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## 1. SMILTENE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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☎ Telephone: +371 26587167, Inga Rācene, guide  
+37129178835, Reinis Kulbergs, priest  
+371 26555538, Gita Mūrniece, head of the church

It is the largest rural church built in the form of a typical cross in Latvia

The church clock is a gift from the former president of Latvia - Kārlis Ulmanis

Best building of the year in Latvia 2021 in the nomination "Restoration" won 3rd place



## 2. PALSMANE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

📍 Adress: "Palsmane Evangelical Lutheran Church", Palsmane  
☎ Telephone: +37126305264, Ināra Līkuma, head of the church, guide  
+37129178835, Reinis Kulbergs, priest

The church was opened on October 16, 1817

The church was originally built of wood. The farmers built it after 1655 with their own efforts and donated funds

This is a central church type classicism octagonal stone building with a bell tower on one side and an oak interior



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## 3. SMILTENE SAINT NICOLAY'S ORTHODOX CHURCH

📍 Adress: Dārza street 14, Smiltene  
☎ Telephone: +371 28358337, Ļuba Ņikiforova  
+371 29368057, Elita Tilčika, guide

The first foundation stone of the church was laid in 1895

This is the largest Orthodox church in Smiltene and its surroundings

The construction of the church cost 7,800 gold rubles, most of which was donated by the father of the magistrate - the rich man of Moscow, Aleksandrs Vasilievich Savelyevs



## 4. RAUNA EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

📍 Adress: Valmieras street 3, Rauna  
☎ Telephone: + 371 26553111

The beginnings of the church date back to the 14th century

In the second half of the 17th century, one of the first academically educated priests served here - Jānis Reiters - published the Lord's Prayer in 40 languages, and also started translating the Bible into Latvian



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## 5. APES ST. MATTHEW'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

📍 Adress: Pasta street 11, Ape

☎ Telephone: +371 29610495 Vilnis Sliņķis, priest  
+371 26124789 Irēna Meistere, guide



In 2009, the foundations of the Church were laid, and on September 21, 2014, the church was opened

A beautiful church garden has been established next to the church

## 6. SMILTENE ST. JOSEPH'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

📍 Adress: Vaļņu street 17, Smiltene

☎ Telephone: +371 29127456, Juris Škapars, parish priest

The church is the newest sacred building in Smiltene, opened in 2002 with the participation of Cardinal J. Pujat of the Roman Catholic Church

A 100 kg bell is up on the tower, bell is made in Krakow, Poland



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## 7. Meeting House of Riņģu Brother's Congregations

📍 Adress: "Riņģi", Blomes parish

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Meeting House of Riņģu Brother's Congregations  
built in 1879

The house is one of the few preserved meeting houses

In 2000 meeting house was awarded the European cultural heritage flag for its clean rural landscape

## 8. GAUJIENA EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH AND RECTORY

📍 Adress: "Mācītājmāja", Gaujiena

☎ Telephone: +371 25885849 Klinta Bernarte, head of the church



The building of the Gaujiena rectory is a unique example of wooden architecture from the Baroque period

In September 1995, the Gaujiena rectory was entered into the list of the European Union's wooden heritage and was awarded the flag of the European Cultural Heritage Days

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## 9. RAUNA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

📍 Address: Jaunatnes street 10, Rauna

☎ Telephone: +371 29743182



In Rauna, dean A. Piebalgs bought a two-story house for the church from the State Bank in 1939

