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## INTRODUCTION

My goal in this project has been to take pictures of all of the stained glass windows in all of the churches in the cities of Neenah and Menasha. I started this project to have something to photograph during the winter. I like to take pictures, and I like to take them outdoors. But there are times in the winter when it is not fit to be out or there is little of interest to shoot. November and March are particularly drab. Out of this limitation of my imagination and of my intolerance for bad weather came these pictures.

There is a common theme. Photography and stained glass windows are both tools that use light to communicate. Photography is “writing with light”; stained glass, “painting with light.” In my view, the important elements of a photograph include color, line and light. All three are necessarily present in a stained glass window.

As the pictures show, there is a wide variety among the windows. The windows of Our Savior’s Lutheran and the Victory Assembly of God are very simple. Those of the Catholic churches in Menasha (St. John the Baptist, St. Mary and St. Patrick) are perhaps the most complex, with many pieces of colored glass making up each window. The windows of St. Gabriel Catholic Church are the most striking; each side of the sanctuary is lined with a wall of windows. I took their pictures late one sunny afternoon. The low light coming through the windows washed the entire area with a bath of many colors. Some of the windows are representational, depicting scenes from the Bible, typically from the life of Christ. Examples include Immanuel U.C. in Neenah, Evangel Worship Center in Menasha and the Catholic churches in Menasha. The windows in the Lutheran churches tend to be more symbolic and abstract. Some, such as those in the sanctuary at the Congregational U.C.C. in Neenah, have no obvious religious theme.

During this project, I have learned that the history of the churches closely reflects the history of immigration into the area. Broadly speaking, the first churches were founded in Neenah by English-speaking immigrants from New York and other areas out east. They formed the Congregational, Presbyterian and Methodist churches. Then came the Irish, the Germans, the Scandinavians and the Poles, who founded Lutheran, German Evangelical, Baptist and Catholic congregations. English-speaking people in Neenah then decided they wanted their own Lutheran and Catholic churches. After World War Two, population growth to the west and south of Neenah led to the formation of new Catholic and Lutheran congregations without specific ethnic roots. The picture is complicated somewhat by local church schisms and national denominational mergers and name changes. I claim no original scholarship to any of the church histories in this book. They are taken from histories kindly given to me by the churches, from Shattuck’s 1958 *History of Neenah* and other sources which I consider reliable. Speaking of history, St. Patrick and St. Margaret Mary started construction projects after I took the photos for this book. Those projects are in progress at the time this is written. Perhaps I will shoot an update when the work is complete.



I have, as much as possible, followed a consistent pattern in arranging and labeling the photos in this book. Generally, I start as though one has entered the church and is viewing the windows starting with the wall to the viewer's left, going from the back of the church to the altar and then returning from the altar to the back of the church along the other wall. Special features, such as windows in vestibules, chapels, choir lofts and over doors are appropriately labeled.

Shutterbug stuff. The photos were taken over a three year period with a variety of 35 mm SLR cameras and film. The cameras included a 1987 Minolta 7000 with an f/1.8 50 mm lens, and newer Canon Elan IIe and Elan 7e cameras, both using Canon 28 - 135 mm IS and 22 - 55 mm lenses. Film included Kodak Gold 100, 200 and 400 print films, Fuji 200 HD and Superia 200 print films and Fuji Provia 100 slide film. Overall, the Fuji 200 Superia gave the best results, although it is too saturated to use when a shot has only 1 or 2 colors, especially if 1 of them is white (see, e.g., Martin Luther ELC altar). Second place went to the Fuji HD 200. The ancient Minolta, hand held using 400 speed film and the fast 1.8 lens, returned excellent results - see the office photos from St. Timothy Lutheran. I was not impressed with Kodak Gold 200 for this work, although the Kodak 100 did well. The Provia slide film also performed well (see the Martin Luther windows), but I am biased against slides because print film is so much more convenient. The Canon 22 - 55 mm lens is a huge bargain for anyone looking for a wider - angle lens and was indispensable for getting exterior shots of several of the churches.

Finally, the people. Everyone I met while working on this project was helpful, supportive and genuinely interested. All of the people at all of the churches were so welcoming. More than one pastor took the time to open up his church specially to allow me to come in and take my pictures. Several stuck around to be sure I found all the windows. I thank them all. I also owe thanks to the people who helped me turn the pictures into this album: to the photo department at the Neenah Walgreen's and the people at Photomax in Neenah for their attention to the reprinting of the pictures; to Bill Casper at The Hang up in Neenah for helping me select the paper to mount the photos on; to Dave at Rapid Printing in Neenah for getting the mounted pictures photocopied; and to folks at the Appleton Kinko's for some digital printing work. Perhaps most important, I thank my family for letting me turn the dining room into a workroom for several months.

Philip Munroe  
October 2002

# CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

1511 Nicolet Boulevard

Neenah, WI 54956

920-725-4873

Begun in the late 1840s, the church moved to its current location in 1967. The mission of the church is to labor, "for the progress of knowledge, the promotion of justice, the reign of peace and the realization of our oneness in Christ." Sunday school is offered for people of all ages. Sunday service includes a liturgy of hymn singing, children's time, scripture reading and interpretation through the sermon. Music plays an important role in the life of the church. Weekly and monthly Bible studies and discussion groups are offered, as well as social activities and fellowship opportunities. The church actively supports charitable organizations through donations and volunteerism.





Window N - 5



Window N - 4



Window N - 3



Window N - 2



Window N - 1



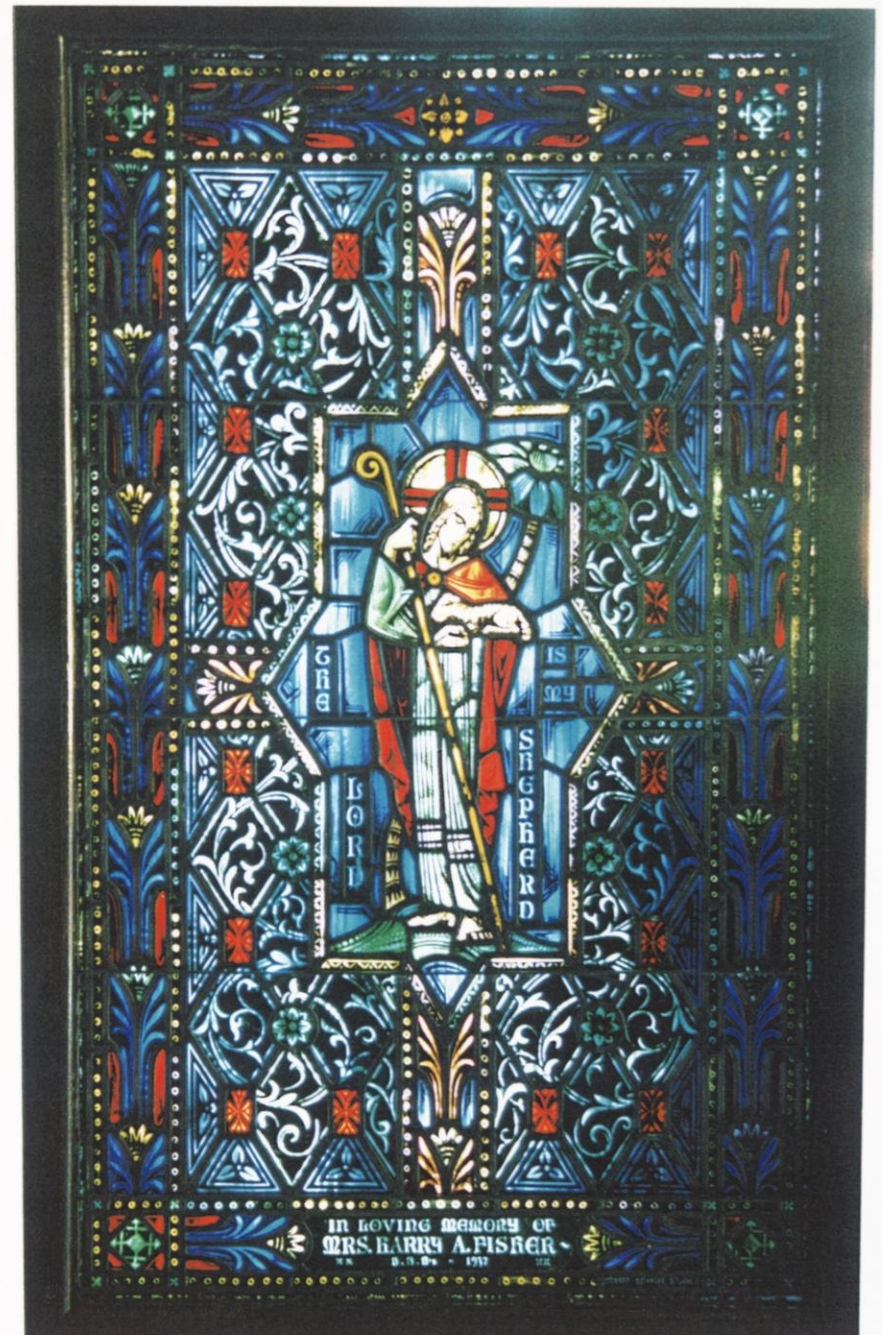
The altar



Window S - 1



The Nativity



The Lord is my shepherd

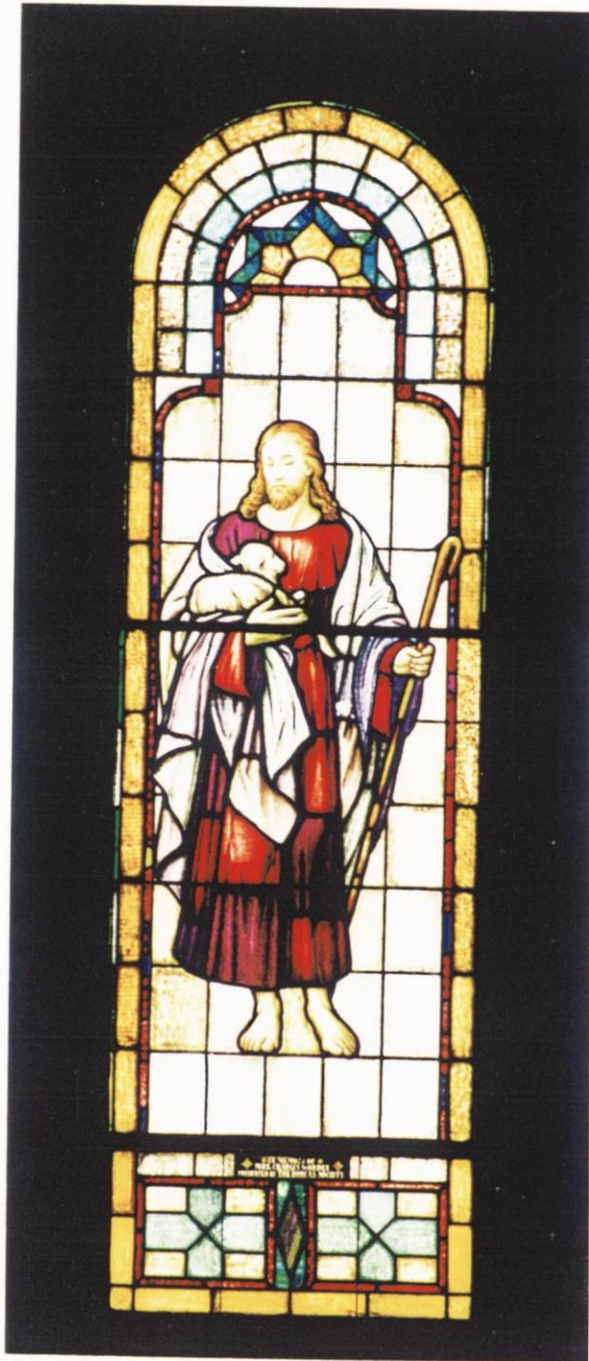
# EVANGEL WORSHIP CENTER

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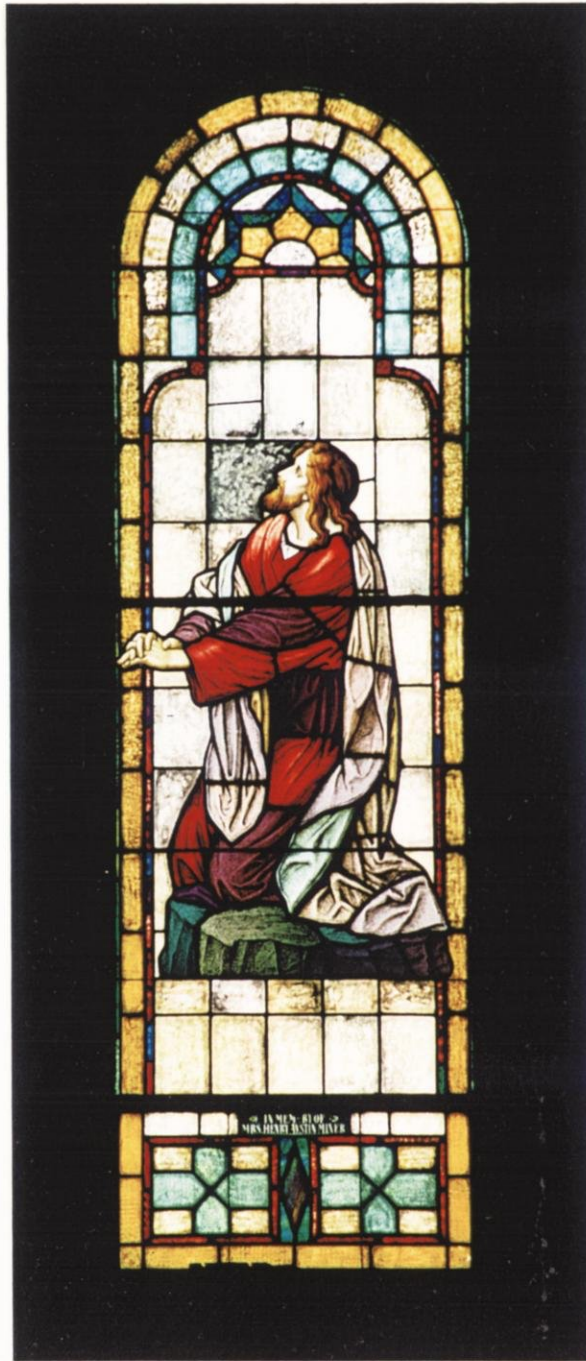
This congregation was formed in August, 1967 as Evangel Community Church of the Assemblies of God. The church which it bought had previously been owned by the First Congregational Church of Menasha. In February, 2000, the church reincorporated as Evangel Church, Inc. It changed to its current name in May, 2001.

Evangel Worship Center, Inc. is established to worship the One True God; to expound the Word of God; to exalt the Lord Jesus Christ; to acknowledge and be receptive to the Holy Spirit; to spread the Word of God according to the teaching of the apostles; to build up and equip the Saints; to convert souls to the Lord Jesus Christ and to promote Biblical Christianity in the home and foreign lands.





Window W - 3  
The Lord is my shepherd



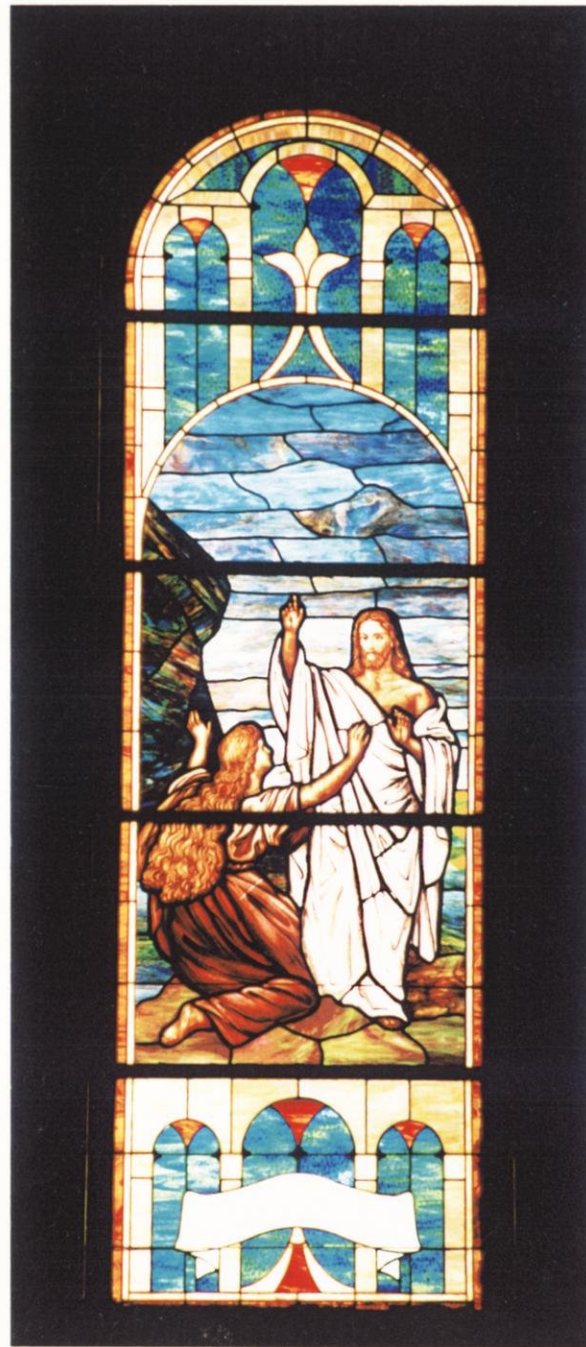
Window W - 2  
Christ in the garden



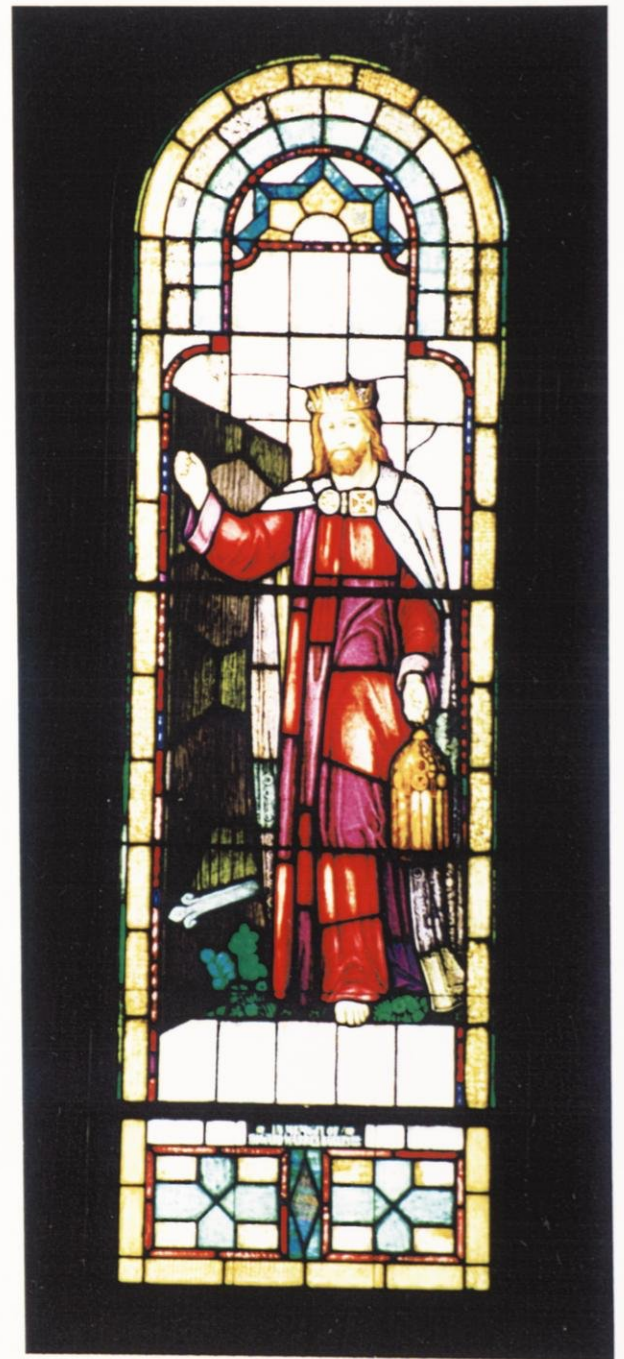
Window W - 1  
The boy Christ in the temple



Window E - 1



Window E - 2  
"Touch me not."



Window E - 3  
"Behold, I stand at the door"





# FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

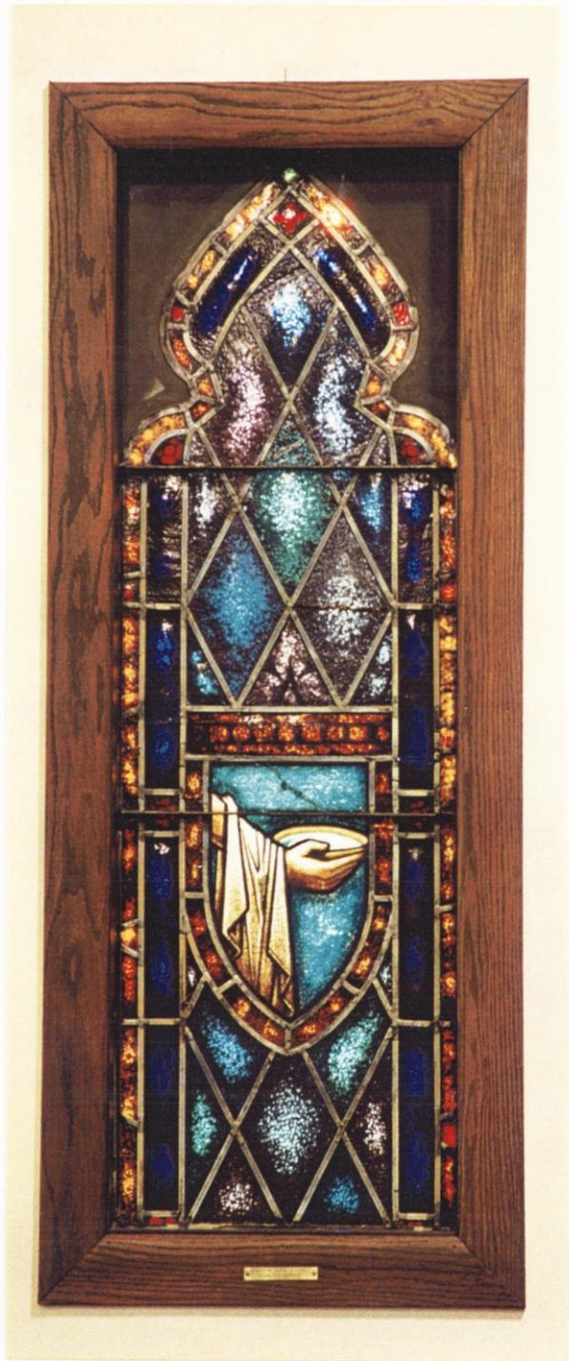
1025 Tullar Road  
Neenah, WI 54956  
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The Salem Congregation of the Evangelische Gemeinschaft of North America, was founded in 1856. It was the first German-speaking church in Neenah - Menasha. All the church records were kept in German until 1912. In April, 1905 the church meeting voted 24 to 6 that the church have an evening English church service. Beginning in June, 1916 both German and English were used during communion. The use of German in worship services was discontinued during World War One.

In 1940, the church's name was changed to the First Evangelical Church of Neenah. In 1946, the Evangelical Church merged with the United Brethren and the church became the First Evangelical United Brethren Church. After the E.U.B. and the Methodist Episcopal Church merged in 1968, the church adopted its current name, Faith United Methodist Church.

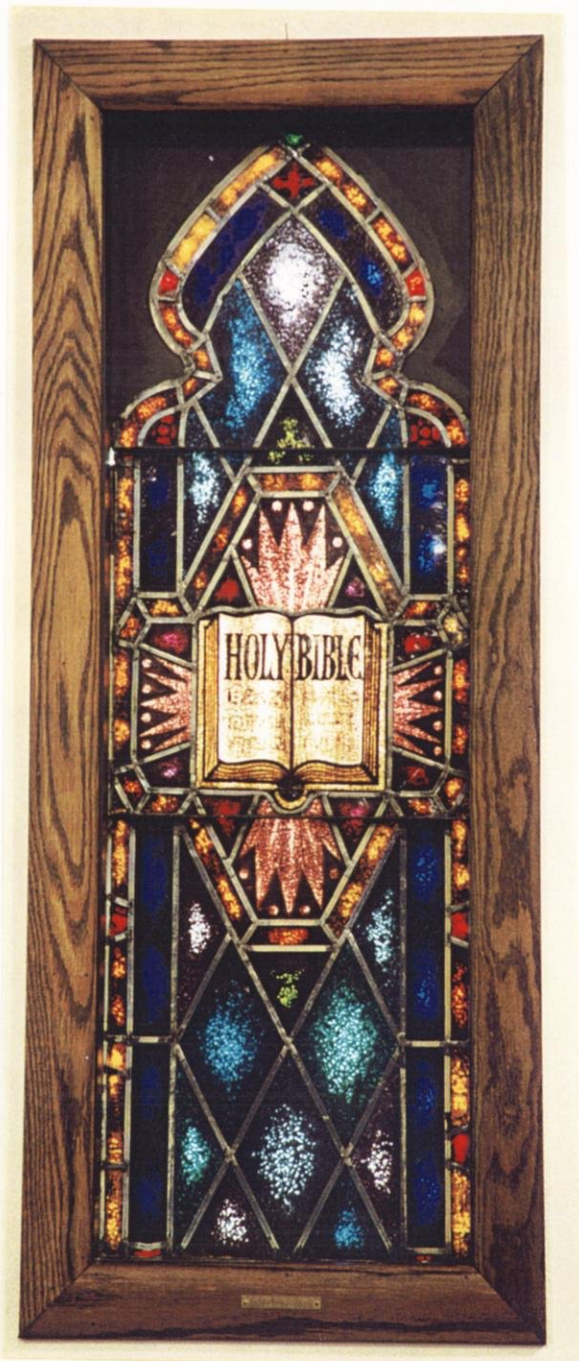
Like other churches in Neenah and Menasha, Faith U.M.C. has continued to grow. After several moves (one occasioned by an arsonist's fire), the present church was built on the corner of Cecil St. and Tullar Road in 1982. In 1996, an addition containing classrooms, office space, a choir room and a gymnasium was completed.





Sanctuary, south wall, window 3

Service



Sanctuary south wall, window 2

Bible study

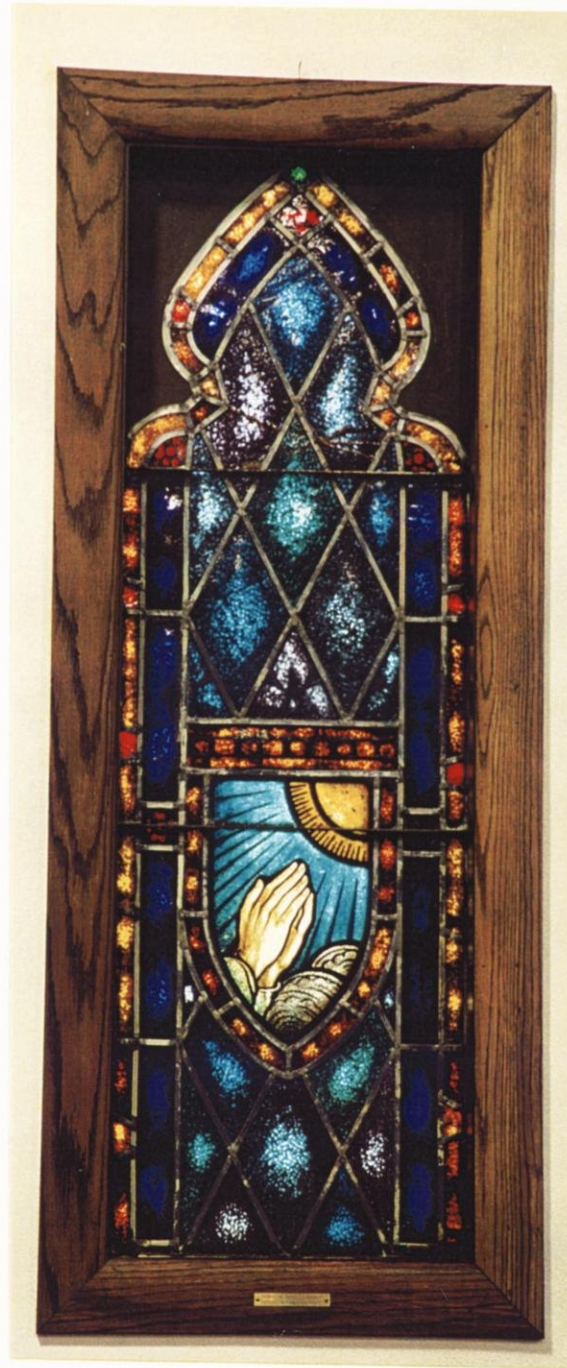


Sanctuary, south wall, window 1

... my body.



Sanctuary, west wall, window 1  
Statement of church purpose



Sanctuary, west wall, window 2  
Prayer



Sanctuary, west wall, window 3  
... my blood of the covenant, poured out  
for many for the forgiveness of sins.



Altar and choir loft

Colored glass dates back to the Egyptians and Mesopotamians of the 3d century B.C. "Stained glass," as commonly understood has its European origins in the times of Charlemagne, 9th century A.D. The art first flourished in 12th century France, when many new, large cathedrals were built. The most popular subjects during this, the Romanesque, period were single standing figures. The style of the 13th century, the height of French stained glass, shows affinities with contemporaneous manuscript illumination. New construction techniques, such as the flying buttress allowed more and much larger windows and a greater variety in stained glass, including spectacular rose windows: huge circles of glass that look like radiating wheels and that usually depict the Virgin and Child. Other subjects include stories from the Bible and the life of Christ, the Last Judgment, prophets and evangelists, legends and lives of the saints, coats of arms, history, the signs of the zodiac, and the labors of the months. The Renaissance of northern Europe, emphasized meticulous attention to realistic detail, and led artisans to paint pictures on glass rather than with glass. By the 16th century, stained glass was declining as an art form, in part due to the influence of the Reformation. During the Gothic Revival of the 19th-century, English and French restorers worked to rediscover older techniques.



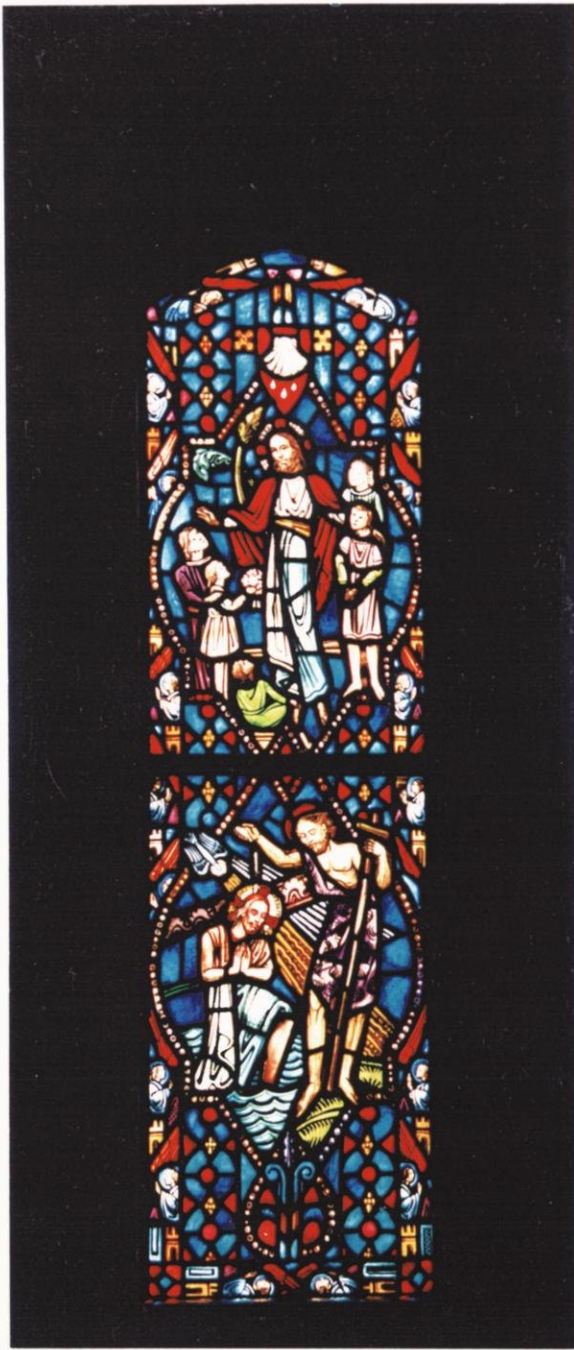
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# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NEENAH

200 Church Street  
Neenah, WI 54956  
920-725-4391

The First Presbyterian Church has as much the look of a small college campus as a community church. The church was formally organized on Dec. 15, 1848 with 17 members. It was formed just as the Presbyterian Church, nationally, was splitting over the doctrine of predestination. In 1860, the Neenah congregation separated into two churches over the issue, only to be reunited 10 years later. Who could have guessed? The congregation moved to its current location in 1954. The church building contains many works of religious art and religious symbols. In addition to the main worship area, the church has a beautiful, separate chapel, unique to the churches in the cities of Neenah and Menasha.





Chapel window E - 4  
 Baptismal Window  
 Top: Christ with the children  
 Bottom: Christ baptized

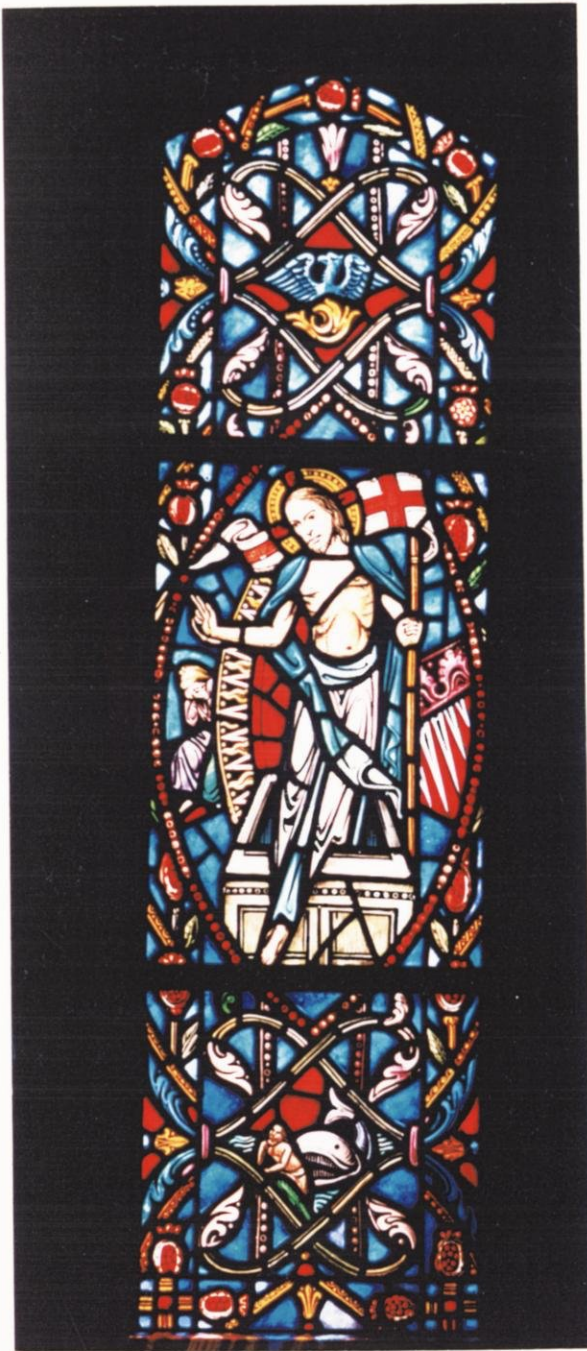


Chapel window E - 3  
 Lord's Supper Window  
 Only 11 disciples are seated at the table.

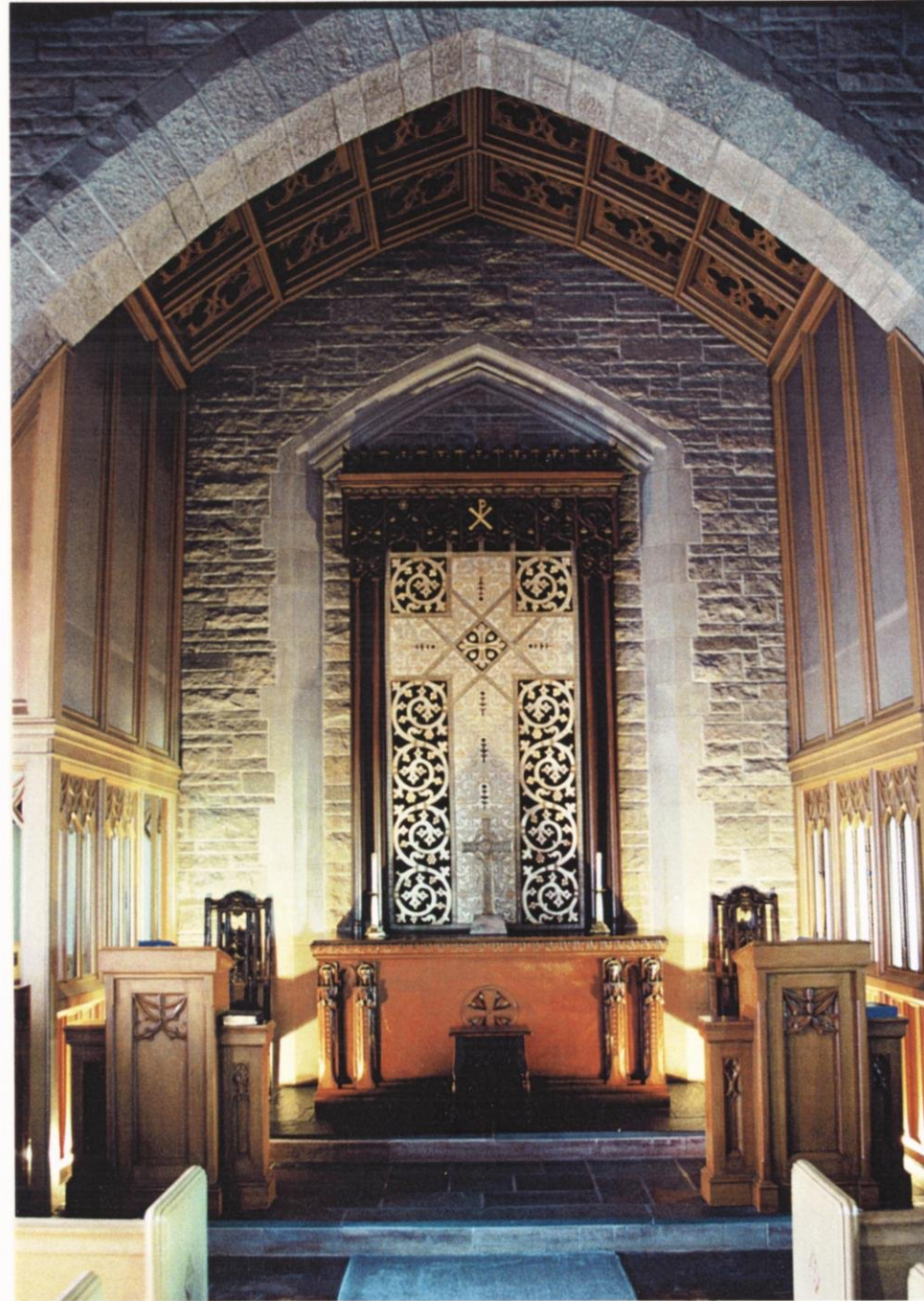


Chapel window E - 2  
 Prayer window  
 Top: Peter and Cornelius  
 Center: Christ in the Garden  
 Bottom: Publican and Pharisee

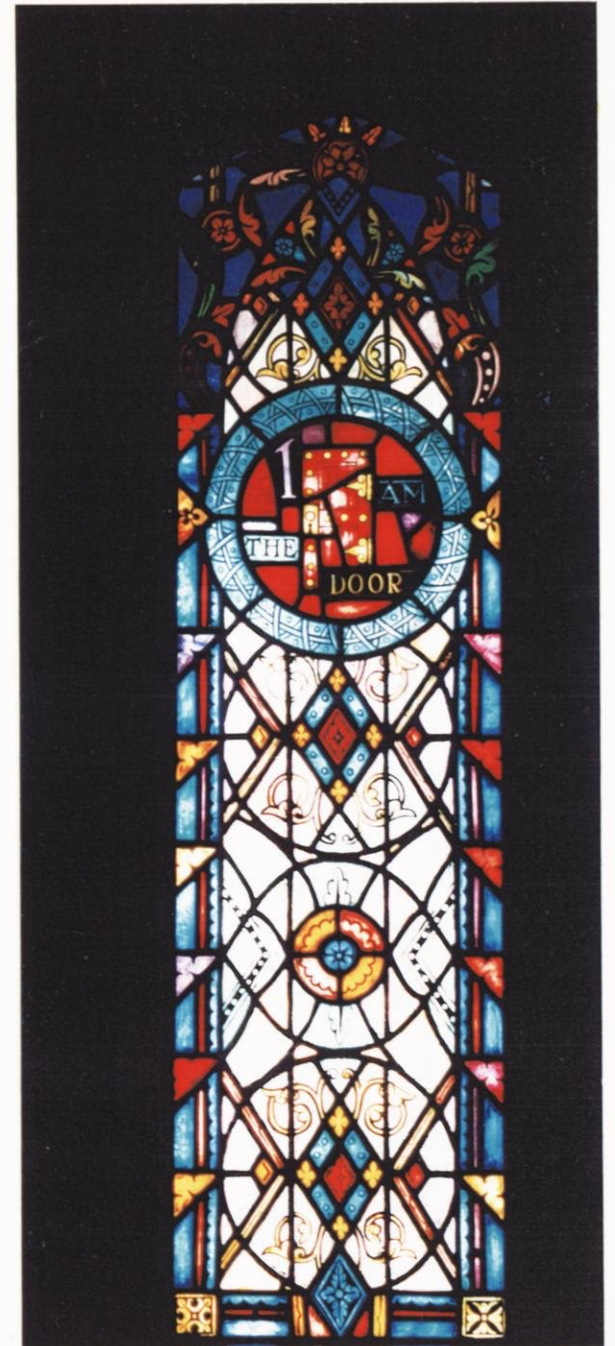




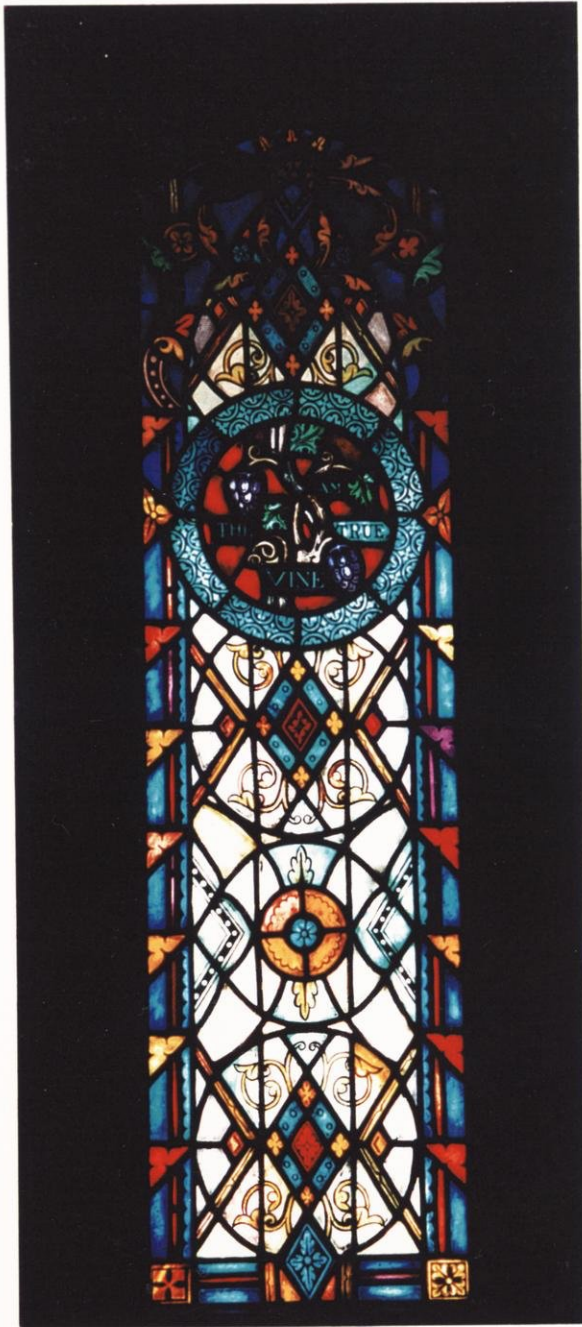
Chapel window E - 1  
Resurrection Window  
Top: Christ is risen  
Bottom: Jonah disgorged by the whale



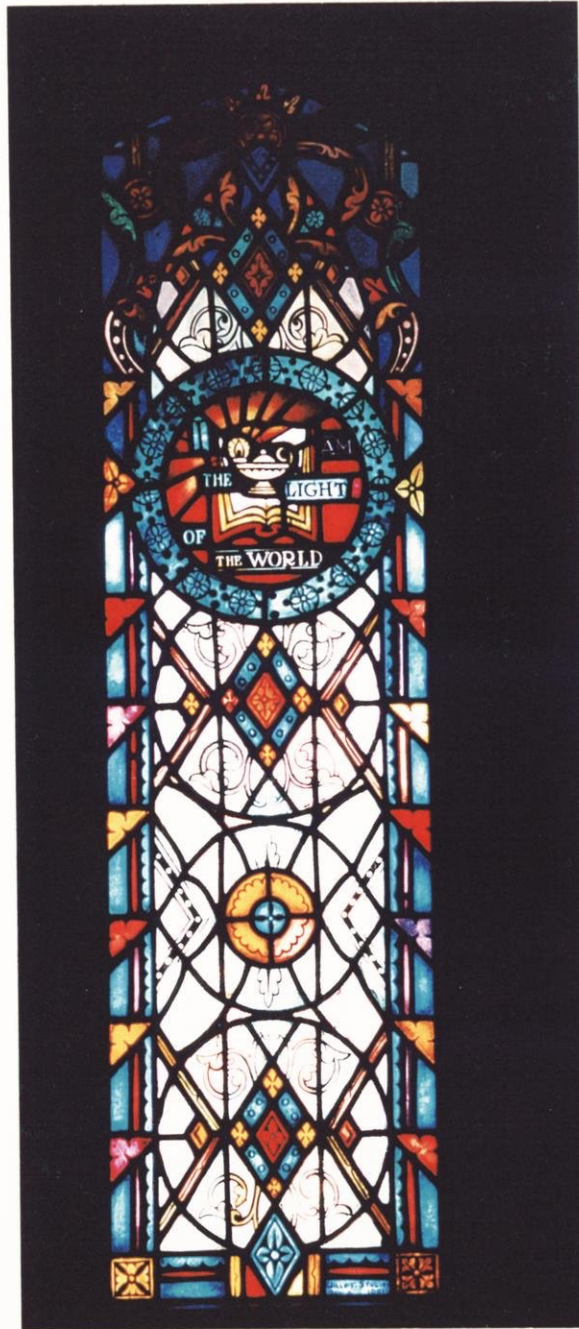
Chapel altar



Chapel window W - 1  
I am the Door



Chapel window W - 2  
I am the True Vine



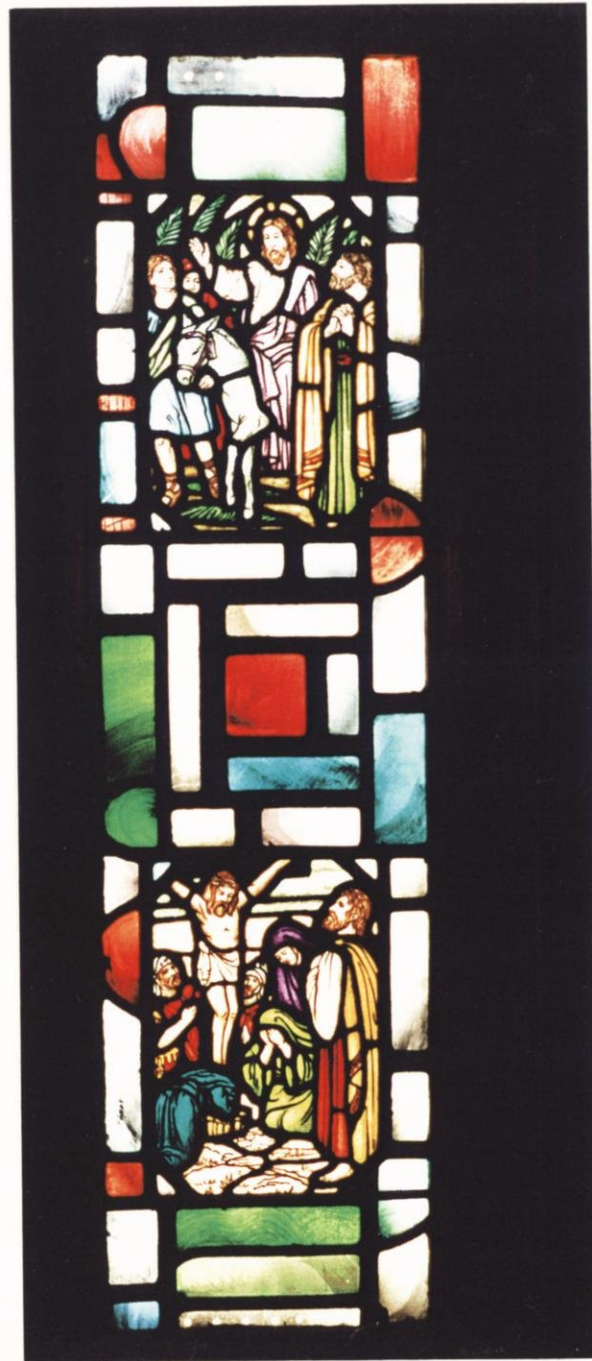
Chapel window W - 3  
I am the Light of the World



