Gower, Russell W.

SERVICE FLAG GIVEN TO NORTH SIDE CHURCH

Sunday School Class Presents Banner to St. Matthew's Lutheran Congregation.

Nineteen sons of St. Matthew's Lutheran congregation are honored in a fine service flag presented to the church Sunday morning by the Sunday School class taught by Mrs. Robert Laury. Two of the number, Seaman Franklin S. Ziegenfuss and Private Russell W. Gower, home on furloughs, were in attendance.

The flag, which has been hung from the balcony railing above the choir loft, was carried to the chancel by Misses Pauline Baily and Corrine Seifert. It was received by the pastor, Rev. William C. Berkemeyer, who conducted a short but impressive special office of dedication.

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Seated in the large congregation, largest to attend a service in St. Matthew's Church for some months, were thirteen of the fourteen members of the class, with their teacher. The absent member, Miss Phyllis Wannemacher moved recently to Johnstown with the family, where her father is now employed. She, however, had an active part in the securing of the flag.

A patriotic background featured the entire service, which included a sermon on "God's Kind of Care," and a special anthem, "Dear Land of Freedom," by Donizetti, by the junior choir. The organ offertory by Mrs. Margaret Christ Randt was "Dear Land of Home," from Jan Sibelius' "Finlandia."

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The young men of the church now under arms include Sgt. Clarence V. Souders, Sgt. Oliver B. Simmons, Pvt. John Bennett, Pvt. Harold Strawn, Seaman David H. Ziegenfuss, Seaman Franklin. S. Ziegenfuss, Pvt. Charles V. Horvath, Seaman Charles H. Kuhn, Lieut. Woodrow W. King, Pvt. Gerard L. King, Pvt. William T. Richards, Gephart. T. Stiles, U. S. N. Reserve; Pvt. Dean R. Reiss, Pvt. Russell W. Gower, Seaman Vernon Ebeling, Pvt. Joseph Hessinger, Pvt. Charles E. Stiles, Pvt. Joseph E. Laury, Pvt. Earle LeVan.

Members of the class which gave the flag are Misses Blanche Antolick, Joyce Stiles, Phyllis Wannemacher, Alma Boyer, Lois Raidline, Lorraine Druckenmiller, Betty Diehl, Joyce Kinger, Corrinne Seifert, Gladys Rice, Doris Thomas, Pauline Baily, Thelma Balderston, Helenesther McCandless.



SERVICE FLAG DEDICATED AT ST. MATTHEW'S LUTHERAN CHURCH--Left to right: Front row, Mrs. Robert Laury, Pauline Baily, Corrinne Seifert, Rev. W. C. Berkemeyer. Holding flag are Russell W. Gower, United States Marine Air Corps, left, and Franklin Stewart Ziegenfuss, right, apprentice seaman, U. S. N. -Globe-Times photo