

Trinity Lutheran Church

28. Trinity Lutheran Church,
5471 Fairview Street



Trinity Lutheran Church was organized in 1887 in the home of Richard F. Wendel. Among the charter members were the families of Christian Schmidt, Gottlieb Schimke, and August Zosel, early settlers in what is now Onekama Township. The old Trinity Church was dedicated in 1889; and the School was dedicated in 1900. After



Interior of Old Church

the School's closing in 1921, it was annexed to the old Church in 1933, when a basement was placed under both buildings.

Designed by Jack Bernard of Chicago and Onekama, the new Trinity Lutheran Church project began in 1959. The steeple of the old Church was damaged by fire in 1960; however, the last services were held there on March 18, 1962. The following week, demolition



was initiated. The new church was dedicated on September 9, 1962. Shadows from the unusual cross-and-bell tower play on the new Church, which now boldly greets Onekama residents and visitors approaching this high rise of land. At Christmas, the tall spruce decorated with lights can be seen from a distance. The sanctuary windows allow the spectacular view of the lakes and surrounding countryside to become a part of the interior beauty.