Chapel window W - 4  
I am the Bread of Life



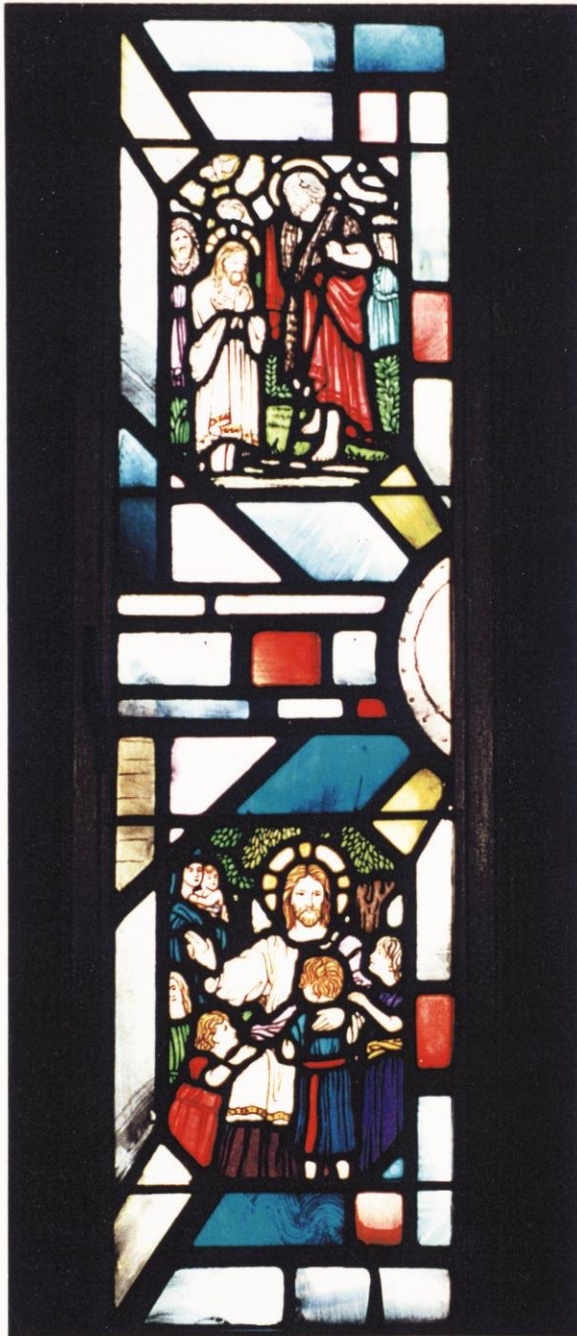
North aisle window 6  
 Top: Angel at the tomb  
 Bottom: The Great Commission



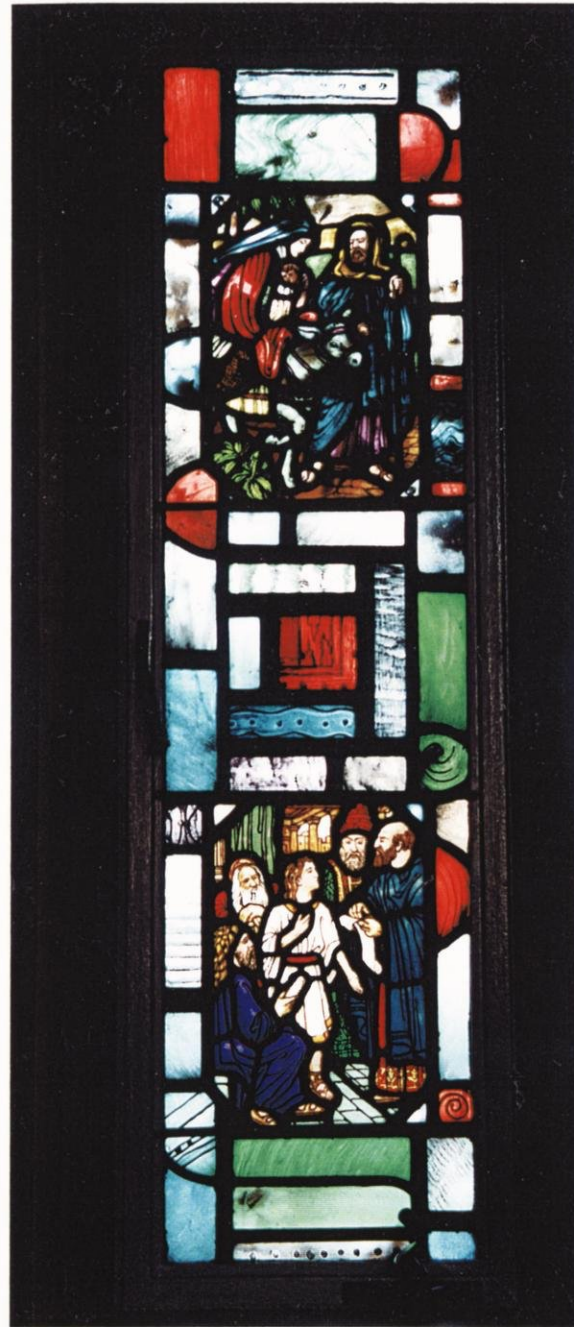
North aisle window 5  
 Top: Christ enters Jerusalem  
 Bottom: The Crucifixion



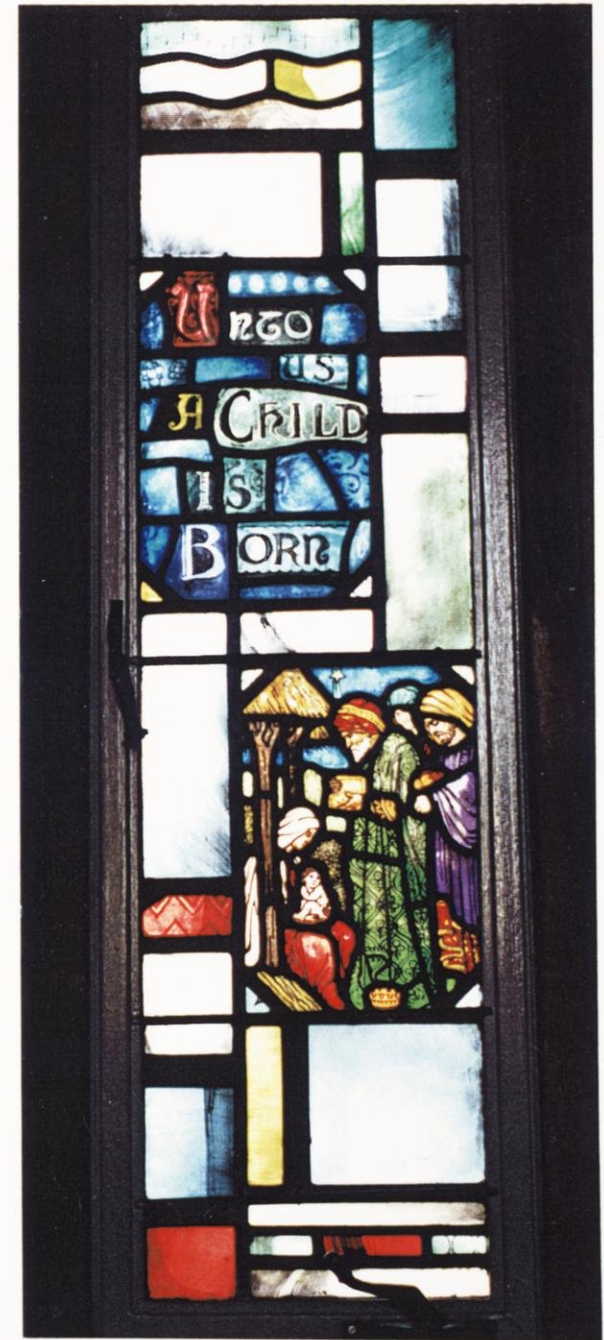
North aisle window 4  
 Top: Sermon on the mount  
 Bottom: Raising Jairus's daughter



North aisle window 3  
Top: Christ baptized  
Bottom: The children come to Christ



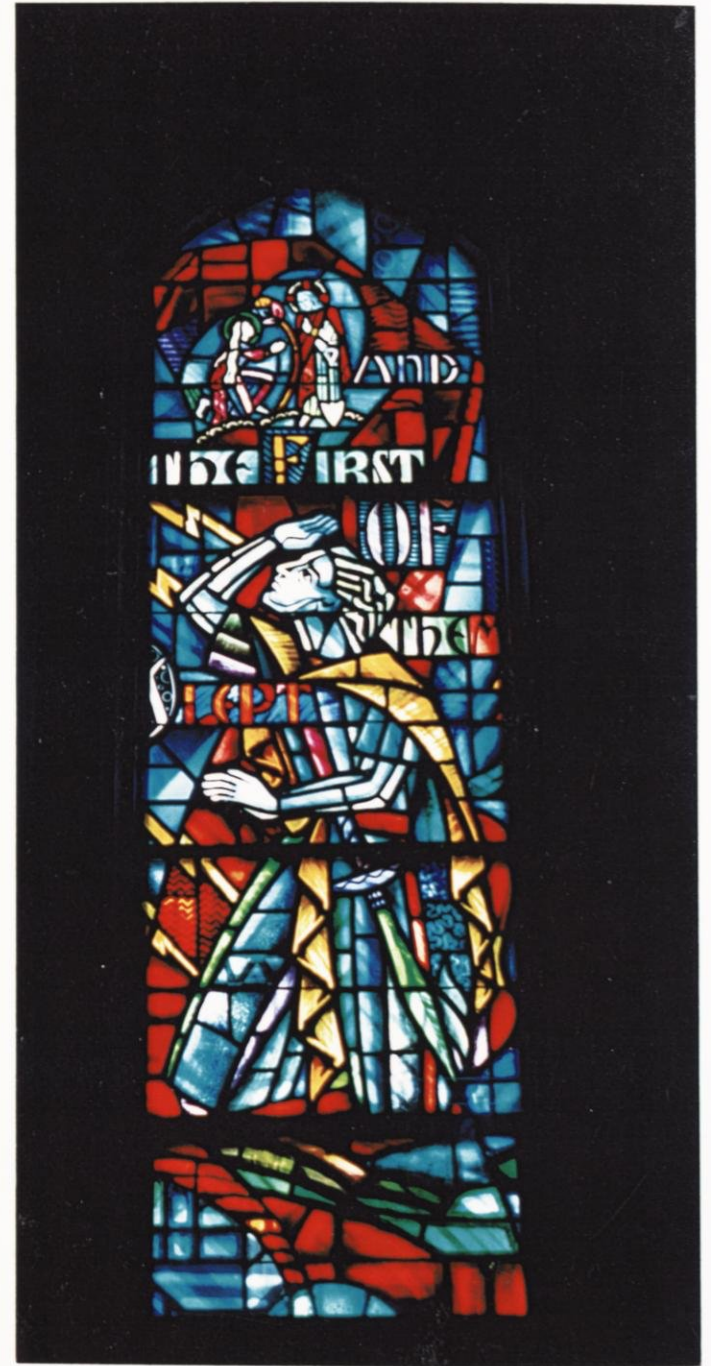
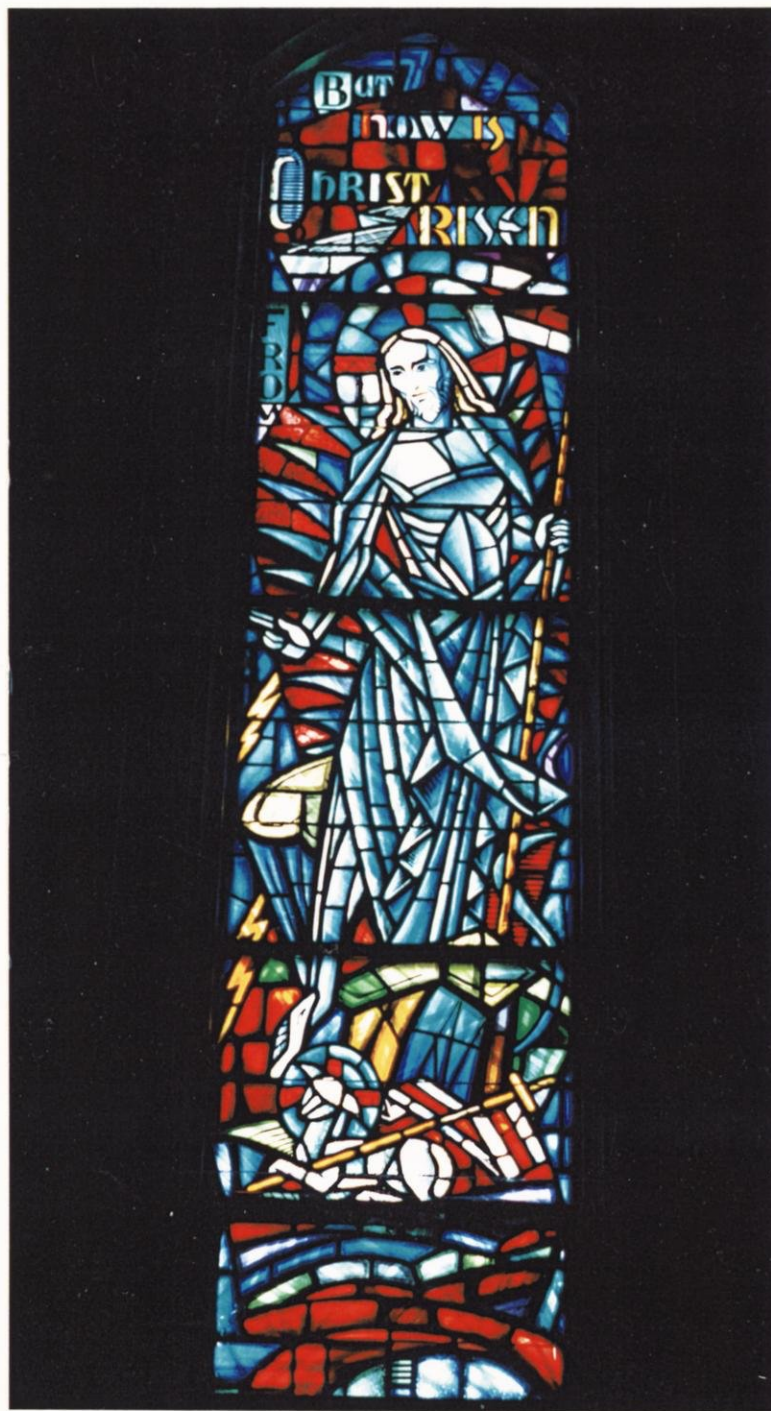
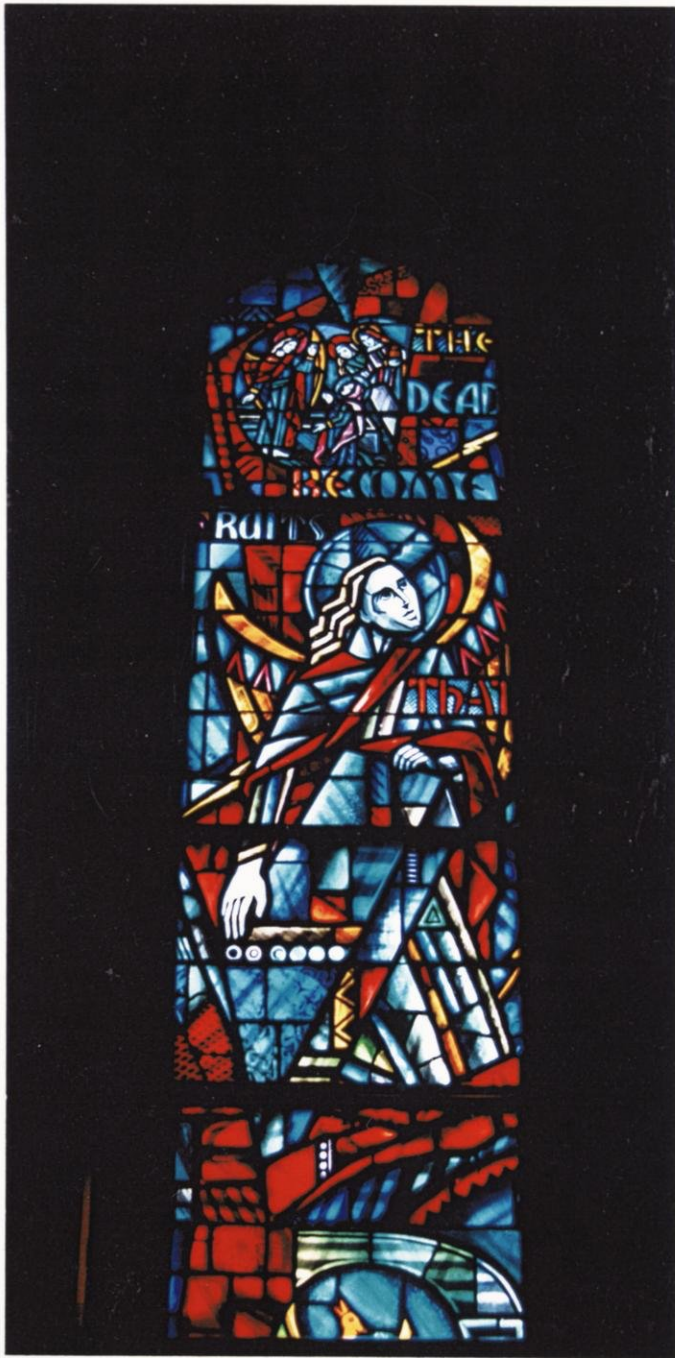
North aisle window 2  
Top: The flight to Egypt  
Bottom: Christ the boy in the temple



North aisle window 1  
The Nativity



Main altar



Balcony windows  
"But now is Christ risen from the dead  
and become the first fruits of them who  
slept"



The Wedding Window



Window at the back of the wedding room  
off the chapel.





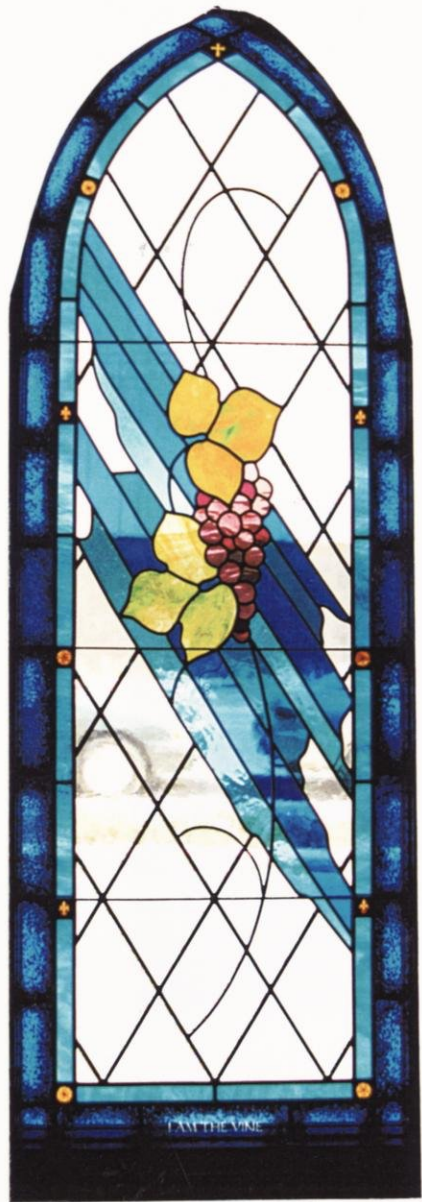
# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF NEENAH - MENASHA

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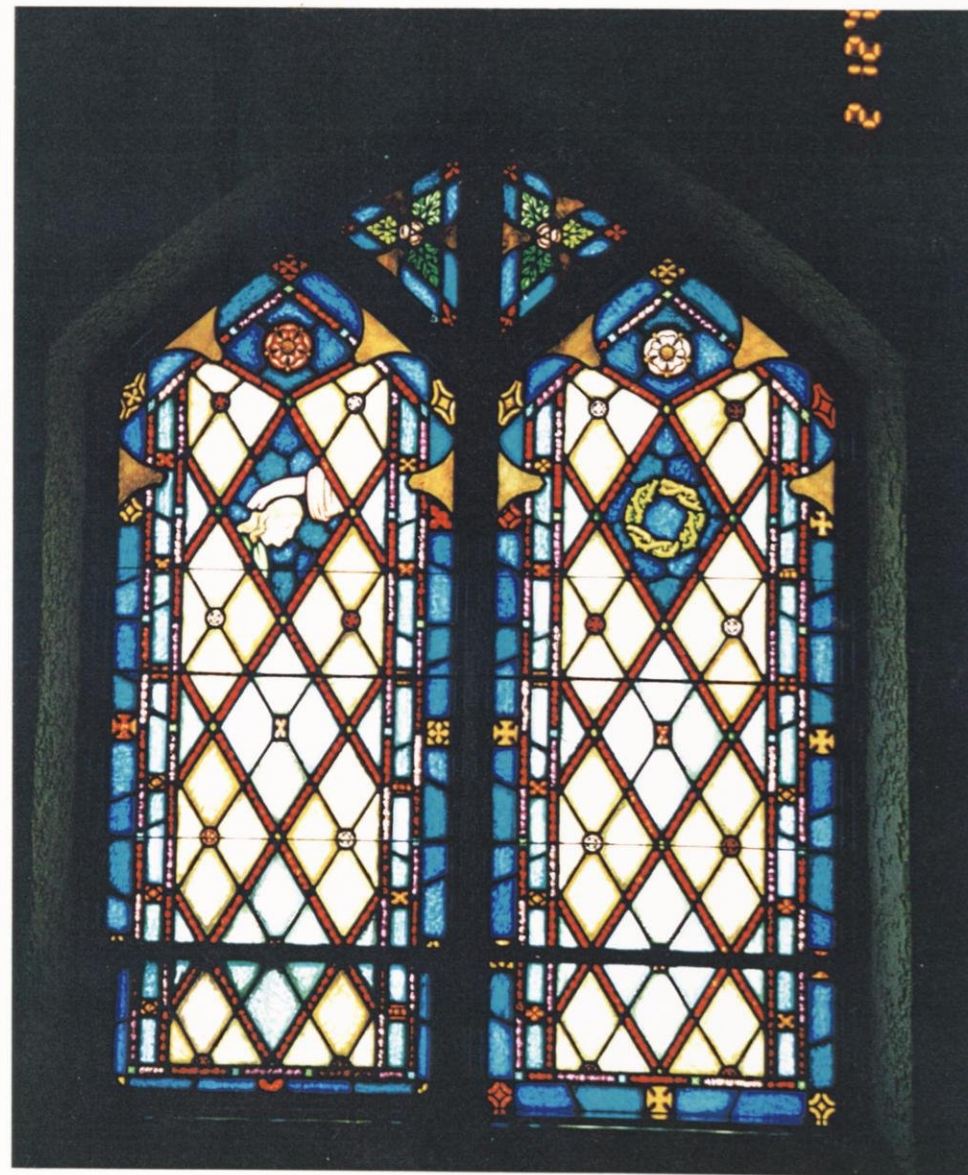
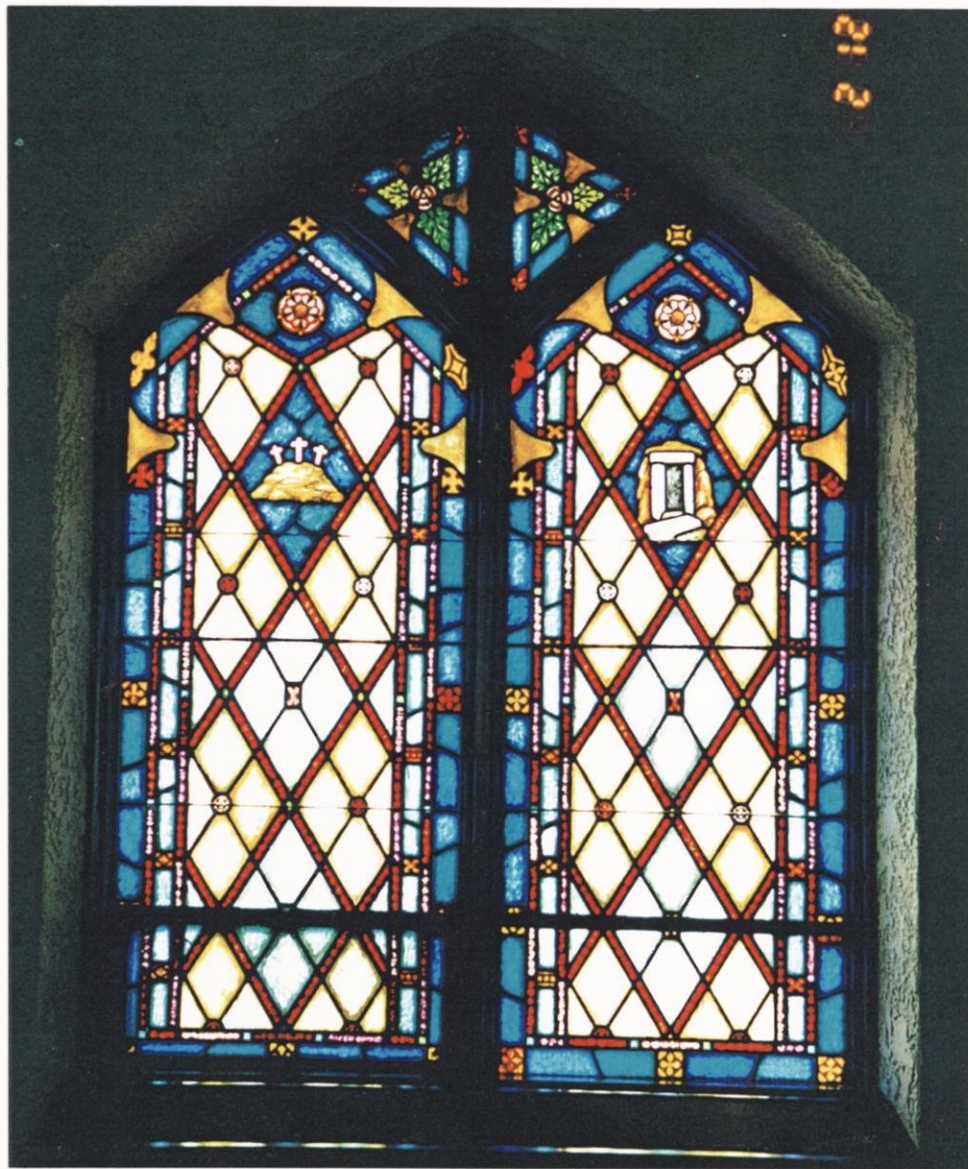
The forerunner of this congregation, the Methodist Episcopal church, held its first service in 1849. For nearly 15 years, the congregation met in the upper room of a shop located on East Wisconsin Avenue. In 1864, the church bought its first building at the corner of Oak and Doty Streets in Neenah. After 10 years, the congregation moved to a larger building on Wisconsin Avenue. In 1906, a new building was constructed at the church's current location; this building was destroyed by fire in 1937 and was rebuilt by 1939. Several additions have been added since, with the last completed in 1991.

Most of the original congregation were English-speaking settlers. Over time, the church absorbed groups of Norwegian, Danish and Welsh Methodists, as well as smaller country congregations. The church became the First United Methodist Church of Neenah-Menasha in 1968 after the national merger of the Evangelical United Brethren Church and the Methodist Episcopal Church.

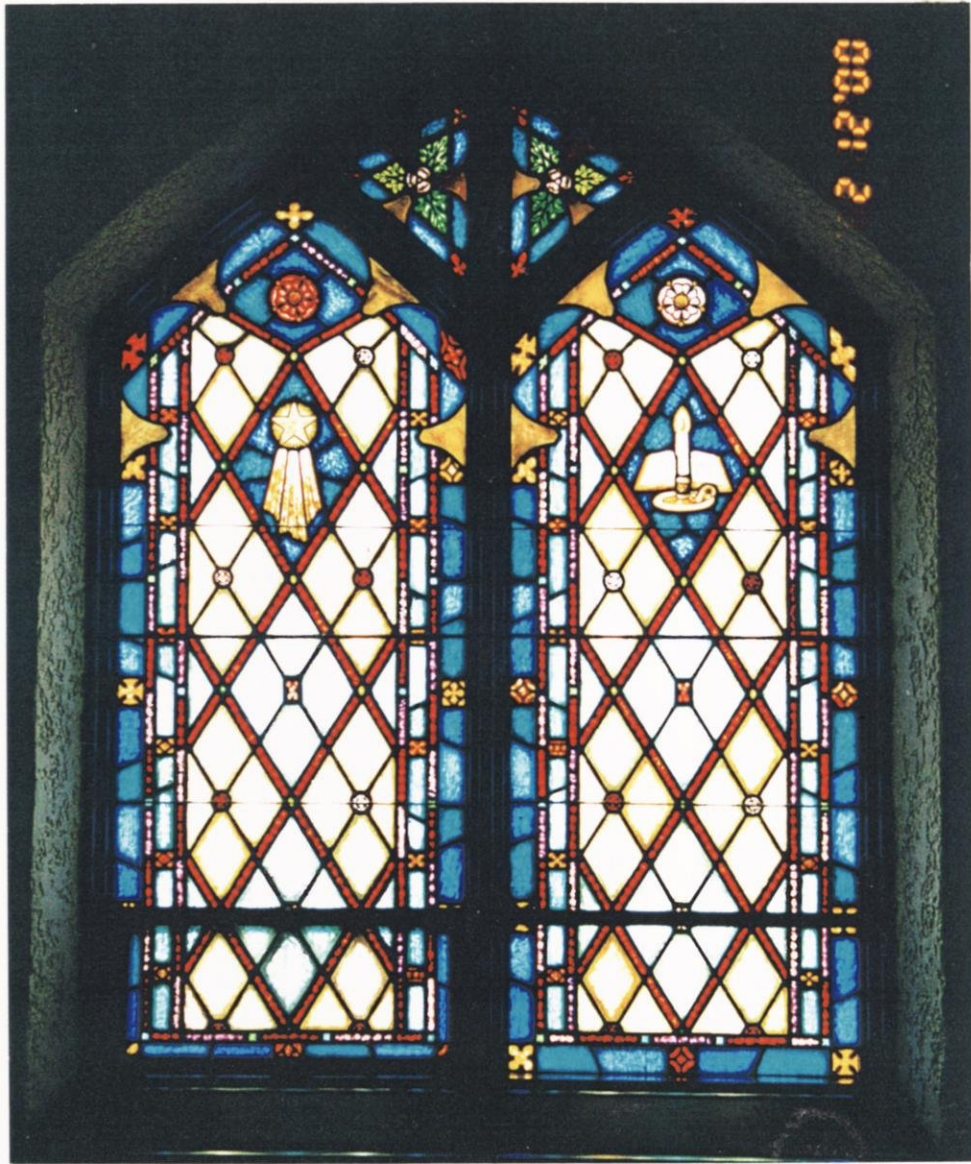




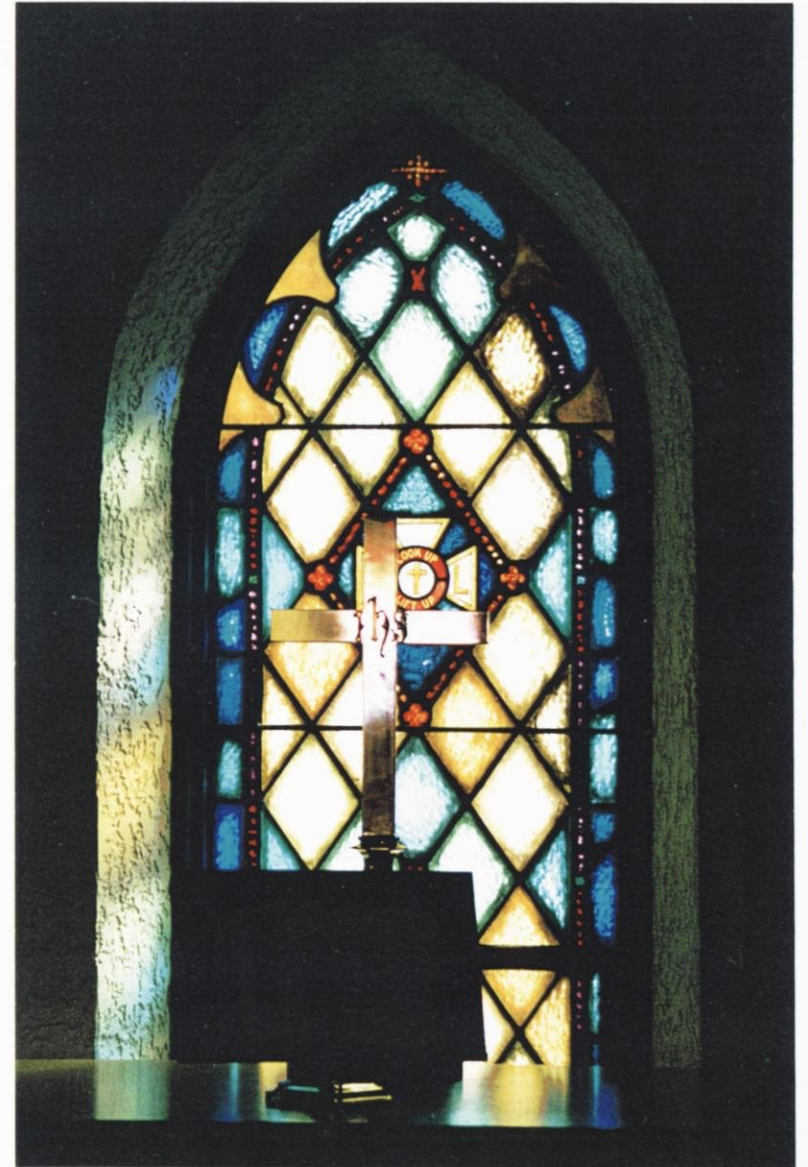
Vestibule windows (L - R)  
I am the vine  
Holy spirit  
You are the fruit



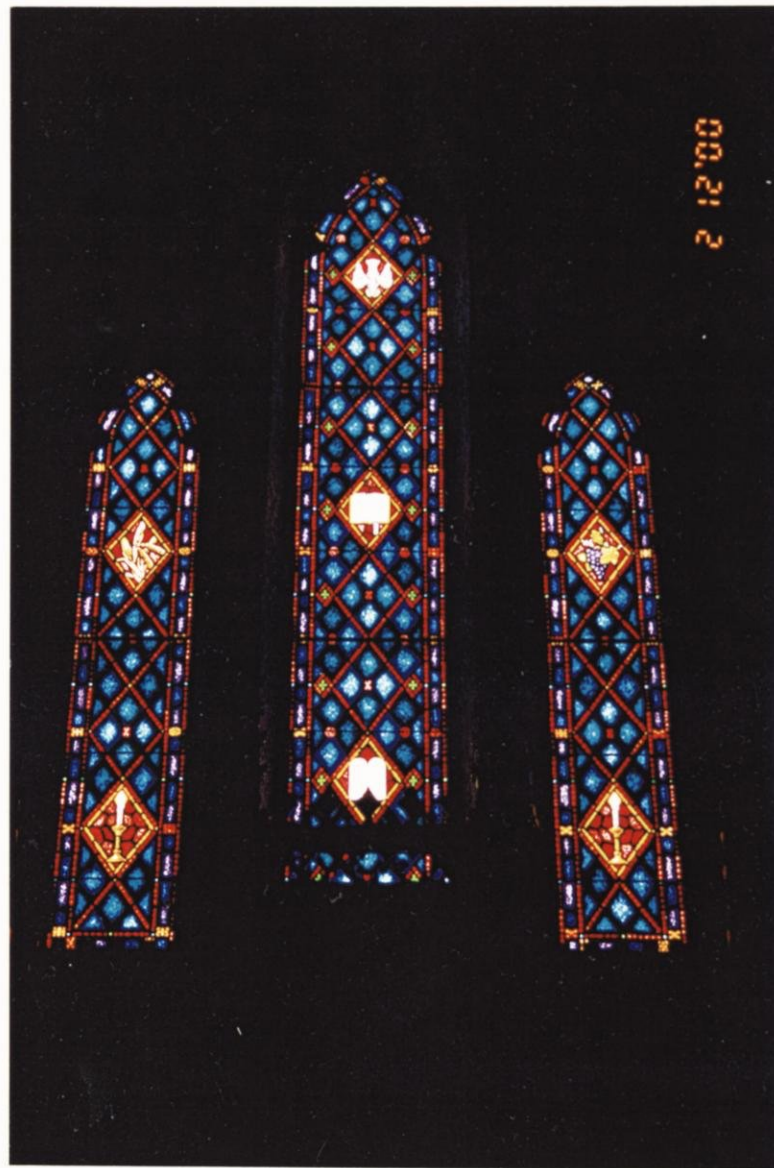
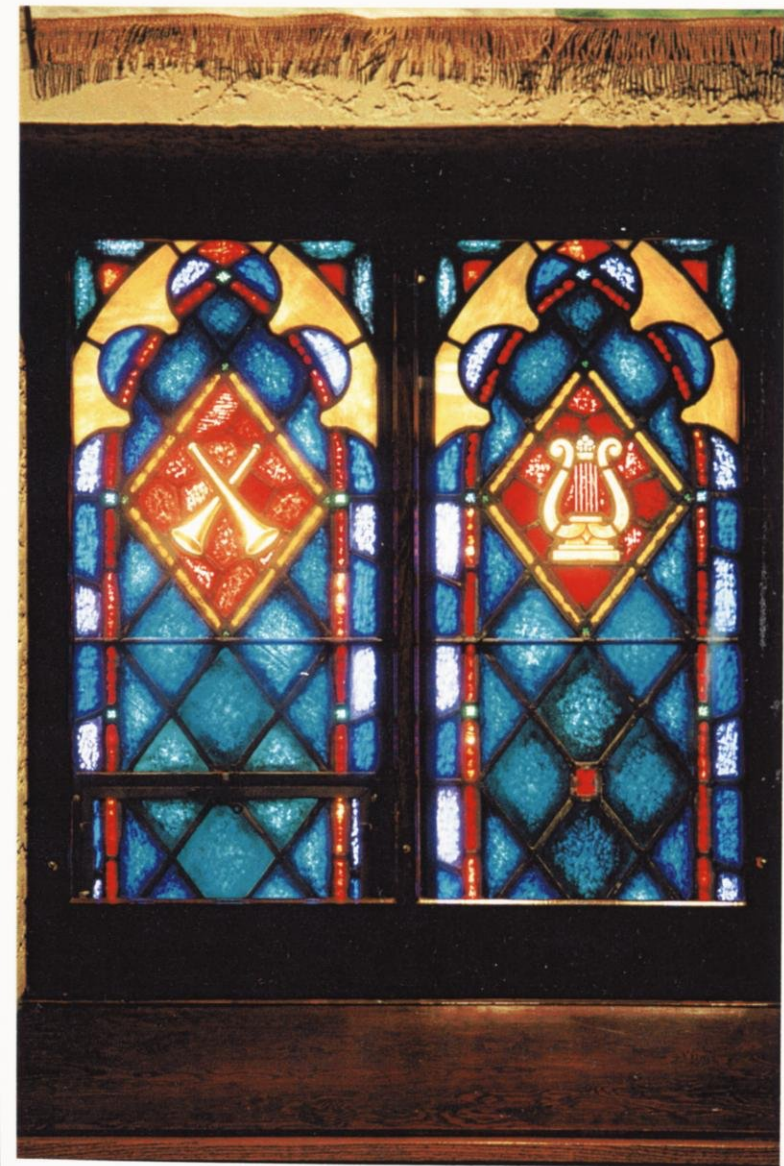
South wall, windows 3 and 2



South wall, window 1

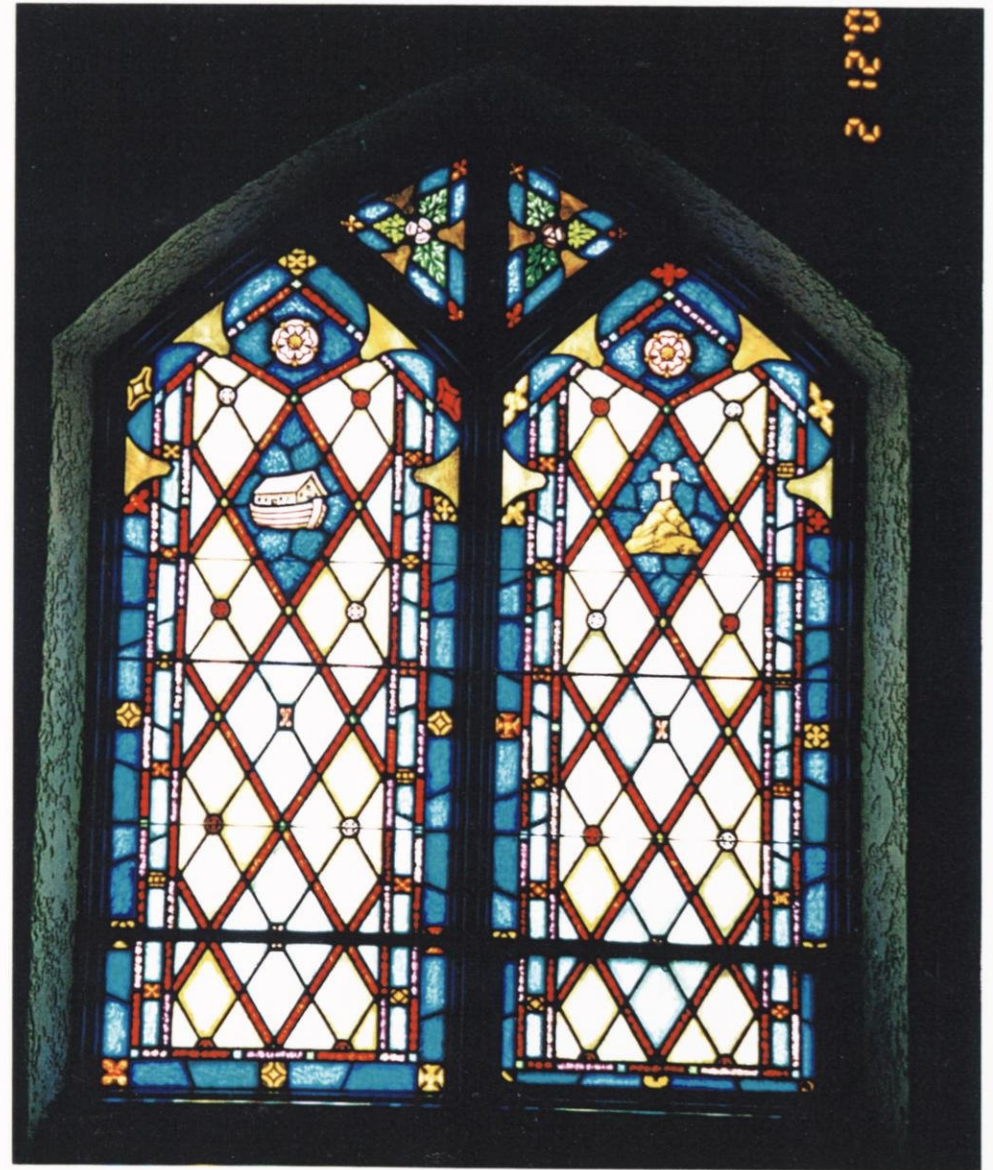
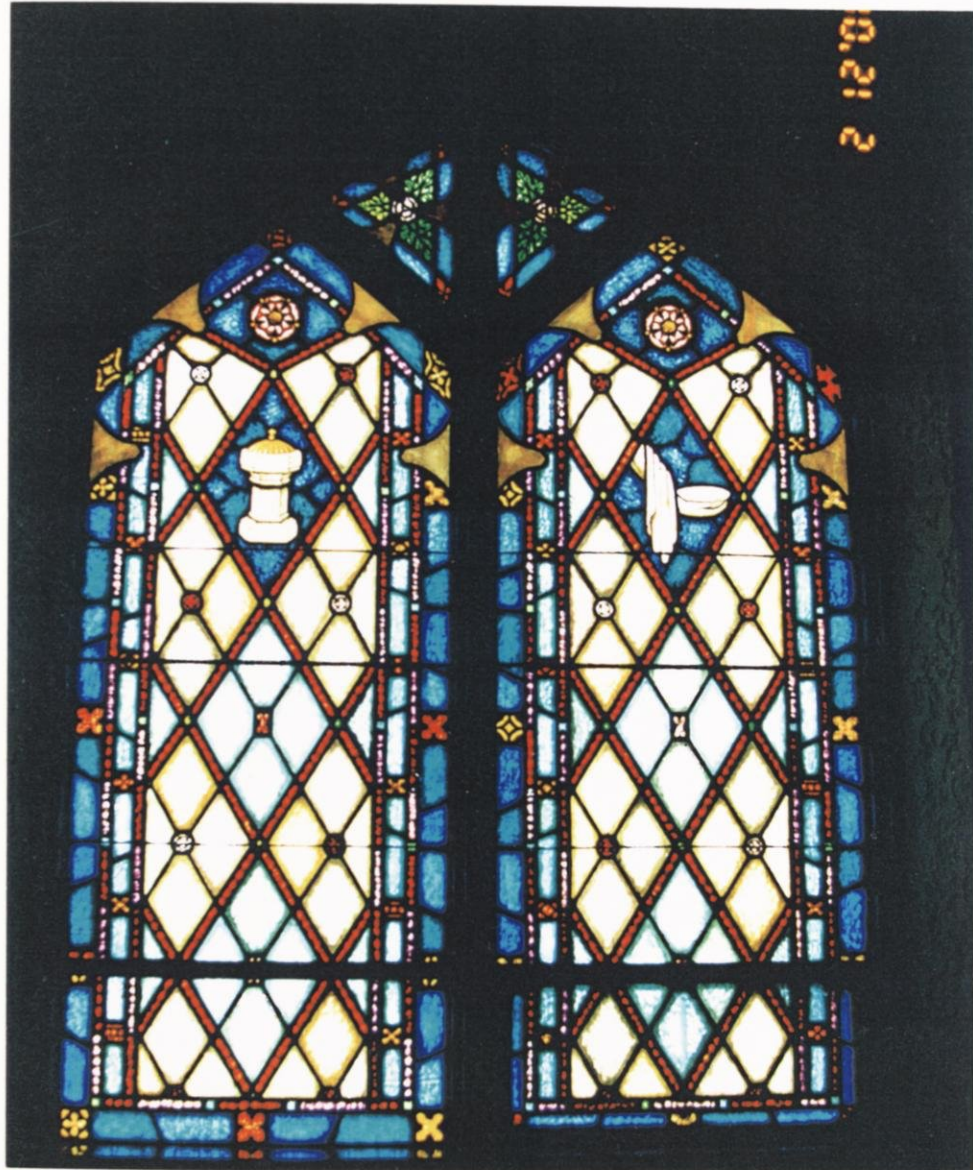


