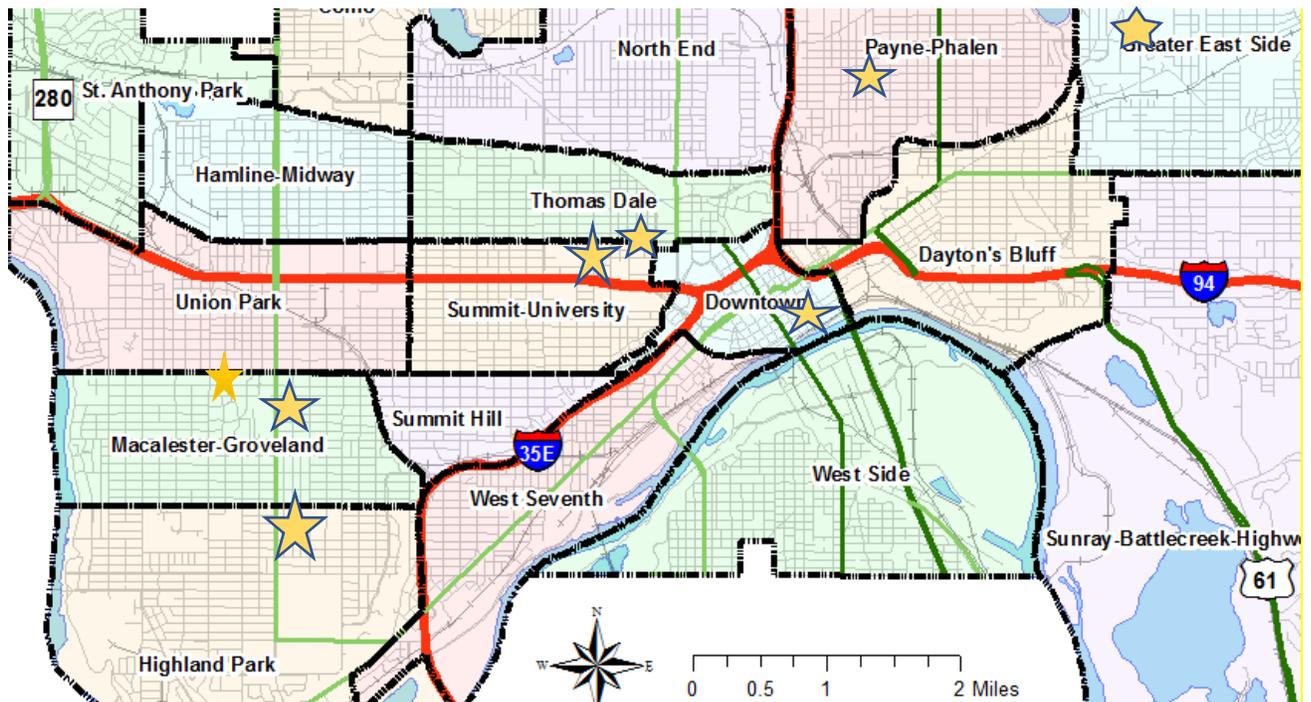


## Self-guided Tour of Immanuel Church building locations, sister churches, and merger partner churches

You can drive around Saint Paul and visit the places where Immanuel built earlier church buildings, where our sister church East Immanuel was located, and the church buildings of the congregations who eventually merged with Immanuel from Trinity, Macalester Park, and Highland Park. The name of Immanuel Church and the spelling has also changed over the years.

It is possible to imagine why some Immanuel members who lived on the East Side decided to build their own church building there in the late 1800s. Some Trinity members who lived near Macalester felt it was too far for their children to go for Sunday School, so they started the Macalester Park congregation. Immanuel congregation was asked to move from the Summit-University area to the Macalester community to be a mission church where there was a need for Lutheran churches. It was felt that there were too many Lutheran churches downtown.



**Downtown** where the 94 ramp goes by Regions Hospital, about 4 blocks east of the Capitol, you can see the place where Immanuel's first two churches were located. The streets no longer exist.

**#1 14<sup>th</sup> Street and Canada (269 14<sup>th</sup> Street)**

**Emmanuel Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Hauge Synod in Saint Paul**

1881 – 1891 Our church home for 10 years.

An existing church building was purchased from another Norwegian Lutheran church for \$60 and moved to this location. This became Immanuel's first church. It was the first Lutheran church of the Hauge synod in Saint Paul. We were also called West Immanuel after 1886 when the congregation had two church buildings. This site is now part of the freeway ramp to Regions Hospital.



The cathedral, the capitol, and Immanuel's church sites are marked on this map.



Immanuel's first church building was torn down in 1891.



Immanuel's second church was built in the same place in 1891.

**#2 14th and Canada (269 14th Street) [Same address as #1]**

**Emmanuel Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran Church**

1891 – 1917 Our church home for 26 years

Immanuel congregation razed their original building at 14th and Canada and designed and built a bigger church in the same location. That church was sold to a Jewish synagogue and later razed to make way for the freeway.

