

bought the land at
1787 Klerner Lane
for expansion in
October 1964.

Closing the deal was church trustees
and other officials to purchase seven
and half acres of land on Klerner
Lane. Carl Carpenter (seated) adds
his signature. Others are Rev.
Buehner (left), George Becht
(trustee), Chet Norton (President of
the congregation) and others.



50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
Dedication of Church Building at
September 15, 1974 - September 15, 2024

Timeline of Events

December 1, 1963, Grace conducts a self-study that illustrates that a larger facility is

October 4, 1964, a Tribune article reports that Grace Lutheran has purchased 7 ½ acres on Klerner Lane.

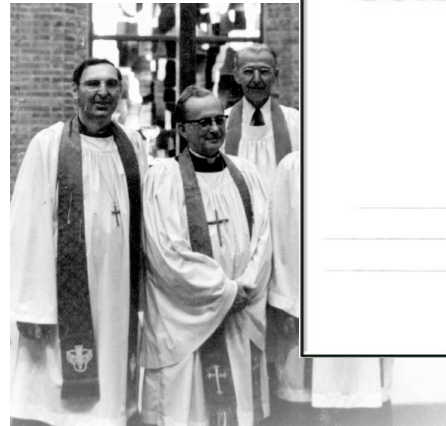
July 8, 1973, Grace Lutheran kicks off a bond sale to raise 425K for construction to begin. The bonds were sold with a promise of 7 ½ %. 100 members were tasked with selling the bonds to members, friends, and to sister congregations.

May 1974, groundbreaking took place, and a new building began to emerge.

September 15, 1974, the new building at Klerner Lane was dedicated.

In 1995, an expansion of the building was made.

In 1998, expansion was completed and is our current church building today.



Pastors who participated in the September 15, 1974, dedication of Grace Lutheran at 1787 Klerner Lane, New Albany IN 47150.
Pastor Reuben Garber (far right).

UNLESS THE LORD BUILD THE HOUSE, THOSE WHO BUILD IT LABOR IN VAIN

PSALM 127:1

Grace Lutheran Church

1787 Klerner Lane, New Albany, IN 47150
(812) 944-1267

Bruce Kischnick, Senior Pastor
Matthew Woods, Associate Pastor

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: “Here in Thy Name” TLH #635

2 Chron. 6: 20 James Montgomery, 1822, ab., alt. | Mendon, German Melody | Arr. by Samuel Dyer, 1828 | CCL # 1672462

- 1. Here in Thy name, eternal God,
We dedicate this house to Thee.
Oh, choose it for Thy fixed abode
And keep it from all error free!**
- 2. Here, when Thy people seek Thy face
And dying sinners pray to live,
Hear Thou in heaven, Thy dwelling-place;
And when Thou hearest, Lord, forgive.**
- 3. Here, when Thy messengers proclaim
The blessed Gospel of Thy Son,
Still by the power of His great name
Be mighty signs and wonders done.**
- 4. When children’s voices raise the song,
“Hosanna to the heavenly King!”
Let heav’n with earth the strain prolong
Hosanna! let the angels sing.**
- 5. Thy glory never hence depart.
Yet choose not, Lord, this house alone;
Thy kingdom come to every heart,
In every bosom fix Thy throne. Amen.**

INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

COLLECT

P: Peace be to this house and to all who enter here.

C: Amen.

P: O, Eternal God, You who dwell in the high and holy place we pray, look upon us with

P: We give thanks to You, Almighty God, that You have given us this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy we may be preserved through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward You through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BENEDICTION

EASTER PROCLAMATION

P: Christ is Risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

CLOSING: The Lord Bless You and Keep You—Choral

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“Built on the Rock” LSB # 645 (Sat on)

SILENT PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

“Built on the Rock” LSB # 645 (8:00 & 10:30 only)

“Great is the Lord, Our God” TLH #636

Ps. 48: 1–8 Isaac Watts, 1719, cento | Schumann “Cantica Laudis” Boston, 1850 | CCLI 1672462

- 1. Great is the Lord, our God,
And let His praise be great;
He makes His churches His abode,
His most delightful seat.**
- 2. These temples of His grace,
How beautiful they stand,
The honors of our native place
And bulwarks of our land!**
- 3. In Zion God is known,
A Refuge in distress;
How bright has His salvation shone,
How fair His heavenly grace!**
- 4. Oft have our fathers told,
Our eyes have often seen,
How well our God secures the fold
Where His own sheep have been.**
- 5. In every new distress
We'll to His house repair,
Recall to mind His wondrous grace,
And seek deliverance there.**

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” LSB # 549

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” LSB # 686

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE: DOXOLOGY LSB # 805

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

C: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE—“All People That on Earth Do

LITANY OF DEDICATION

P: The Most high God does not dwell in temples made of
heavens and the earth with His glory. Nevertheless,
His presence wherever the Word and Sacraments are
through Moses, “In all places where I record My Name
bless you.” Again, through Christ, His Son, “Where
Name, there I am in the midst of them.” Let us there
His blessing as we with humility and with readiness
the honor of His name.