Cross and Bible outside the sanctuary

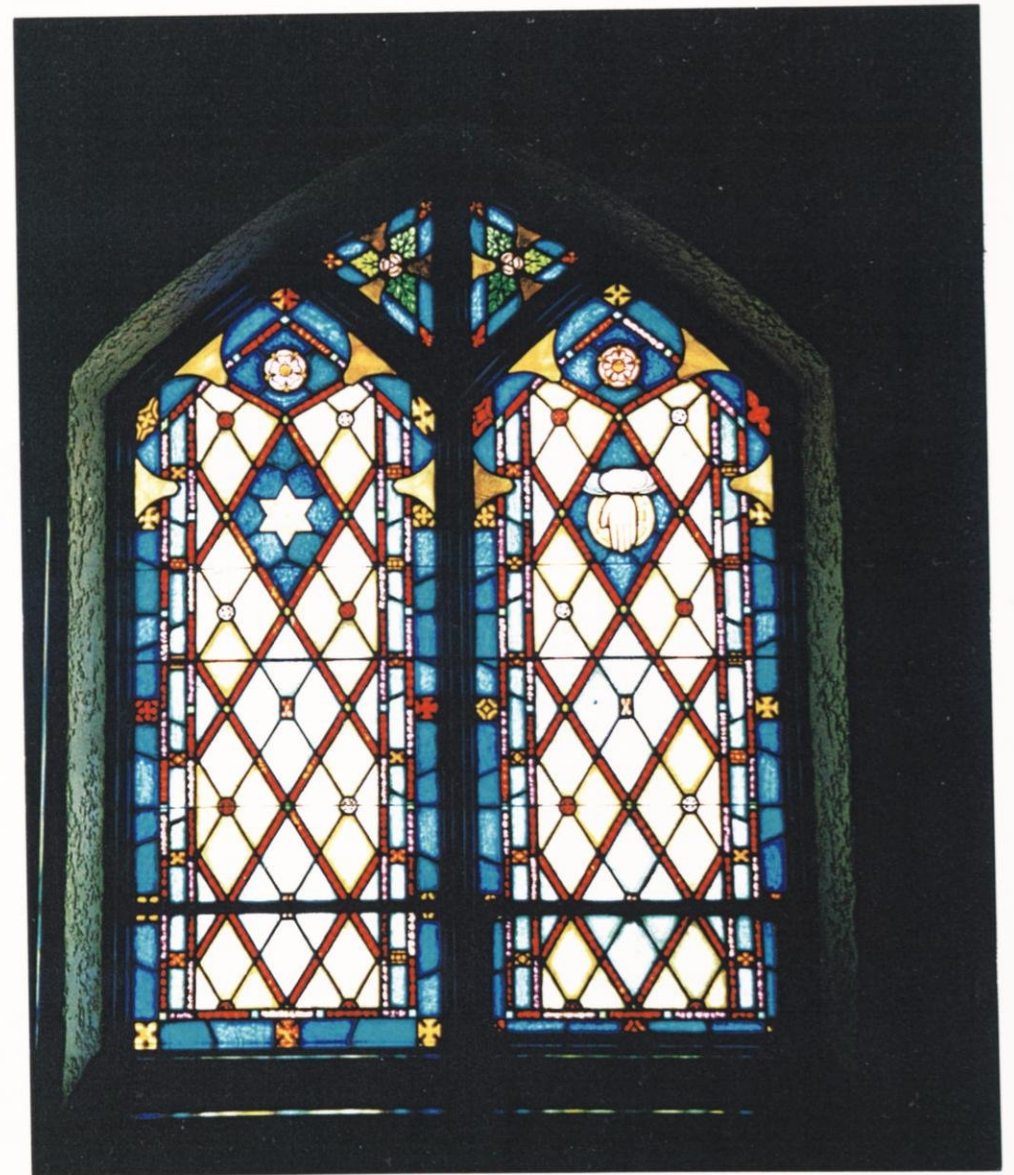
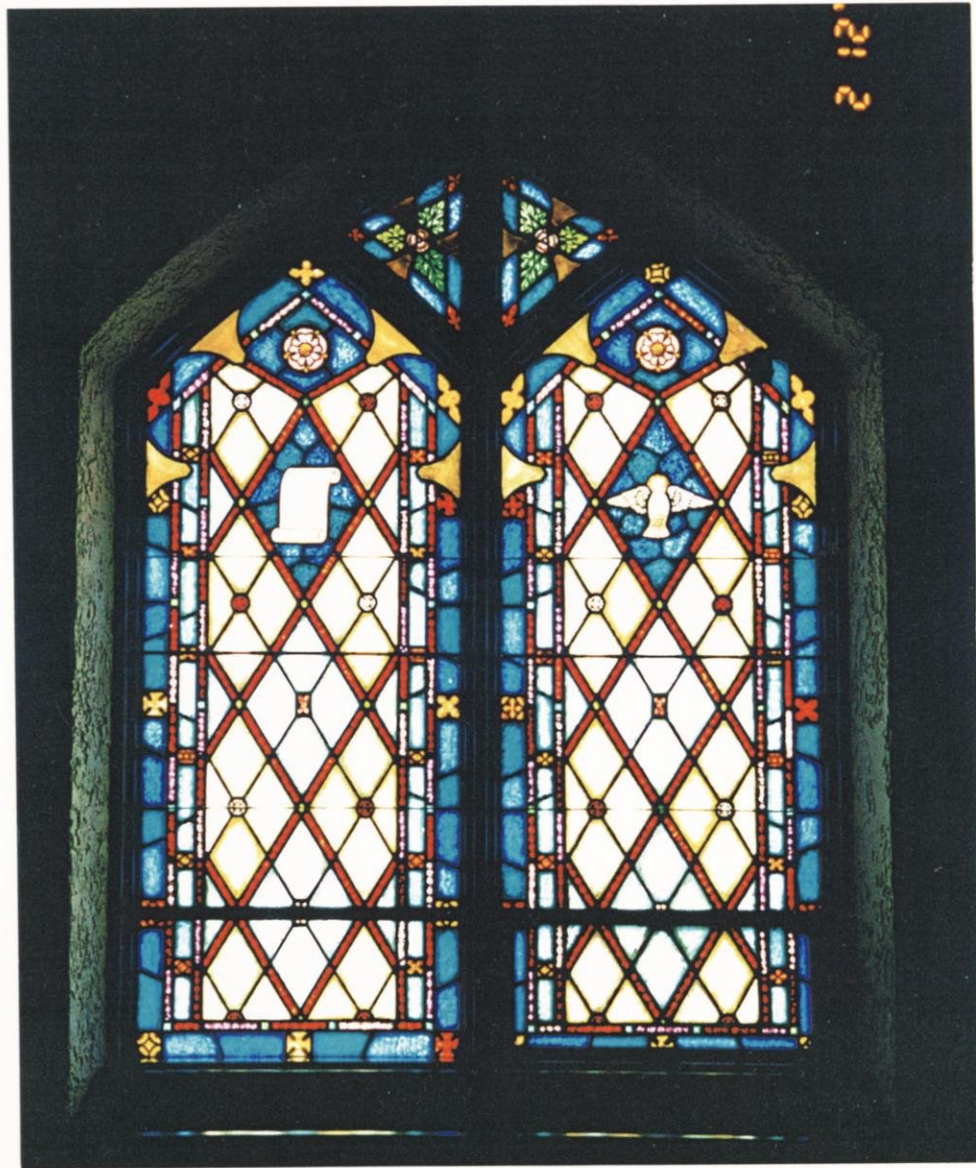


Windows behind the altar





North wall, windows 1 and 2



North wall, windows 3 and 4





# GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

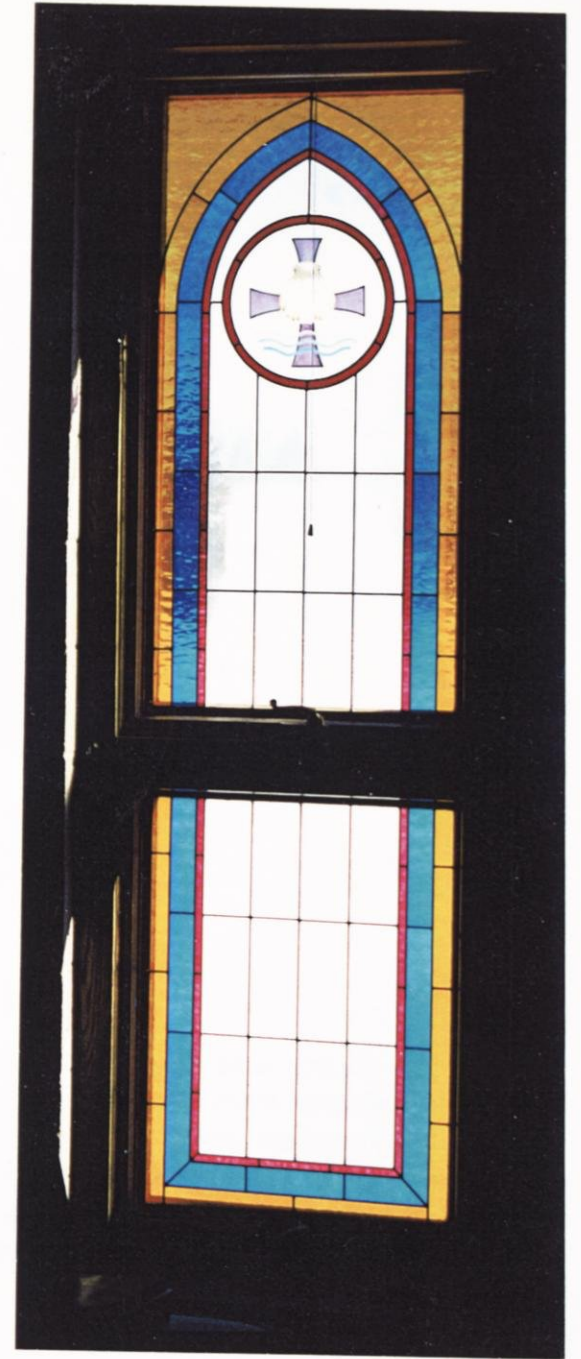
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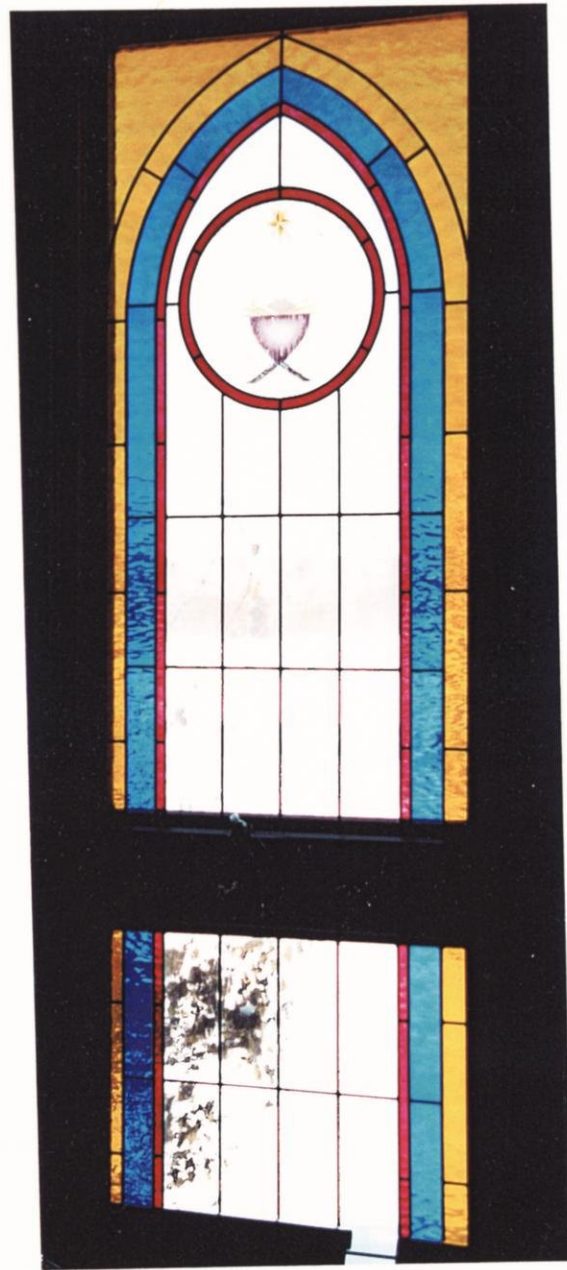
The church was organized effective June 4, 1967. There were 176 members, including thirteen families whose membership was transferred from Our Saviors Lutheran Church. By 1970, membership had grown to 537. A new addition was dedicated in 1979. The congregation joined the New Evangelical Lutheran Churches in America in 1987; two years later, the congregation became part of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Membership has continued to grow and another new addition was completed in 2001. The church's vision is to spread the gospel through faith in action. It supports many missions and charities. Its members are active in a wide variety of charitable volunteer activities.



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Windows 3, 2, and 1 along the west wall of the sanctuary



Windows 1, 2 and 3 along the east wall of the sanctuary



# IMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

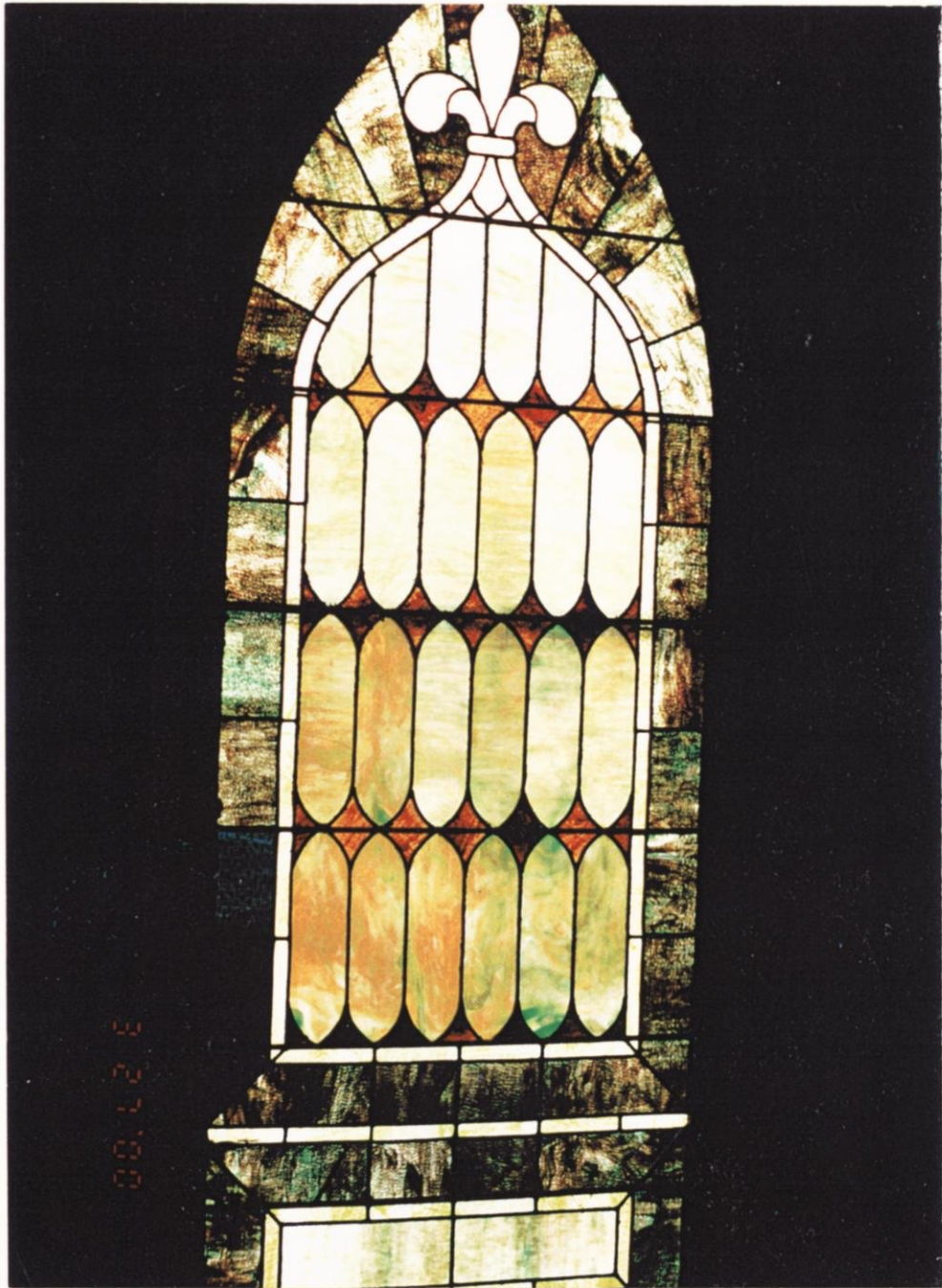
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The purpose of Immanuel United Church of Christ is, "the worship of the triune God; the preaching of the gospel of Jesus Christ; the practice of loving service; the furtherance of Christian unity and the promotion of Christian fellowship in the community."

The congregation was organized on January 11, 1874 with 30 charter members. The first worship service was held a month later. Six months after that, the church bought its first building from the Methodist Episcopal Church for \$625.

It is uncertain whether the church had any denominational affiliation during its first 50 years; however, titles appearing on some of the stained-glass windows are evidence that at least a large number of its members were German speaking. In 1925, the church officially associated with the Evangelical Church of North America. That denomination merged in 1936 with the Reformed Church to form the Evangelical and Reformed Church which, in 1962, merged with the Congregational Church to form the United Church of Christ.





Window in the Choir Robe Room



Window 4 along the north wall of the sanctuary



Windows 3, 2 and 1 along the north wall of the sanctuary





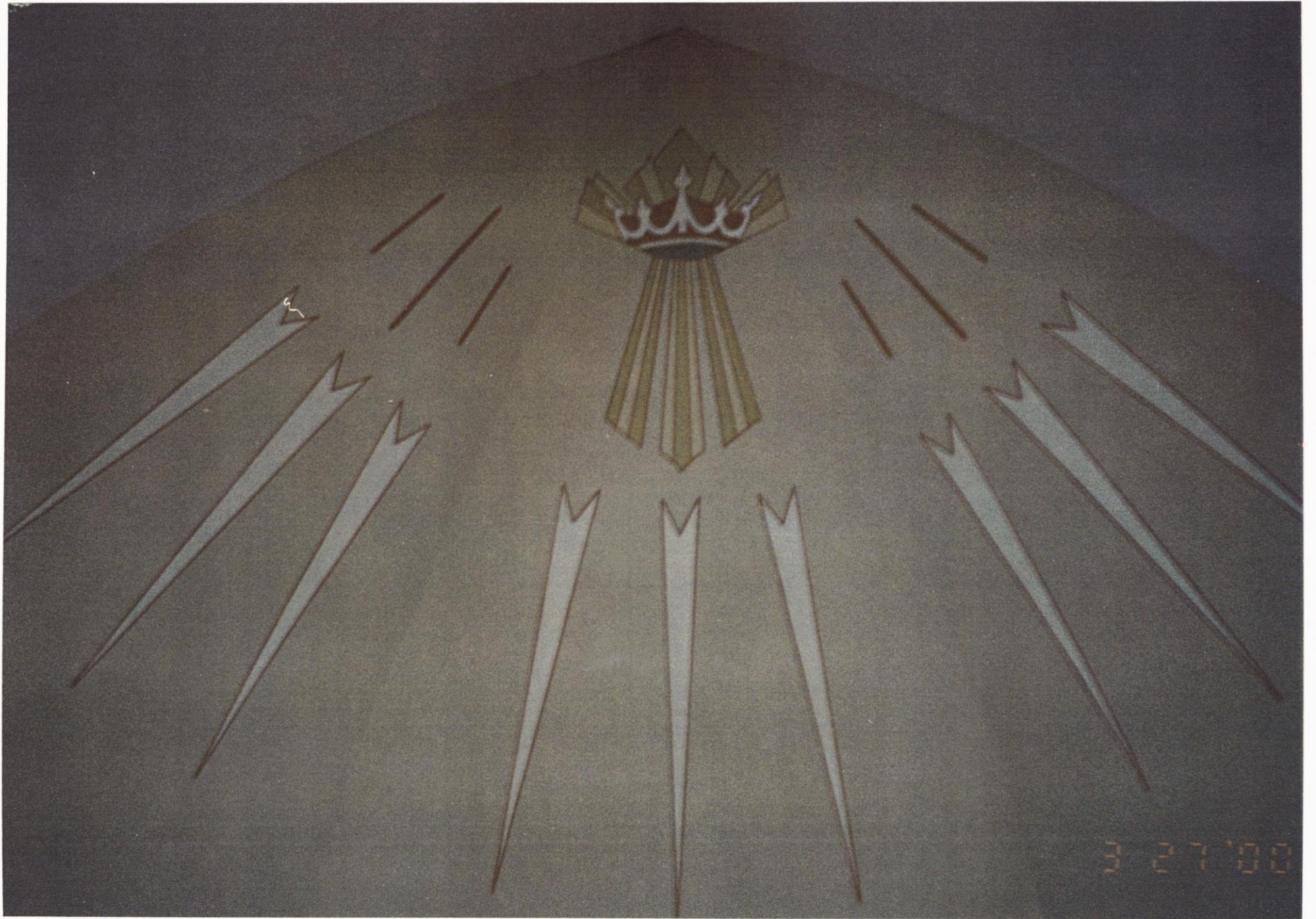
The altar



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Window above the main entrance

The altar



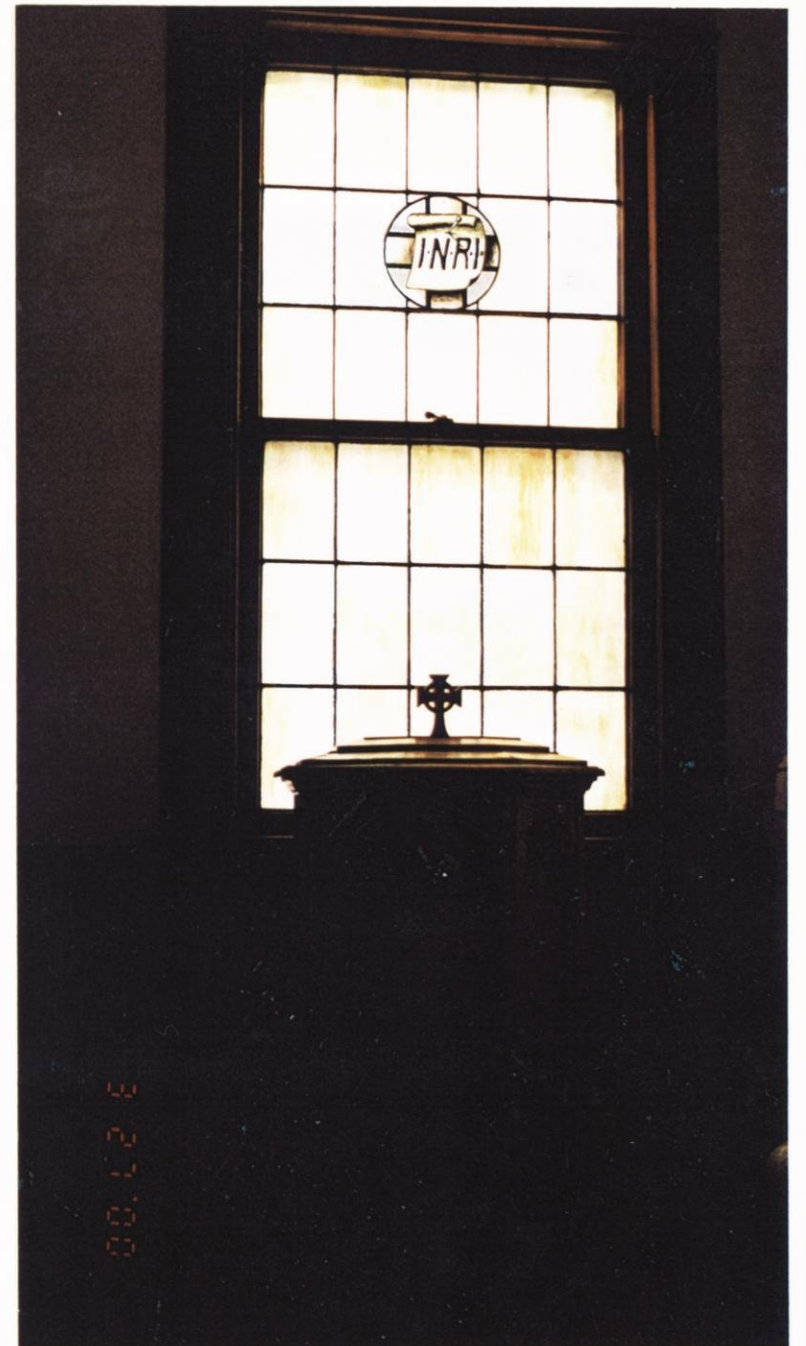
Ceiling detail above the altar



Windows 1, 2, and 3 along the south wall of the sanctuary: Christ in the Garden; "Behold! I stand at the door and knock"; Christ with the rich young ruler



Window 4 along the south wall of the sanctuary



Baptistry in the Chronicles Room



Medallions in the windows in the  
Chronicles Room. From left to right: SE  
window, SW window, W window



# MARTIN LUTHER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

436 South Lake Street

Neenah, WI 54956

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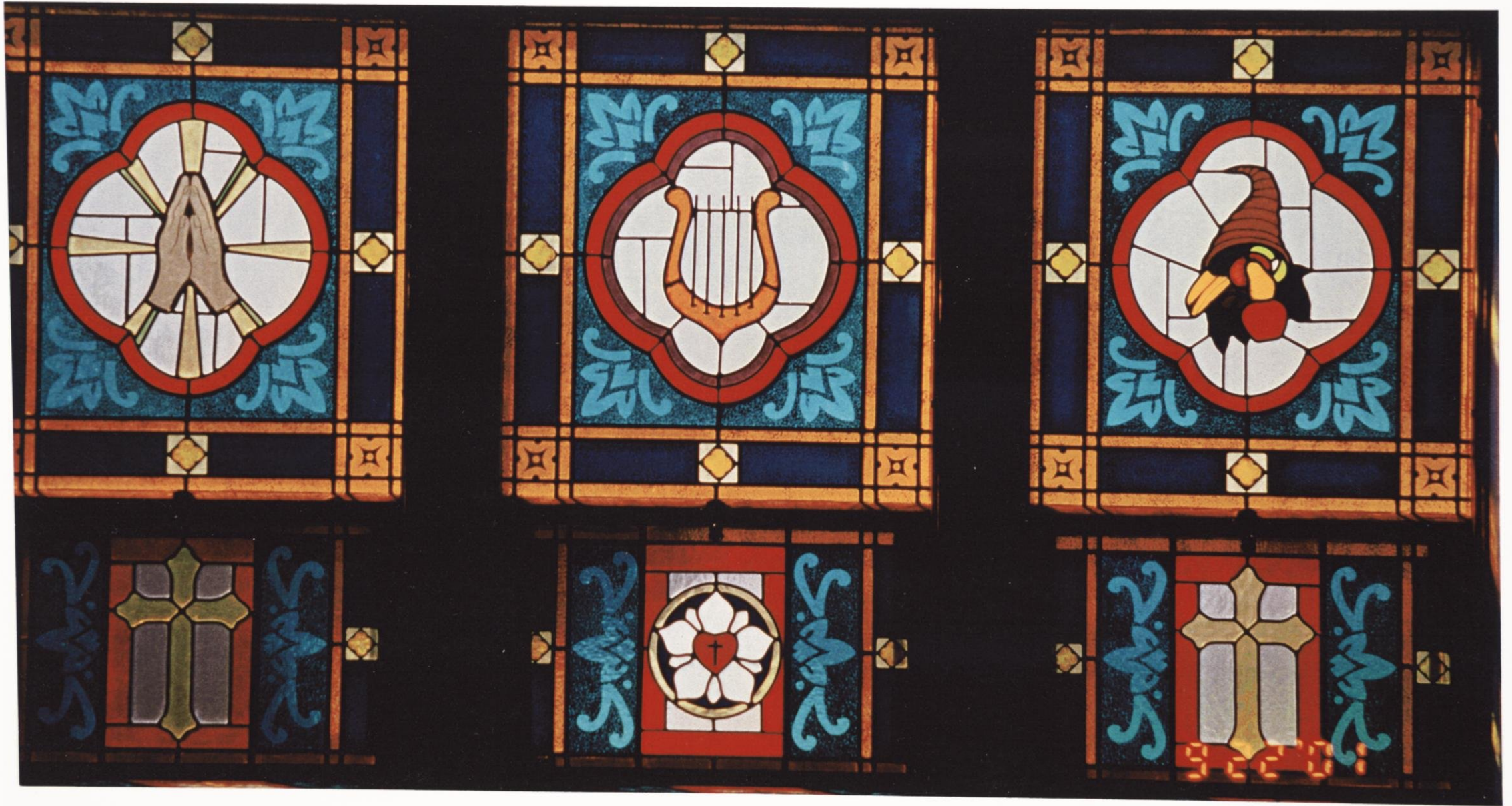


Martin Luther Evangelical Lutheran Church was organized on December 15, 1941 as a mission church of Trinity Lutheran Church. The Rev. A. F. Geiger was the first pastor. It included former members of Trinity Church and newcomers from Neenah's west side. The Church met temporarily at the corner of Van and Adams Street. The first Church was completed in November, 1947. The permanent Church was built in 1955; the first Church was then converted into a church school.





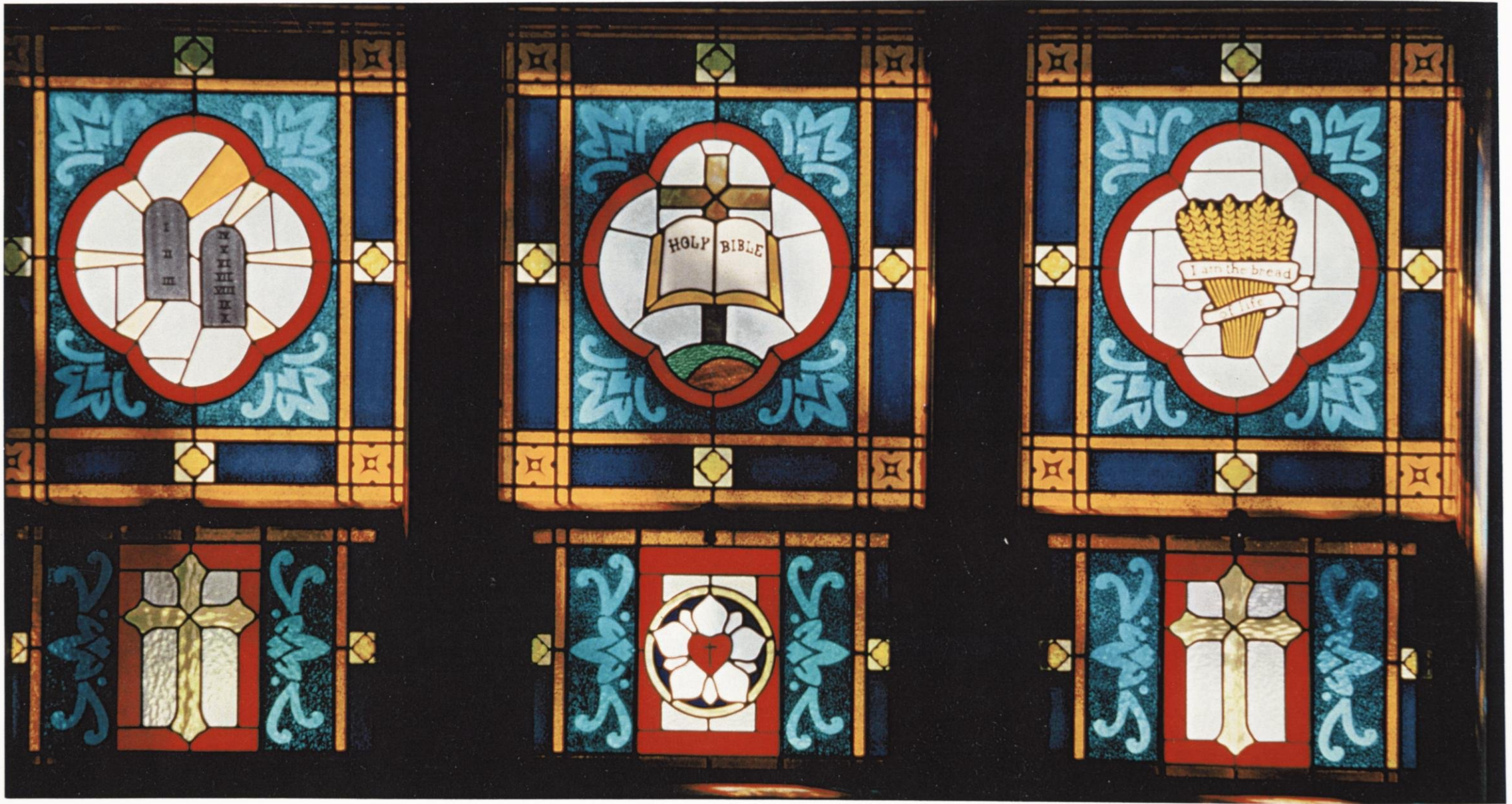
South wall, window 6



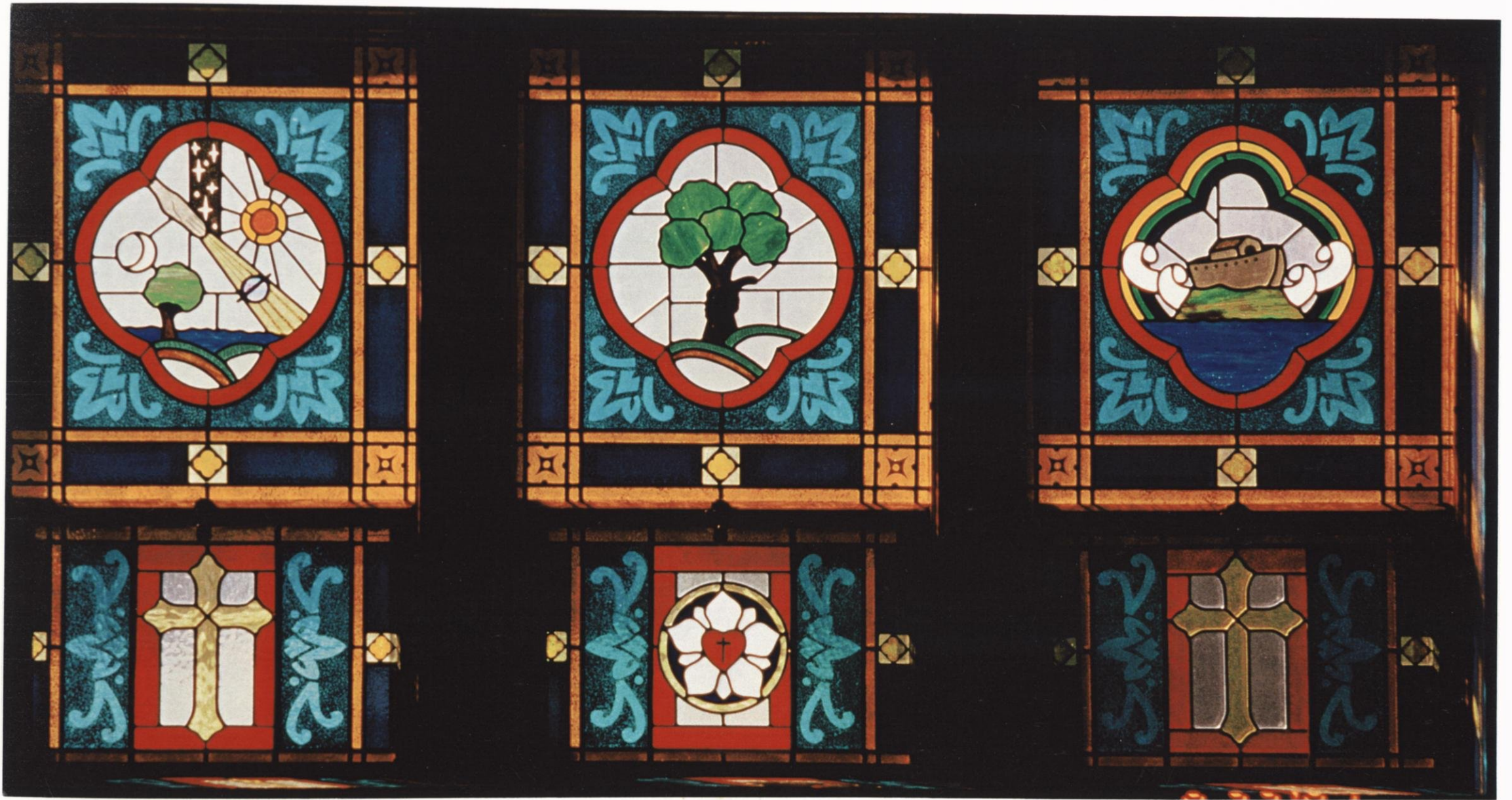
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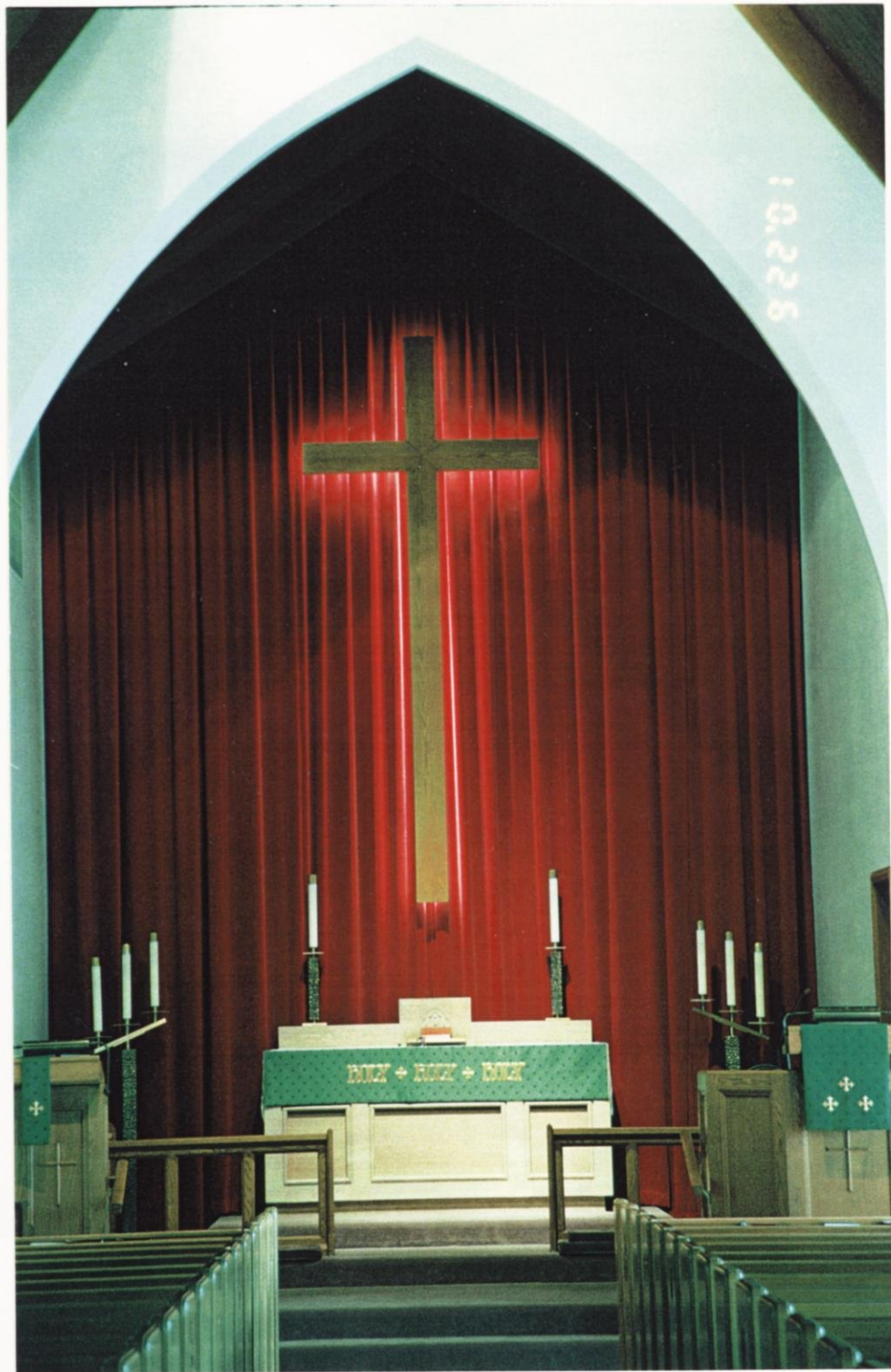
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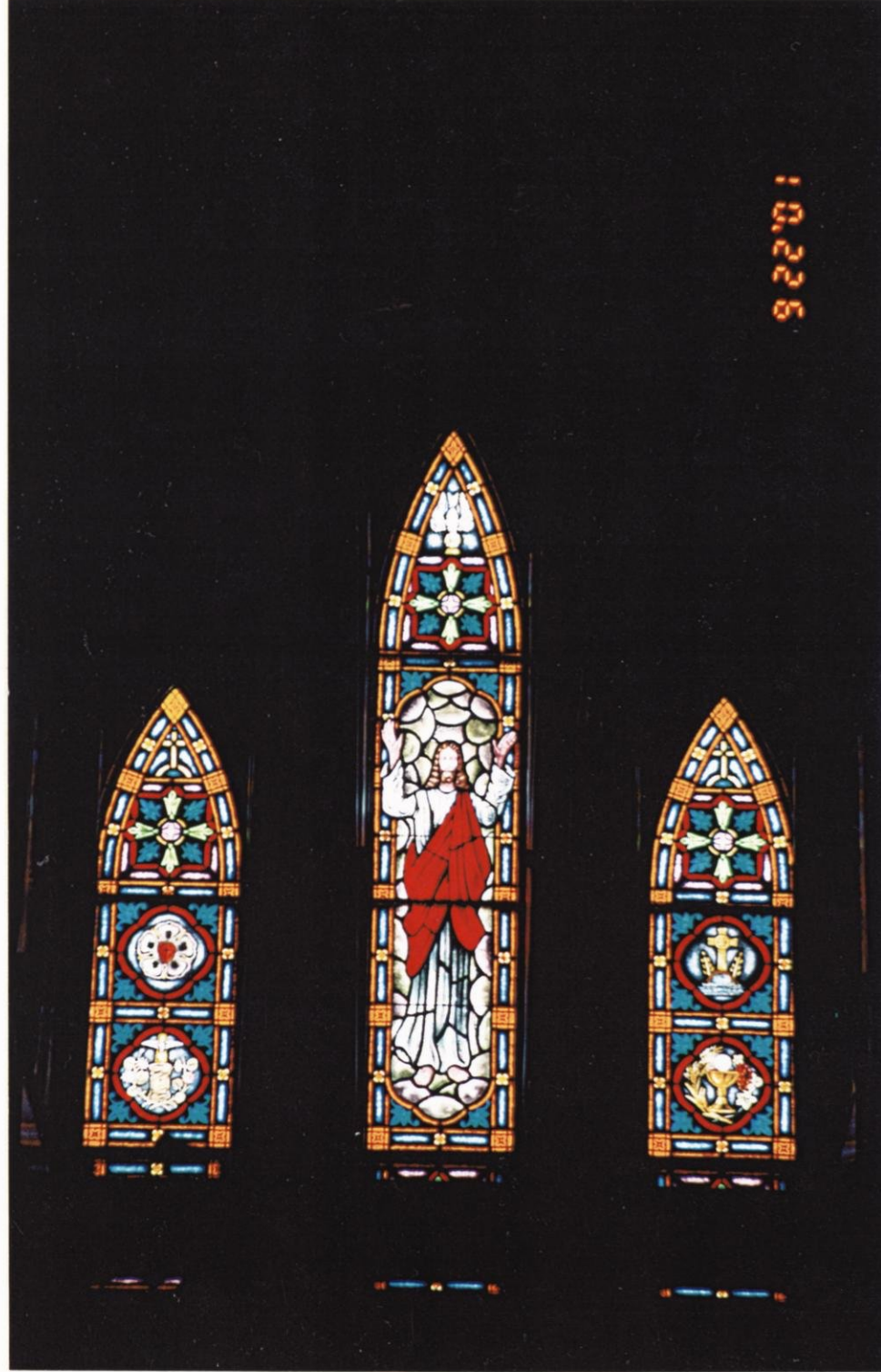
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South wall, window 1



Altar

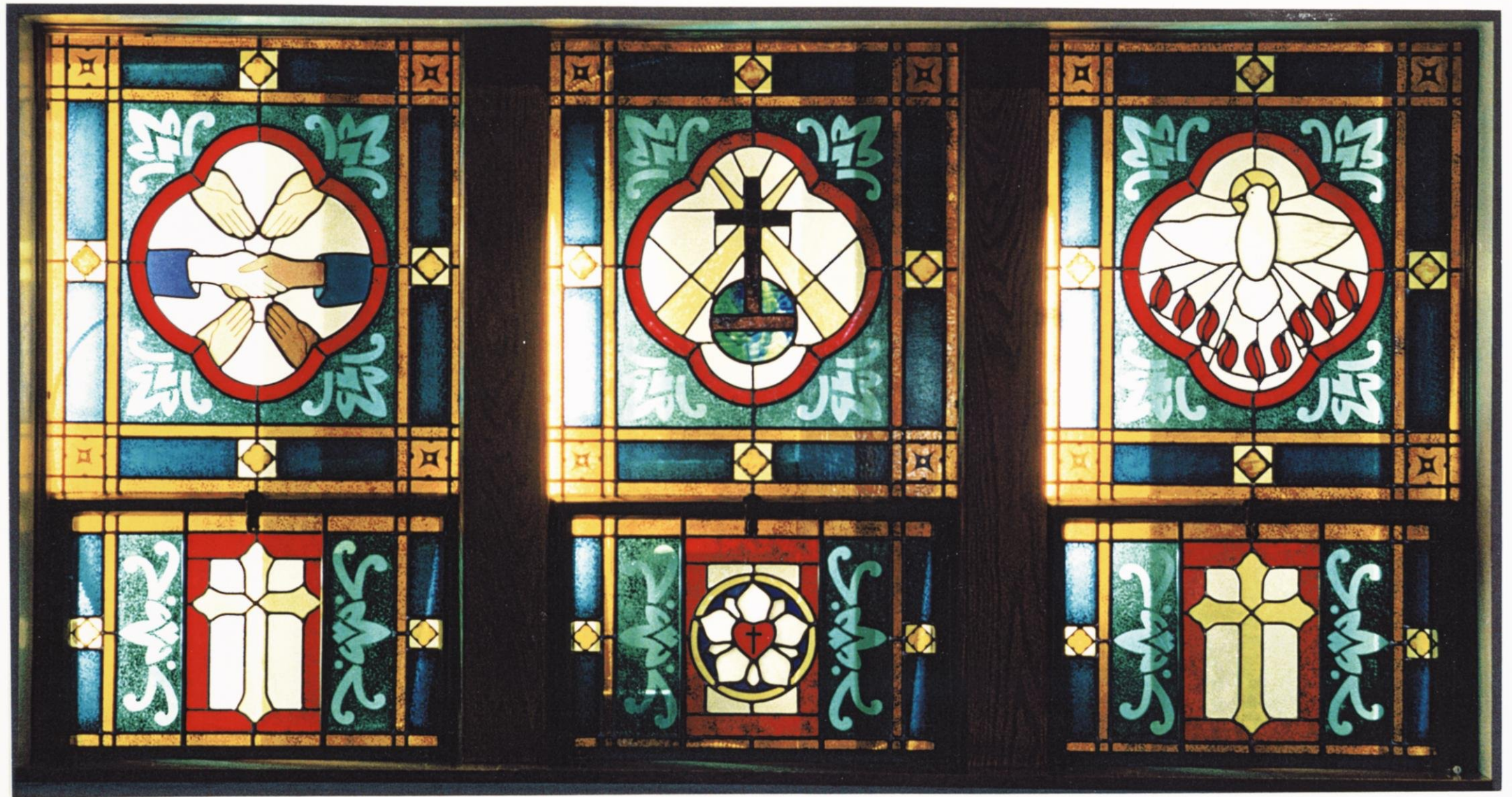


Window at the back of the church



North wall, window 1

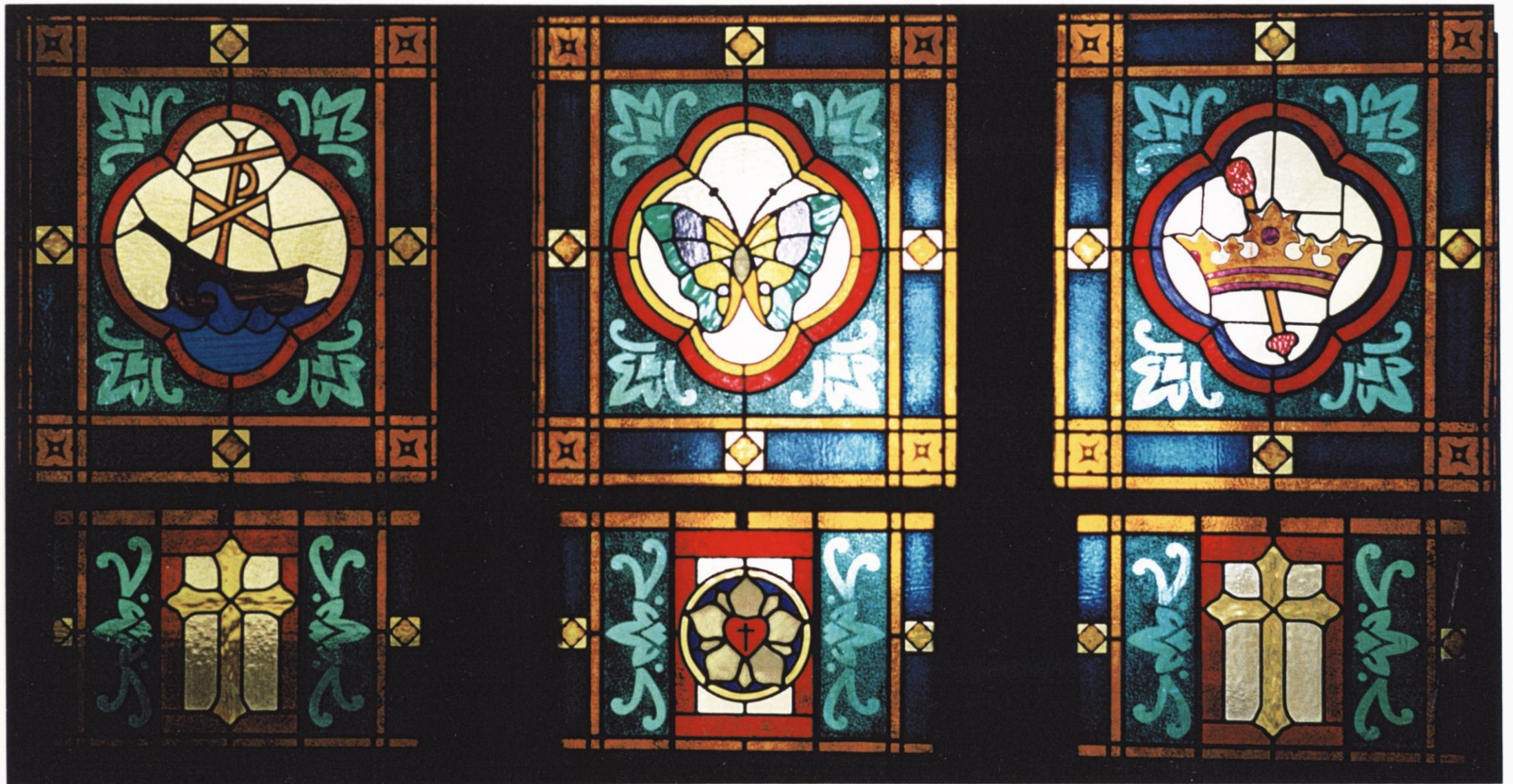




North wall, window 2



North wall, window 3



North wall, window 4

# OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

809 South Commercial Street

Neenah, WI 54956

920-725-3956

Our Savior's is an, "immigrant church," founded by approximately 66 Danes and Norwegians in September, 1872. Two years later, the church called its first full-time pastor, Pastor Thomsen, for an annual salary of \$400. He was a vinegarish fellow, chastising a couple during their wedding ceremony for having lived in adultery up to that time, carping about a successful church bazaar held by the women of the congregation and admonishing wives not to nag their husbands.

