joy and sadness. We know that here or there was a worried parent or spouse or child; over in another place was the prayer of rejoicing over a war's end and the safe return of a loved one.

From their written history we learn of the outstretched arms of the people of this parish who, like the bell tower, are a sign of hope to a broken world. No matter where we look we see places where prayers are hidden—in the crevices of the many corners of the building as well as in the mortar between the bricks that shelter those inside. Why? Because this parish was not made by a few great people, but by many people who did not know how great they were in the eyes of God or even in our eyes until we look back in awe at their accomplishments.

In the spirit of the many who have done so much let us give thanks in personal intercession for both the recorded and the unrecorded deeds done by many named and unnamed people of God.

Like the saints they were in their day, may we grow each day in the imitation of their lives and lead our own holy life as marks for the future.

In Our Blessed Lord,

James A. Kaestner

Rector of St. Luke's Episcopal Church

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