

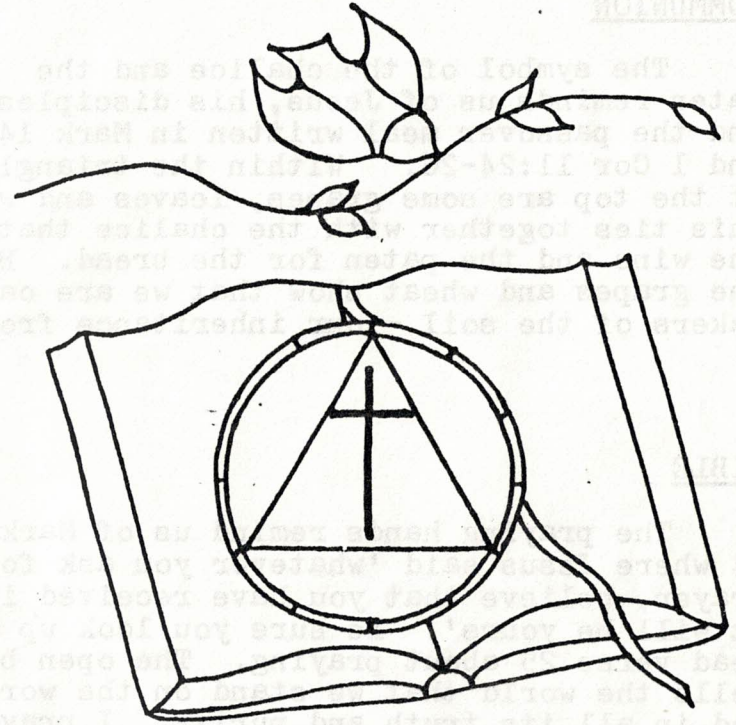
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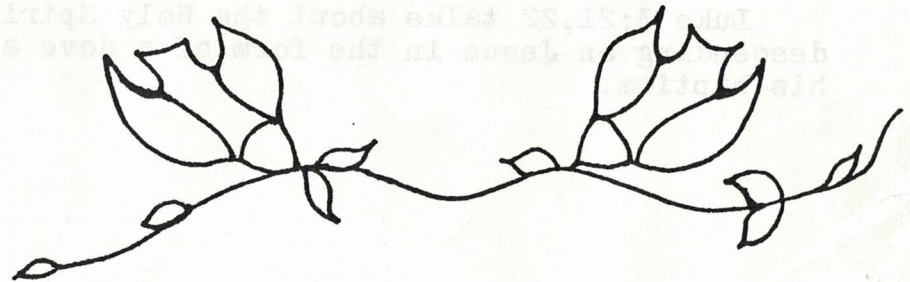
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Yours in Christ, Bill Brown



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④ COMMUNION

The symbol of the chalice and the paten reminds us of Jesus, his disciples and the passover meal written in Mark 14:22 and 1 Cor 11:24-26. Within the triangle at the top are some grapes, leaves and wheat. This ties together with the chalice that holds the wine and the paten for the bread. Both the grapes and wheat show that we are caretakers of the soil - our inheritance from God.

③ BIBLE

The praying hands remind us of Mark 11:24 where Jesus said 'whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours'. Be sure you look up and read verse 25 about praying. The open bible tells the world that we stand on the word of God in all its truth and purity. I pray that we will believe this with deep conviction and because of this we can go out into this world having confidence with Jesus at our side.

Dove

Gal. 5:22 'But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self control.

Luke 3:21,22 talks about the Holy Spirit descending on Jesus in the form of a dove after his baptism.

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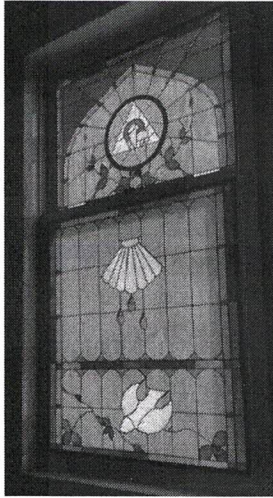
② CROWN

Lilies reflect an aliveness in Christ, a time of spring, and a quality of white. Someday we will inherit the crown of eternal life. The jewels of brightness and light in the chalice, paten and the crown are symbolic of royalty. What we see here in these windows is nothing compared to what heaven will be like. We can think of it as a touch of our future home in heaven. I can hardly wait to find a place without sin, sickness and pain - what joy awaits us! Believe on Jesus and Heaven will be all yours! 2 Tim. 4:8