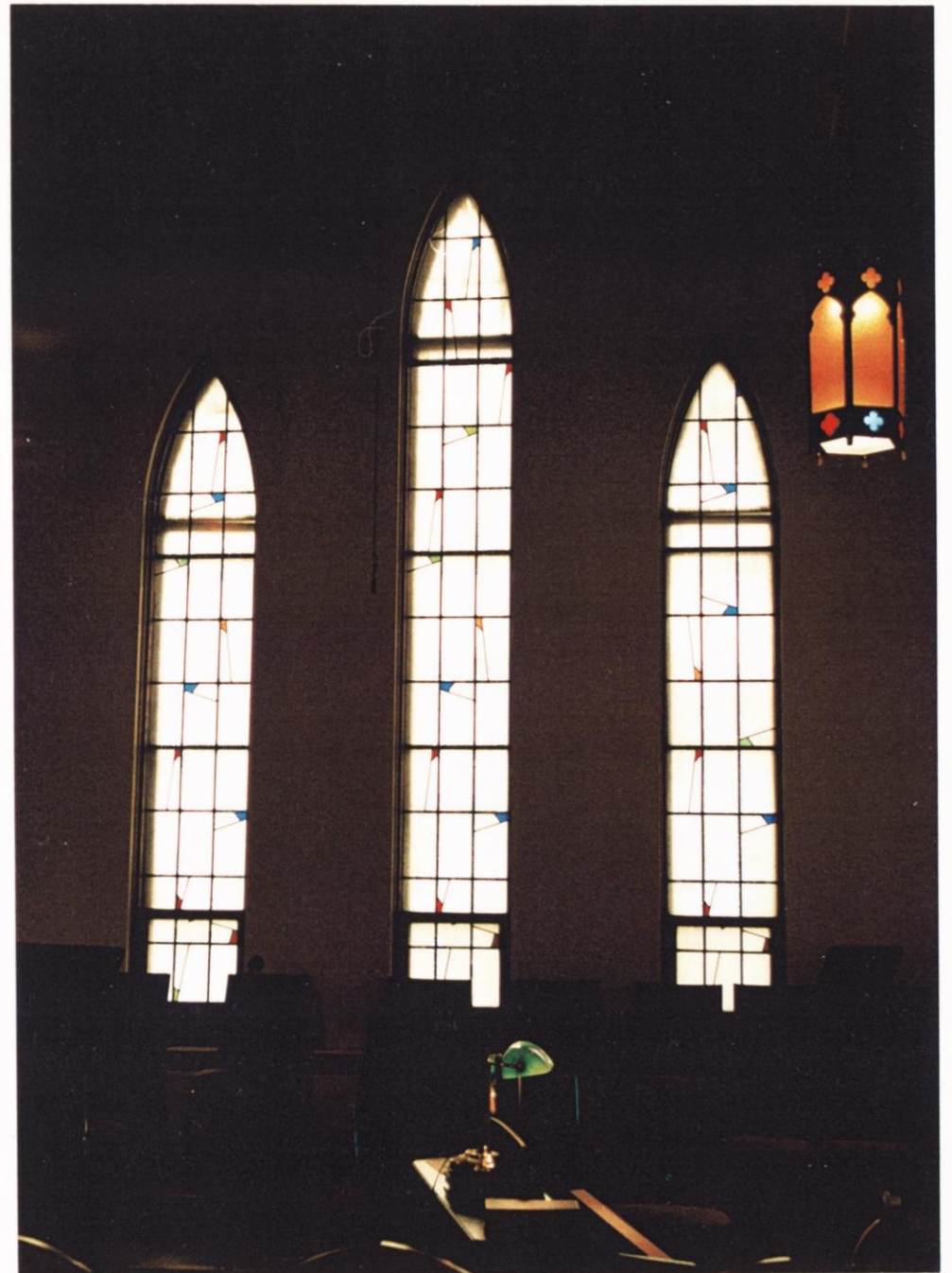
The church began to lose its Danish identity in the early 20th-century. The first English sermon was given in 1910. In 1918, all Sunday school classes and half the worship services were held in English. In 1930, the congregation voted to take the word, "Danish," out of the church's name; by 1938 all church services were conducted entirely English.

After several relocations, the current church building was built in 1956. An education and fellowship hall was added in 1969.

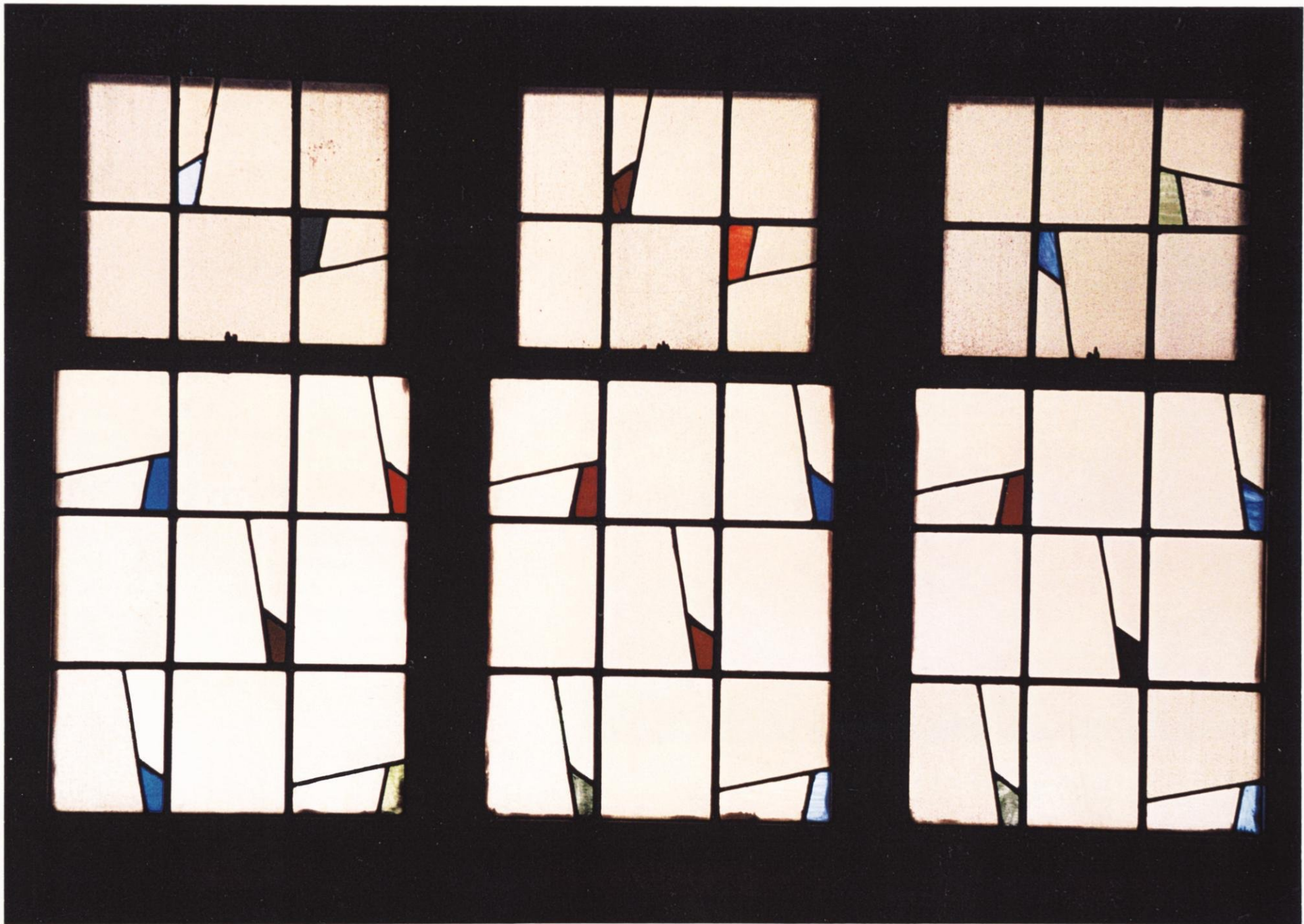




The sanctuary



Windows behind the choir alcove



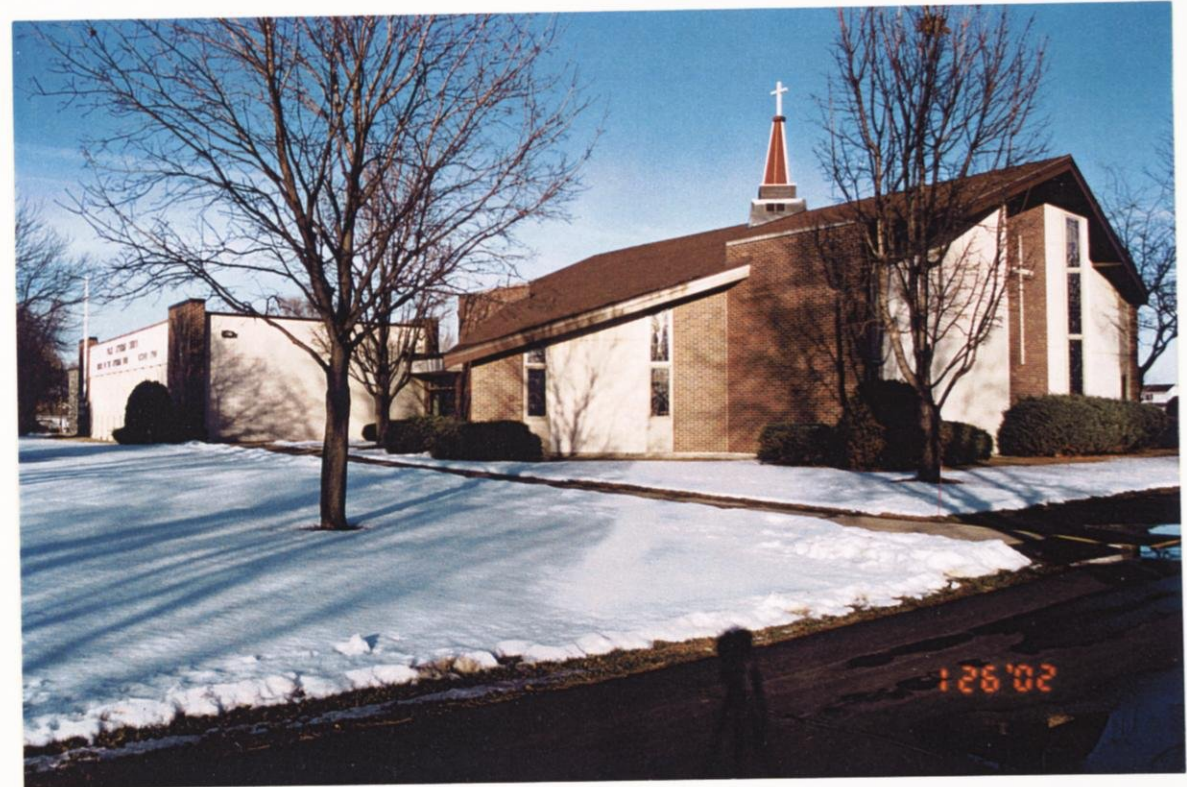
Typical sidelight in the sanctuary



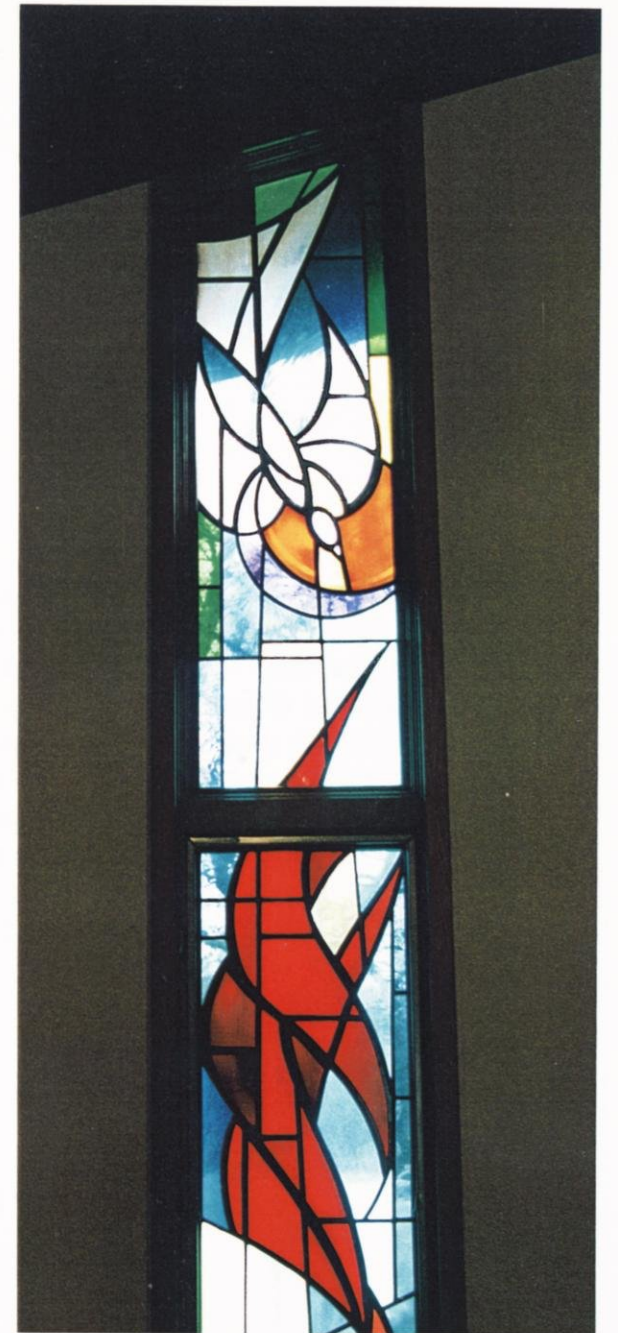
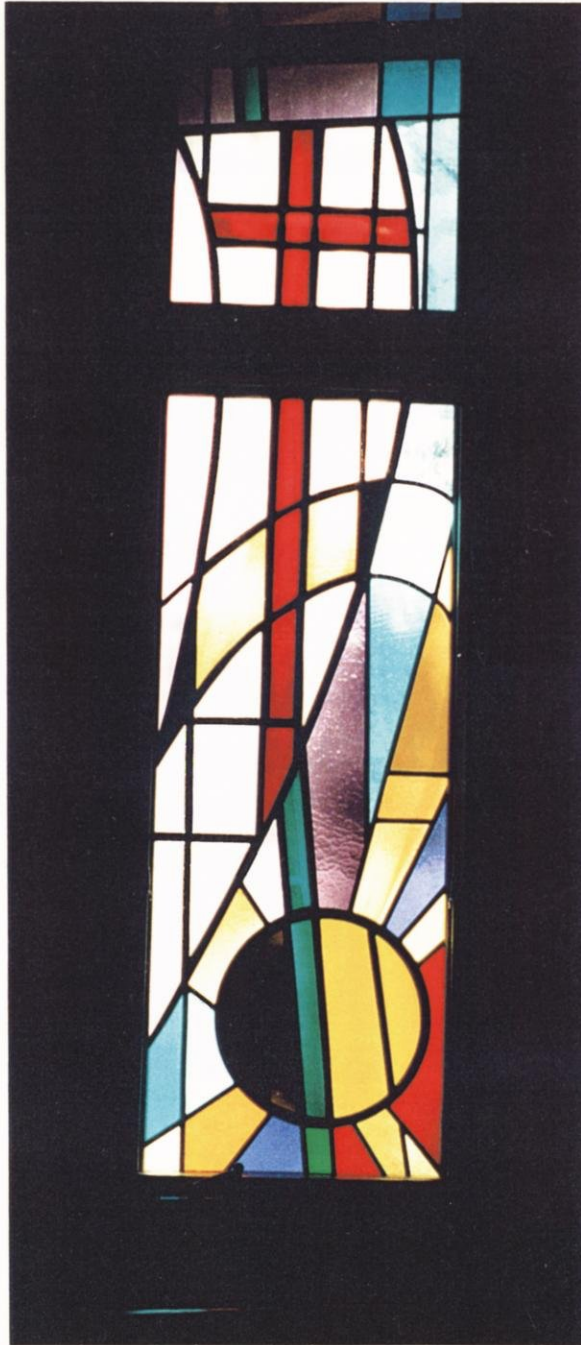
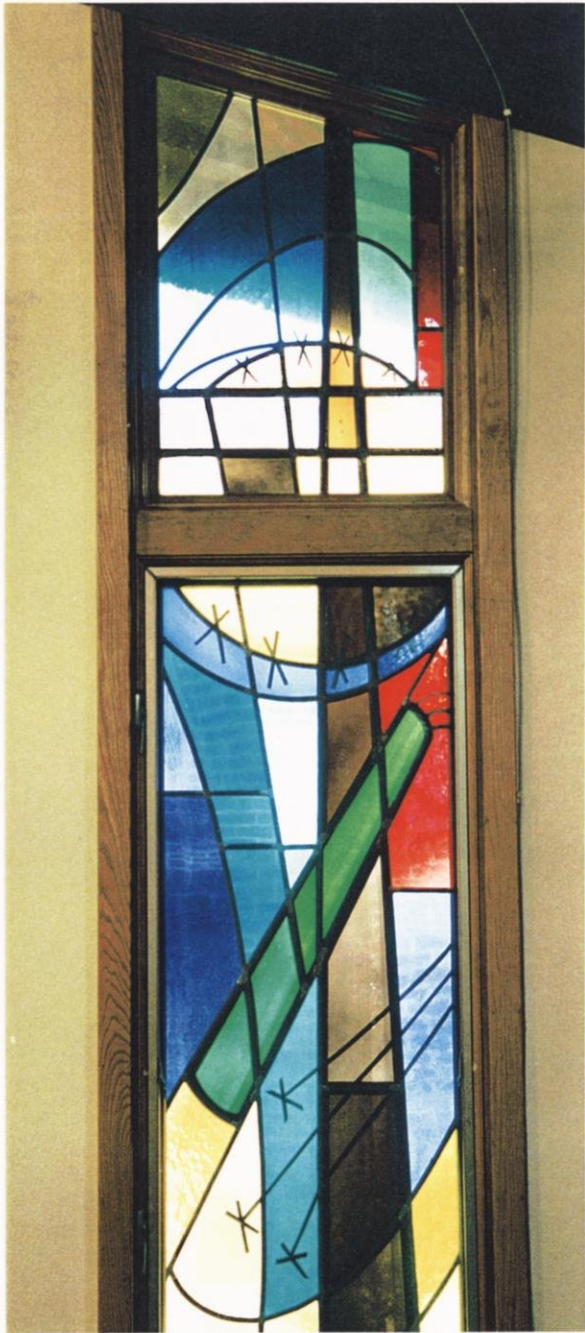
# PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

1228 South Park Avenue  
Neenah, WI 54956  
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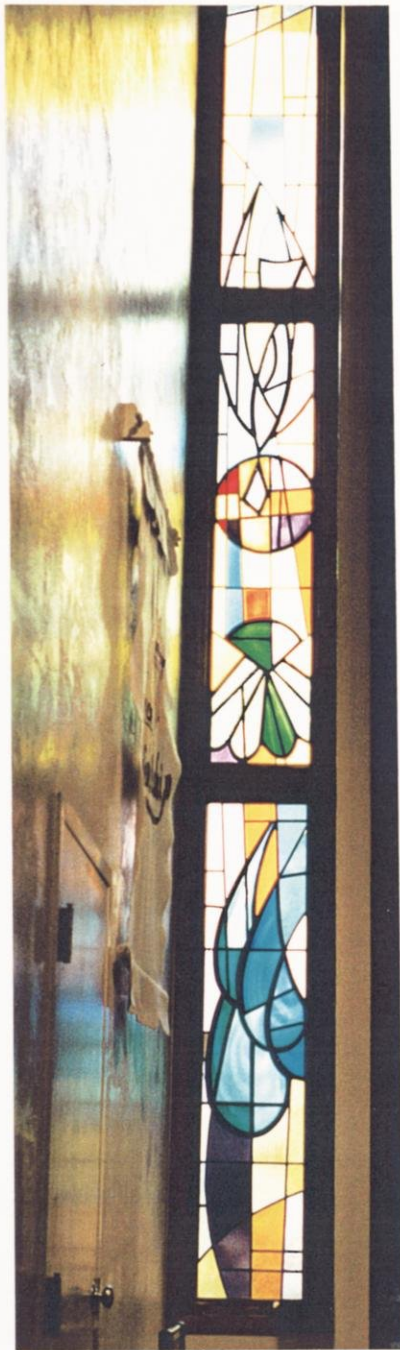
In September, 1960, 36 people met to discuss the possibility of organizing a Missouri Synod Lutheran Church in Neenah. The result of that meeting is Peace Lutheran Church. Located on South Park Drive, the church grew to 721 members by 1997. The original building has expanded twice to serve its growing congregation. The church stresses a solid Bible tradition and a strong missions outreach. The congregation has an active youth ministry and Sunday school program in addition to its worship services.







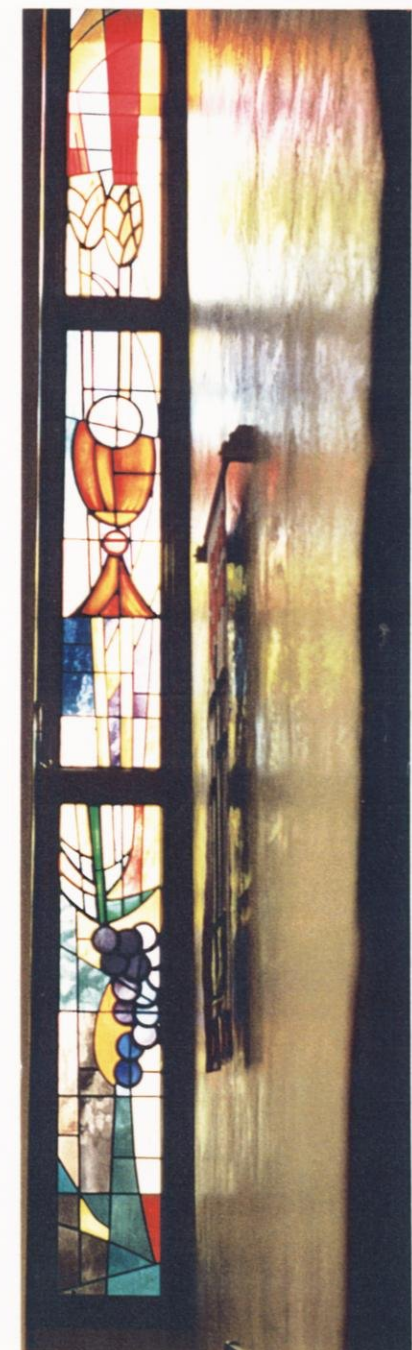
Windows 3, 2 and 1 along the east wall of the sanctuary: Father, Son and Holy Spirit



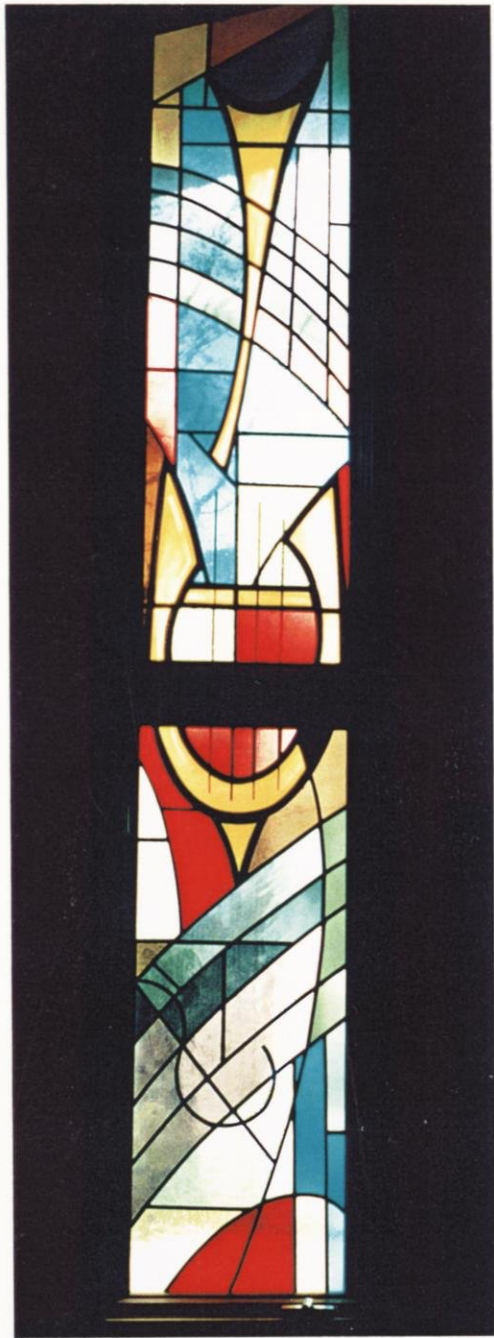
Window on the southeast side of the altar: Baptism



The altar



Window on the southwest side of the altar: Communion



Windows 2, 3, 4, and 5 along the west wall of the sanctuary

# SAINT GABRIEL ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

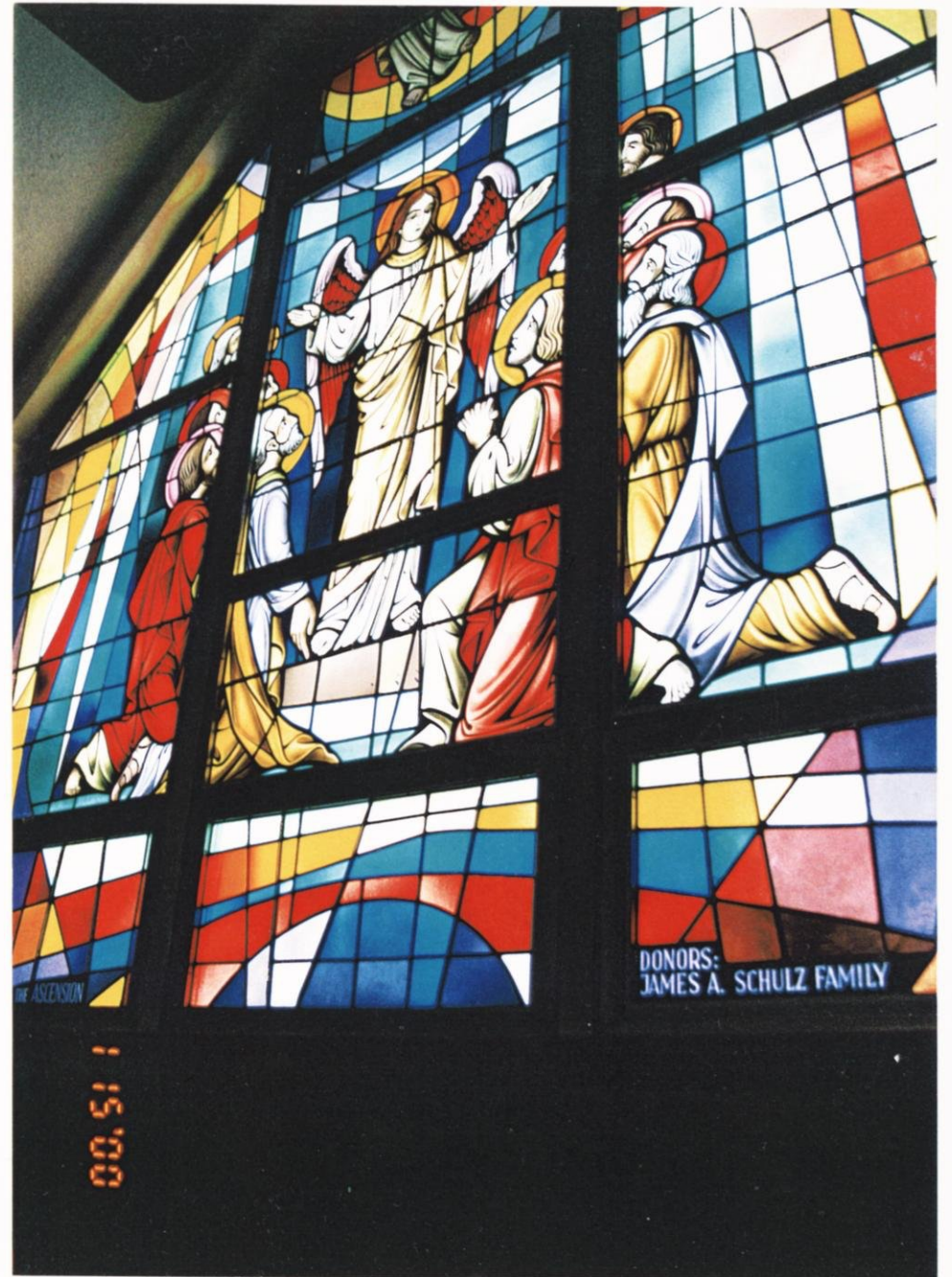
900 Geiger Street  
Neenah, WI 54956  
920-722-4914

As Neenah's population grew after the Second World War, the City spread to the west and the south. Several churches were founded to serve the increase. Unlike many of the earlier churches, these new congregations are not tied to a specific ethnic group. St. Gabe's is one of these new churches, started in 1959. Its founding committee included folks of German, Irish, English and Dutch heritage. Ironically, though, St. Gabe's, the newest Catholic church in Neenah and Menasha, is geographically closest to the first RCC church in the area, the St. Malachy Mission Church, started in the late 1840s, to serve a group of Irish settlers in the Town of Menasha. The settlement is recalled to this day by the name of a street in the Town of Menasha, Irish Road.





Window 5 along the north wall of the sanctuary



Window 4 along the north wall of the sanctuary: The Ascension



Window 3 along the north wall of the sanctuary: The Crucifixion



Window 2 along the north wall of the sanctuary: Christ's birth announced to the shepherds



Window 1 along the north wall of the sanctuary: Satan cast into Hell



Window 1 along the south wall of the sanctuary: The Annunciation



Window 2 along the south wall of the sanctuary: The Nativity

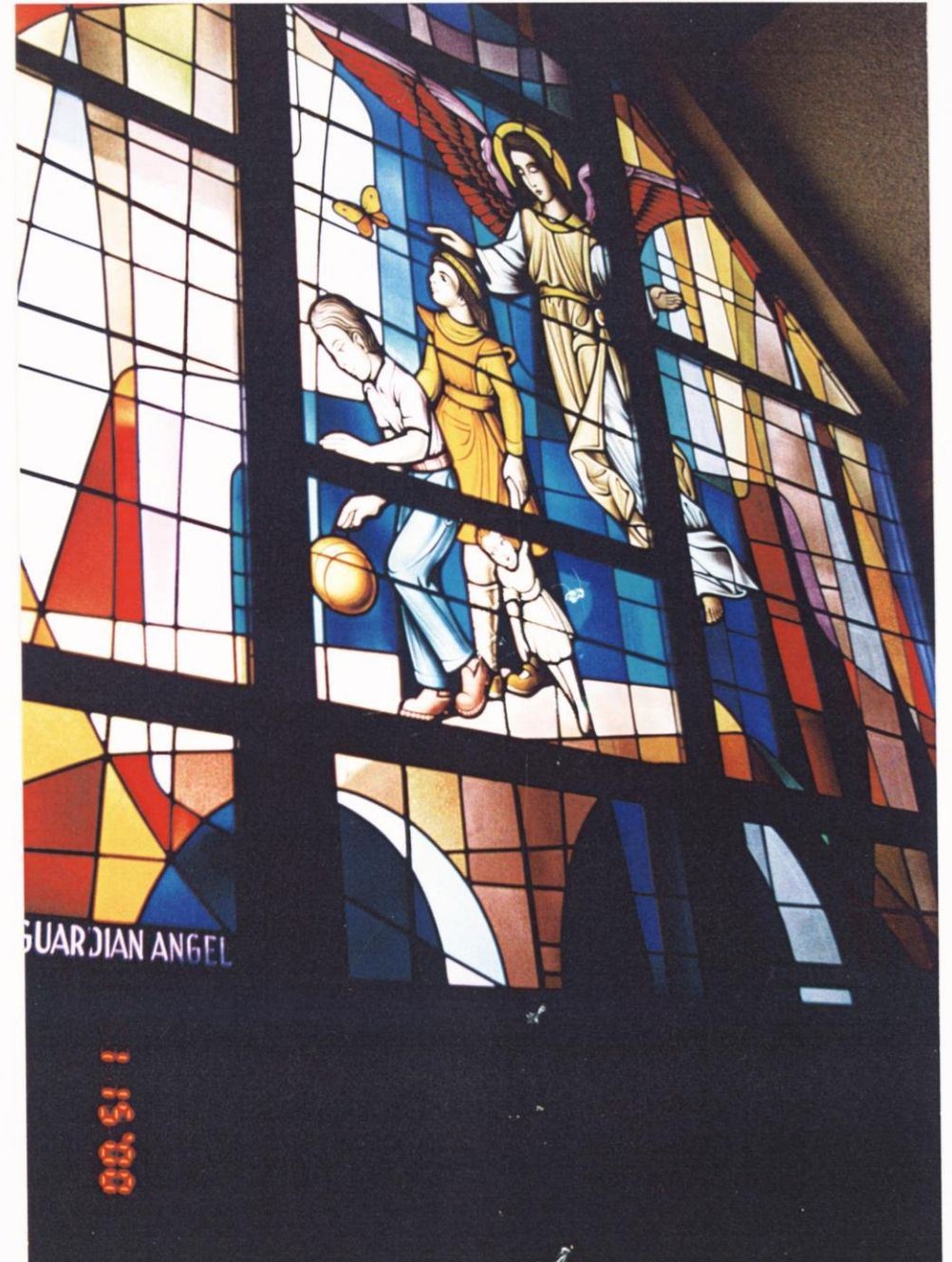


Window 3 along the south wall of the sanctuary: Christ's agony in the Garden

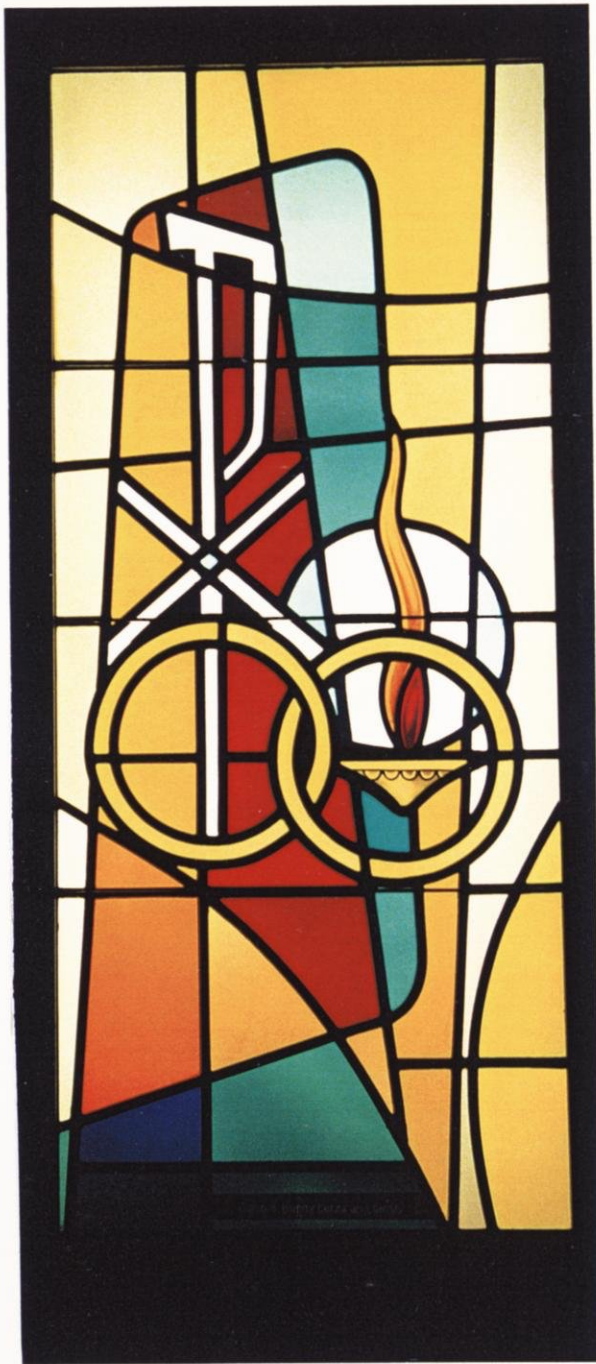




Window 4 along the south wall of the sanctuary: The empty tomb



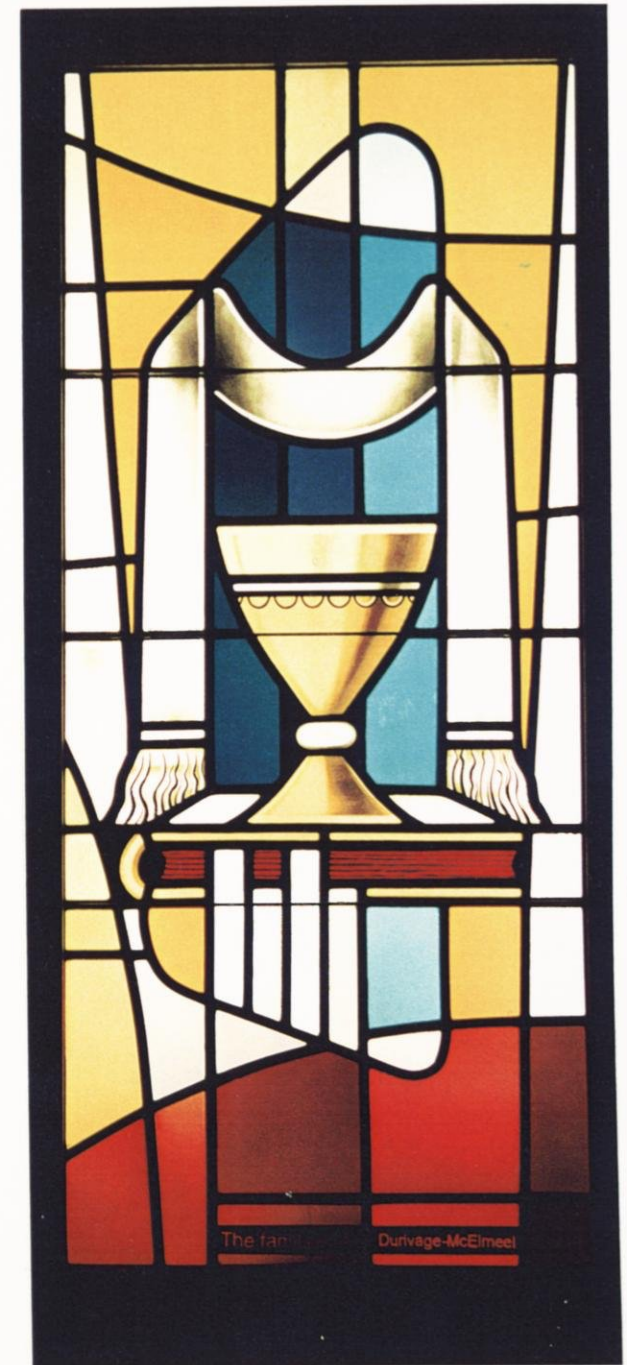
Window 5 along the south wall of the sanctuary: Guardian Angel



Window 3, west wall of the chapel:  
Sacrament of marriage



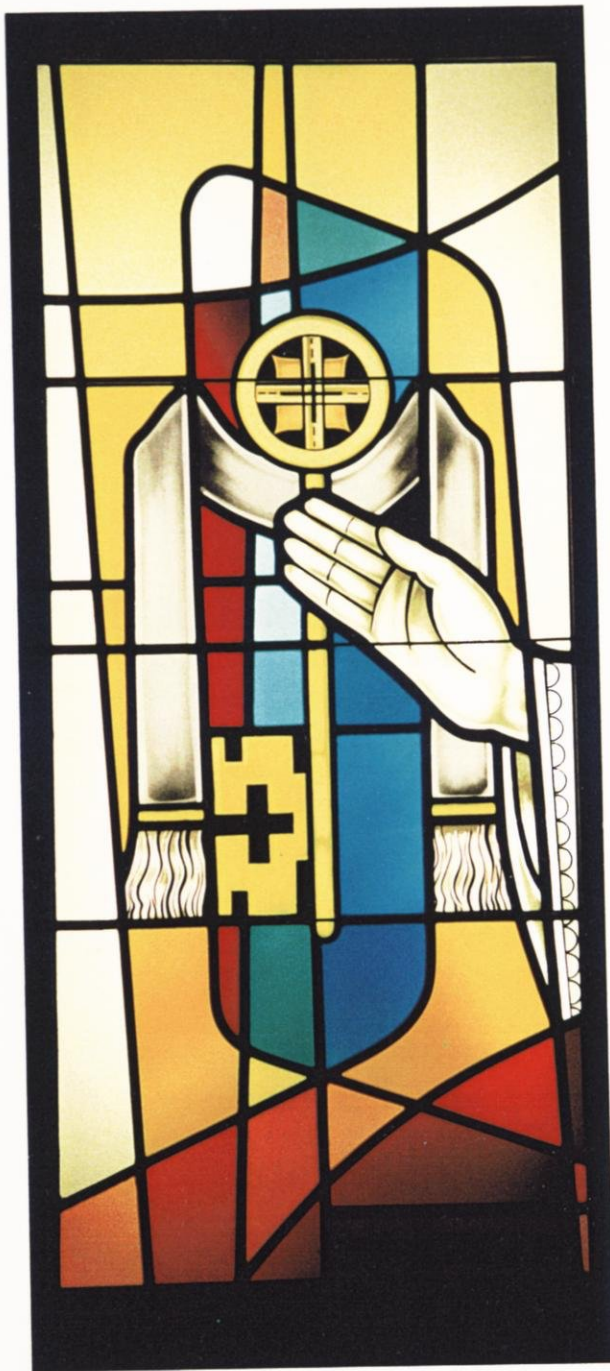
Window 2, west wall of the chapel:  
Sacrament of the sick



Window 1, west wall of the chapel:  
Sacrament of first communion



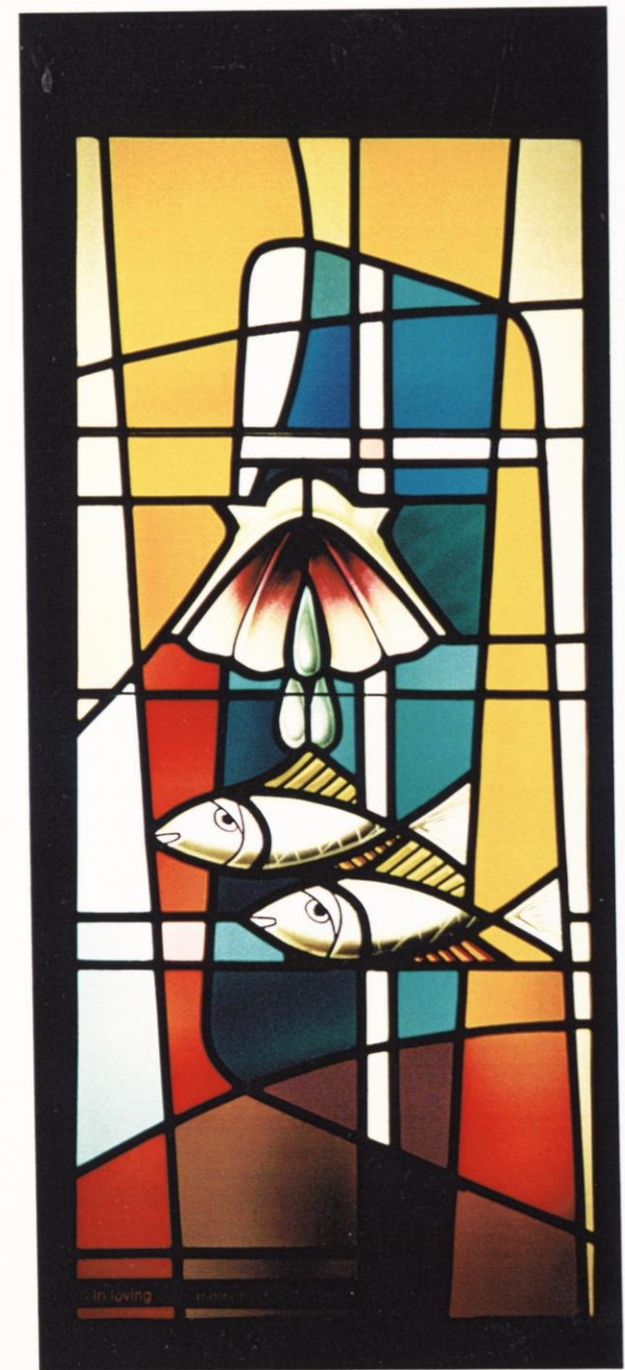
Windows to the left and right of the  
chapel altar: Communion



Window 1, east wall of the chapel:  
Sacrament of ordination



Window 2, east wall of the chapel:  
Sacrament of confirmation



Window 3, east wall of the chapel:  
Sacrament of baptism



# SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

516 DePere Street  
Menasha, WI 54952  
722-8922

St. John's is Menasha's Polish Catholic church. It was founded in February, 1888, when 75 families of Polish descent left St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church in Menasha to establish a parish of their own. Casmir Weisgerber led the efforts to organize the new church. The church building was built in six months for approximately \$5000. The church moved to its current location on the corner of Fifth and DePere Streets in 1900. By 1901, the congregation had approximately 800 members. The church school was started in 1903 and graduated its first two students in 1917. During World War I, the Ladies Auxiliary did its part for the war effort: sewing and knitting for the Polish Army! The last Polish sermon was given in 1946. The church has continued to grow in a series of building projects. The church celebrated its centennial in 1988, and looks forward to many years of continued service to people of all ethnic backgrounds.