*On the **East Side** of Saint Paul you can see the location of the first and second churches built by the East Immanuel congregation. We shared our first church building with them at 14<sup>th</sup> and Canada. After we had separate church buildings, we still shared pastors and wrote joint Messengers into the 1920s. Both of the East Immanuel buildings still stand.*

**#3 Jesse & Lawson (1019 Jessie)**

**East Emmanuel Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Hauge Synod**

1886 – 1931 East Immanuel's church home for 45 years

East Immanuel was built to serve Immanuel members who lived on the East Side of Saint Paul. East Immanuel and West Immanuel shared pastors until 1913. They published joint bilingual Messenger newsletters into the 1920s. The church has since been converted to a private home.



East Immanuel's first church in 1886



It is a private residence in 2019

**# 4 Rose and Payne (1173 Payne Avenue)  
East Immanuel Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Hauge Synod  
1931 – present It is now called: East Immanuel Lutheran Church**

East Immanuel's new church building was dedicated in 1931. It is located just a bit north and east of the original East Immanuel building site.



East Immanuel's second Church in 1931



East Immanuel Church in 2019

Just off **University Avenue** were two important church buildings, Trinity Lutheran Church and Immanuel's third church building at Saint Albans and Aurora. They are just a few blocks apart.

**#5 Farrington and Sherburne (515 N. Farrington)**

**Trinity Lutheran Church formerly: Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran Trinity Church**

1902 –till about 1980 This church building stands empty now.

This church building was built in 1902 following a fire that burnt down their first church. Members of Trinity started a Sunday School near Macalester in 1915 to accommodate members for whom it was too far to travel to Trinity on Sundays. Eventually these worshippers formed a new congregation called Macalester Park Lutheran Church. Macalester Park merged with Immanuel in 1921.



Trinity Lutheran Church in 2019 - now standing empty

**#6 St. Albans and Aurora (678 Aurora Avenue)**

**Emmanuel Norwegian Lutheran Church**

1917 – 1921 Our church home for 5 years

Immanuel was asked to move its location farther out from the city because there were too many Lutheran churches downtown at the time. We were still sometimes called West Immanuel. The building is now home to the Saint Albans Church of God in Christ.



Immanuel Church in 1917



Saint Albans Church of God in Christ in 2019

**Snelling Avenue.** *There are three building sites of importance on or near Snelling Avenue. The second floor of the Ace Hardware building was the home of Macalester Park Lutheran church which merged with Immanuel in 1921. Our current church home at 104 South Snelling first had a chapel, then the brick building which we now occupy. Highland Park Lutheran church at Niles and Snelling is now the Highland Church of the Deaf. Highland merged with Immanuel in 1960.*

**#5 Grand Avenue and Cambridge (1676 Grand Avenue)  
Macalester Park Lutheran Church  
1915 – 1917**

Some Trinity families met in Bucka's Hall above Bucka's Grocery Store (now Frattalone's ACE Hardware) because it was too far to go to Trinity.



Frattalone's ACE Hardware Store in 2019

**#7 Goodrich and Snelling (1567 Goodrich)**

**Macalester Park Lutheran Church and Immanuel Lutheran Church**

1921 – 1922 Immanuel's church home for one year.

Macalester Park organized as a congregation in 1917 and purchased land at Goodrich and Snelling where they built a wood-framed chapel that seated 150. They merged with Immanuel's congregation in 1921.



This chapel was razed in 1921.

**#8 Goodrich and Snelling (1567 Goodrich) [No picture available of the basement church]**

**Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church of Saint Paul**

1922 – 1925 Our church home for 3 years.

This name was adopted after the merger of Macalester Park and Immanuel in 1921. The chapel was too small so that building was torn down in 1922 and a basement, now part of our existing church kitchen today, was built. The basement was used for worship for 3 years.

**#9 Goodrich and Snelling (104 South Snelling Avenue)**

**Immanuel Lutheran Church**

1925 – 2021 Our church home for 96 years and counting

This name was adopted in 1960 following the merger with Highland Park Lutheran Church. The brick sanctuary was added above the basement in 1925 and seated 400. Sections of the church have been remodeled and added on over the years. The parsonage was next door until it was put on wheels and moved down Snelling Avenue in 1959.



Immanuel Lutheran Church in 1925 as seen from Goodrich



Immanuel in 1950 as seen from Snelling

**#10 Niles and Snelling (536 South Snelling Avenue)**

**Highland Park Lutheran Church**

1930 – 1960 Highland Park’s church home for 30 years. It is now the nondenominational Highland Park Church of the Deaf.

The Highland Park congregation was organized in 1928. This church building was dedicated in 1930. In 1960, Highland Park Lutheran left this church and merged with Immanuel. It is five blocks from Gloria Dei.



Highland Lutheran Church in 1930



Highland Park Church of the Deaf in 2019