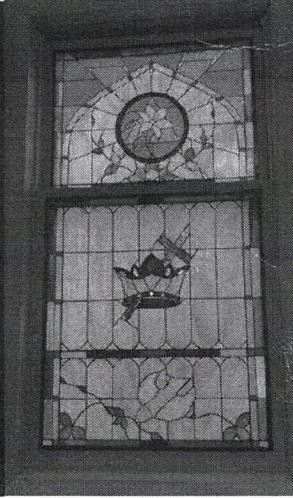
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Yours in Christ, *Glee Gray*

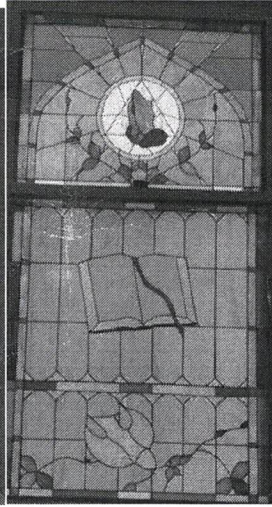
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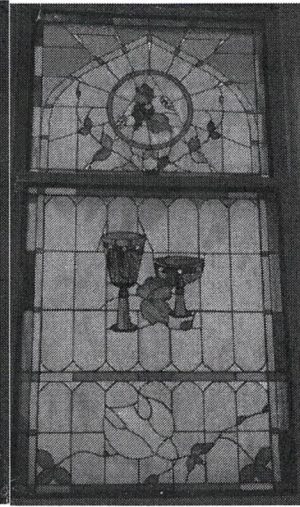
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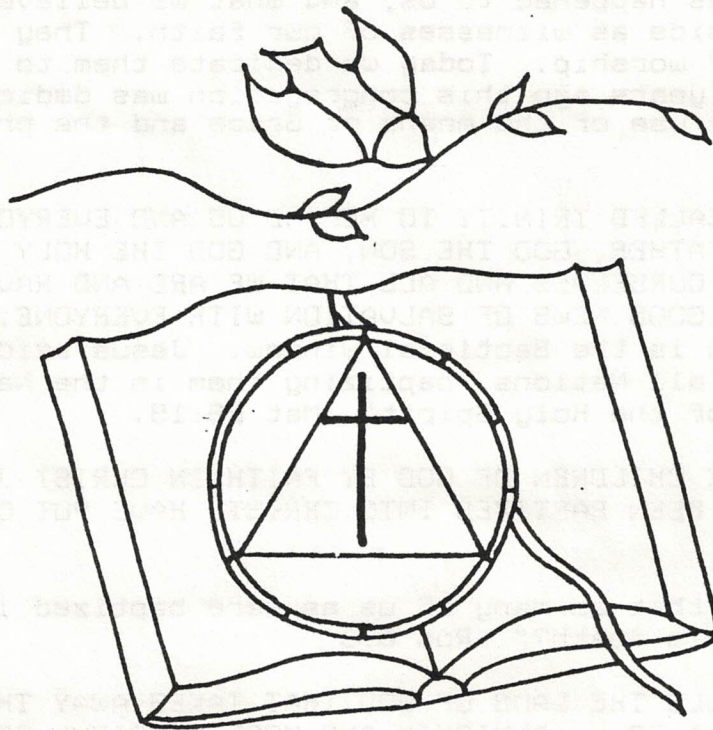


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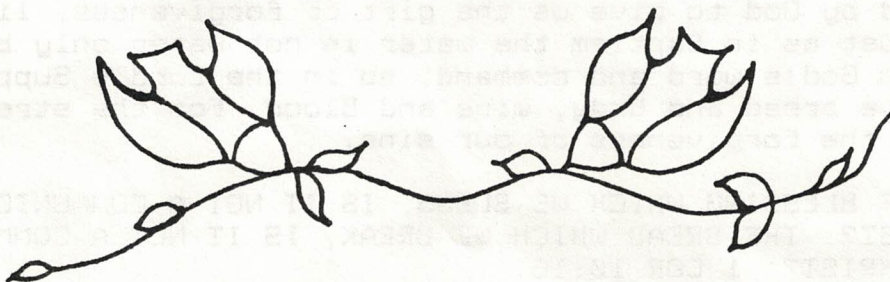
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DEDICATION OF STAINED GLASS WINDOWS TO THE GLORY OF GOD
&
THANKSGIVING FOR FORTY YEARS AS A CHRISTIAN CONGREGATION

Today we celebrate as the people of God a new addition to our worship life at Trinity. The stained glass windows that have been recently installed are in our midst for a reason. Art for arts sake has never been a hallmark of Lutheranism, and just having stained glass because we want stained glass is no way to run a church. These windows speak about what we are, what has happened to us, and what we believe. They speak to us and to those outside as witnesses of our faith. They are teaching devices to focus our worship. Today we dedicate them to the glory of God, just as forty years ago this congregation was dedicated to the glory of God, to the use of the means of Grace and the proclamation of the Gospel.