Windows in the vestibule:  
Baptism  
Christ the Shepherd  
Communion



Window 5, west wall  
"I will make you fishers of men."



Window 4, west wall  
The first miracle: water to wine



Window 3, west wall  
Feeding the multitudes



Window 2, west wall  
The Crucifixion





Window 1, west wall  
Resurrection



Main Altar



Window 1, east wall  
The Annunciation



Window 2, east wall  
The birth of Christ



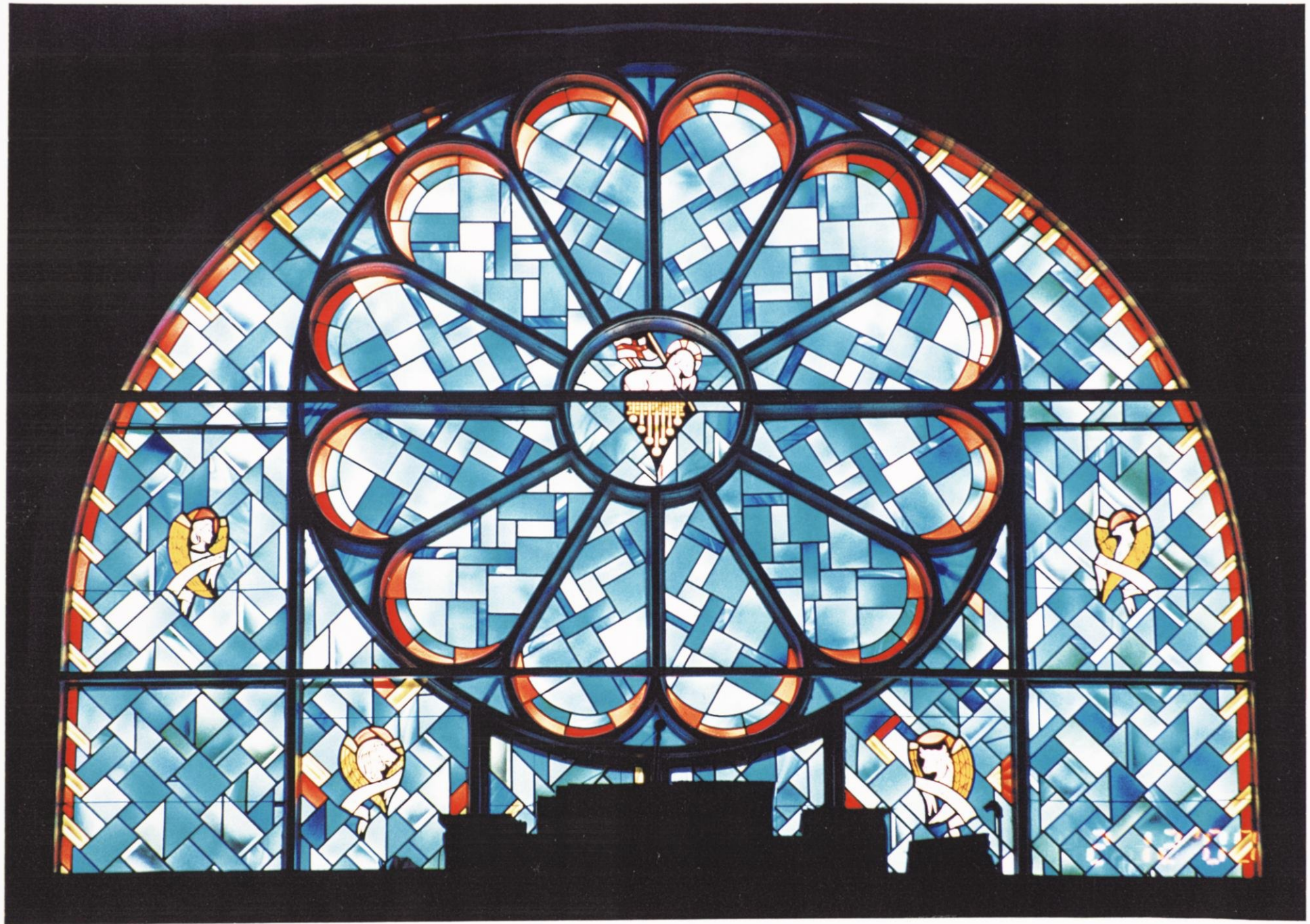
Window 3, east wall  
The flight to Egypt



Window 4, east wall  
Christ the child



Window 5, east wall  
Christ baptized



Rose window above the organ loft



Chapel windows



# SAINT MARGARET - MARY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

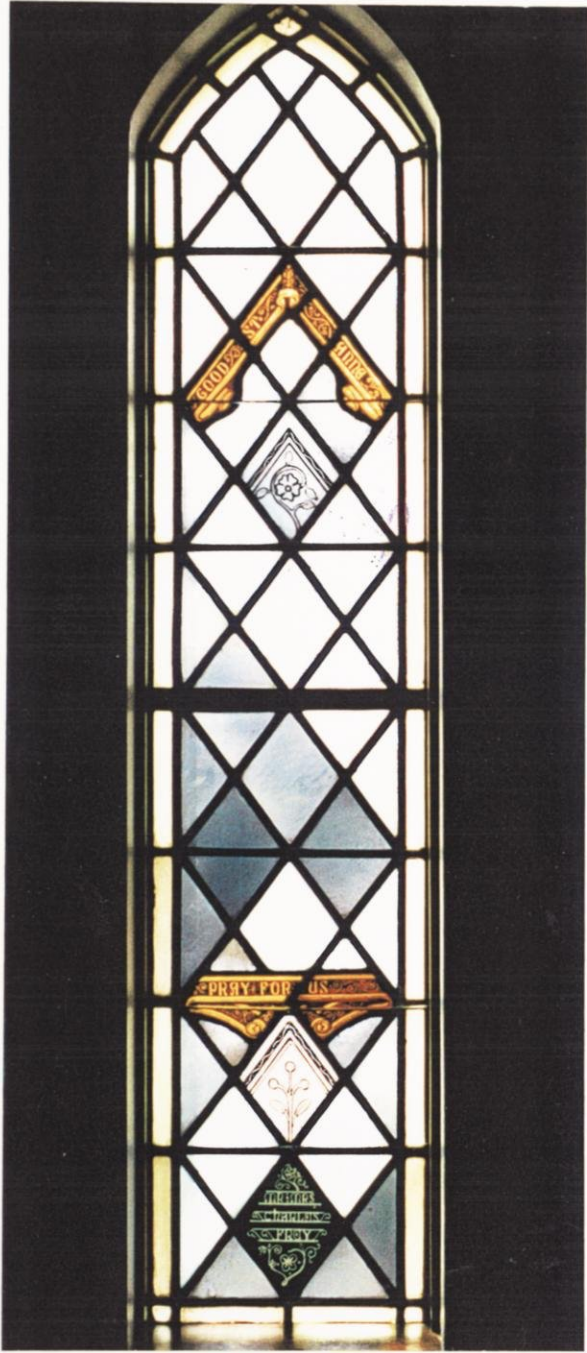
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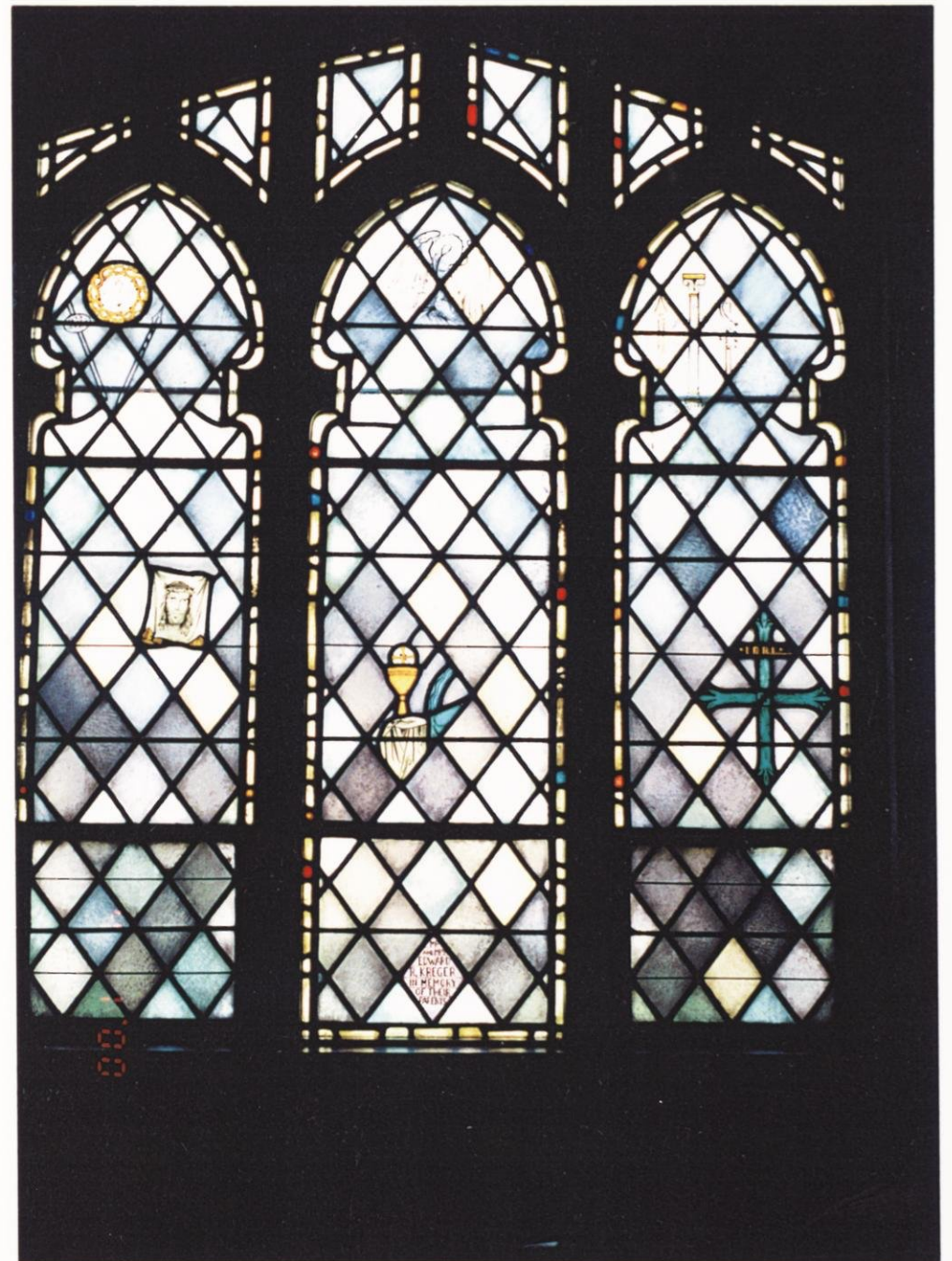
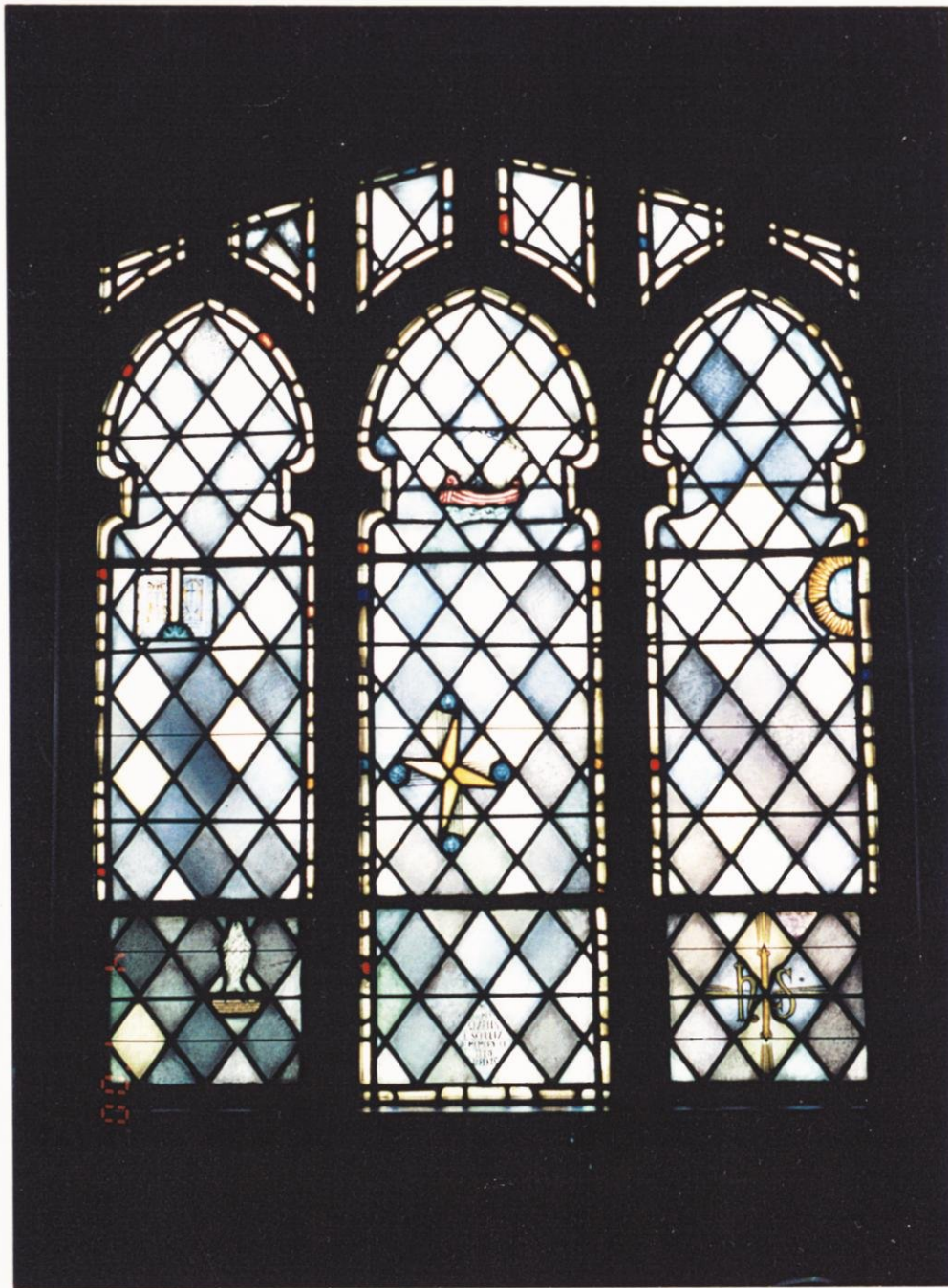
Until 1933, Roman Catholics living in Neenah had to travel to St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church on Doty Island for religious services. **On Easter Sunday, 1933**, the first mass was celebrated at St. Margaret Mary. Since then, Catholic residents of the Island remain with St. Patrick's congregation; St. Margaret Mary serves all Catholics south of the Neenah river channel.



Cry room, back wall window

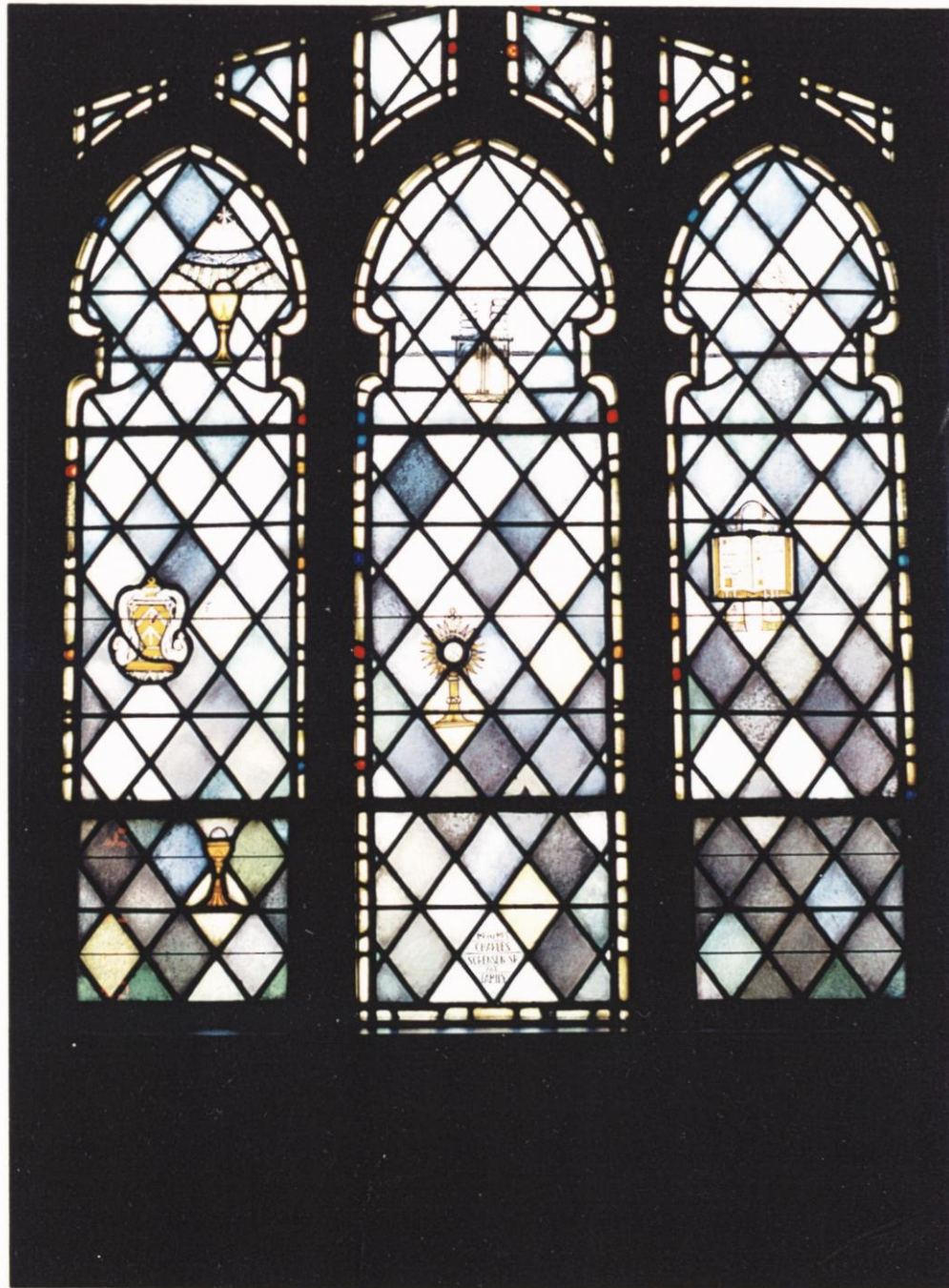


Cry room, west wall window



West wall, windows 4 and 3

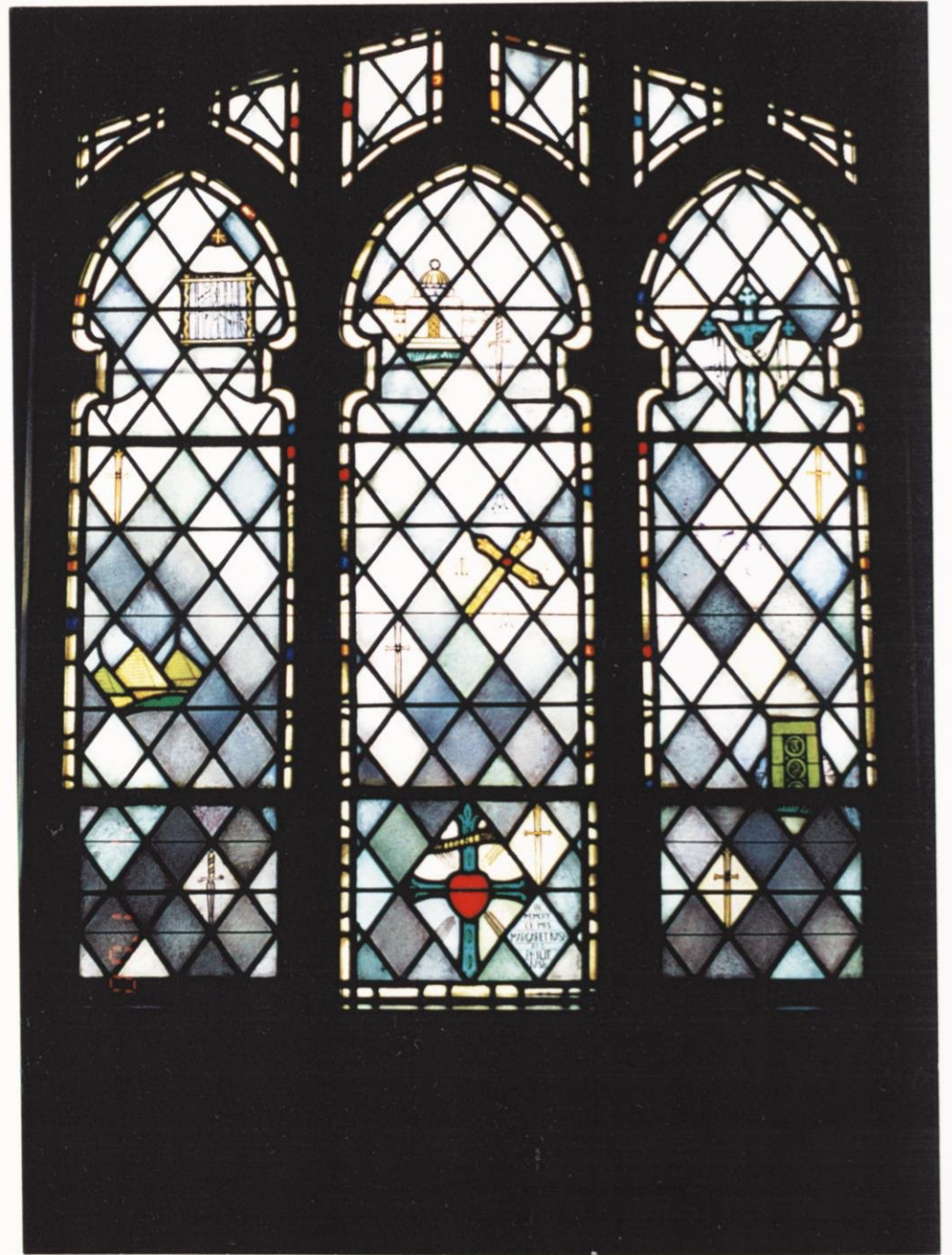




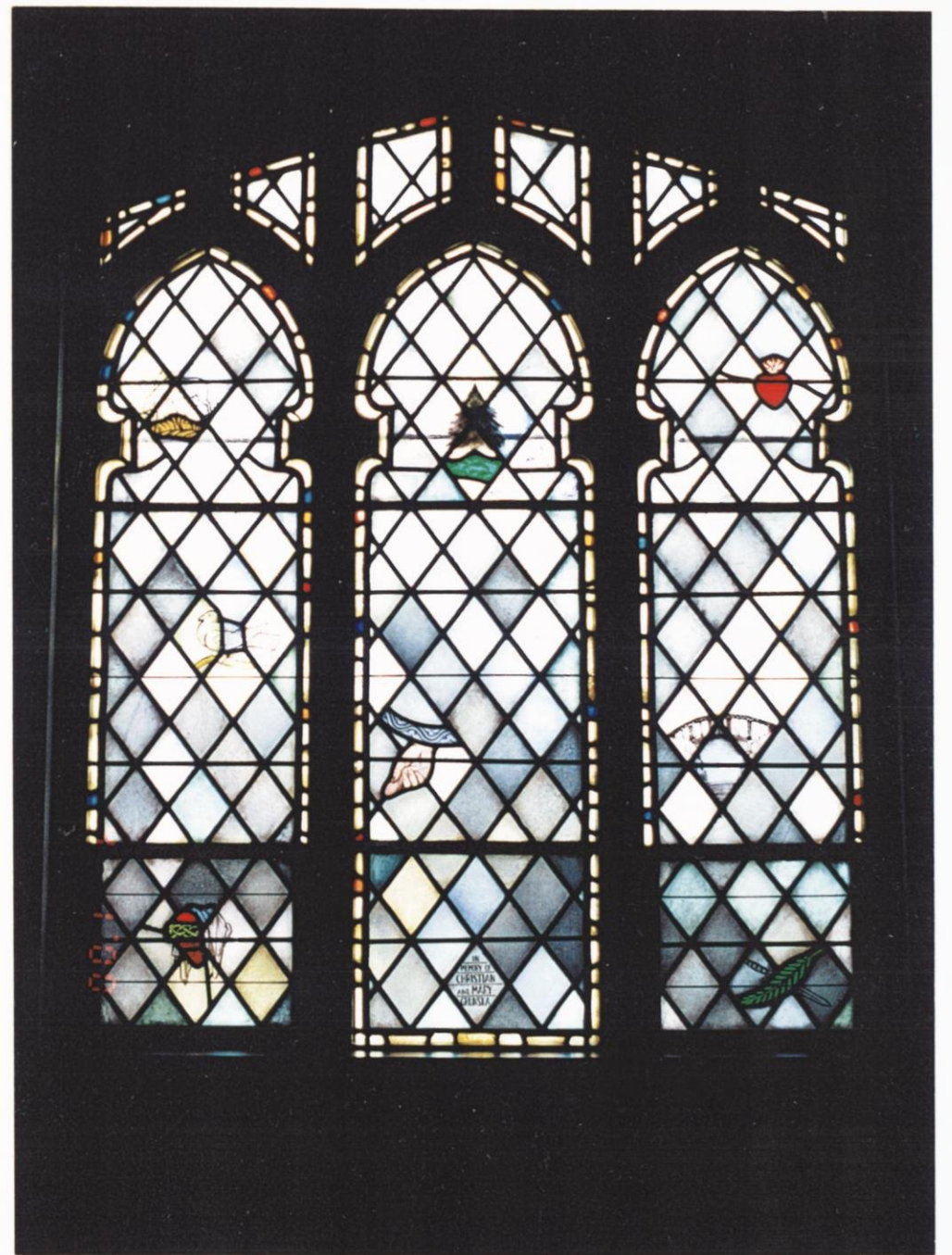
West wall, windows 2 and 1



Altar



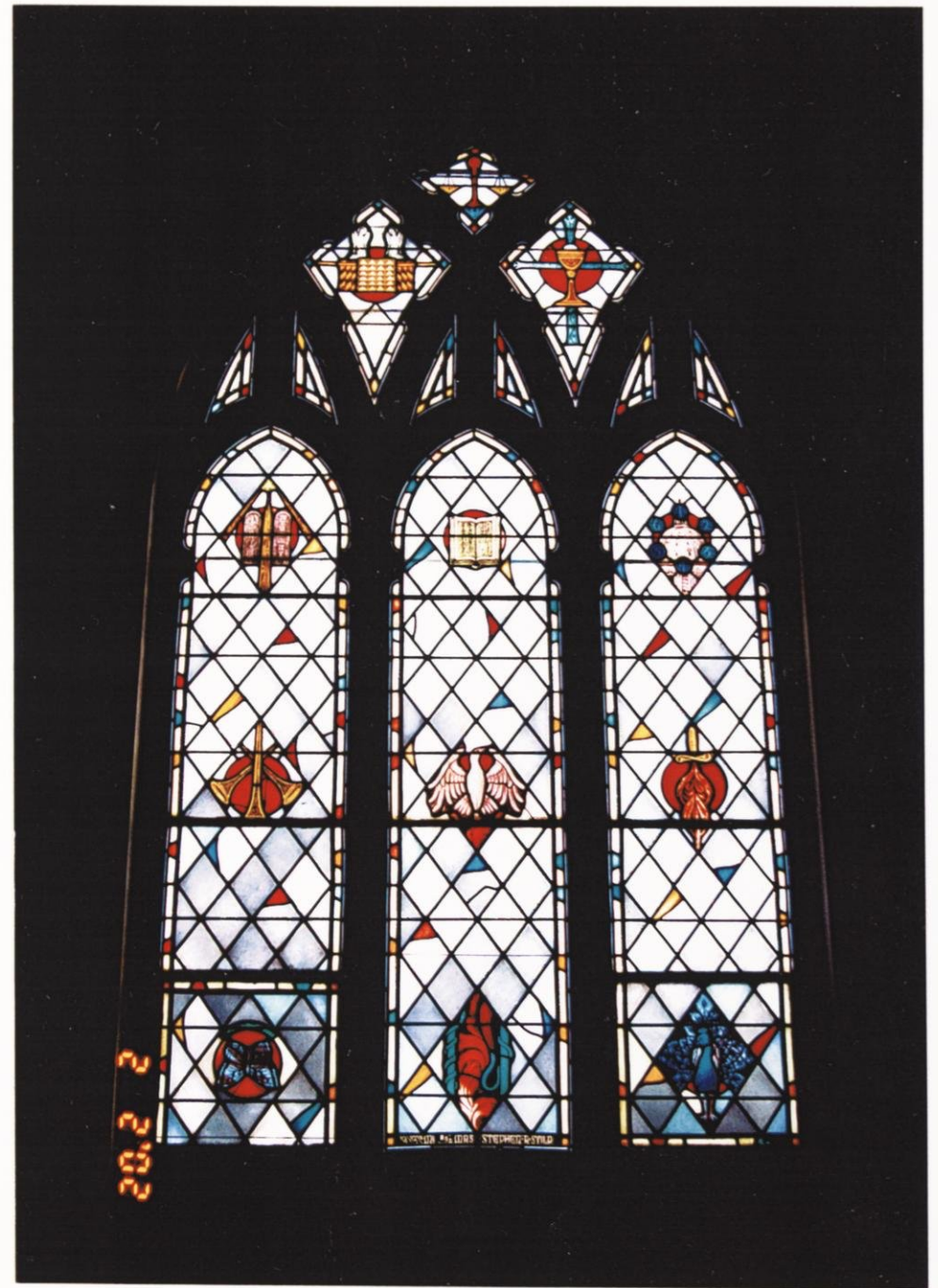
East wall, window 1



East wall, windows 2 and 3



East wall, window 4



Choir loft window



Window over center entrance door

# SAINT MARK'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

140 South Green Bay Road

Neenah, WI 54956

920-725-2828

In 1957 Pastor Charles Luhn moved to Neenah to organize a new church affiliated with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. He spent the next six months fishing for men, and in August, 1957, 73 people met to begin St Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church. The first service was held that September; the church was formally founded in February, 1958 with 165 members. At first, it was a peripatetic congregation, meeting in several locations, including a converted laundromat, until moving into its new church building in August, 1960. Further building projects have expanded the church since then.

The windows of St. Mark's were made by Oakbrook-Esser of Oconomowoc, Wisconsin and were dedicated on Sept. 25, 1988.

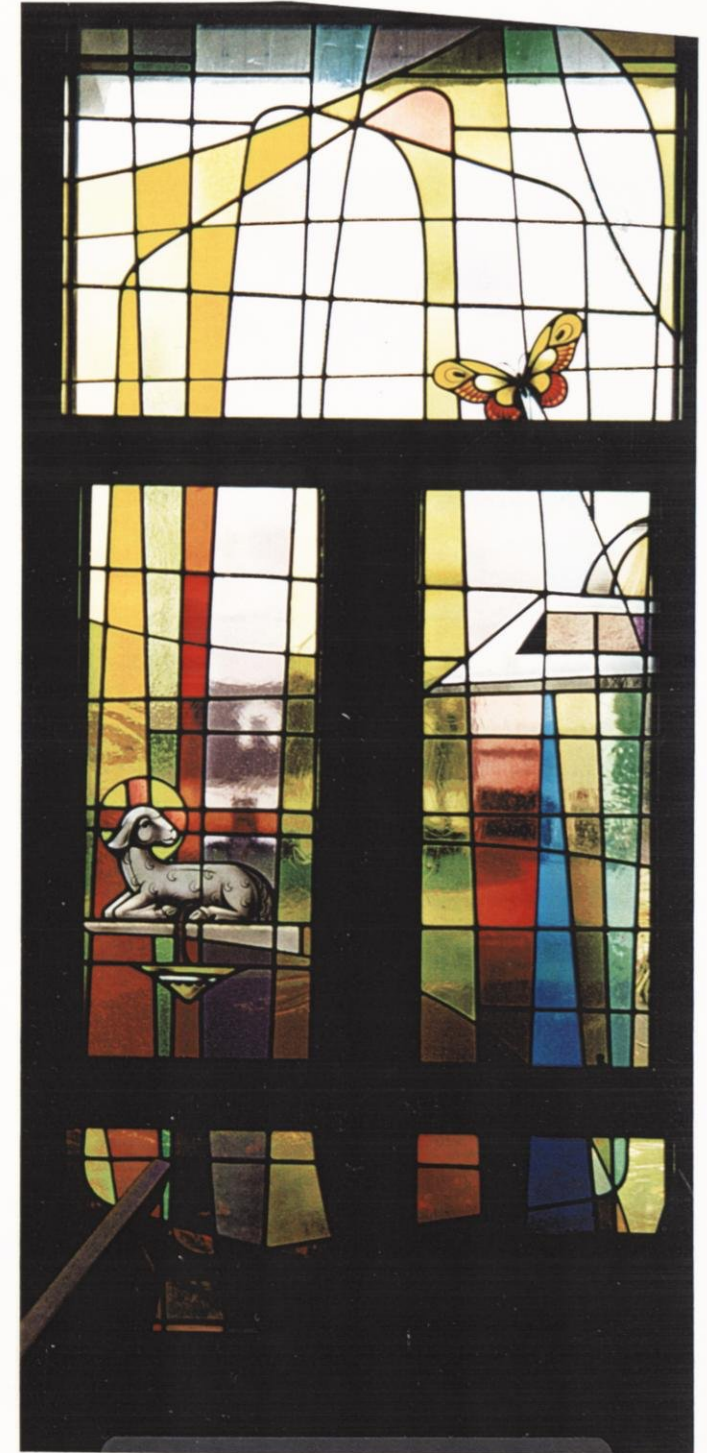




Window 5, west wall  
 Left panel: Holy Spirit  
 Right panel: The Church



Window 4, west wall  
 Left panel: The Great Commission  
 Right panel: The Ascension



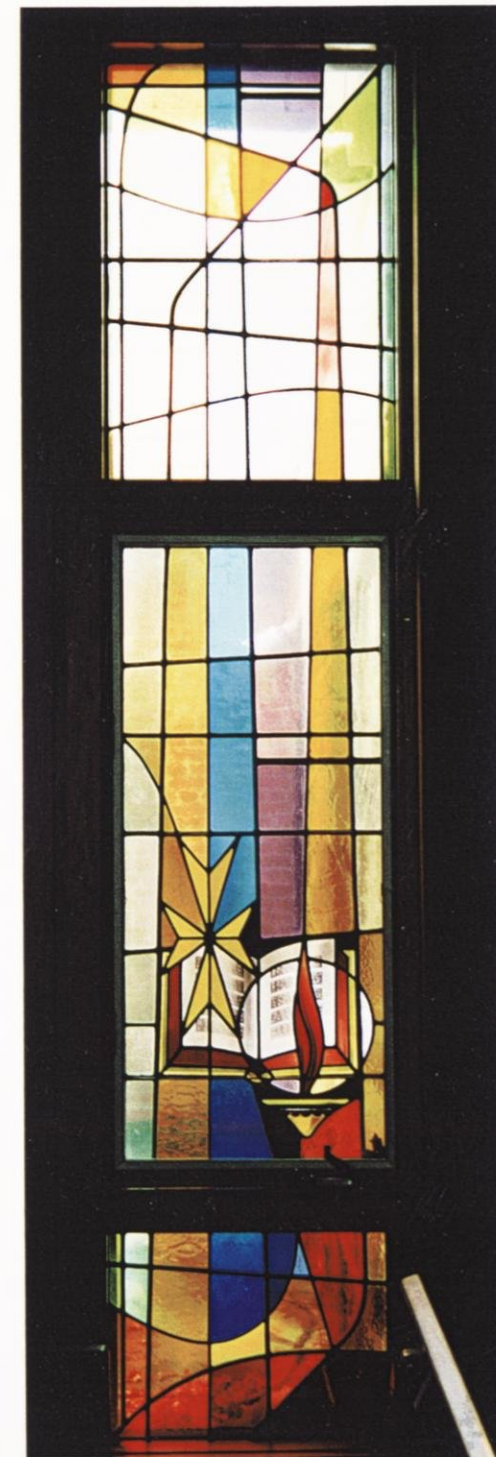
Window 3, west wall  
 Left panel: Lamb of God  
 Right panel: The Resurrection



Window 2, west wall  
Left panel: Jesus on the Mount of Olives  
Right panel: Jesus' trial and torture



Window 1, west wall  
The Lord's supper

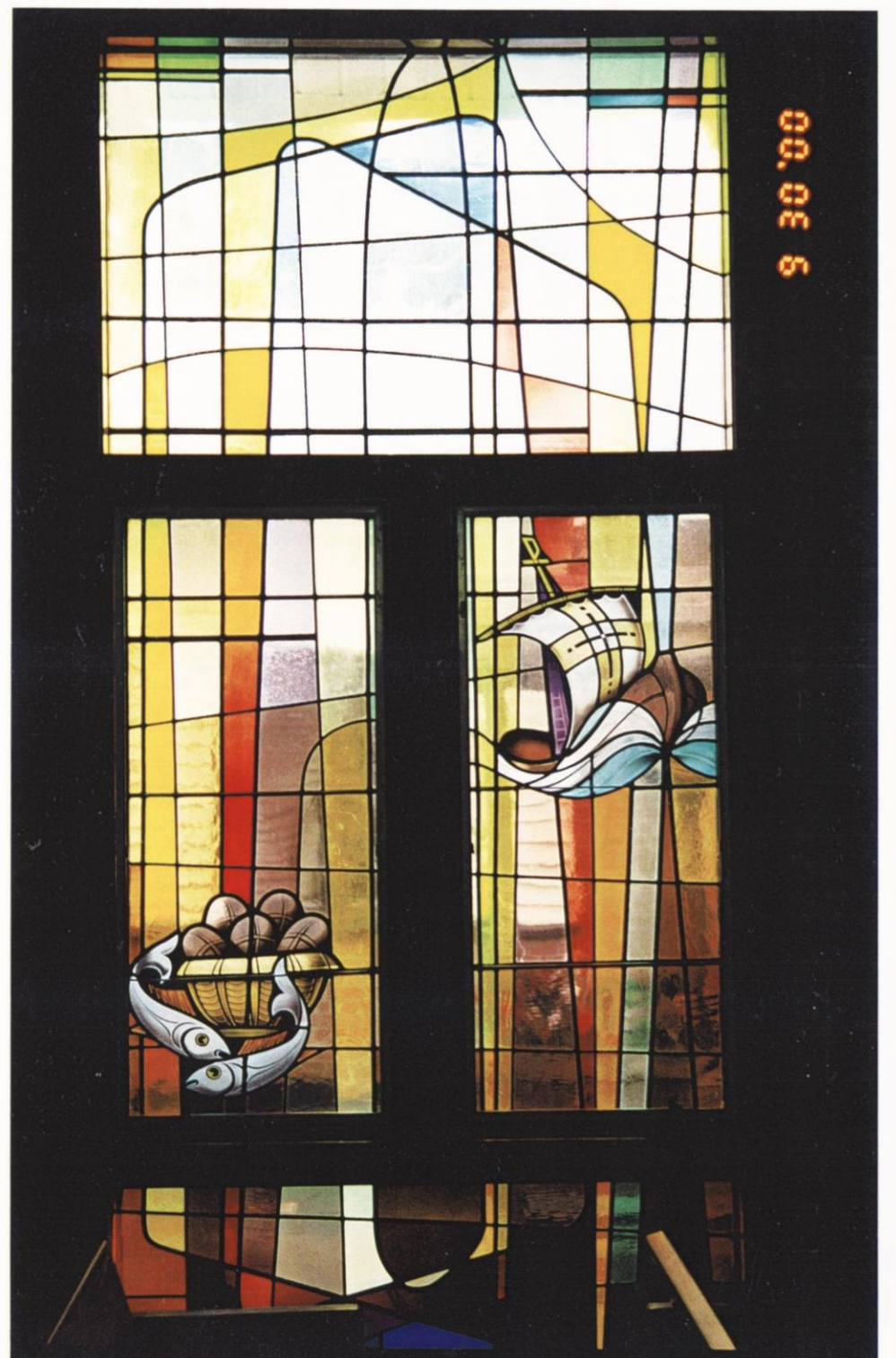


Window 1, east wall  
The teachings of Christ





Window 2, east wall  
 Left panel: baptism of Jesus  
 Right panel: The Disciples' call



Window 3, east wall  
 Left panel: Feeding the multitude  
 Right panel: The ship



Window 4, east wall  
Left panel: Christmas  
Right panel: Epiphany



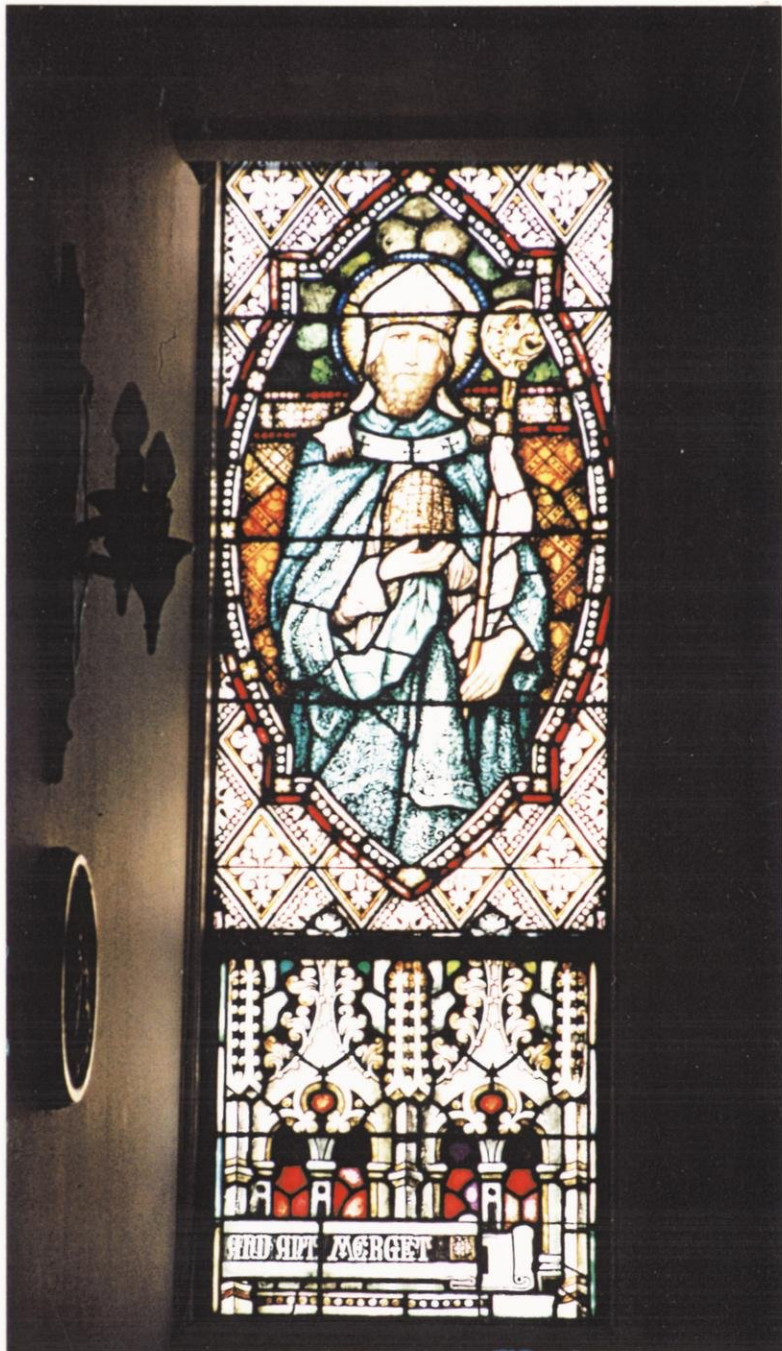
# SAINT MARY'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

212 Appleton Street  
Menasha, WI 54952

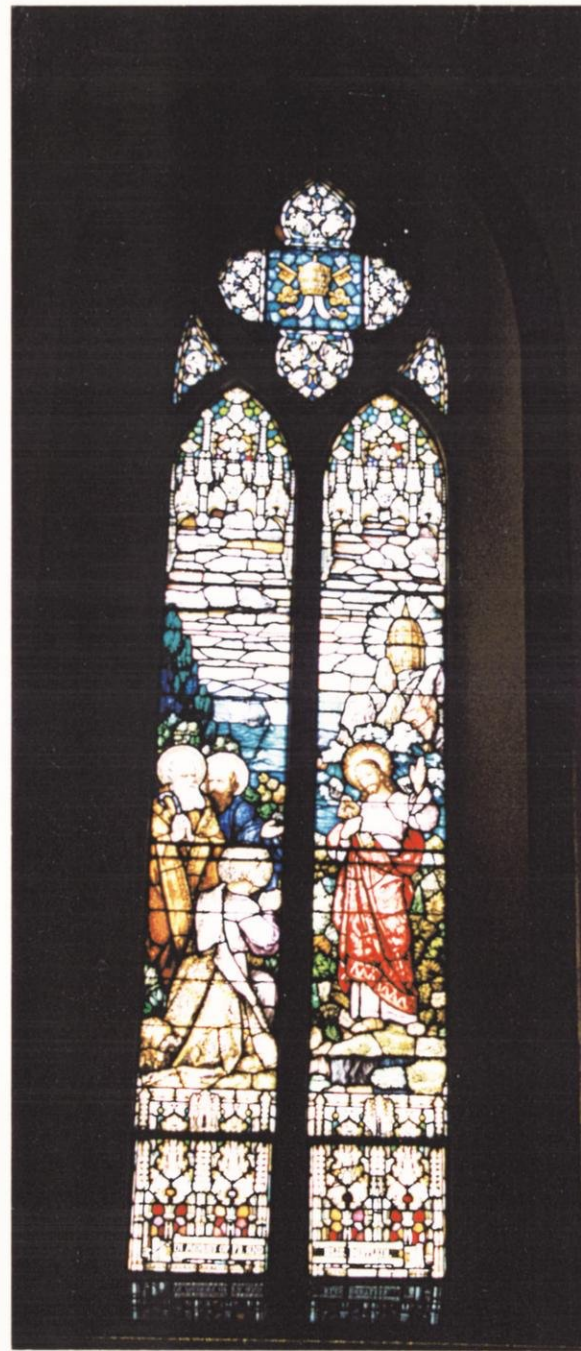
St. Mary's was founded in the spring of 1867 as, "Our Blessed Lady" after the Catholic archbishop in Milwaukee ordered that German Catholics in Menasha separate from the congregation of St. Charles Borromeo (the predecessor of Saint Patrick Catholic Church in Menasha) and form their own parish. One year later, the church opened the first Catholic school in the diocese. The church burned down in 1883 and the present St. Mary's was built. Both the church and the school have expanded over the years. The school is now actually three facilities, a grammar school at St. Mary's, Seton Catholic Middle School at St. Patrick's and St. Mary Central High School located on Cold Spring Road in the Town of Menasha.

