

# Oregon Historic Site Record

LOCATION AND PROPERTY NAME			
<b>address:</b>	10190 S Macksburg Rd Canby, Clackamas County (97013)	<b>historic name:</b>	Macksburg Lutheran Church
<b>assoc addresses:</b>	10210 S Macksburg Rd	<b>current/other names:</b>	
<b>location descr:</b>	Macksburg	<b>block/lot/tax lot:</b>	N/A / N/A / 00600
		<b>twshp/rng/sect/qtr sect:</b>	4S 1E 23 BB
PROPERTY CHARACTERISTICS			
<b>resource type:</b>	Building	<b>height (stories):</b>	1.0
<b>elig evaluation:</b>	eligible/significant	<b>total elig resources:</b>	1
<b>prim constr date:</b>	1892	<b>NR Status:</b>	Individually Listed
	<b>second date:</b>	<b>date indiv listed:</b>	06/14/1982
<b>primary orig use:</b>	Religious Facility	<b>orig use comments:</b>	
<b>second orig use:</b>		<b>prim style comments:</b>	
<b>primary style:</b>	Gothic Revival	<b>sec style comments:</b>	
<b>secondary style:</b>		<b>siding comments:</b>	Wide drop siding w/cornerboards, rakeboards and watertable; vertical boards
<b>primary siding:</b>	Horizontal Board	<b>architect:</b>	
<b>secondary siding:</b>	Wood:Other/Undefined	<b>builder:</b>	Mennonites From Needy
<b>plan type:</b>	Church/Meetinghouse		
<b>comments/notes:</b>			
GROUPINGS / ASSOCIATIONS			
<b>Survey/Grouping Included In:</b>	<b>Type of Grouping</b>	<b>Date Listed</b>	<b>Date Compiled</b>
Clackamas County Historic Landmarks	Survey & Inventory Project		2008
SHPO INFORMATION FOR THIS PROPERTY			
<b>NR date listed:</b>	06/14/1982	<b>106 Project(s):</b>	None
<b>ILS survey date:</b>	09/30/2007	<b>Special Assess Project(s):</b>	None
<b>RLS survey date:</b>	12/30/1991	<b>Federal Tax Project(s):</b>	None
ARCHITECTURAL / PROPERTY DESCRIPTION			
<i>(Includes expanded description of the building/property, setting, significant landscape features, outbuildings and alterations)</i>			
<p>DATE OF MAJOR REMODEL: 1989 ROOF FORM AND MATERIALS: Gable PRIMARY WINDOW TYPE: Pointed-arch fixed w/ plain surrounds OTHER: Paneled door; flush door w/ shed roof overhang; bell tower w/ lancet windows w/ architrave molding, four gables and decorative shingles ALTERATIONS: Addition, s. elev. (1989); glass replaced in windows (1977-1978); front entrance added, n. elev. (1964-1965). Exterior alterations to the church include the construction of the rear addition in 1929 at which time electric lights were also installed. In 1944 a full basement was dug, replacing the cement blocks with a complete cement foundation and housing a furnace, kitchen and meeting room. In 1965 the narthex was constructed. The old windows have been replaced. A large gable-roofed addition was added to the rear of the building in 1989 with construction supervised by volunteer and church member, Dee Bond Simpson of Canby. LANDSCAPE: Mature deciduous trees. The maple tree on the east side of the church is an old planting and adds to the historic character of the subject property. The Macksburg Lutheran Church is located on the south side of Macksburg Road, a busy, two-lane thoroughfare, an early 20th-century road, within the community of Macksburg. The church is close to the road. The Church is located on a knoll and shares the property with a non-historic parsonage. Across the road, to the north, is an orchard and farm complex. On the south there are Christmas trees. On the east there is an orchard and an early 20th-century dwelling. On the west there is a parsonage. The area is predominantly in agricultural use. The church is located approximately four miles southeast of the Canby city limits.</p>			
HISTORY			
<i>(Chronological, descriptive history of the property from its construction through at least the historic period - preferably to the present)</i>			
