MINNESOTA HISTORIC PROPERTIES INVENTORY FORM

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HISTORIC NAME:	Holy Trinity Church	COUNTY:	Rock
CURRENT NAME:	Holy Trinity Church	CITY/TWP.:	Luverne
LEGAL DESC.:	N. 90' of Lot 20 and N. 91' of Lots 21-22 in Block 16, original plat	ADDRESS:	SE Corner of Cedar Street N. and Luverne Street E.

CLASSIFICATION:	CONDITION:	SIGNIFICANCE:	THEME/S:
Building X	Excellent X	Local X	Primary Religion
Structure	Good	State	Secondary Architecture
Object	Fair	National	Others
District	Deteriorated		

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:	Yes ___ No ___ Restricted X	PRESENT USE:
VISIBLE FROM THE ROAD:	Yes X No ___	Church
OCCUPIED:	Yes X No ___	

DATE CONSTRUCTED:	1891	ORIGINAL USE:	Church
ORIGINAL OWNER:	Holy Trinity Church	ARCHITECT/BUILDER:	W.E.E. Greene (see inventory form for Kniss/Weld house)

OWNER'S NAME AND ADDRESS:	Holy Trinity Church Luverne, MN.	ACREAGE:	Less than one acre X
LOCAL CONTACT/ORG.:		UTM REFERENCE:	14 / 724890 / 4837200
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DATE:	November 1978		

DESCRIPTION:

The Holy Trinity Church, located on a corner lot, is constructed of locally quarried Sioux quartzite. The one-story, raised basement building has a rectangular nave with a projecting bell tower in the northwest corner. The main entry is through the tower. Paired gothic arched windows punctuate the tower below the colonnaded belevedere.

There are three pairs of gothic arched stained glass windows along each flank of the building. Wall dormers faced with wood shingles and Greek crosses break along the eave above each pair of windows. One of the buildings major focal points is a large stained glass window set within a pointed arch in the front facade.

The original oak interior is intact. The chancel, communion rail, pews, pulpit, and baptismal font remain in place.

SIGNIFICANCE:

Holy Trinity Church is significant as a structure associated with community religious life. The use of locally quarried stone and the superb craftsmanship enhance its significance.

The first Episcopal service in Luverne was held in a Presbyterian Church in 1883. In succeeding years services by circuit-riders were occasional. The local parish was organized in 1891 and within several months the church building was completed. A number of prominent citizens were associated with the church. Businessmen R.B. Hinkly and J.W. Gerber and Minnesota Supreme Court Justice P.E. Brown were members of the church.

The congregation and the local historical society have long been interested in preserving the building. Through their efforts, the church was placed on the State Register in 1975.