St. Mary's is the most ornate church in Neenah and Menasha. The stained glass windows, designed and constructed in Austria, were installed in the 1930s at a cost of \$400 each. The stations of the Cross are hand painted on tin and surrounded by hand carvings by William Laemmerich. Mr. Lammerich also carved two side altars, The Blessed Virgin's altar and St. Joseph's altar. These two altars and the main altar feature many statues and paintings. A full description is available from the church.





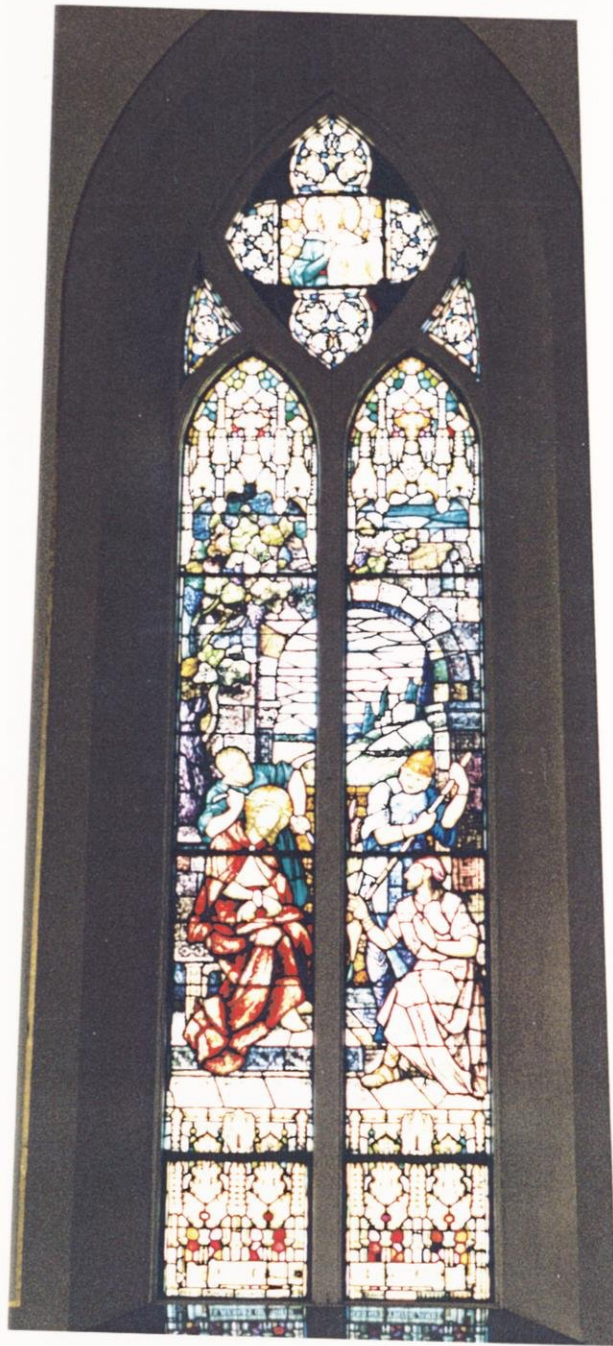
West wall, window 5  
Saint Ambrose



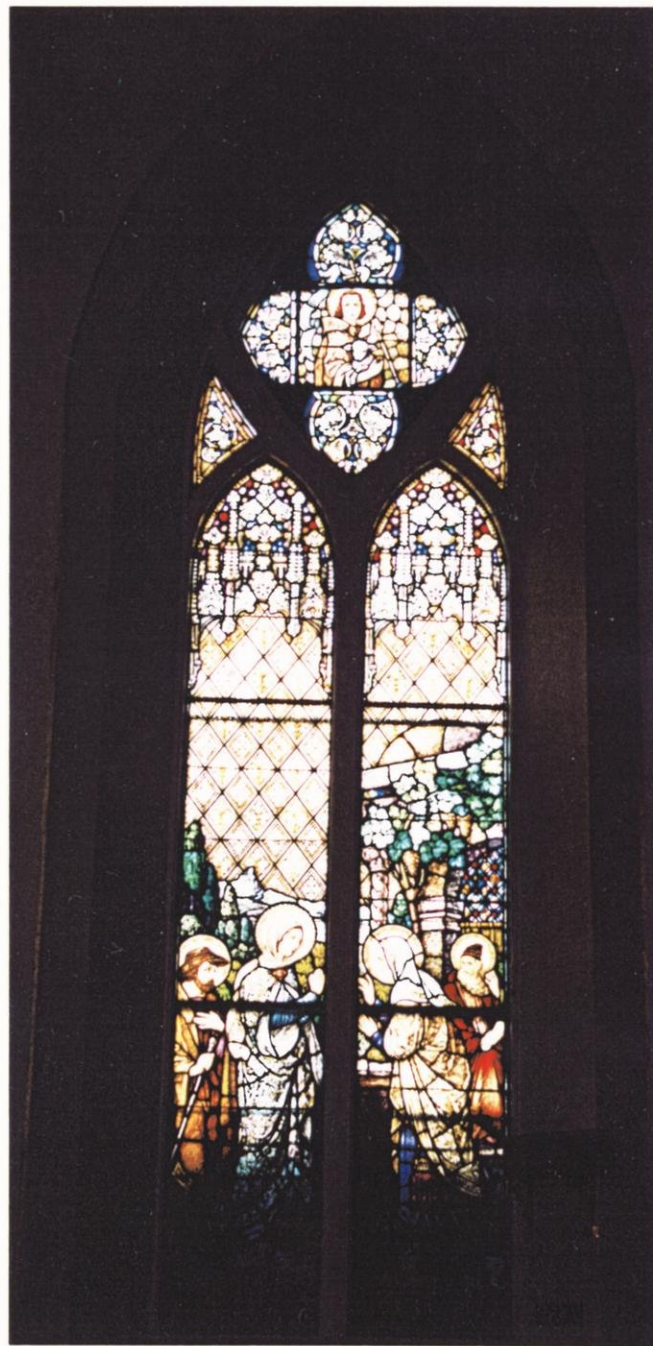
West wall, window 4  
Christ gives Peter the keys of the  
Kingdom



West wall, window 3  
The prodigal son returns



West wall, window 2  
Christ crowned with thorns



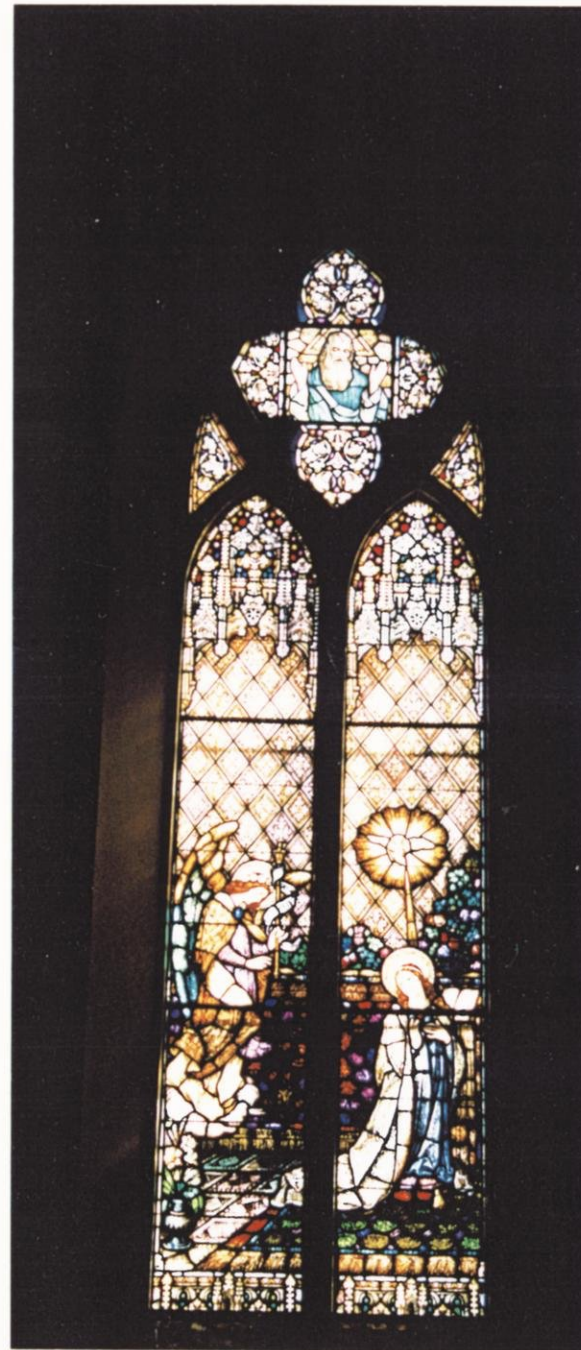
West wall, window 1  
Mary visits Elizabeth



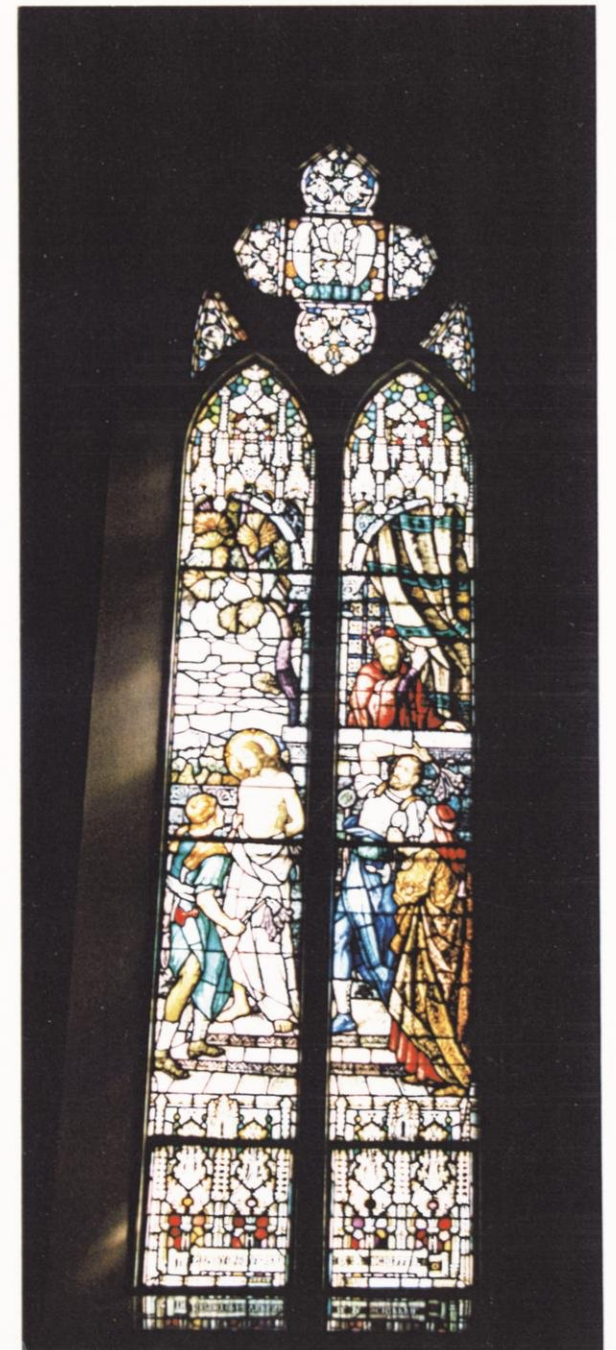
The Blessed Virgin's altar



The main altar



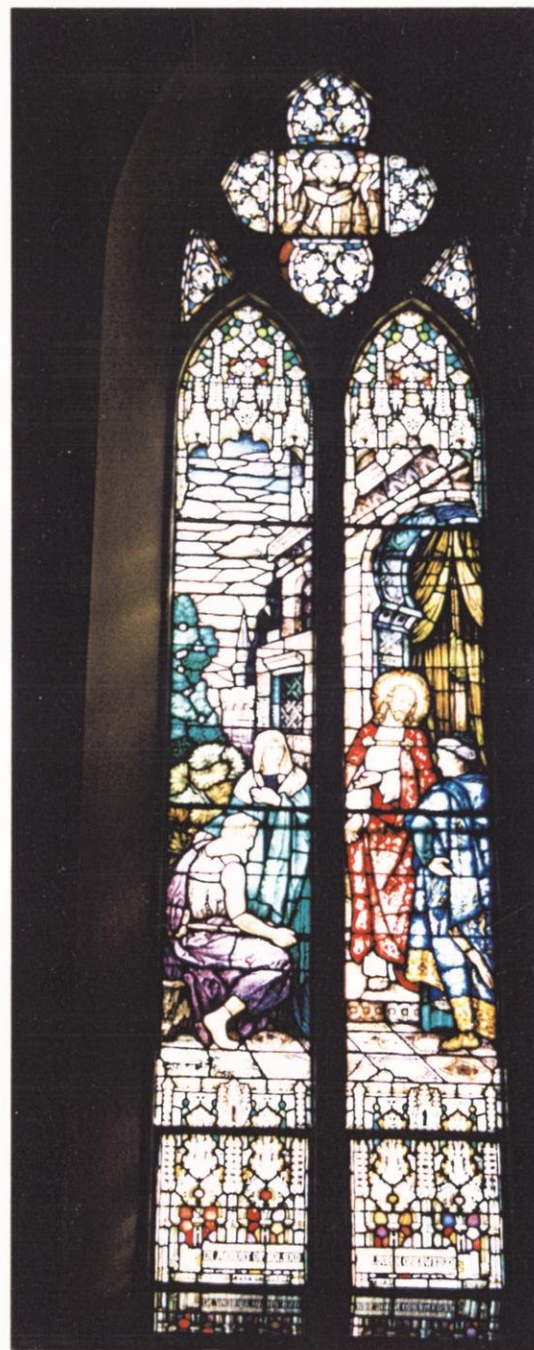
East wall, window 1  
The Annunciation



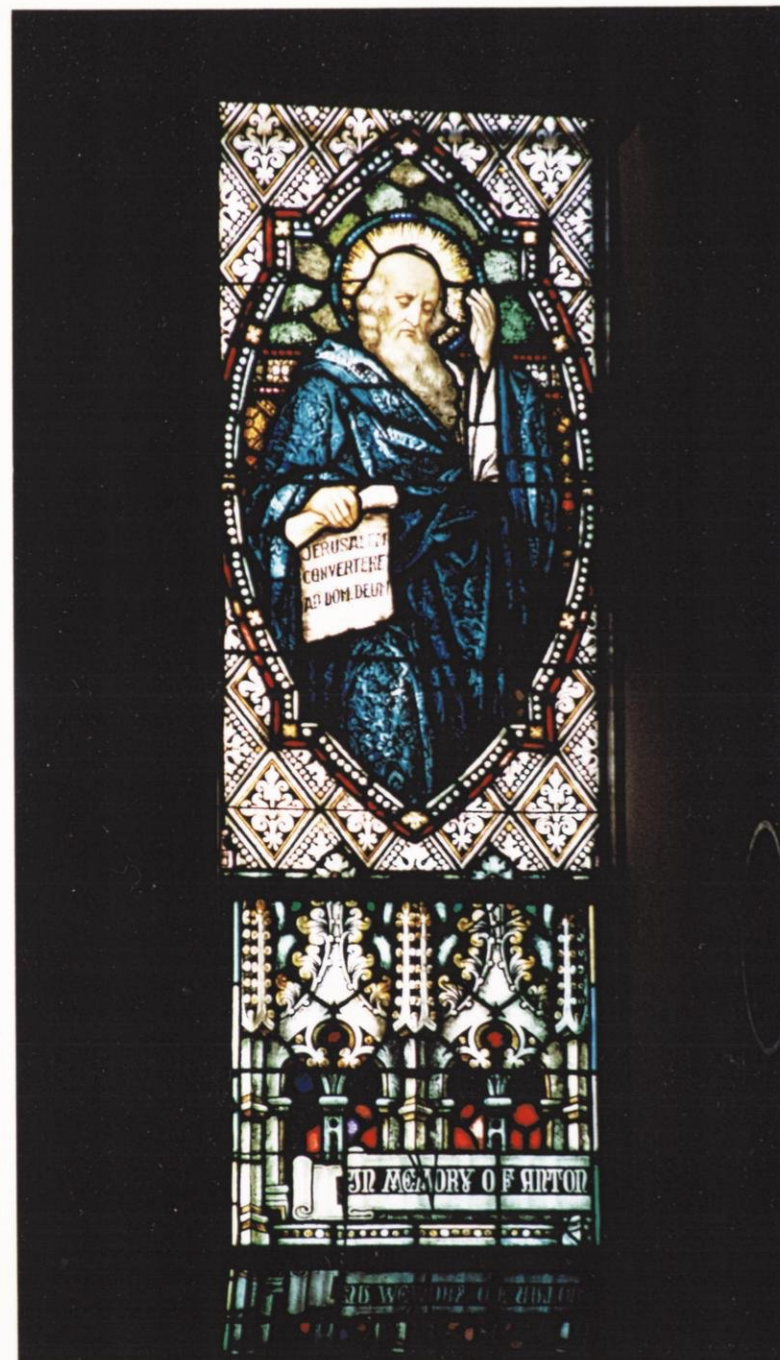
East wall, window 2  
Christ scourged



East wall, window 3  
Christ defends Mary Magdalene when  
she washes his feet

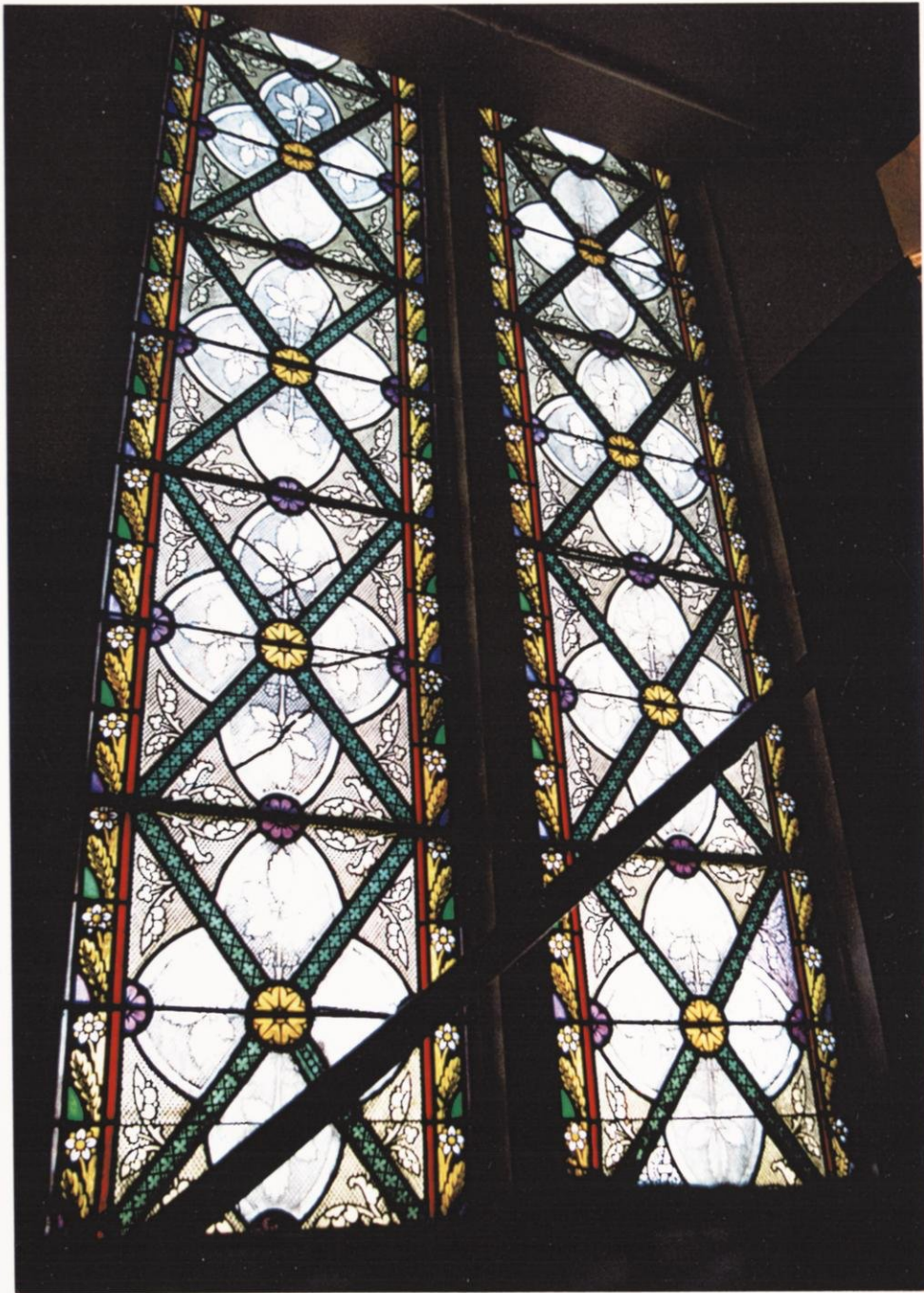


East wall, window 4  
Christ urges the rich young man to give  
away all he owns

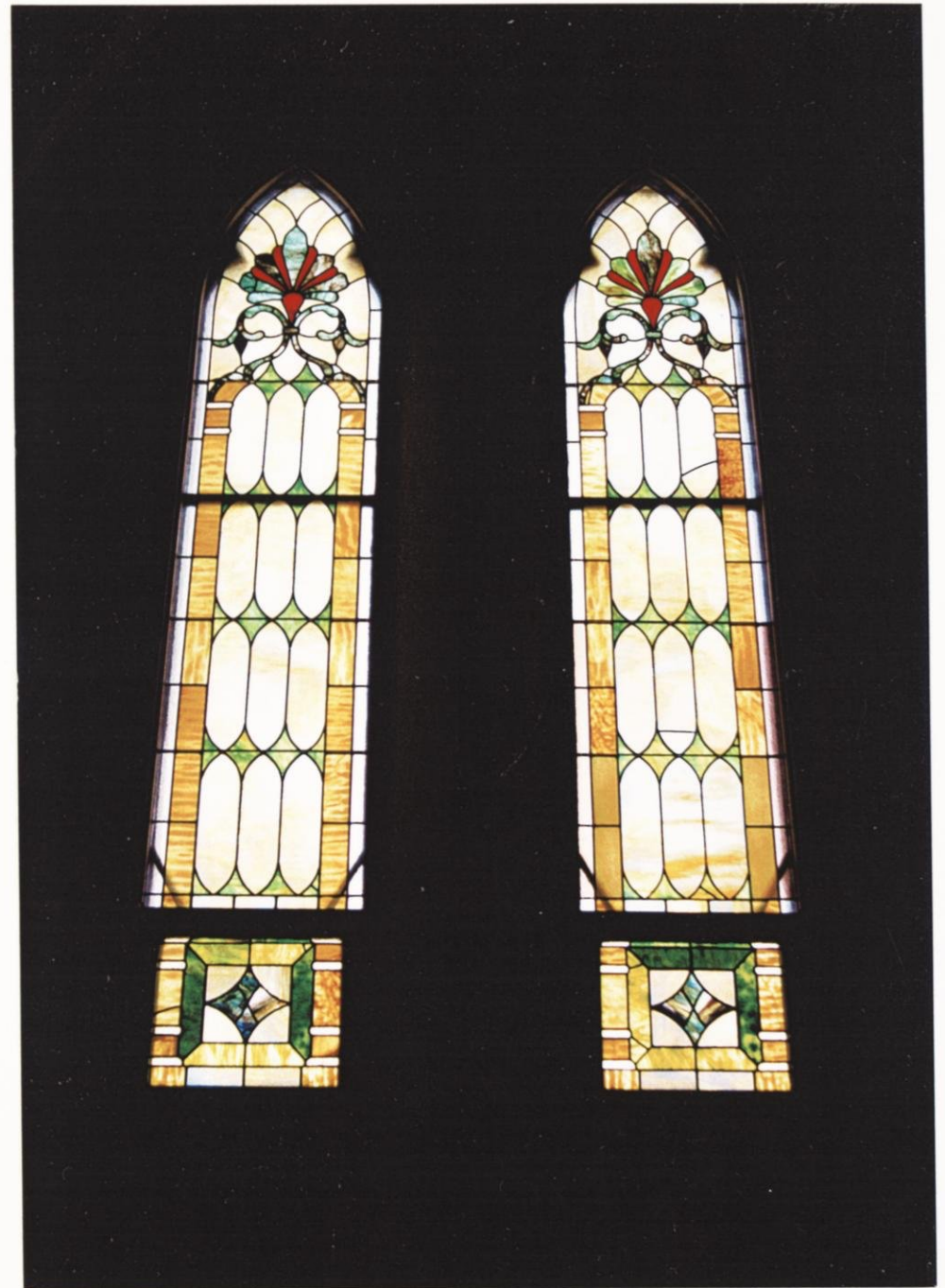


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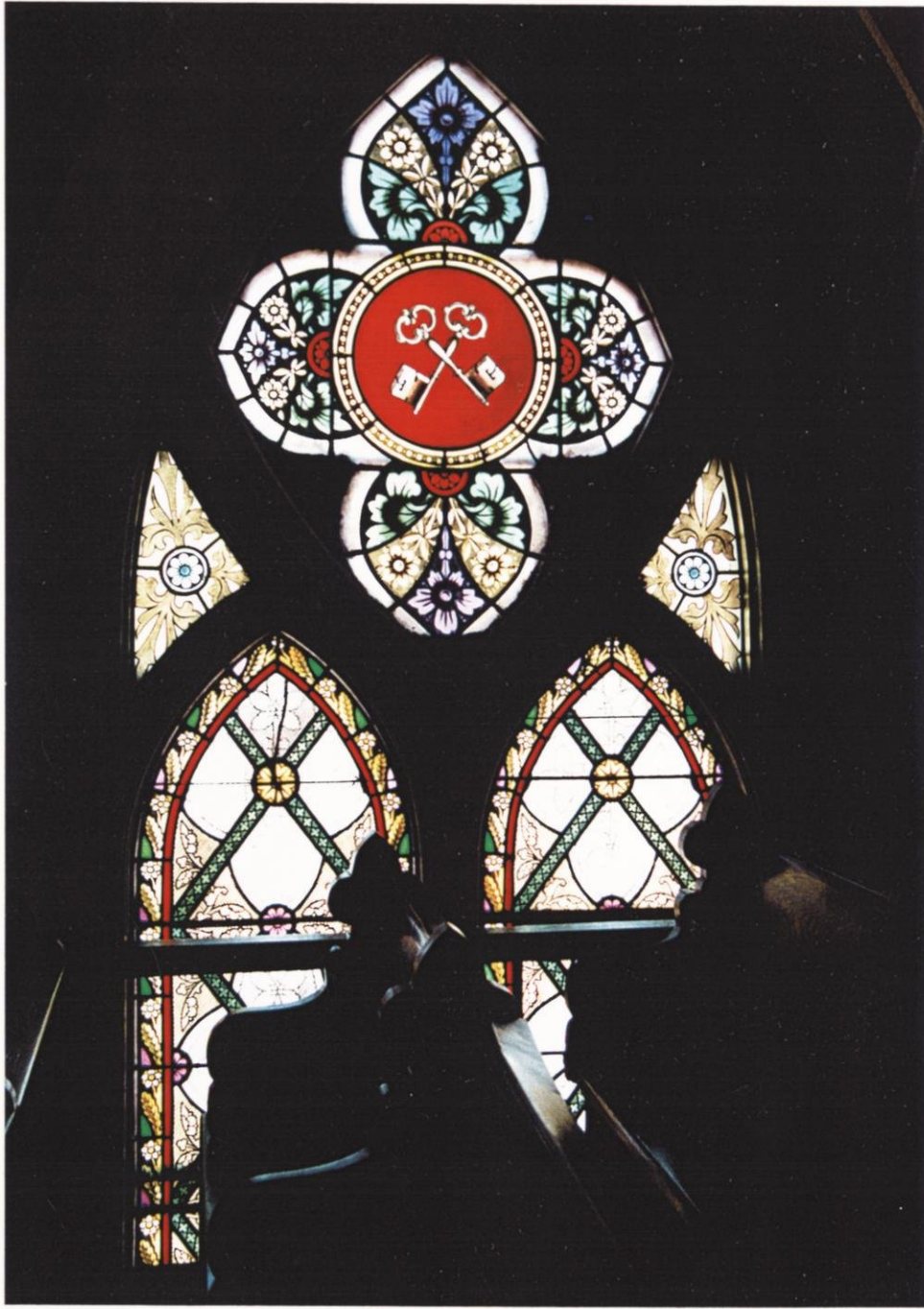




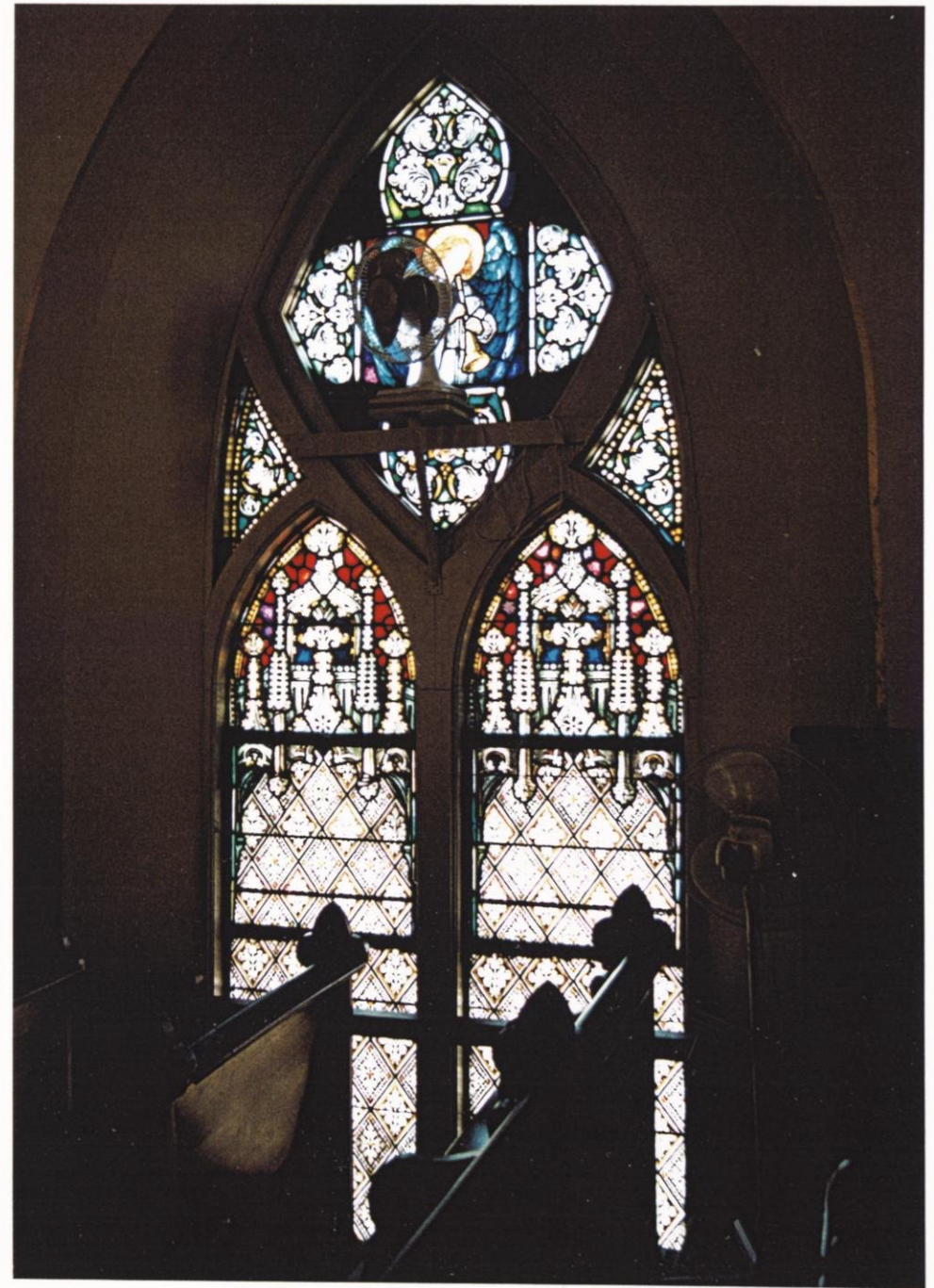
Window along the east stairway  
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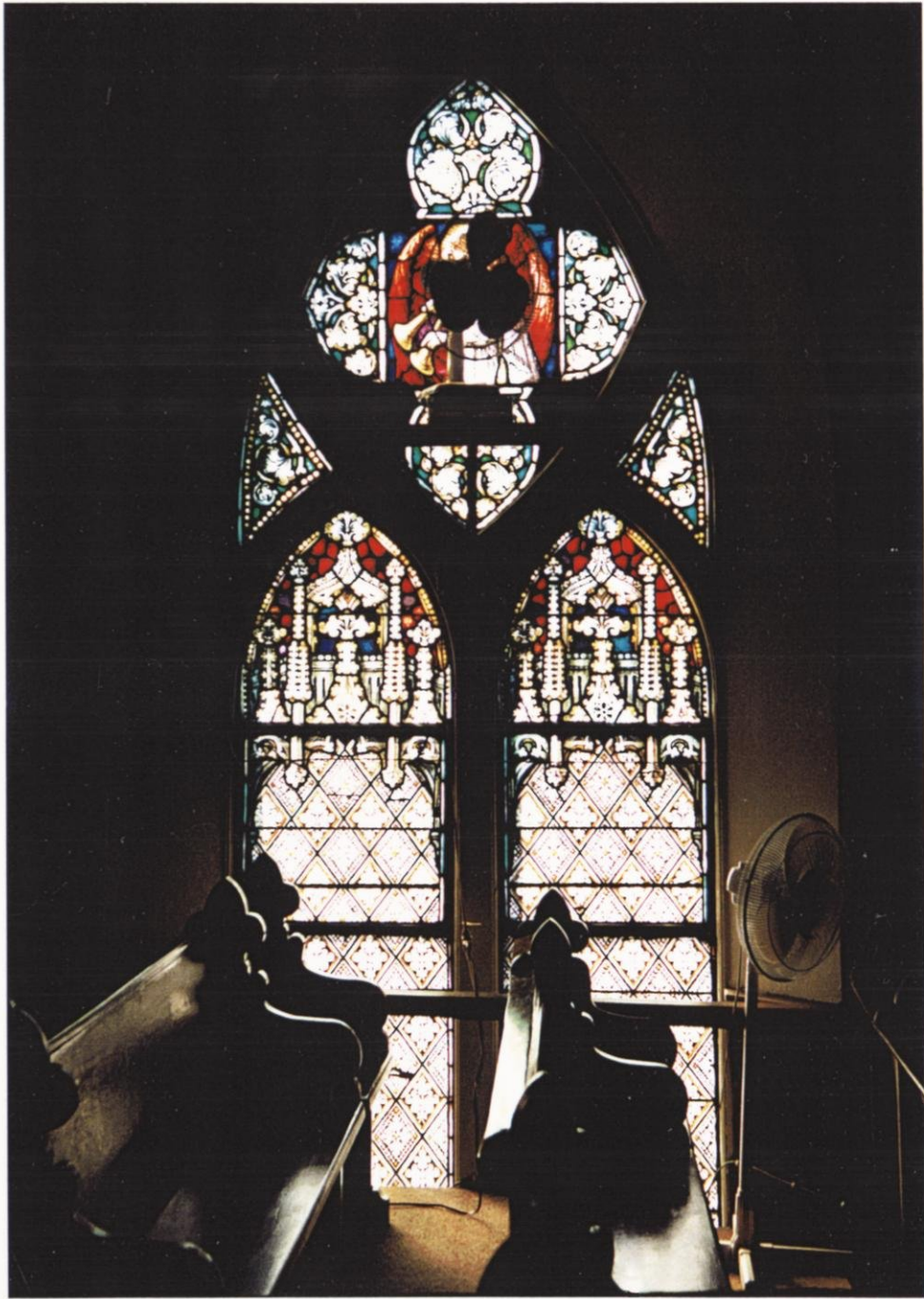
Window on the east side of the  
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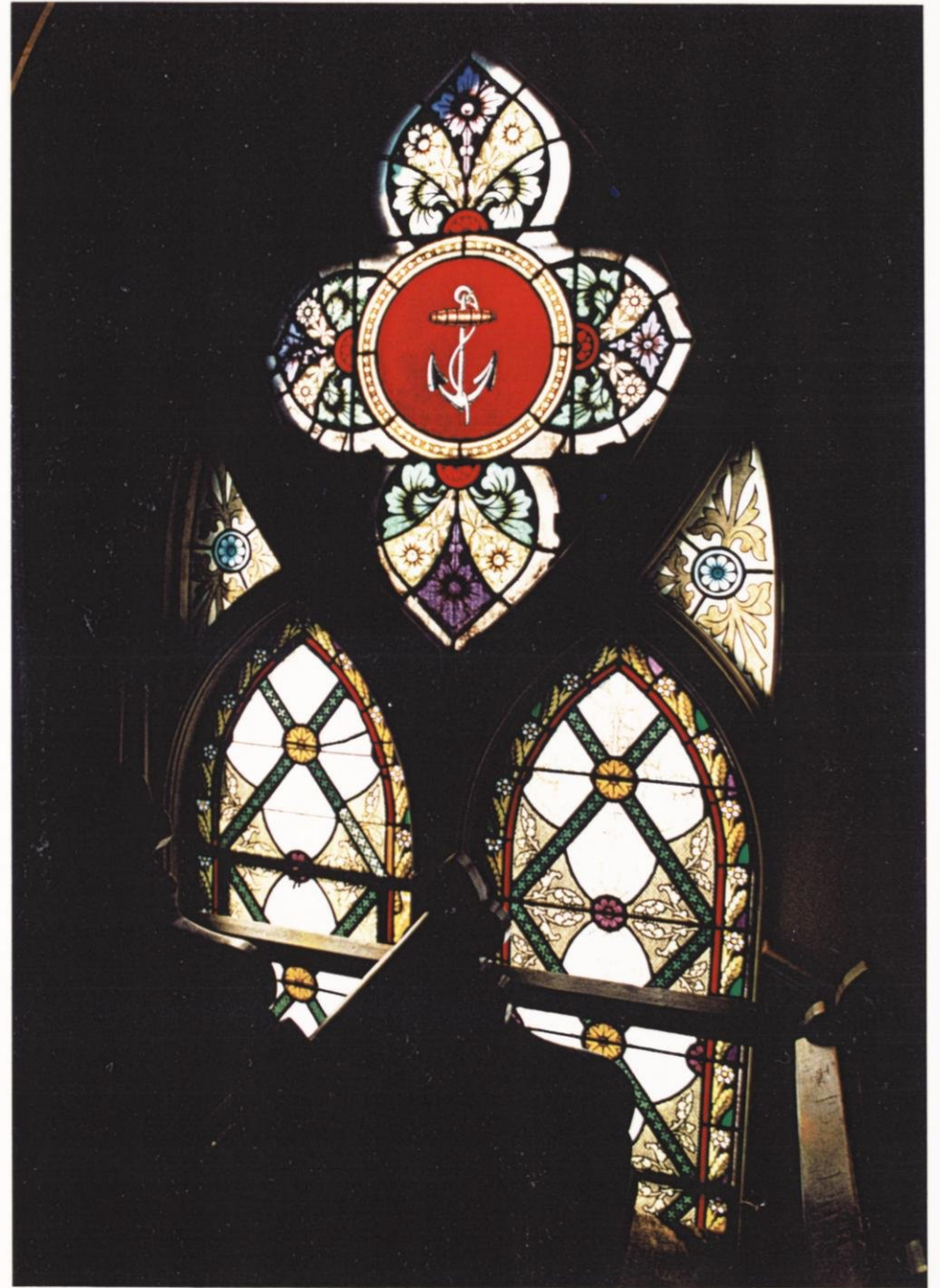
East wall of the choir loft  
window 2