C. THIS CHURCH IS CALLED TRINITY TO REMIND US AND EVERYONE ELSE THAT WE BELIEVE IN GOD THE FATHER, GOD THE SON, AND GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT. MAY WE THIS DAY REDEDICATE OURSELVES AND ALL THAT WE ARE AND HAVE TO THE GREAT TASK OF SHARING THE GOOD NEWS OF SALVATION WITH EVERYONE.

P. The first window is the Baptismal window. Jesus said "Go ye therefore and teach all Nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit". Mat 28:19.

C. "YOU ARE ALL THE CHILDREN OF GOD BY FAITH IN CHRIST JESUS. FOR AS MANY OF YOU AS HAVE BEEN BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST, HAVE PUT ON CHRIST." GAL 3:26-27.

P. "Do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into His death?" Rom 6:3

C. JOHN SAID, "BEHOLD THE LAMB OF GOD THAT TAKES AWAY THE SINS OF THE WHOLE WORLD". JOHN 1:29. ALMIGHTY AND MOST MERCIFUL GOD, WE THANK AND PRAISE YOU FOR THE WONDERFUL GIFT OF BAPTISM. THROUGH THIS PRECIOUS SACRAMENT YOU HAVE MADE US YOUR CHILDREN, FORGIVEN OUR SINS, WORKED FAITH IN OUR HEARTS, AND ALLOWED US TO SHARE IN JESUS VICTORY OVER DEATH. LET THIS WINDOW REMIND US ALWAYS OF OUR BAPTISM THAT EACH DAY THROUGH CONTRITION AND REPENTENCE THE OLD ADAM IN US MAY BE DROWNED AND A NEW MAN COME FORTH AND LIVE WITH CHRIST. WE ASK THIS IN JESUS NAME AS WE DEDICATE THIS WINDOW TO YOUR GLORY, AMEN.

P. The next window is the Communion window. We believe that the church is the place where the Word of God is taught in truth and purity and the Sacraments are used according to Jesus institution. The common elements of wheat from which we receive bread, and grapes from which we receive wine, are used by God to give us the gift of forgiveness, life and salvation. Just as in Baptism the water is not water only but water connected with God's word and command, so in the Lord's Supper we believe that we receive bread and Body, wine and Blood, for the strengthening of our faith and the forgiveness of our sins.

C. THE CUP OF BLESSING WHICH WE BLESS, IS IT NOT A COMMUNION WITH THE BLOOD OF CHRIST? THE BREAD WHICH WE BREAK, IS IT NOT A COMMUNION WITH THE BODY OF CHRIST? 1 COR 10:16.

P. As often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you show the Lord's death until He comes. 1 Cor 11:26

C. O LORD, BY YOUR COMMAND TO DO THIS IN REMEMBRANCE OF YOU, WE KNOW

THAT YOU WANT THIS SACRAMENT TO BE FOREVER ADMINISTERED IN YOUR CHURCH AND THAT IN SO DOING WE REMEMBER YOUR DEATH ON THE CROSS FOR US. HELP THIS WINDOW TO TEACH US THAT WE SHOULD ALWAYS CONFESS OUR FAITH IN YOUR REDEPTIVE DEATH, AND REMIND OTHERS THAT YOU DIED FOR THEM AS WELL. WE PRAY AS WE DEDICATE THIS WINDOW TO YOUR GLORY O CHRIST, AMEN.

P. In Baptism God makes us His children. In the Lord's Supper He strengthens us as His children. But God wants us to live as his children in the world so that others too may hear of the wonderful love of our Savior. We are to be "little Christs" in this world. The Lutheran Reformation battle cry was Sola Gratia, Grace alone; Sola Fide, faith alone; and Sola Scriptura, the Scriptures alone. Through the prayerful uplifted hands of FAITH we receive the GRACE of God and the SCRIPTURES are God's means of bringing us to that faith.

C. FROM A CHILD YOU HAVE KNOWN THE HOLY SCRIPTURES WHICH ARE ABLE TO MAKE YOU WISE UNTO SALVATION THROUGH FAITH WHICH IS IN CHRIST JESUS. ALL SCRIPTURE IS GIVEN BY INSPIRATION OF GOD AND IS PROFITABLE FOR DOCTRINE, FOR CORRECTION, FOR REPROOF, FOR INSTRUCTION IN RIGHTEOUSNESS, THAT THE MAN OF GOD MAY BE PERFECT, THOROUGHLY FURNISHED UNTO EVERY GOOD WORK. 2 TIM 3:15-17.

P. Jesus said, "Search the Scriptures for in them you think you have eternal life, and they are they which testify concerning me". John 5:39.

