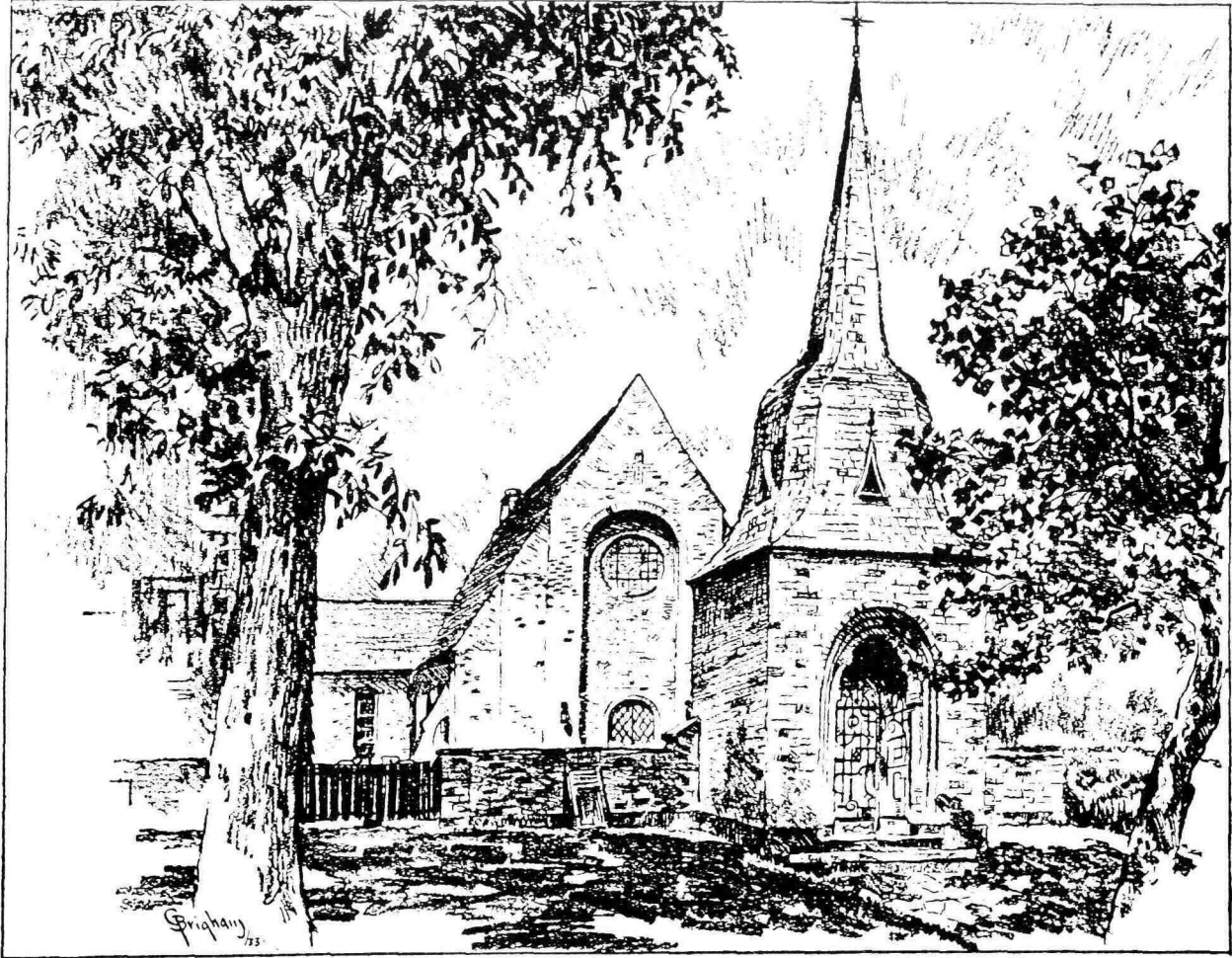


## FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH



**L**OCATED on Oakwood Avenue just west of Kearny Avenue, this church has been the subject of dozens of articles in the trade journals of architecture, for it is of unusual style, one never attempted before in this vicinity. The architectural problem was to build at the rear of the lot, which had a small street frontage because of the location of the house occupied by the rector, Rev. Alfred Ostlund. The detached bell tower entrance was designed to produce the effect of the church being; built out to the street. The

entrance gate of hand wrought iron and the sacred paintings of the church's interior were executed by the architect who designed the structure. Upon entering one is charmed by the simplicity throughout. The walls are of hand-troweled plaster with a sand finish. The ceiling is of wood covered with a thin transparent paint and decorated in American Indian motifs. The polychromed black doors of the church carry out the idea of rugged beauty. While not as large as some Arlington churches, it ranks them architecturally.