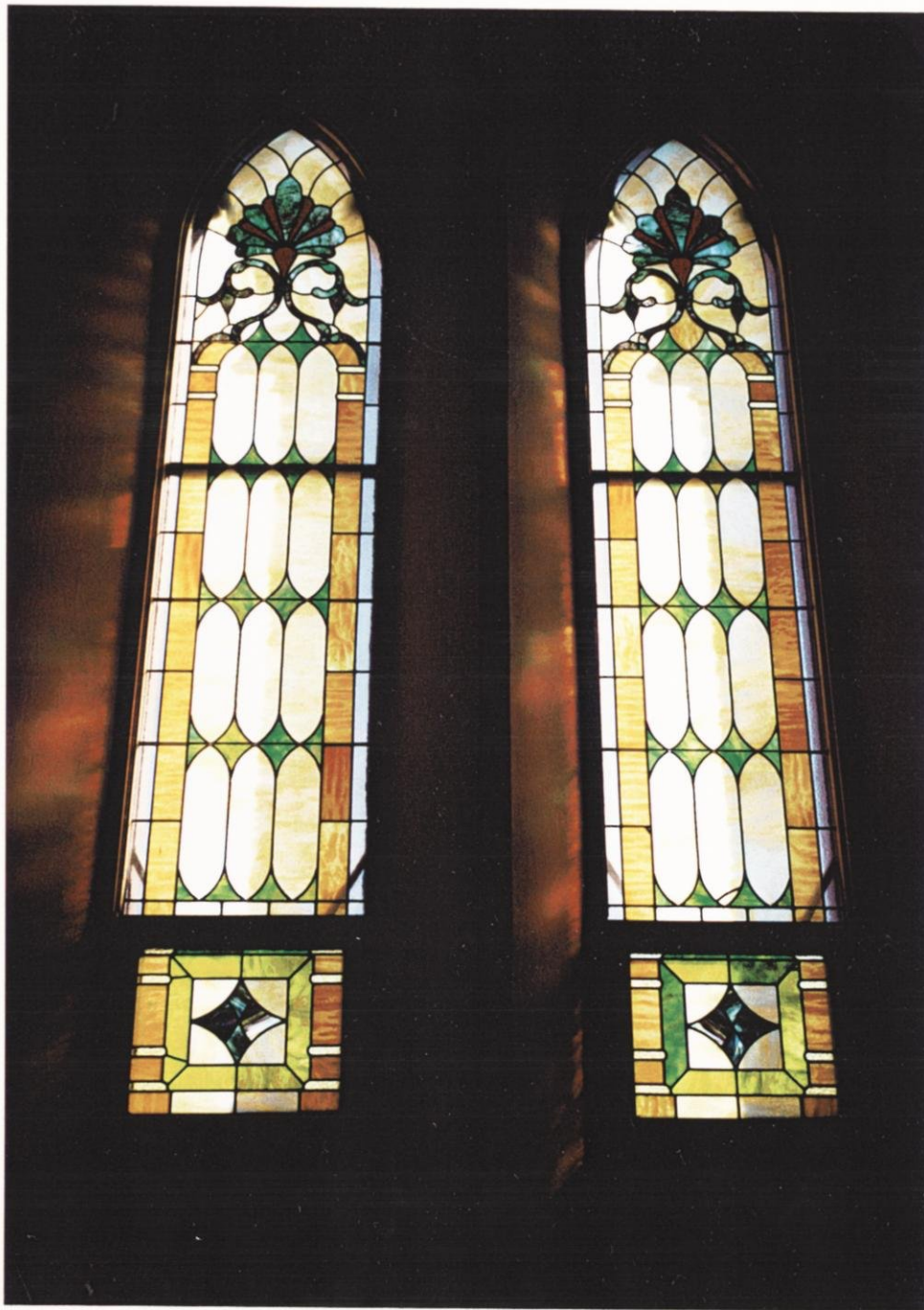
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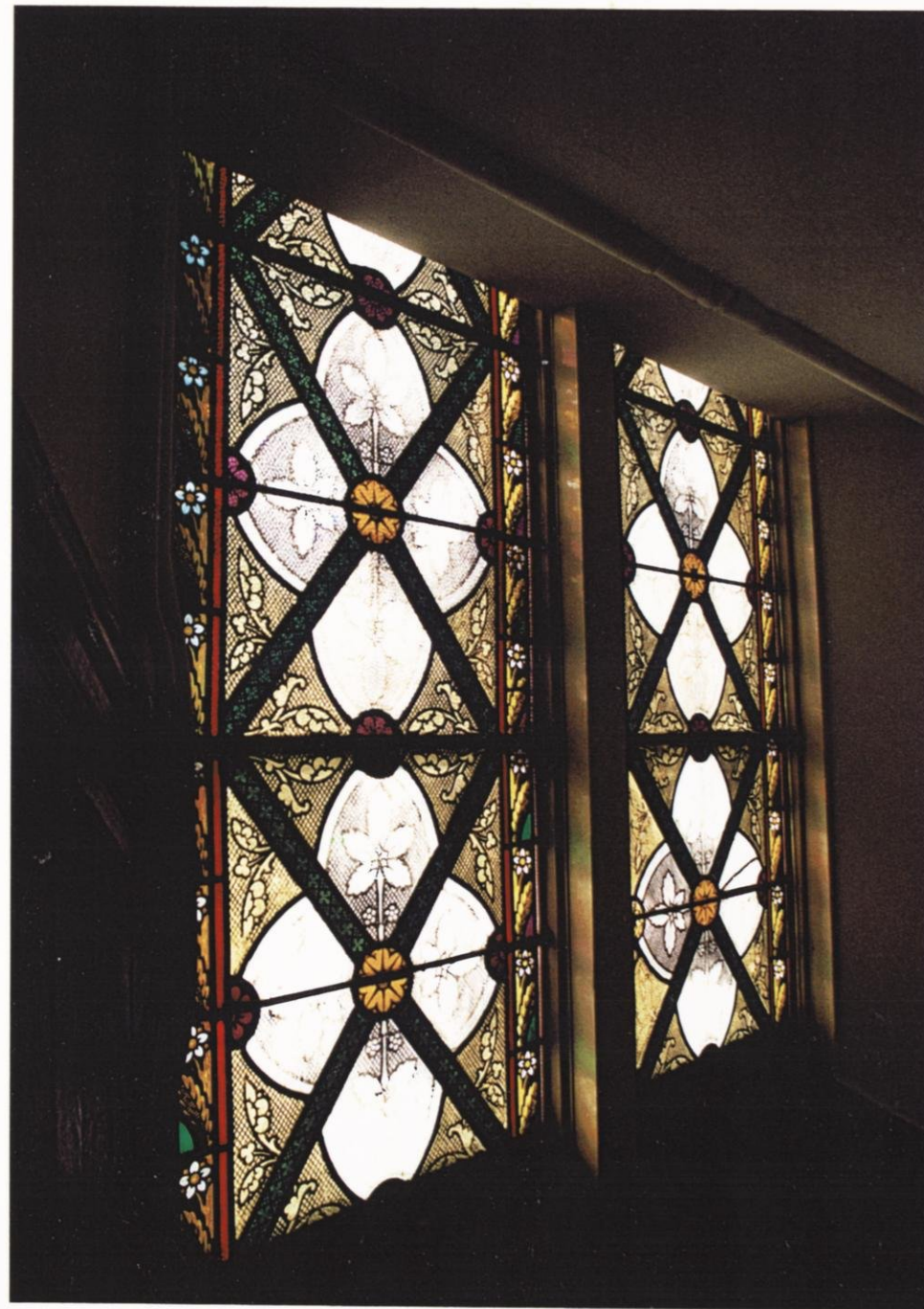
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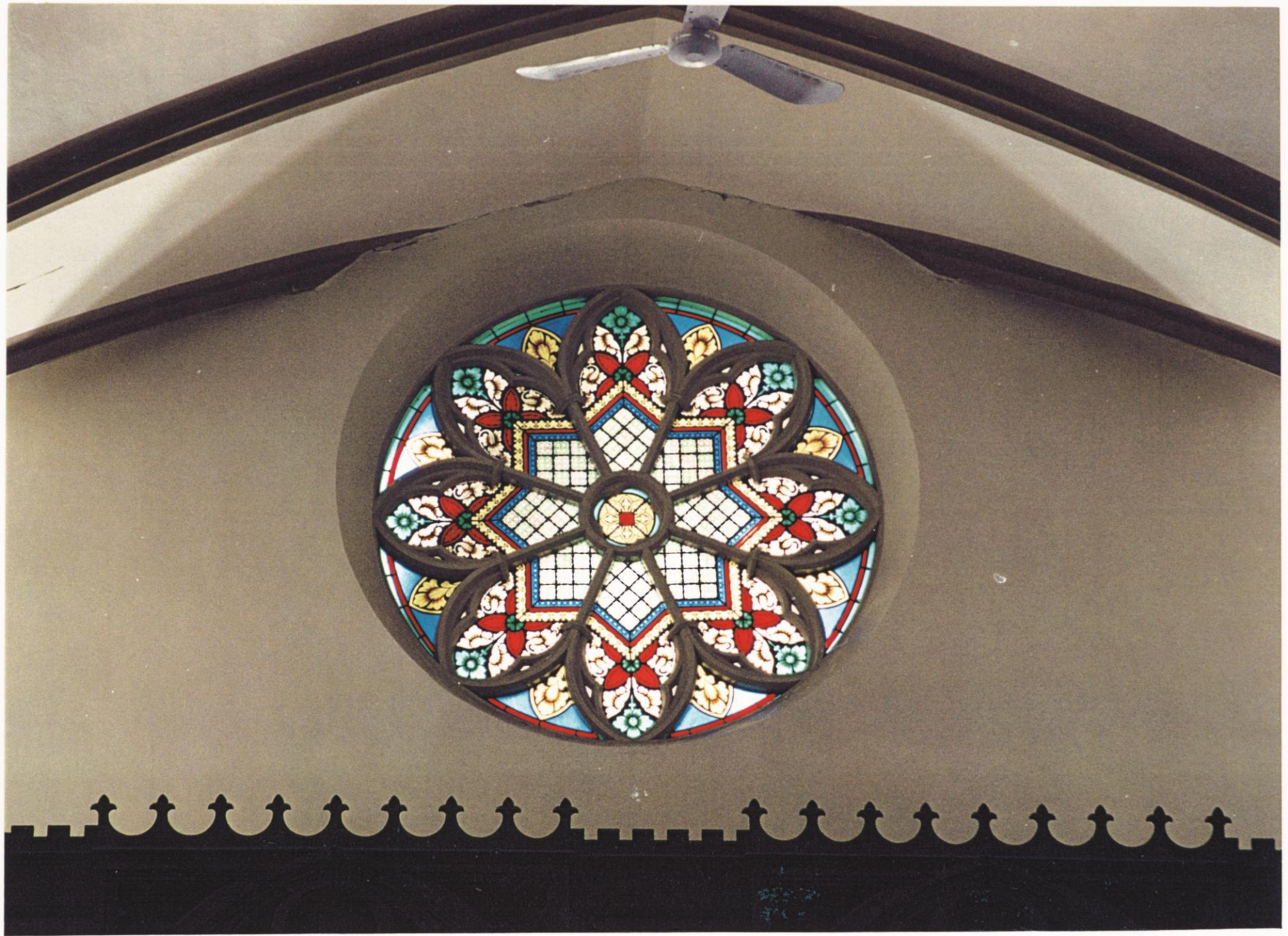
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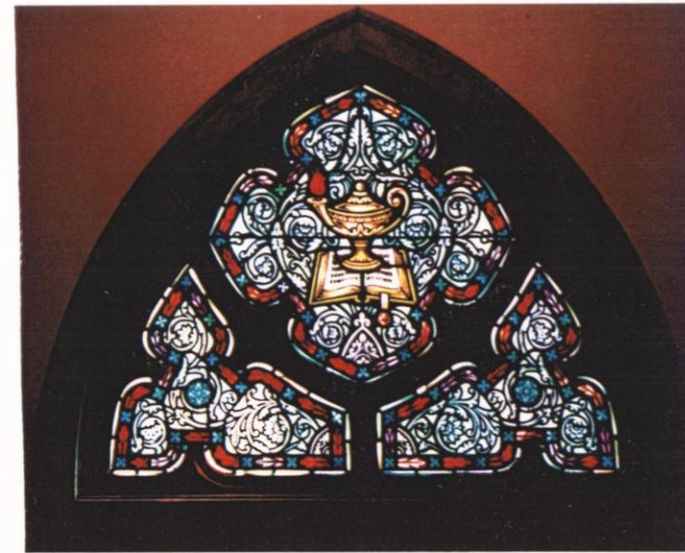
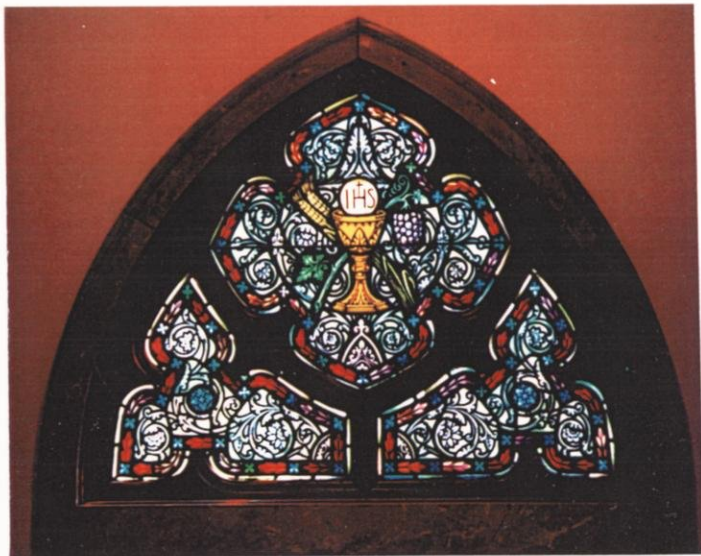
Window on the west side of the  
back wall of the choir loft



Window along the west stairway  
to the choir loft



The rose window



Windows above the entry doors



# SAINT PATRICK'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

324 Nicolet Boulevard  
Menasha, WI 54952  
920-725-8381

St. Patrick's has its origin in the Saint Malachy Mission which was formed around 1848 to serve Irish Catholic families who lived in the, "Irish Colony," located west of Menasha. In 1854, Catholics in different nationalities throughout Neenah and Menasha came together to form the St. Charles Borromeo congregation. This group set about building a new church on Doty Island. In 1868, the congregation built a brick schoolhouse. St. Charles was destroyed by fire in March, 1882 and was replaced by St. Patrick's, in 1883. The old school was sold and a new one built in 1900. The school closed in 1987 and reopened in 1989 as Seton Catholic Middle School, serving all Catholic parishes in Neenah and Menasha.



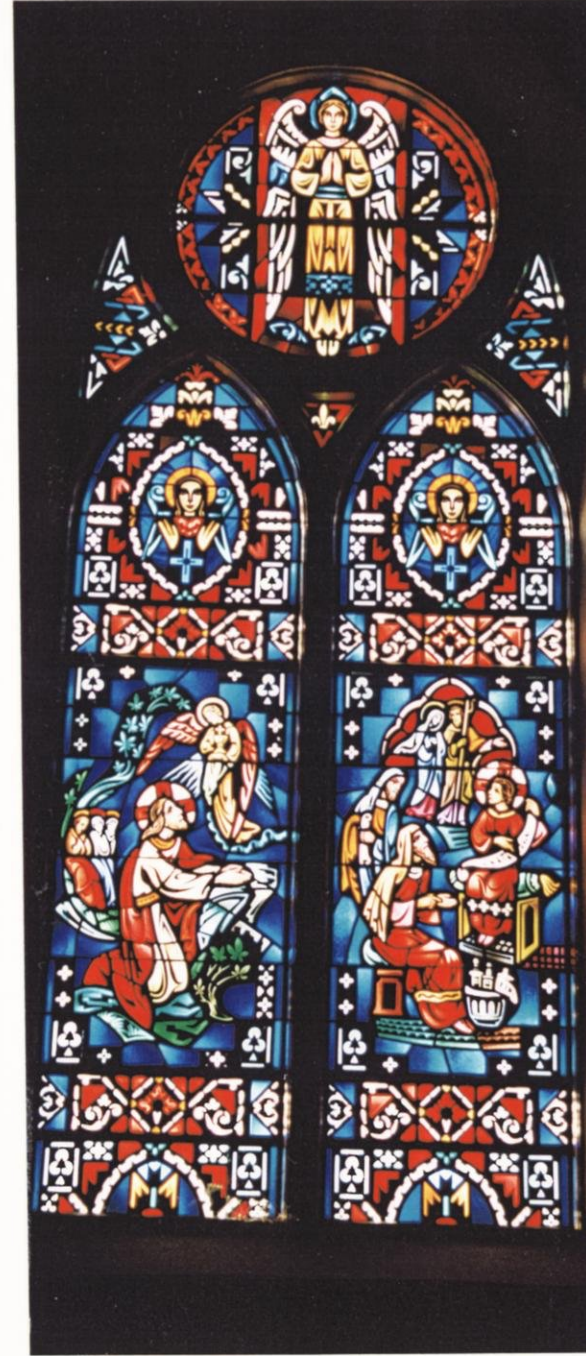




West wall, window 5  
 Left: The Crucifixion  
 Right: Christ carries His cross



West wall, window 4  
 Left: Christ crowned with thorns  
 Right: Christ scourged



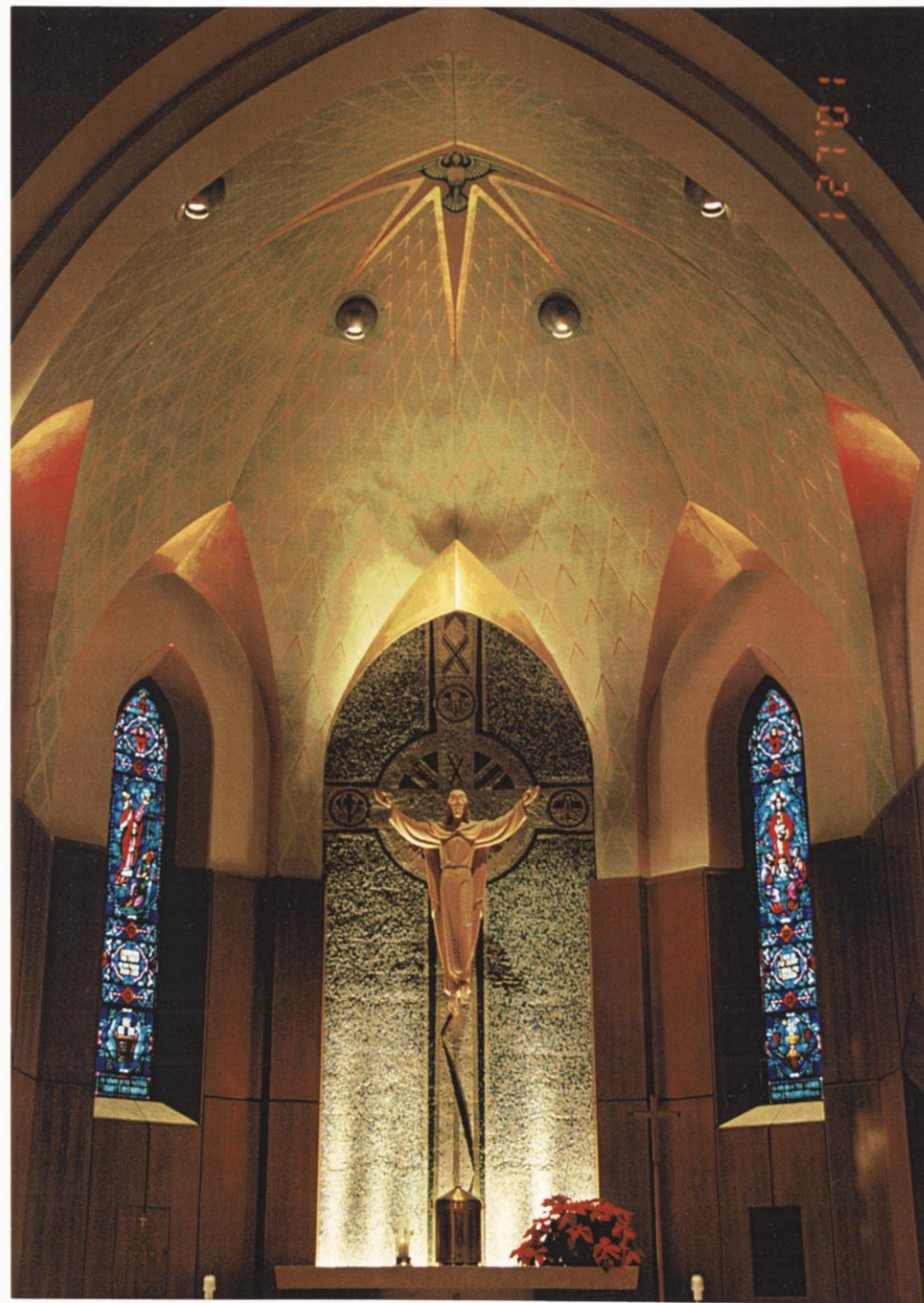
West wall, window 3  
 Left: Christ in the Garden  
 Right: Boy Christ in the temple



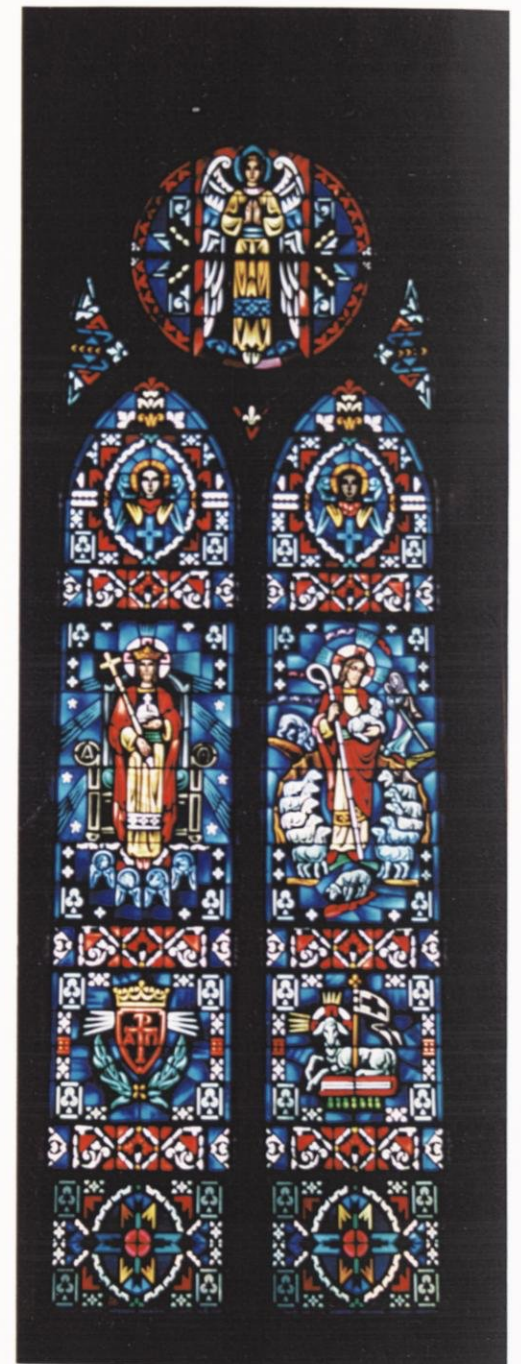
West wall, window 2  
 Left: Simeon and baby Jesus  
 at the temple  
 Right: The Nativity



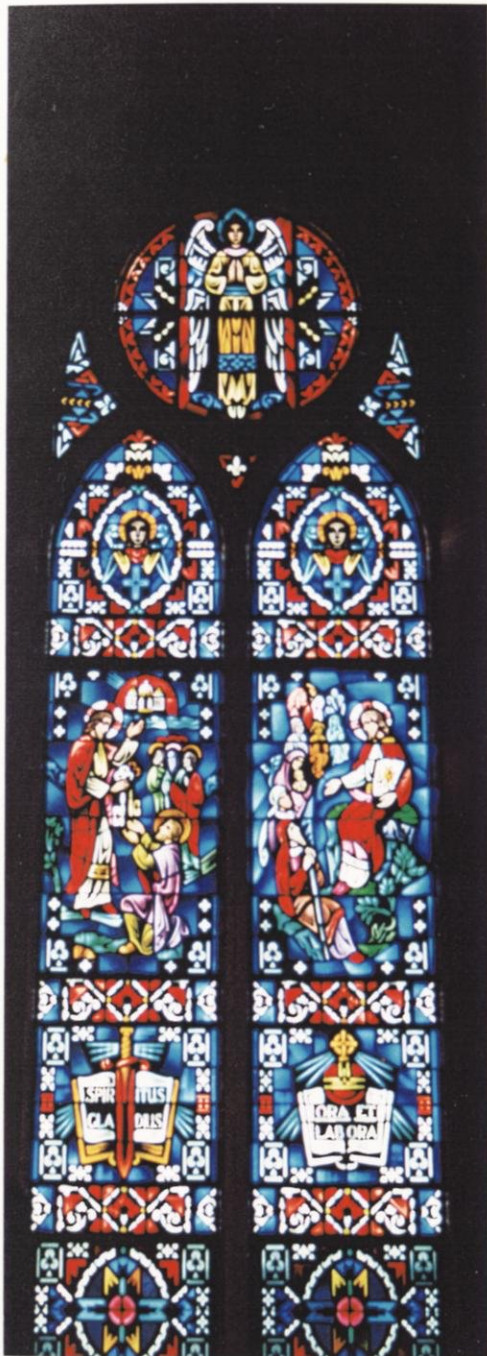
West wall, window 1  
Left: Mary visits Elizabeth  
Right: The Annunciation



The altar



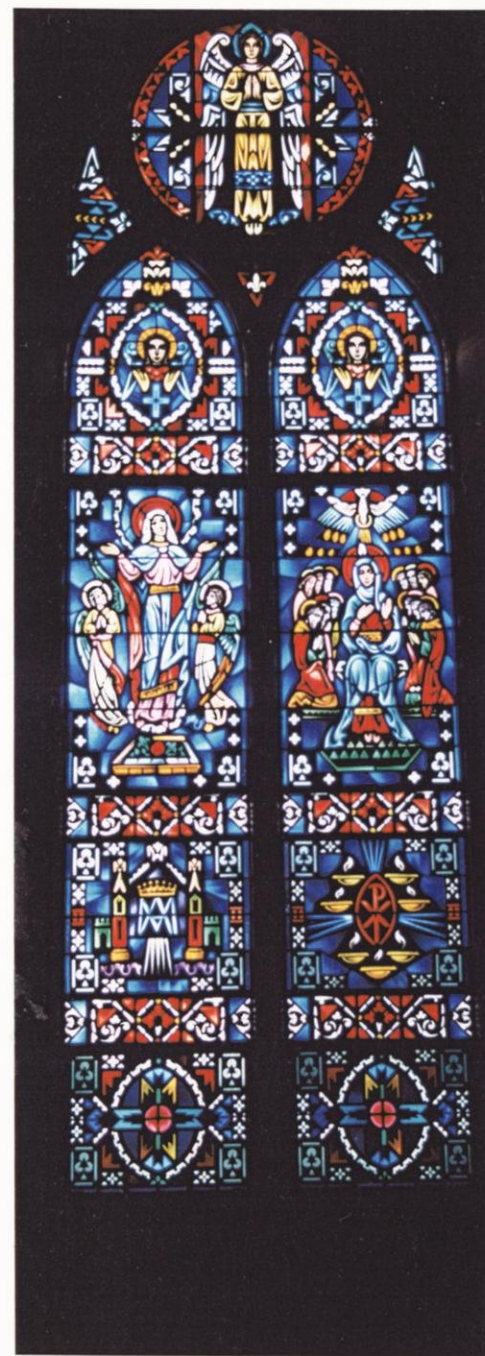
East wall, window 1  
Left: Christ the King  
Right: Christ the shepherd



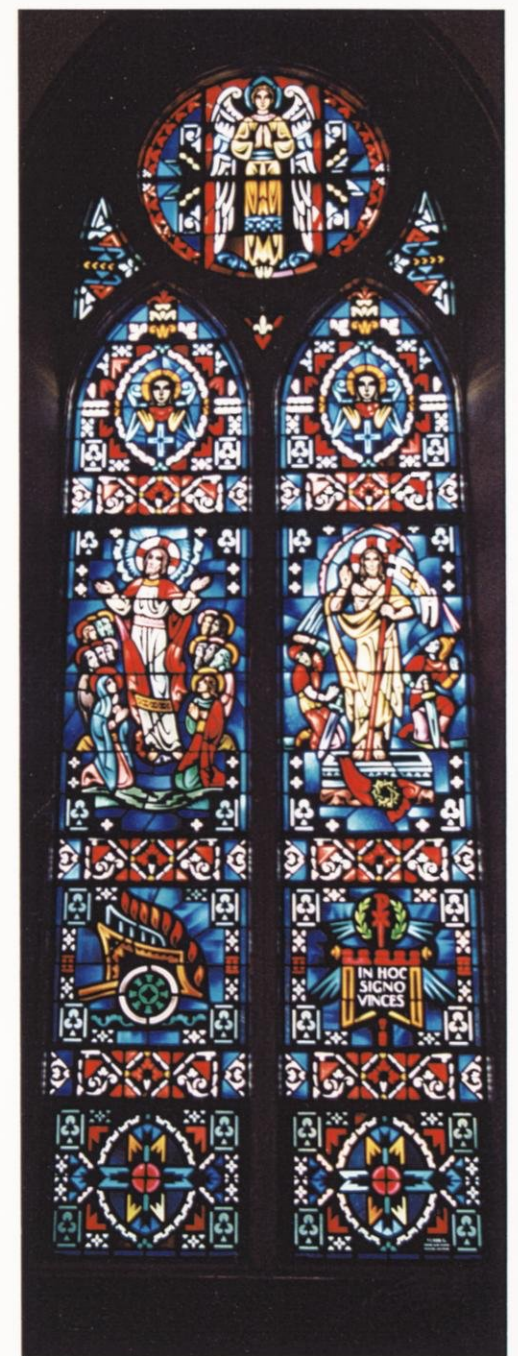
East wall, window 2  
 Left: Christ gives Peter the keys of the kingdom  
 Right: The sermon on the mount



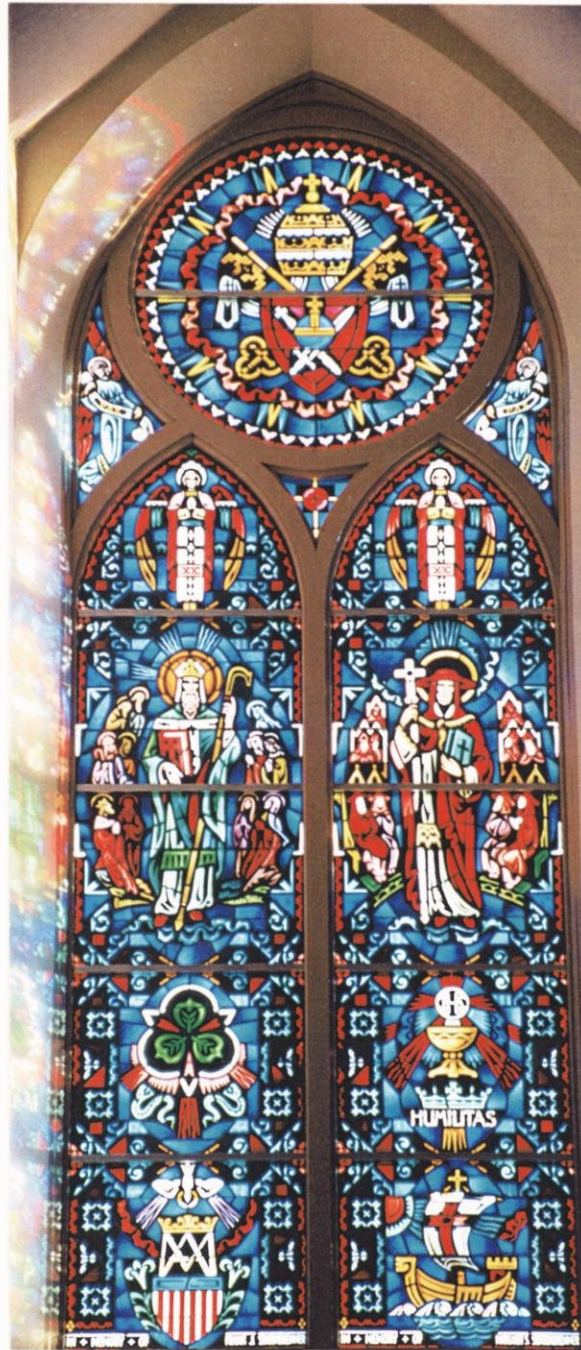
East wall, window 3  
 Left: Christ changes water to wine  
 Right: Christ's bride, the Church



East wall, window 4  
 Left: Mary ascends to Heaven  
 Right: Mary receives the Holy Spirit



East wall, window 5  
 Left: The Ascension  
 Right: The Resurrection



Window at the back of the sanctuary



# SAINT PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

200 North Commercial Street  
Neenah, WI 54956  
920-725-3961

The history of St. Paul's English Lutheran Church demonstrates the size of the non-English speaking immigrant population in Neenah and Menasha in the early 20th-century. At that time, there were five Lutheran churches in the area: three German, one Danish and one Norwegian. English - speaking Lutherans wanted their own church. The Rev. William C. Stump, who had started the county's first English - speaking Lutheran Church in 1905, came to Neenah to explore the possibilities. He and a group of interested persons arranged for services to be held at a small chapel, owned by the Norwegians, on Bond street in Neenah. Services began in 1912. The new congregation bought the building in 1913. Membership grew rapidly. The building became more crowded each Sunday. Finally, the issue was forced when the weight of the people attending the service one day caused the floor to collapse. The congregation immediately bought land for a new church, which was dedicated in May, 1916. St. Paul's has remained at that **location ever since**, although the facility has been expanded through a number of building projects. The stained-glass windows which are shown here were, for the most part, installed in 1978. One panel of older windows, the "Oak Leaves," panel remains.





Windows along the north wall of the narthex



Window 5, north wall  
Feeding the multitudes

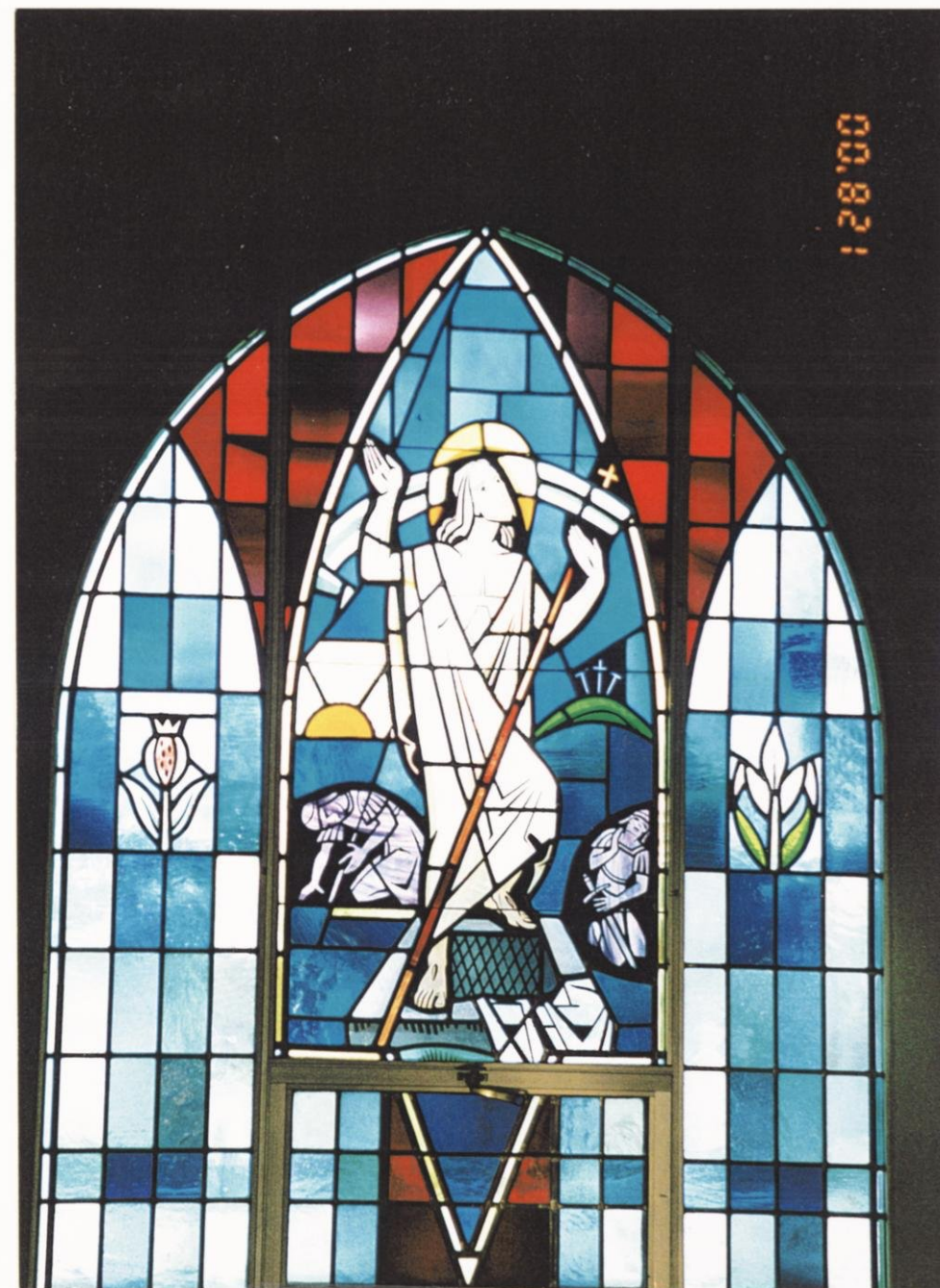


Window 4, north wall  
Christ in the Garden





Window 3, north wall  
The prodigal son



Window 2, north wall  
The Resurrection



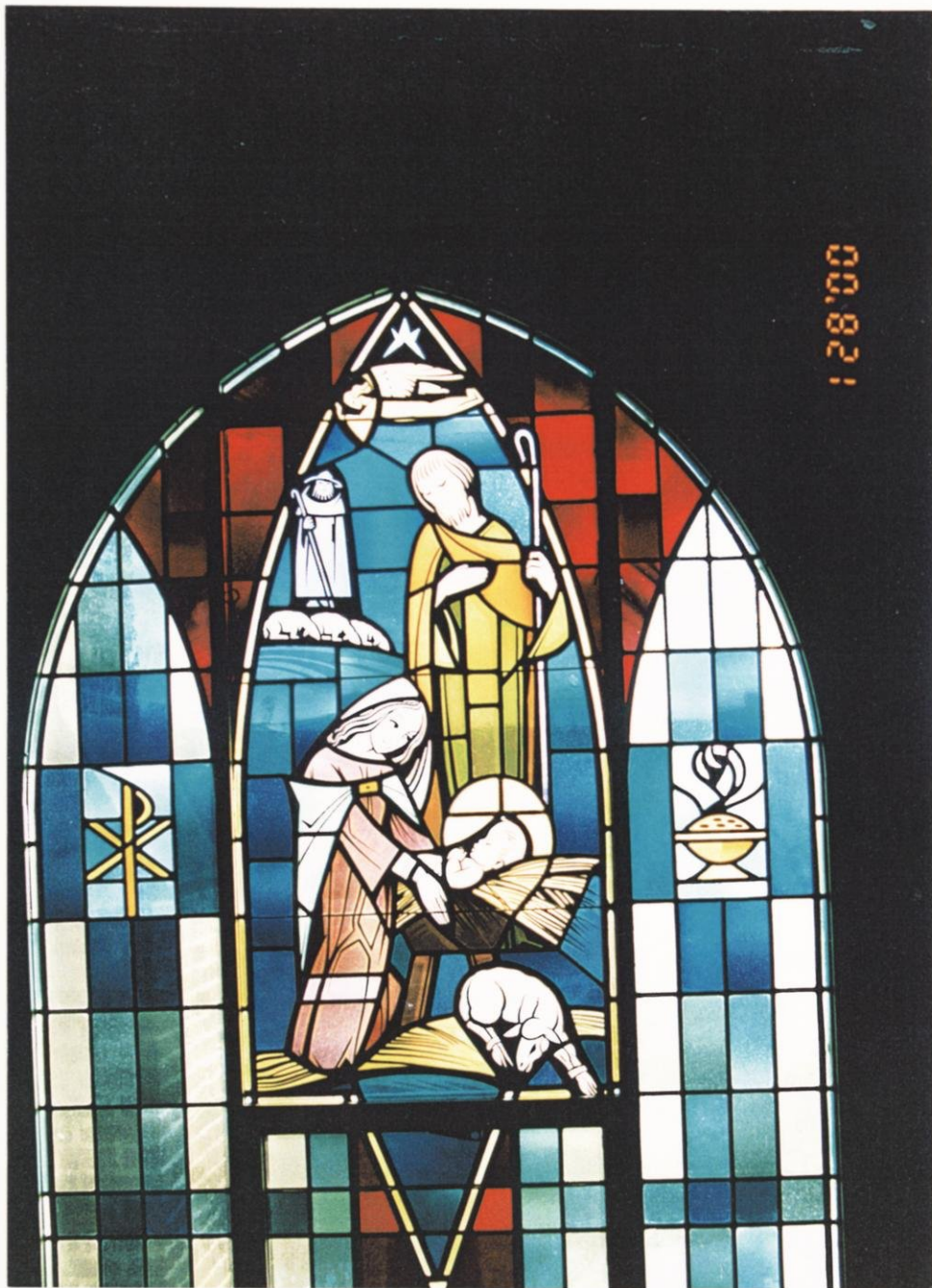
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The Crucifixion



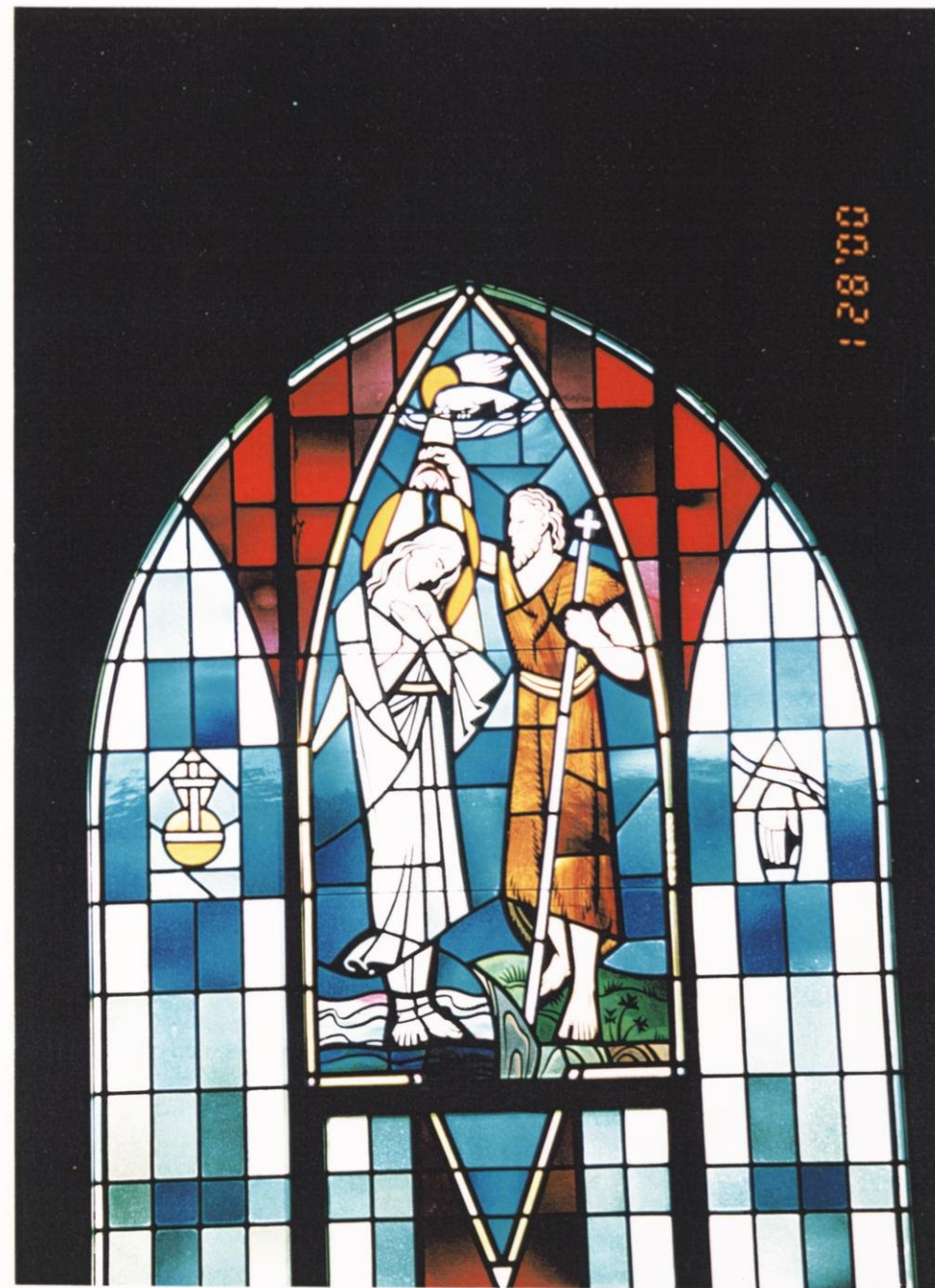
Oak leaf window behind the altar



The altar



Window 1, south wall  
The birth of Christ



Window 2, south wall  
The Baptism of Christ



Window 3, south wall  
The Ascension



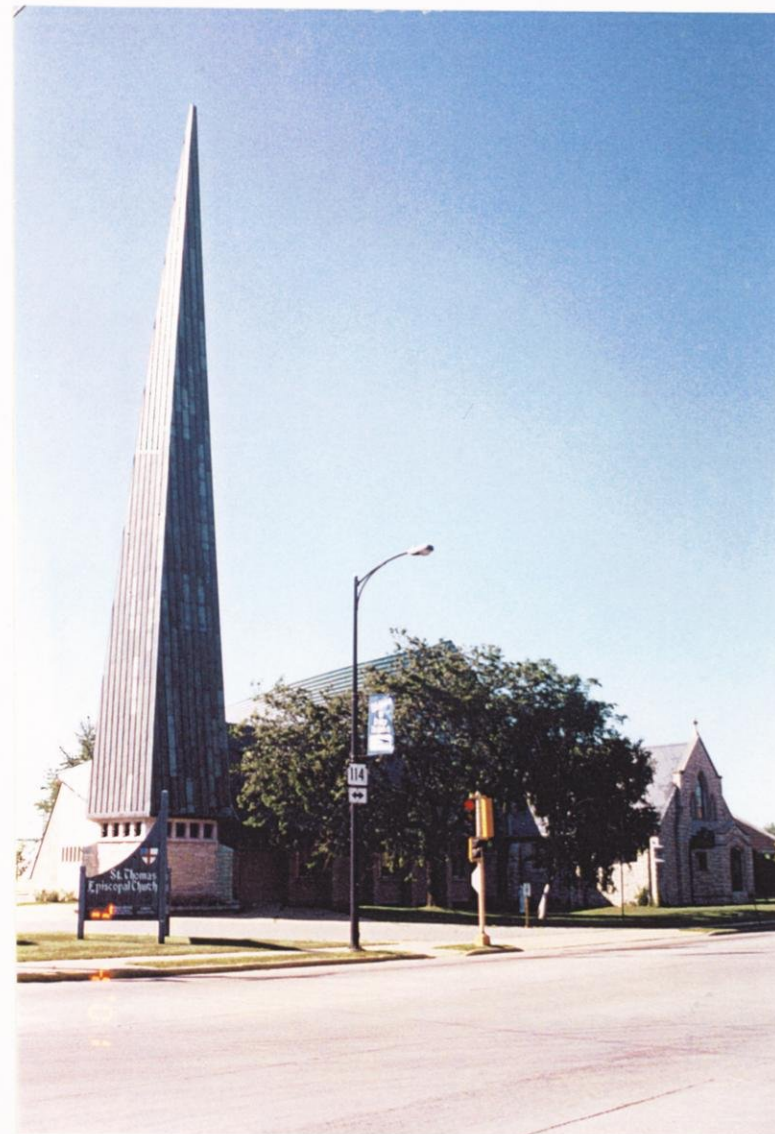
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Christ the King

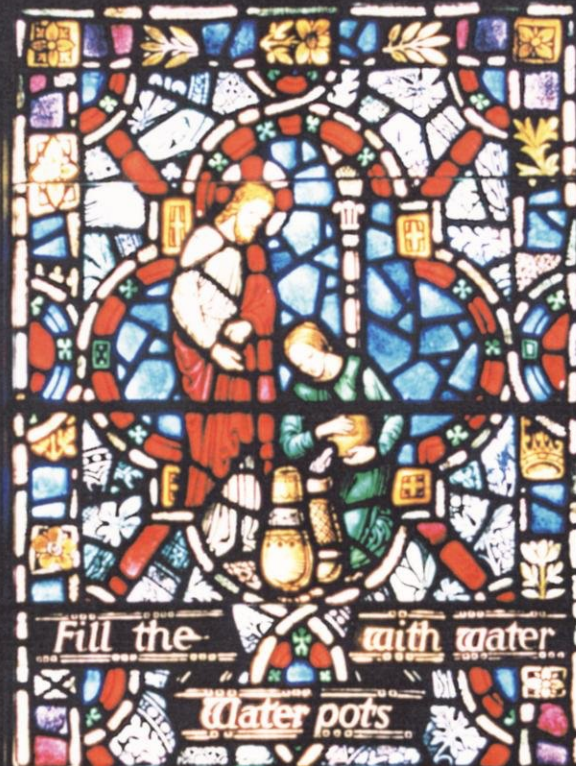
# SAINT THOMAS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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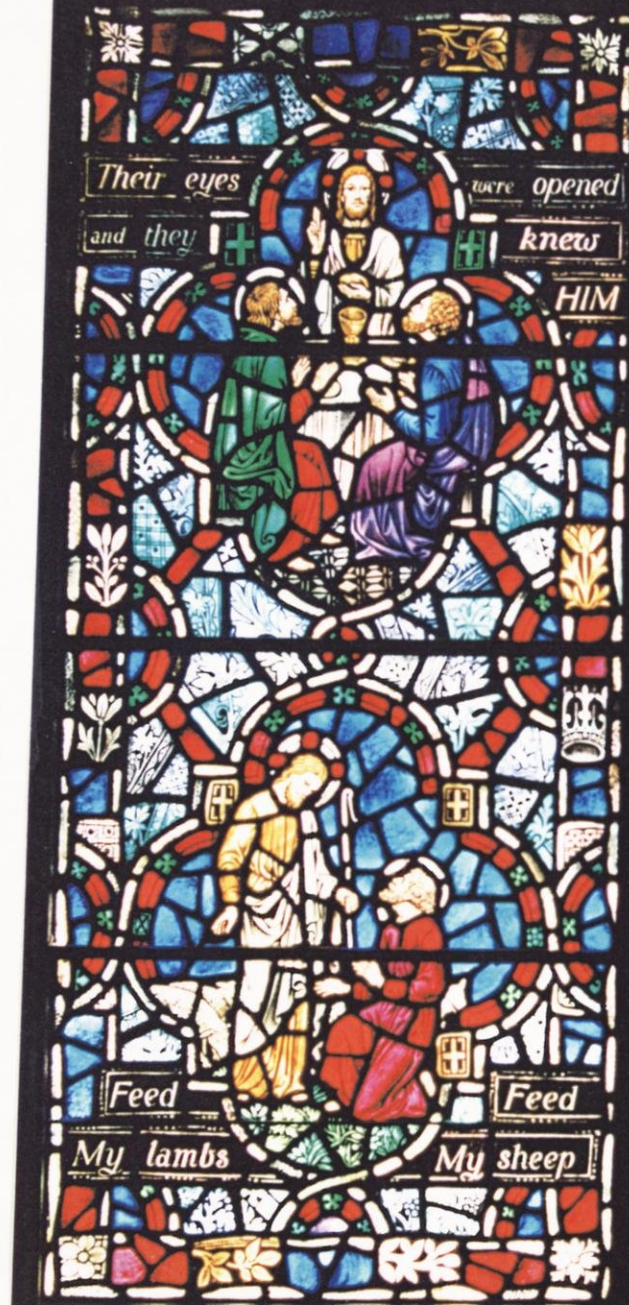
Saint Thomas has its origin in the merger of two smaller Episcopal churches, Saint Stephen's which was founded in Menasha in 1859 and Trinity Episcopal Church which began in Neenah in 1869. Neither church was able to make a go of it over the long haul, so in 1914, the two merged under the name of Saint Thomas. The first church was built the following year, on the site of the current building. The first church burned down in February, 1961. The new building was completed in June, 1963.

The church's stained glass windows were made between 1931 and 1938. They were saved from destruction in the 1961 fire, were restored and incorporated into the the new building.