P: O God, our Father, Creator of heaven and earth, by
and has been in use for 50 years,

C: To You we dedicate this church.

P: O Jesus Christ, the Son of the Living God, our Lord

C: To You we dedicate this church.

P: O Holy Spirit, Source of life and light, our Sanctifier

C: To You we dedicate this church.

P: To the glory and to the honor of our God, Father, Son

C: We dedicate this church to You.

P: To the preaching and the teaching of the Holy Word,
and Gospel, to the proper administration of Your Holy
Lord’s Supper,

C: To You we dedicate this Church.

of refuge from sin and distress,

C: To You we dedicate this Church.

P: As a place where sinners may receive comfort and assurance through only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent; where saints may be strengthened and encouraged; where Your praise may be chanted, extended, the glory revealed, and Your power made known,

C: To You we dedicate this Church.

P: As a place where the lambs of the flock of Christ may be fed; where they be taught to remember You, their Creator in the days of their youth; where a generation may grow up for citizenship on earth and in heaven,

C: To You we dedicate this Church.

All: Blessed Be Your name, O Lord, that it has pleased You to put into our hearts to build and dedicate this house to Your honor and worship these 50 years. We also dedicate ourselves to Your service, that we may be of Your salvation and to continue to proclaim the greatness among ourselves, our children, and also with all who do. May it please You to continue to bless our use of this house and our praises to the glory of Your name, through Jesus Christ.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C: who made heaven and earth.

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

**Our supplicating cries;
Now let our praise ascend,
Accepted, to the skies;
Now let Thy Word, the Gospel, sound,
Spread Thy celestial blessing round.
Marking the list 'ning thron
Receive Thy truth and love;
Here Christians join the song
Of seraphim above
Till all who here may seek Thy face
Rejoicing Thy abounding grace. Amen.**

PRAYERS

LORD'S PRAYER

+++LORD'S SUPPER+

COMMUNION LITURGY

**The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.
Our house and hearts.
We lift our hearts up unto the Lord.**

P. Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.
C. It is meet and right so to do.

Confess truly sins unto God and salutary... evermore praising

**All: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Saboath; Heaven
glory. Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the high
He, Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the
Hosanna in the highest.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: The Peace of the Lord be with you always.
C: Amen.

Holy Spirit, You are welcome here
Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere
Your glory, God, is what our hearts long for
To be overcome by Your presence, Lord
Your presence, Lord

GOSPEL: John 4:19-25 (God's People Worship in Spirit and in Truth)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 4th chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁹“Sir,” the woman said, “I can see that you are a prophet. ²⁰Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem.”

²¹“Woman,” Jesus replied, “believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²²You Samaritans do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³Yet a

time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. ²⁴God is

²⁵The woman said, “I know that Messiah” (called Christ) “is coming, he will explain everything to us.”

²⁶Then Jesus declared, “I, the one speaking to you—I am

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

MESSAGE: Pastor Matt Woods

APOSTLES' CREED

OFFERTORY (Tune LSB #921)

- 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.**

C: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess to You all my sins. I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of Your sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, be merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you. In the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins.

C: Amen.

CHORUS: “God is Our Refuge” (8:00 & 10:30)

OLD TESTAMENT: 1 Chronicles 29:10-18 (God Praises David)

¹⁰David praised the LORD in the presence of the whole assembly of Israel, saying,

“Praise be to you, LORD,

the God of our father Israel,
from everlasting to everlasting.

¹¹Yours, LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours.

Yours, LORD, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all.

¹²Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things.

In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all.

¹³Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name.

¹⁴“But who am I, and who are my people, that we should praise you, LORD, in this way? Everything comes from you, and we have given you nothing for which we should praise you. ¹⁵We are foreigners and strangers in your sight, as are all our fathers. We are foreigners and strangers in your sight, as are all our fathers. We are foreigners and strangers in your sight, as are all our fathers.”

have provided for building you a temple for your Holy Name called **the Holy Spirit**, to name and welcome here all of it belongs to you. ¹⁷ I know, my God, that you test the hearts of those who come to you, and fill the atmosphere integrity. All these things I have given willingly and with honest hearts, and I know that you are here, and what our hearts long for seen with joy how willingly your people who are here have given to you, and I know that you are here, and what our hearts long for God of our fathers Abraham, Isaac and Israel, keep these desires of your people, and I know that you are here, and what our hearts long for hearts of your people forever, and keep their hearts loyal to you.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT: Hebrews 10:19-25 (Let Us Draw Near to God)

¹⁹ Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, ²¹ and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and with our bodies washed with pure water. ²³ Let us hold unwaveringly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. ²⁴ And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, ²⁵ not giving up meeting together, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day of the Lord drawing near.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL HYMN: "Holy Spirit" Printed.

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- 1. There's nothing worth more
That could ever come close
No thing can compare
You're our living hope
Your presence, Lord
I've tasted and seen
Of the sweetest of loves
Where my heart becomes free
And my shame is undone**

Bridge
Let us become more aware of Your presence
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