Starting from 1963, dean J. Jaškomičs lives in Rauna

## 10. DRUSTI LUTHERAN CHURCH

📍 Address: Ozolu street 7, Drusti

☎ Telephone: +371 20378405

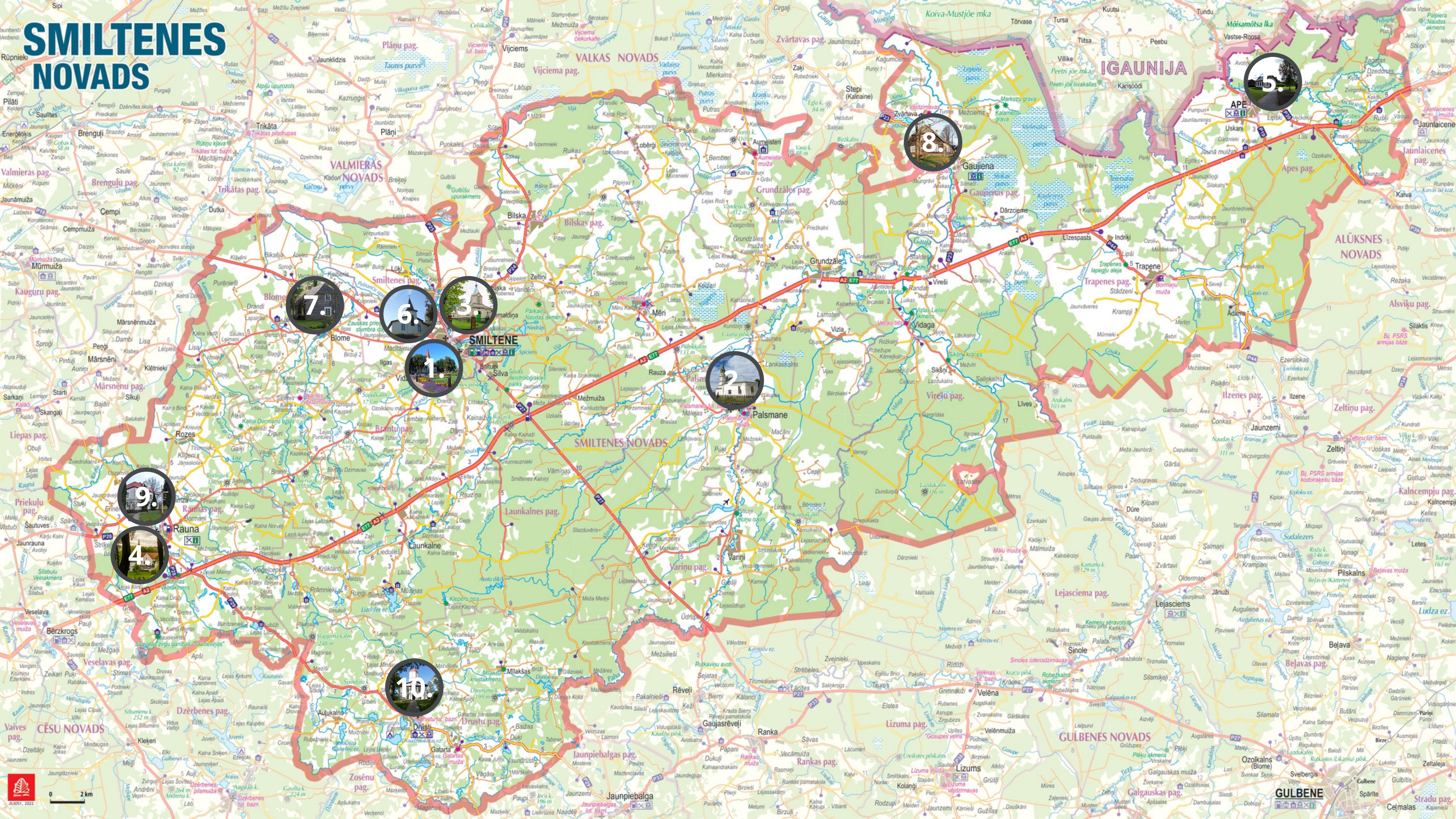
The church was built in the Empire style based on the example of the Pievolga German colonies

The altar of the church was decorated in 1898. Otto Donner von Richter painting "The Ascension of Christ"

In 1901, a 10 register organ built by organ master Emil Martin was installed in the church




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