<p>SUBJECT PROPERTY According to county records, The Evangelical Lutheran Zion Congregation of Macksburg, the original owner, purchased the subject property from Gustave Heinke and his wife in 1910. In 1920 the Church Building Board of the Evangelical Lutheran Joint Synod of Ohio sold the property to the trustees of the Evangelical Lutheran Zion Church. In that same year the trustees of the Zion Congregation of Macksburg sold the property to the Christian Congregation Evangelical Lutheran Church, who retained ownership for five years until they sold to Ford J. Kraxberger. Otto Kraxberger, Jr. and others retained ownership until 1956. The first Lutheran service in the Macksburg area was held in the home of Albert Klebe in the fall of 1890. Subsequent services were held in the Macksburg school house until the Macksburg Lutheran Church was built. Rev. C. Buechler of Portland came to the area once every three weeks to preach to the parish. The original trustees of the church were Chris Lorenz, Franz Kraxberger and Albert Klebe. In the early 1890's services were held in homes or the Macksburg school, a survey indicated that 20 to 25 families in favor of building a church. The Rev. C. Buechler and officers of the congregation contacted the various families for contributions toward building the church and parsonage. Johann and Rosina Kraxberger were one of the original families in the effort to build a church. The design of the church follows that of a similar church in the Kraxberger's native Austria. Construction of the Macksburg Lutheran Church was begun in late 1892 by volunteer Mennonite carpenters from the Needy area and dedicated November 11, 1894. The original church cost \$237, with much of the construction work donated. The church drew together the German Lutheran families who settled in the area in the 1880s. Church services were in German, and some of the services continued in German until the early 1940s. The original parsonage, no longer extant, was not built until 1896. In 1929 the congregation of the Macksburg Lutheran Church became a parish together with Christ Lutheran Church of Aurora. A modern Sunday School was organized with the English language being used for the first time. Services were conducted, alternating between German and English services. A large shed used to be located alongside the church so people could put their horses and buggies out of the weather. The Macksburg Lutheran Church is a very good example of the Gothic Vernacular style of architecture. Originally composed of a single rectangular volume, the pointed-arch windows and bell tower with lancet windows are typical of the style and use of the building. Exterior alterations to the church include the construction of the rear addition in 1929 at which time electric lights were also installed. In 1944 a full basement was dug, replacing the cement blocks with a complete cement foundation and housing a furnace, kitchen and meeting room. In 1965 the narthex was constructed. The old windows have been replaced. A large gable-roofed addition was added to the rear of the building in 1989. The maple tree on the east side of the church is an old planting and adds to the historic character of the subject property. The Macksburg Lutheran Church, the Macksburg School, a store and a blacksmith shop made up the center of the Macksburg community. The Macksburg Church is the only remaining building from the center of the community. The church has been listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The Macksburg Lutheran Church is one of two churches listed on the Clackamas County Cultural Resource Inventory in the Canby-Barlow study area. It is the only Gothic Vernacular style church in the study area and may be evaluated as an example of the Gothic Vernacular style and for its role in the Macksburg community.</p>			
RESEARCH INFORMATION			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Title Records	Census Records	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Property Tax Records	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local Histories
<input type="checkbox"/> Sanborn Maps	Biographical Sources	<input type="checkbox"/> SHPO Files	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interviews

Obituaries  
City Directories

✓ Newspapers  
Building Permits

State Archives  
State Library

Historic Photographs

**Local Library:**

**University Library:**

**Historical Society:**

**Other Respository:**

**Bibliography:**

Clackamas County Cultural Resource Inventory, 1984. Clackamas County Tax Assessor records, Oregon City, OR. "Canby Herald", 9 February 1983, p. 11. National Register of Historic Places Nomination Form; Kraxberger, Mrs. F.O. Kraxberger, Mabel (Mrs. F. O.). Unrecorded interview w/ Patricia Elliot, 9 April 1992. Lynch, Vera, "Free Land for Free Men", p. 516. "Oregonian", 28 February 1983. TICOR Title Company, Oregon City, OR.