C. LORD JESUS YOU HAVE CAUSED THE SCRIPTURES TO BE WRITTEN FOR OUR LEARNING. HELP US TO READ THEM, MARK THEM, LEARN THEM, AND TAKE THEM TO HEART THAT WE COME UP SHORT IN NOTHING, BUT THAT ALL WE SAY AND DO MAY REDOUND TO YOUR PRAISE. HELP THIS WINDOW TO REMIND US OF THE YOUR PRECIOUS WORD AND THE GIFT OF FAITH THAT YOU HAVE GIVEN US. IN YOUR NAME O CHRIST WE DEDICATE THIS WINDOW, AMEN.

P. So God creates faith in us, strengthens the faith that He gives, and someday will give us the reward of the faith that He created, a crown of righteousness forever, earned by the blood of the Lamb. In the last window the lily reminds us of purity. It also reminds us of death and resurrection. The crown is the Crown of life Jesus won for us on the Cross. "Unto Him that loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood and has made us Kings and Priests to our God and His Father; to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever." Rev 1:5-6.

C. I KNOW WHOM I HAVE BELIEVED AND AM PERSUADED THAT HE IS ABLE TO KEEP THAT WHICH I HAVE COMMITTED TO HIM AGAINST THAT DAY. 2 TIM 1:12.

P. "Be faithful unto death and I will give you a crown of life." Rev. 2:10

C. O ALMIGHTY GOD YOU HAVE KNIT US TOGETHER AS ONE COMMUNION IN THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE BODY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST. GRANT US TO FOLLOW OUR LORD AND THOSE WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE US IN FAITH TO LIVE VIRTUOUS AND GODLY LIVES THROUGH THE MERITS OF OUR LORD JESUS WHO HAS WON FOR US A CROWN OF LIFE. WE DEDICATE THIS WINDOW TO HIS PRAISE AND YOUR GLORY, FOR HE LIVES AND REIGNS WITH YOU AND THE SPIRIT EVER ONE GOD, NOW AND FOREVER. AMEN.

THE DEDICATION SONG -- "BLESS THIS HOUSE".

P. For forty years God has seen fit to continue to bless this church and this congregation. He has continued the blessing of His word and Sacraments.

C. I WILL SPEAK OF YOUR STATUTES BEFORE KINGS O LORD AND WILL NOT BE PUT TO SHAME.

P. God is our refuge and strength an ever present help in times of trouble.

C. THEREFORE WE WILL NOT FEAR THOUGH THE EARTH BE REMOVED AND MOUNTAINS FALL INTO THE DEPTHS OF THE SEA.

P. Lord God almighty you are the never failing provider of every good and perfect gift. We thank you that in your good pleasure you have allowed us to function as the dispenser of the means of grace, and the proclaimer of the Gospel in this place. For forty years you have blessed us and continued your mercy. Continue to dwell among us with your Word and Sacraments that we may continue to receive your gracious visitation. We ask this in Jesus name. Amen.

The following song was written by Dawn Rathmun for the fortieth anniversary of her church in Missouri. We are pleased to be able to use in our remembrance celebration today. Congregation joins in singing where noted.

Lift High the Cross and Press On

When the valley is deep, When the mountain is steep,
When our bodies are weary, When we stumble and fall,
When our sources are few, He shows us just what to do;
Lift the cross tell of Jesus, Give your life give your all
And in Jesus' name we press on,
In Jesus' name we press on
The cross as the prize, Clear before our eyes,
Give us the strength to press on.

V.1 Onward for Jesus, Forward now we go,
 Armed with His Word, We press on toward the goal.

Even tho we are weak, He wishes us to still seek,
Seek Him and He will find us, In our search He makes us strong
In His strength we can trust, In His love we too can love,
When our hope is in Jesus, We have Life from above.
And in Jesus' name we press on,
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The cross as the prize, Clear before our eyes,
Give us the strength to press on.

V.2 Onward for Jesus, Forward now we go,
 Armed with His Word, We press on toward the goal.
 Though we are weak, The Lord will make us strong,
 For He is our Rock, our Hope, our Strength, our Song.

Make us Lord to sow peace, When there's hatred sow love,
When there's injury pardon, When there's doubt then give us faith
In despair let us hope, Where there's darkness shine your light
Where there's sadness remind us, It's in your cross we gain sight
So lift high the cross, and press on,
In Jesus' name we press on

Dear Lord with the goal, To reach ev'ry soul,
Lifting high the cross we press on.

V.3 Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim,
 Till all the world adore His sacred name,
 Teach us to love, Lord, Show us how to care,
 Help us bring Your truth to people everywhere.

V.4 Lift high the cross, The love of Christ proclaim,
 Till all the world adore His sacred name.
 Use us to reach, Lord, those who haven't heard
 May Your