East wall, window 3  
Miracles of Christ



East wall, window 2  
After the Resurrection

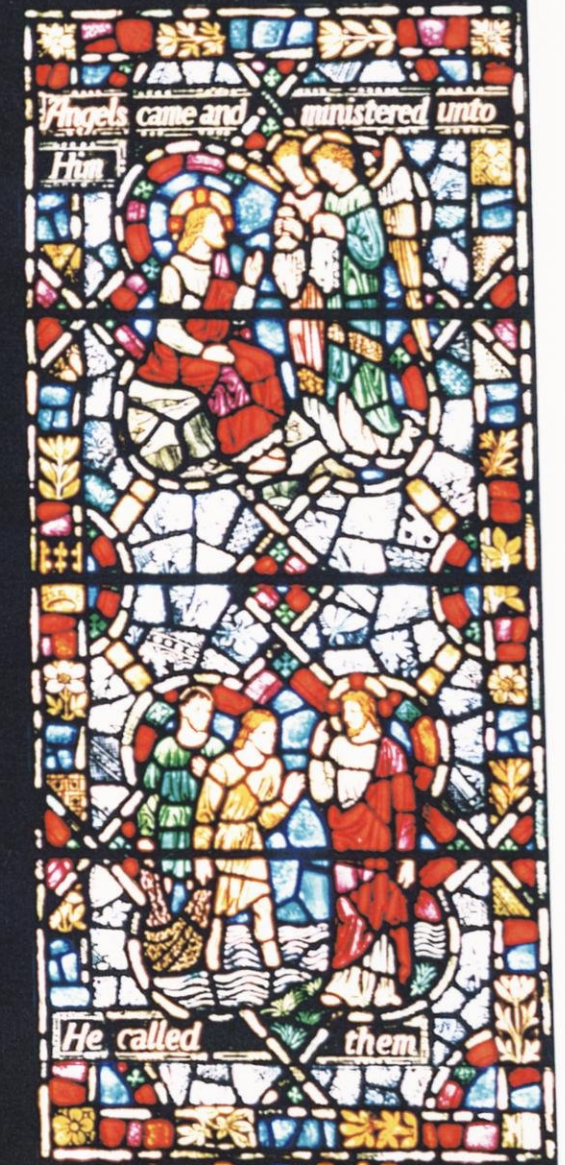




East wall ,window 1  
Parables



Chapel, north wall, window 3  
Annunciation, Nativity, Flight to Egypt,  
Christ growing up



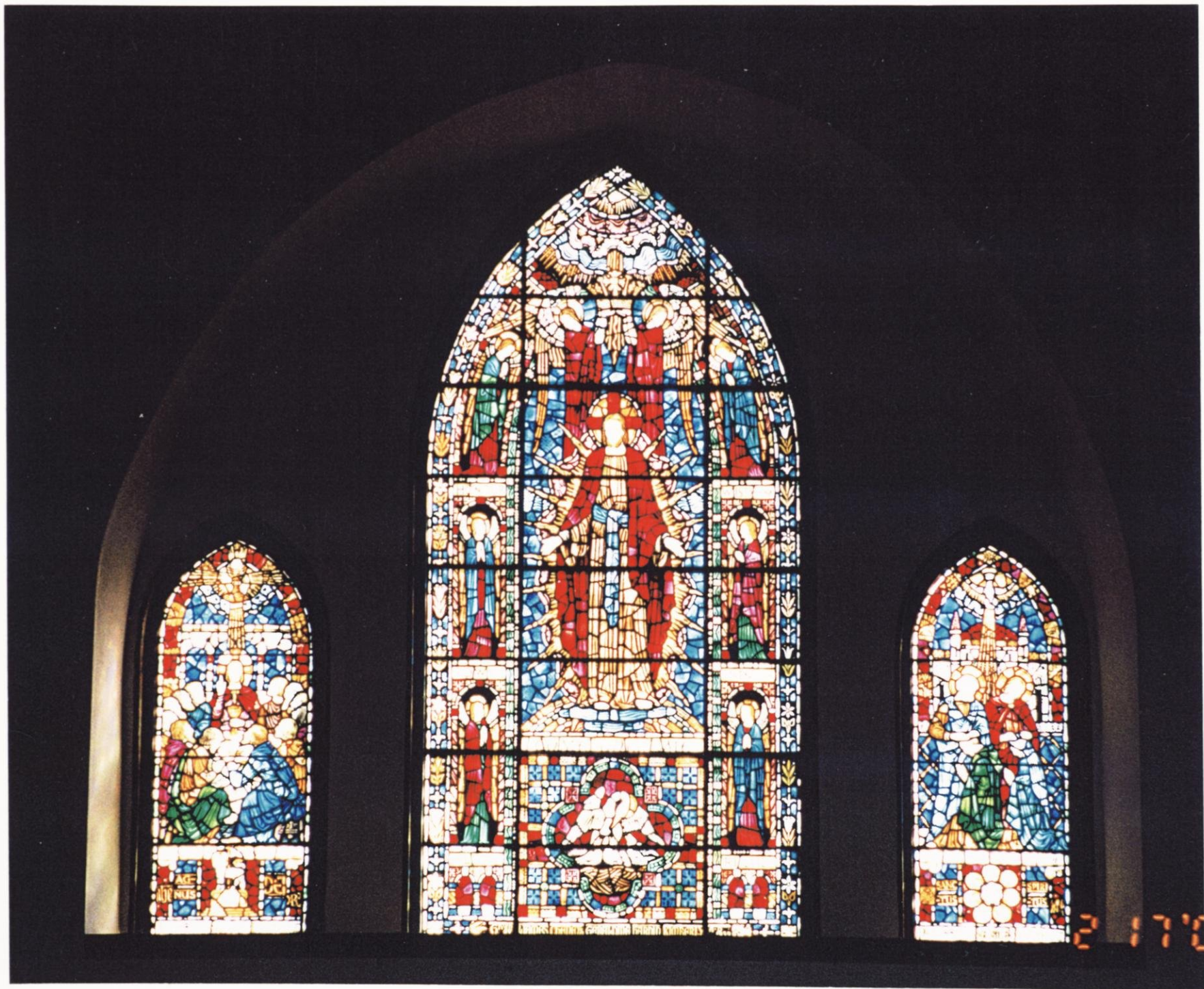
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Chapel, north wall, window 2  
Christ's ministry: in the wilderness,  
baptism, calling the Disciples



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Chapel, north wall, window 1  
Christ's teachings



Window above the chapel altar



Chapel, south wall, window 1  
Christ's passion: the Garden, the trial,  
scourged, dragging his cross, crucified



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Chapel, south wall, window 2  
The Ascension



Office window  
Praising God





Organ loft

# SAINT TIMOTHY LUTHERAN CHURCH

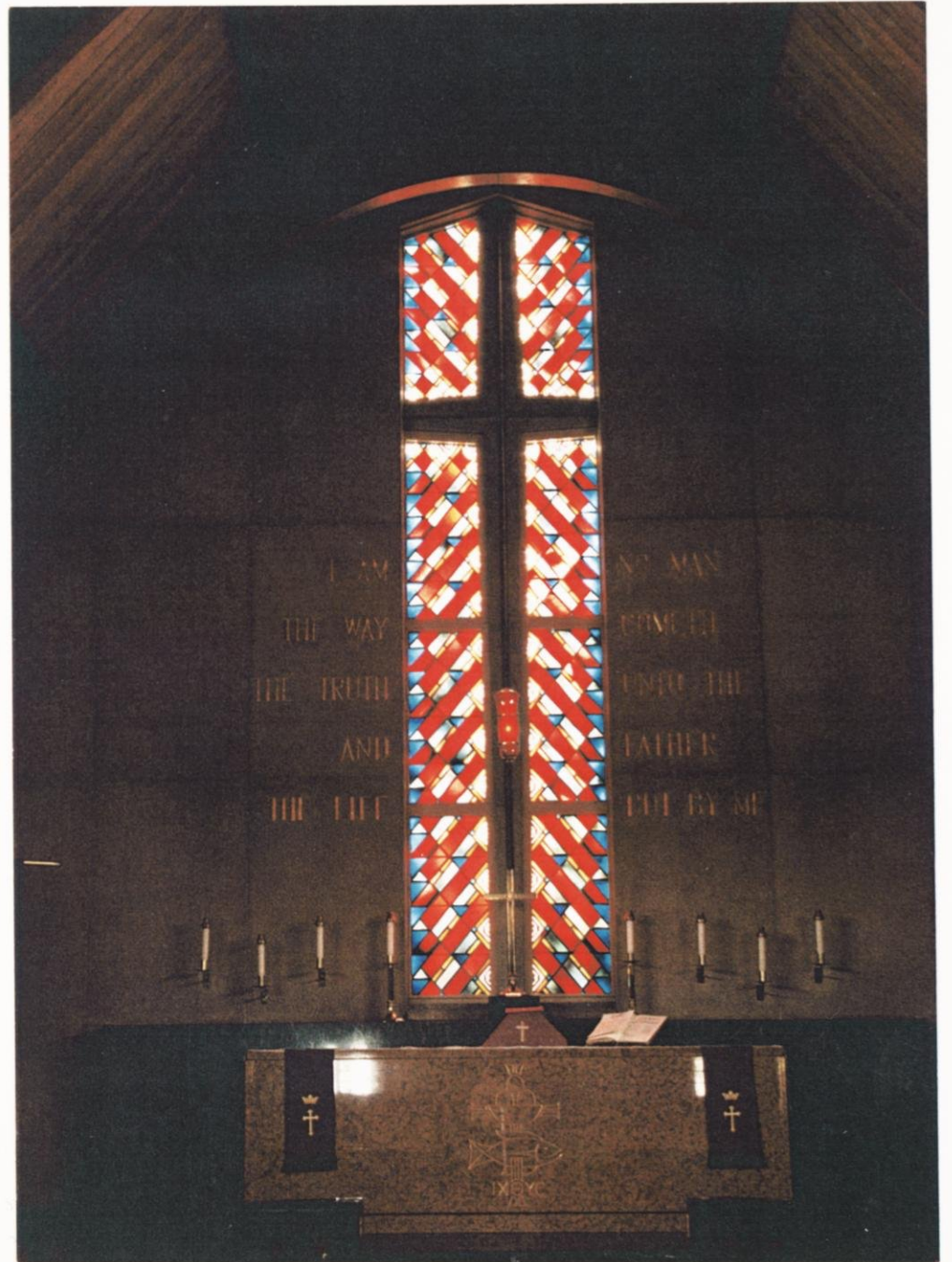
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The history of St. Timothy Evangelical Lutheran Church begins in August, 1944, when Pastor Dwight Shelhart began canvassing Menasha hoping to find enough interest to establish another Lutheran church in Menasha. In September, eighty people gathered for the initial meeting; on October 29, 1944, two hundred seventy two people attended the new church's first service. The next week, the Sunday School was organized. The congregation is named after St. Paul's protege, Timothy, because 114 members of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Neenah, were allowed to leave to become charter members of the new church. The construction of the church building and the parsonage began in 1950. The new church building was dedicated two years later, on September 14, 1952. Twenty - one years later, the church expanded by adding extra Sunday School classrooms, meeting rooms, a lounge and a new office for the pastor. In 1987, the congregation became part of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America following the merger of the Lutheran Church in America, the American Lutheran Church and the Assn. of Evangelical Lutheran Church.





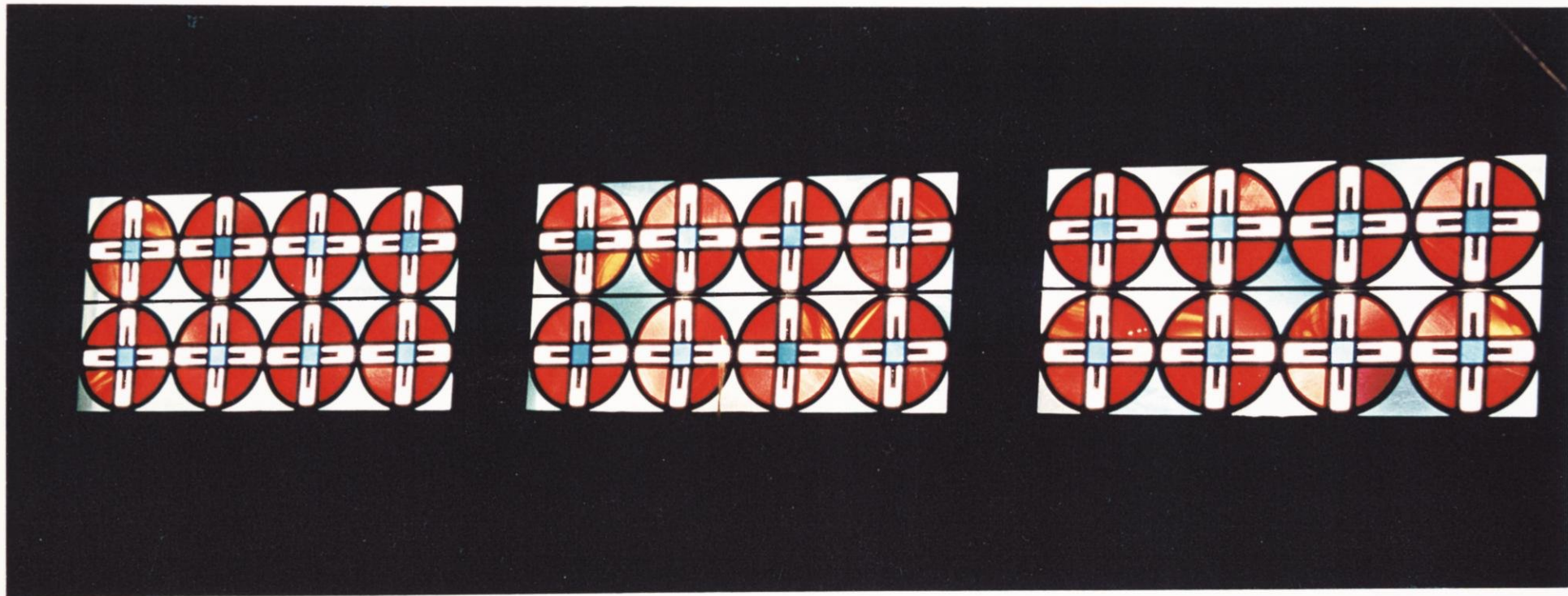
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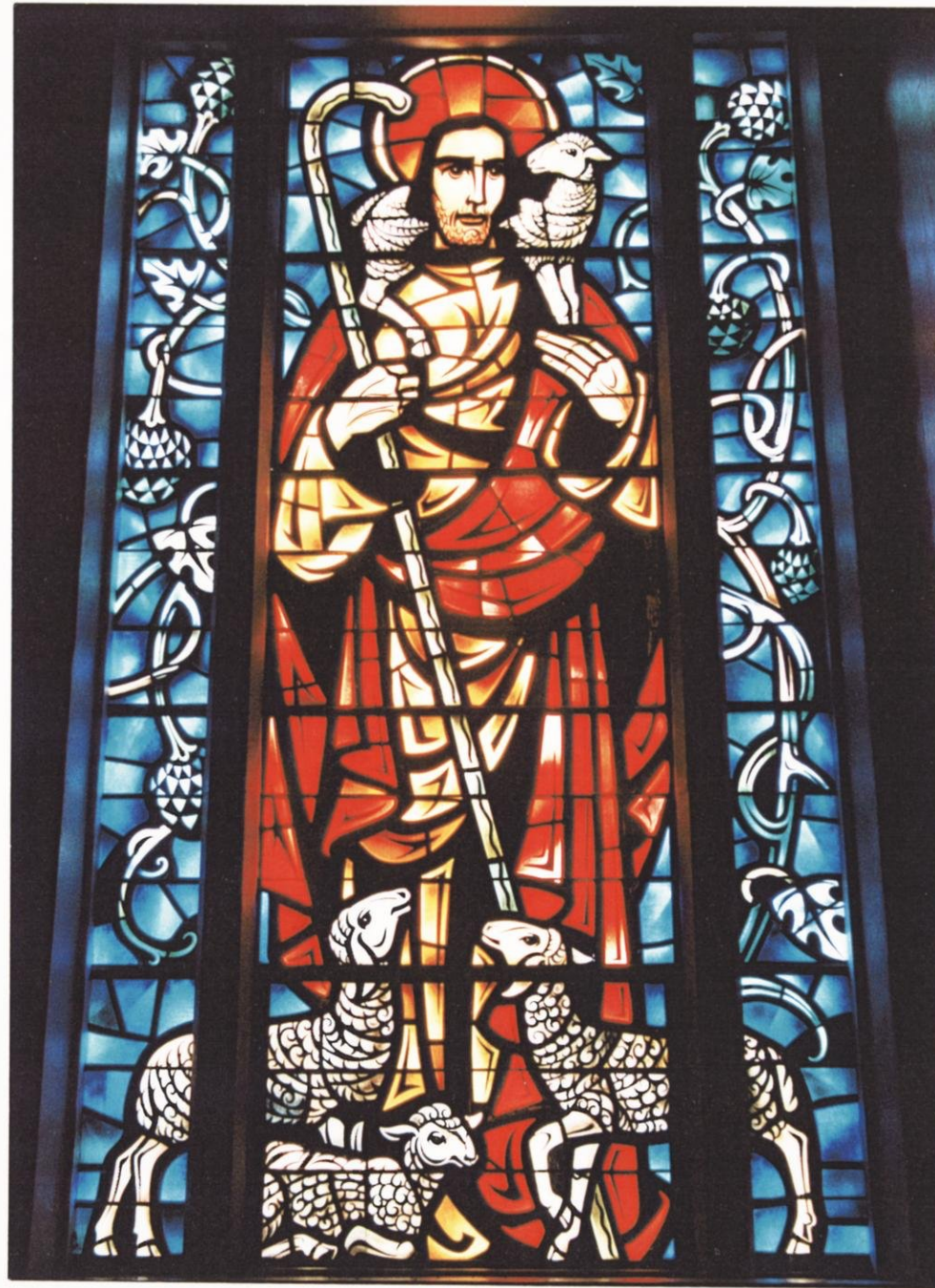
Altar closeup



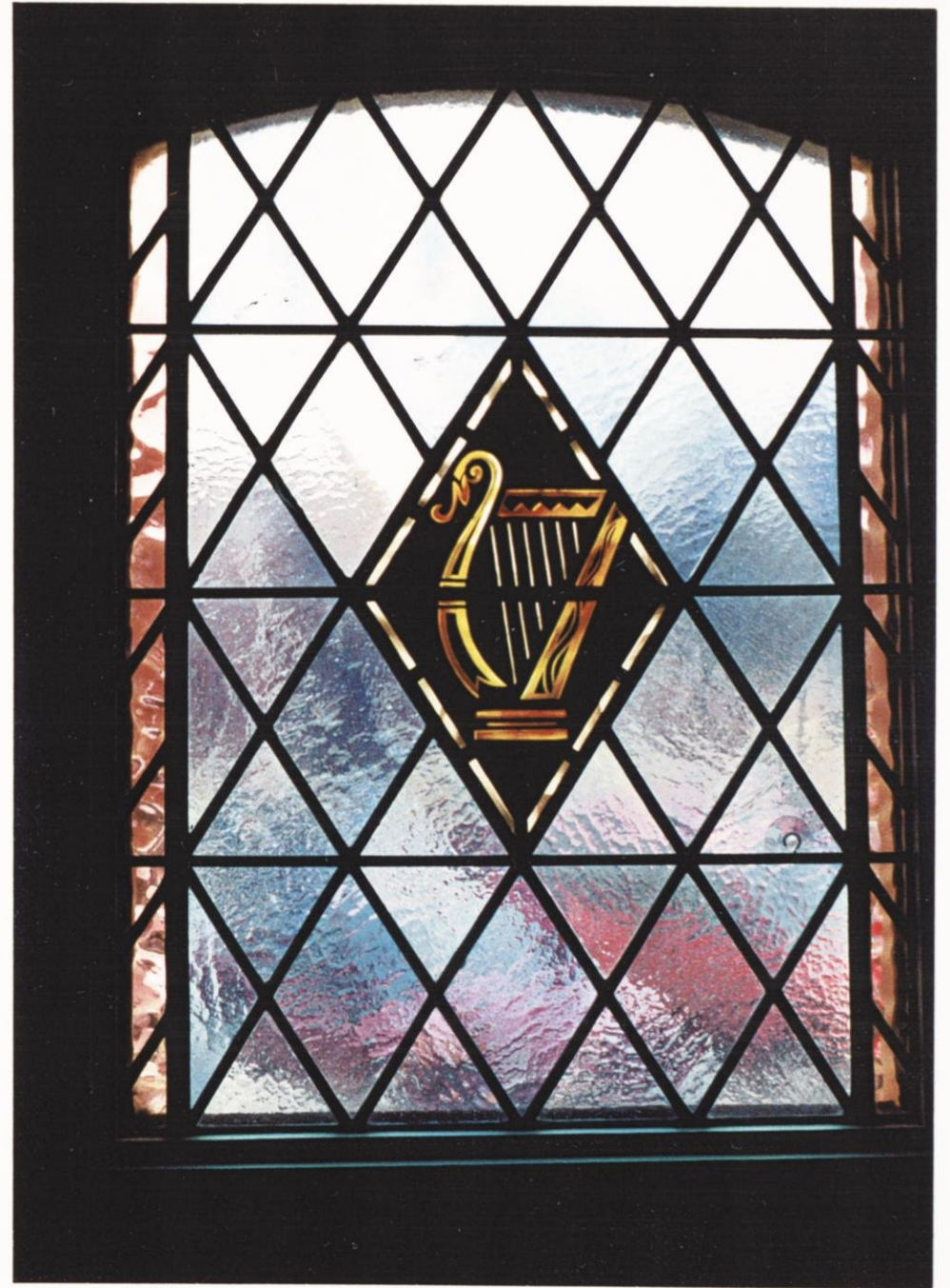
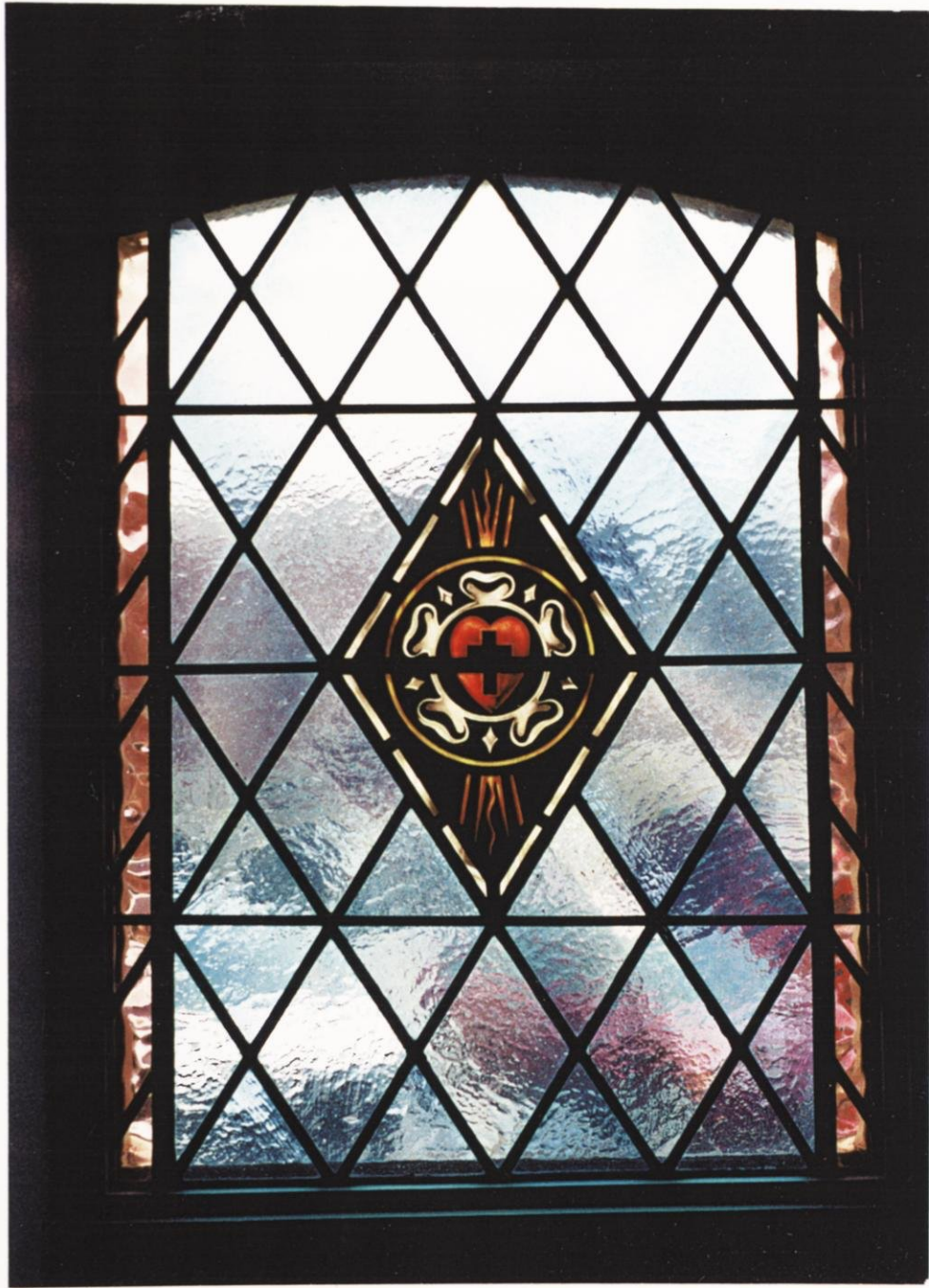
Woodcarving in the sanctuary  
Christ with the children



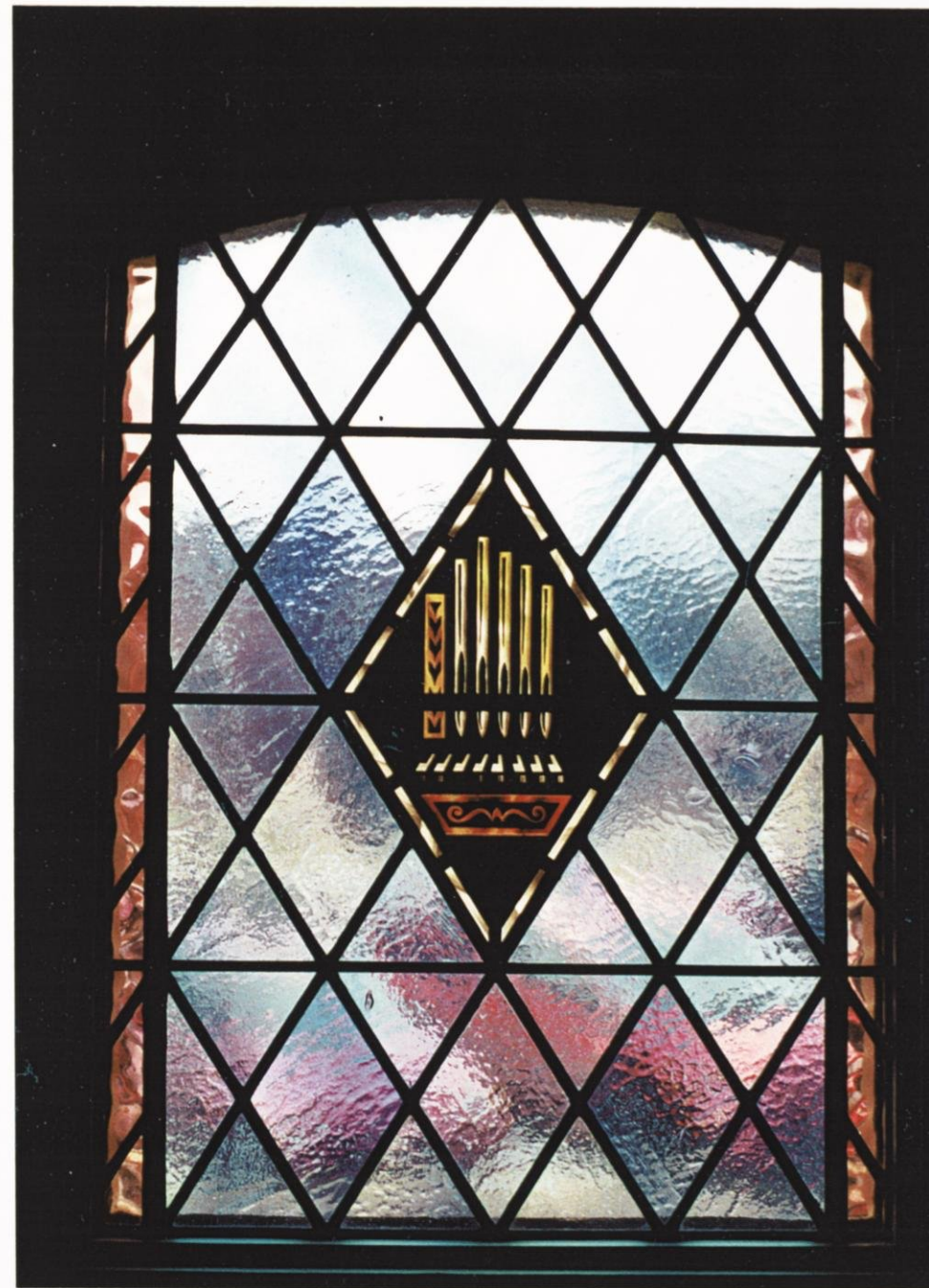
Typical sanctuary sidelight



Window at the back of the sanctuary  
Christ the shepherd

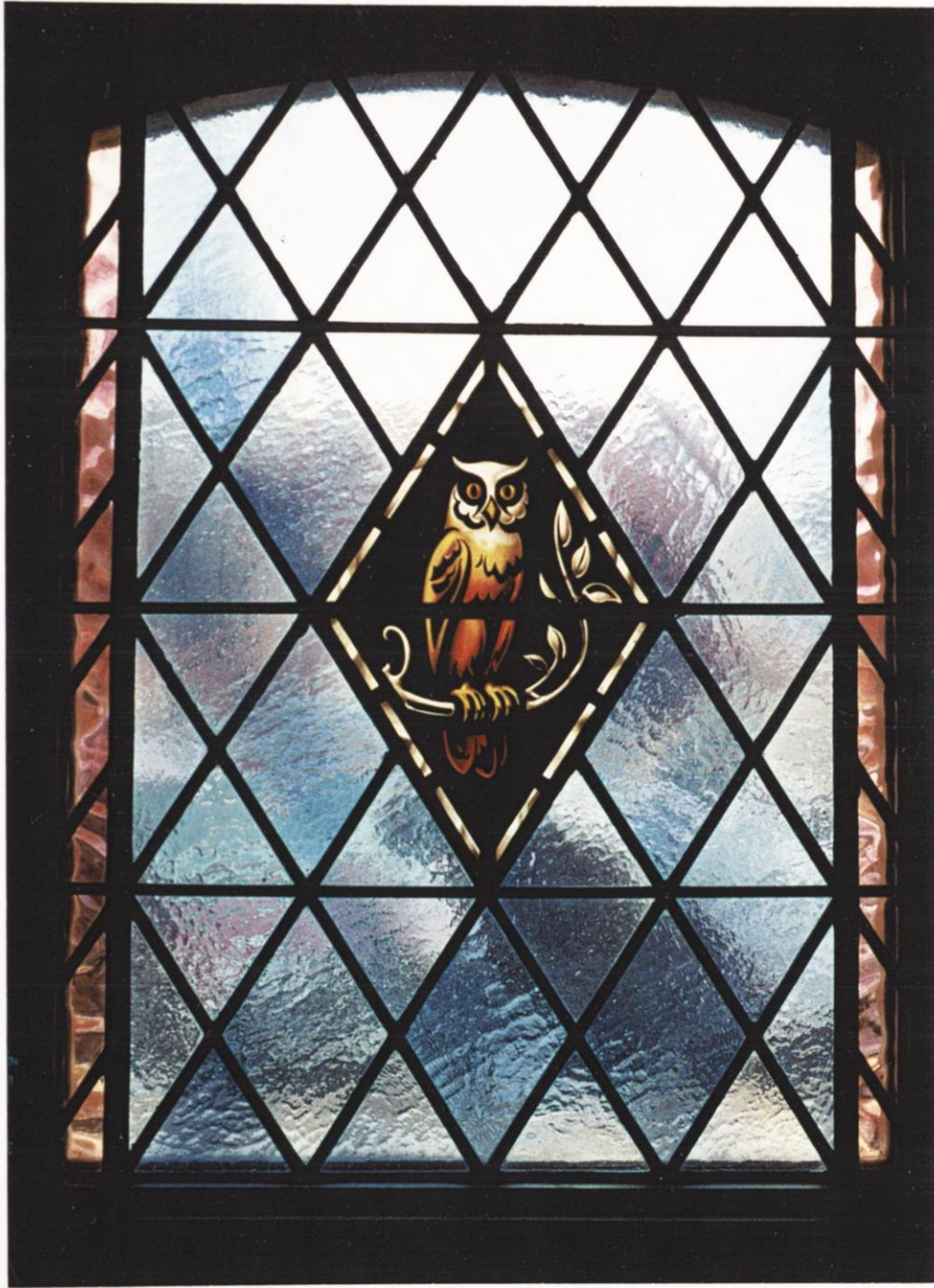


West and west - center office windows

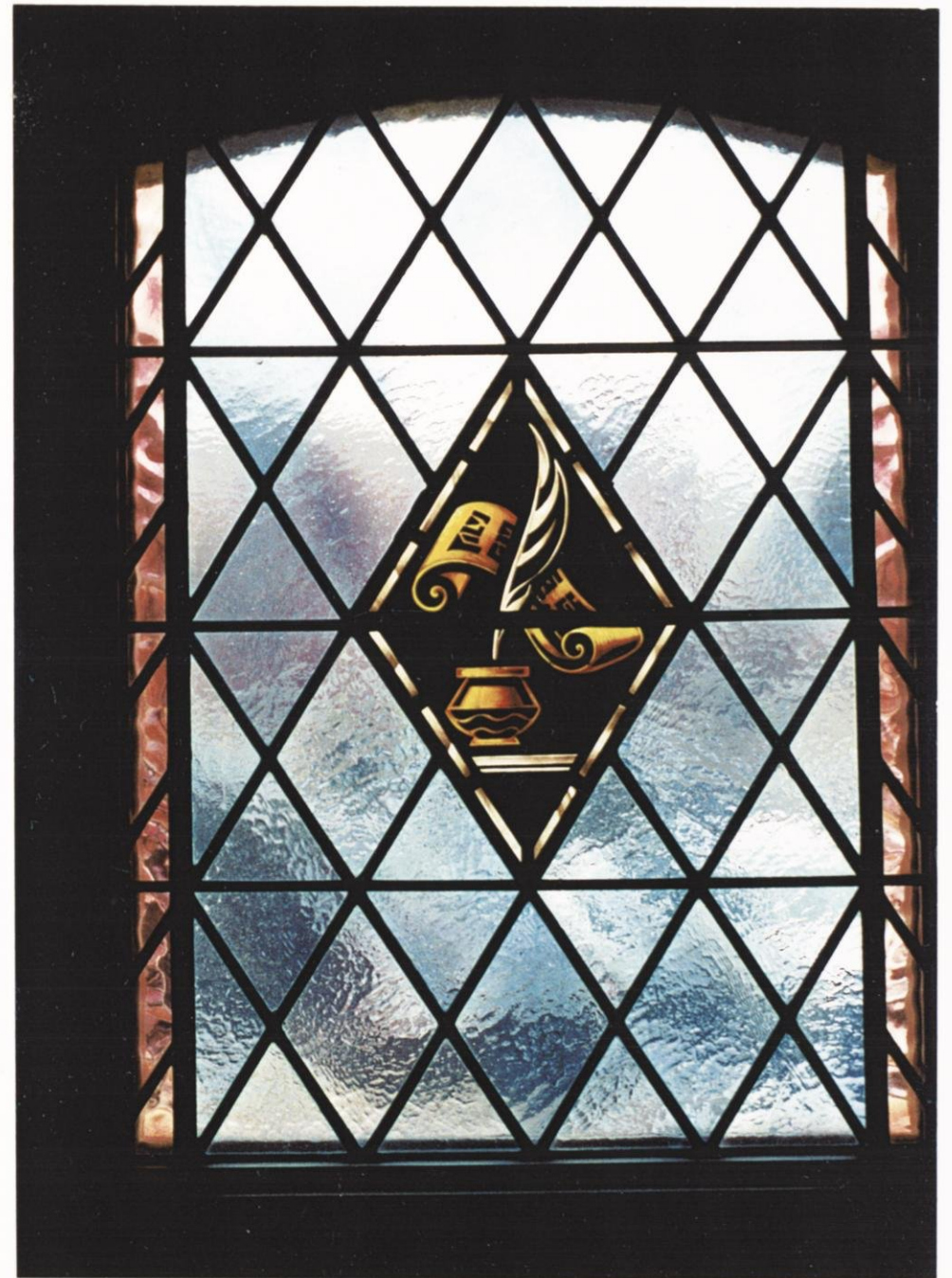
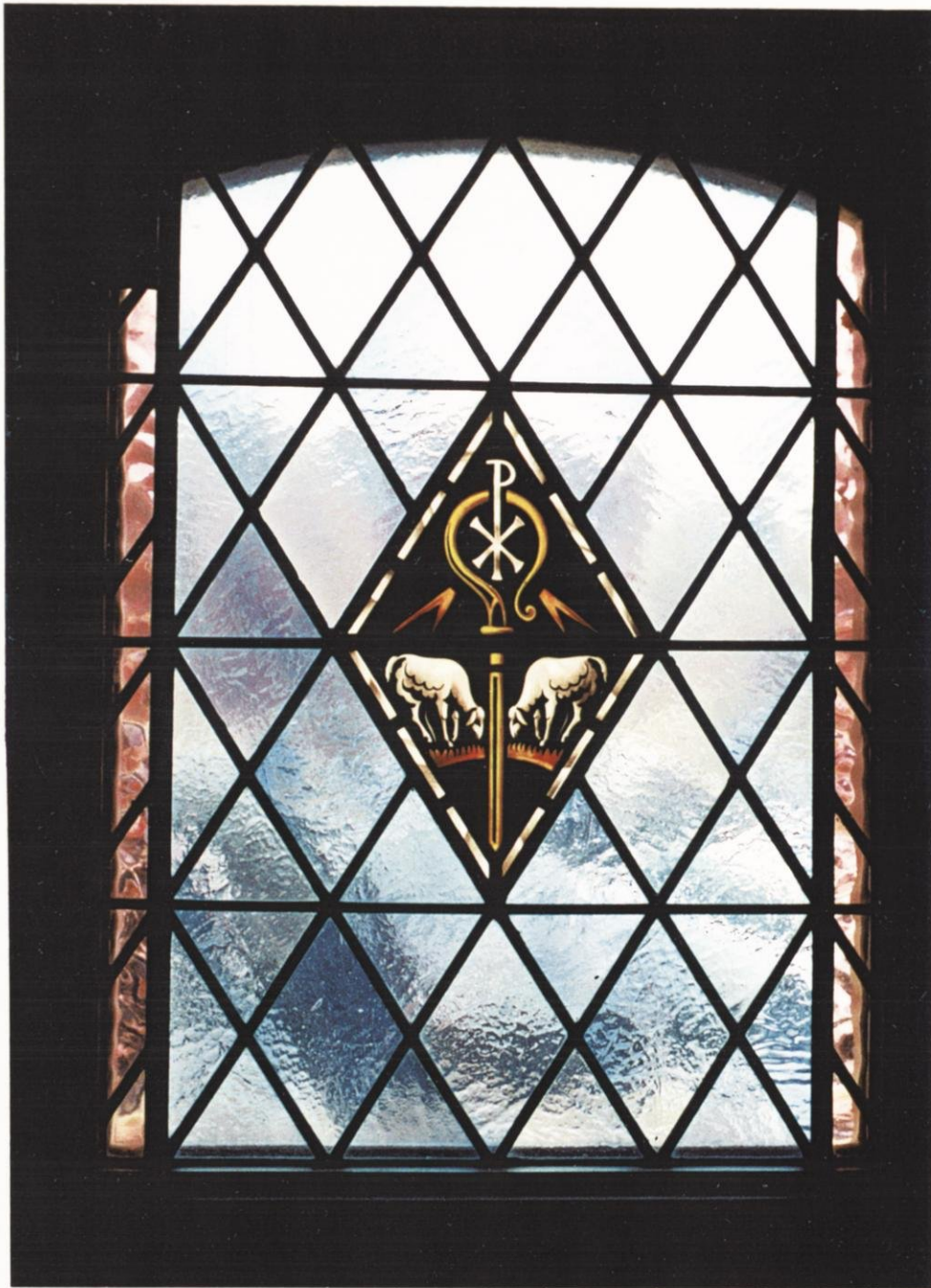


East - center and east office windows





Pastor's office  
West and west - center windows



Pastor's office  
East - center and east windows



# TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH OF MENASHA

300 Broad Street  
Menasha, WI 54952

Trinity Lutheran in Menasha began in 1857. The first church building was located on Chute Street between Tayco and Milwaukee Streets. By 1893, it was too small for the congregation's needs, so a new church was built across the street. That building served for 60 years, but it, too, was outgrown. In 1952, construction started on the current church; it was completed in 1957. Offices, additional classroom space for the school and a gymnasium were added in 1967.

Trinity Lutheran Church is a fellowship of Lutheran Christians empowered by the Holy Spirit through the Word of God and His Sacraments to encourage, refresh and strengthen both adults and children in the redemptive work of Jesus Christ, while sharing His love with those who do not know their Savior.





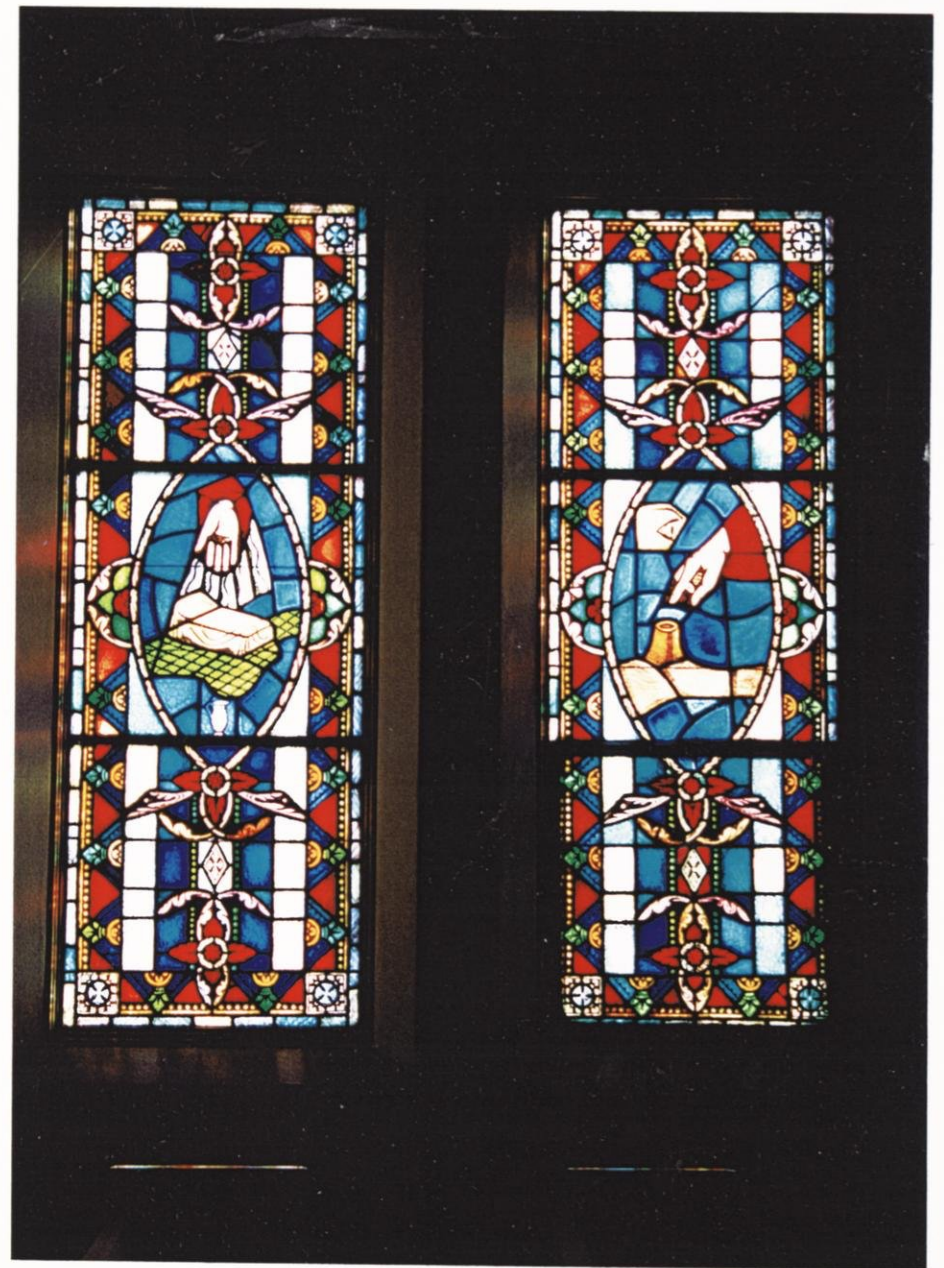
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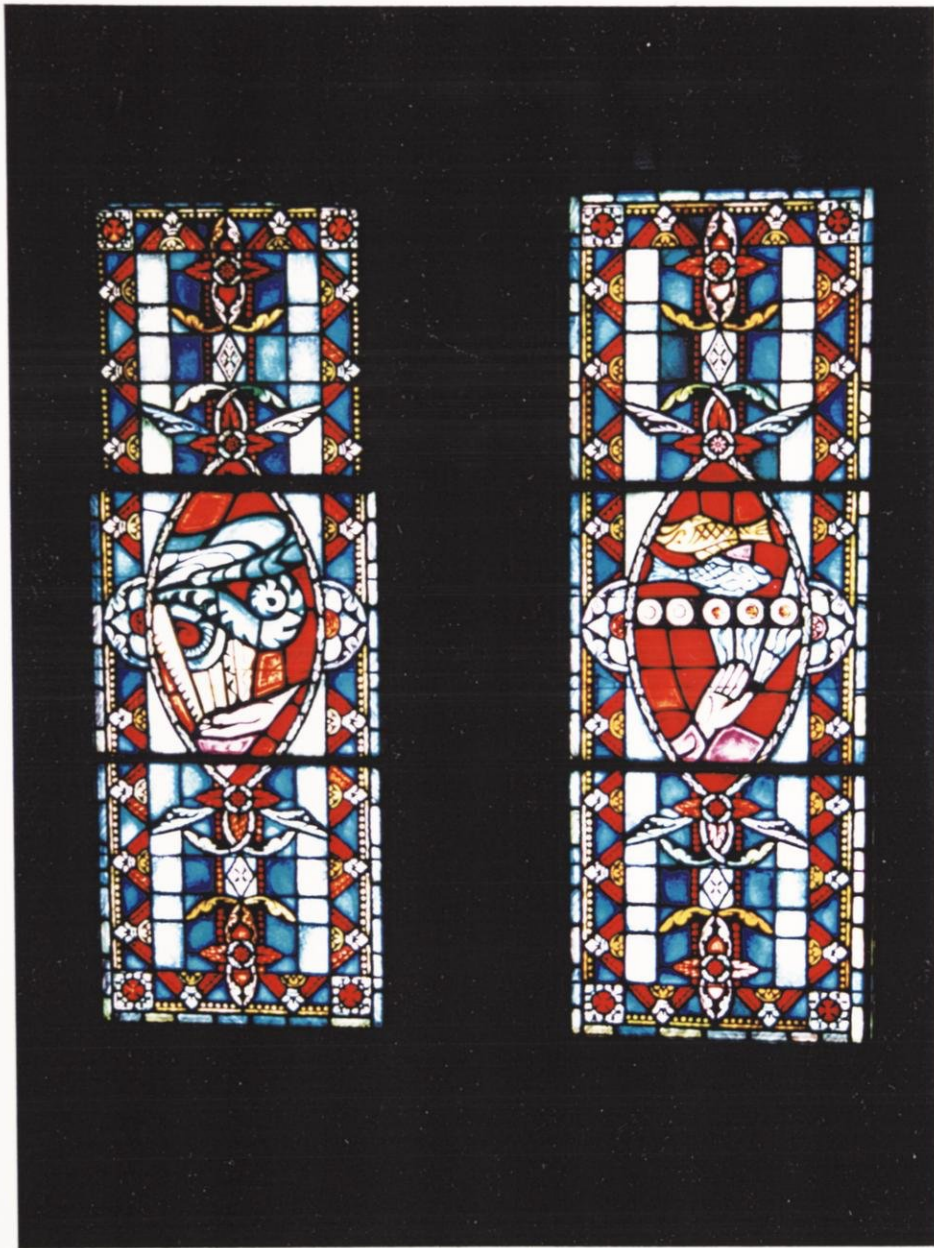
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Window 2, south wall



Window 1, south wall



Altar

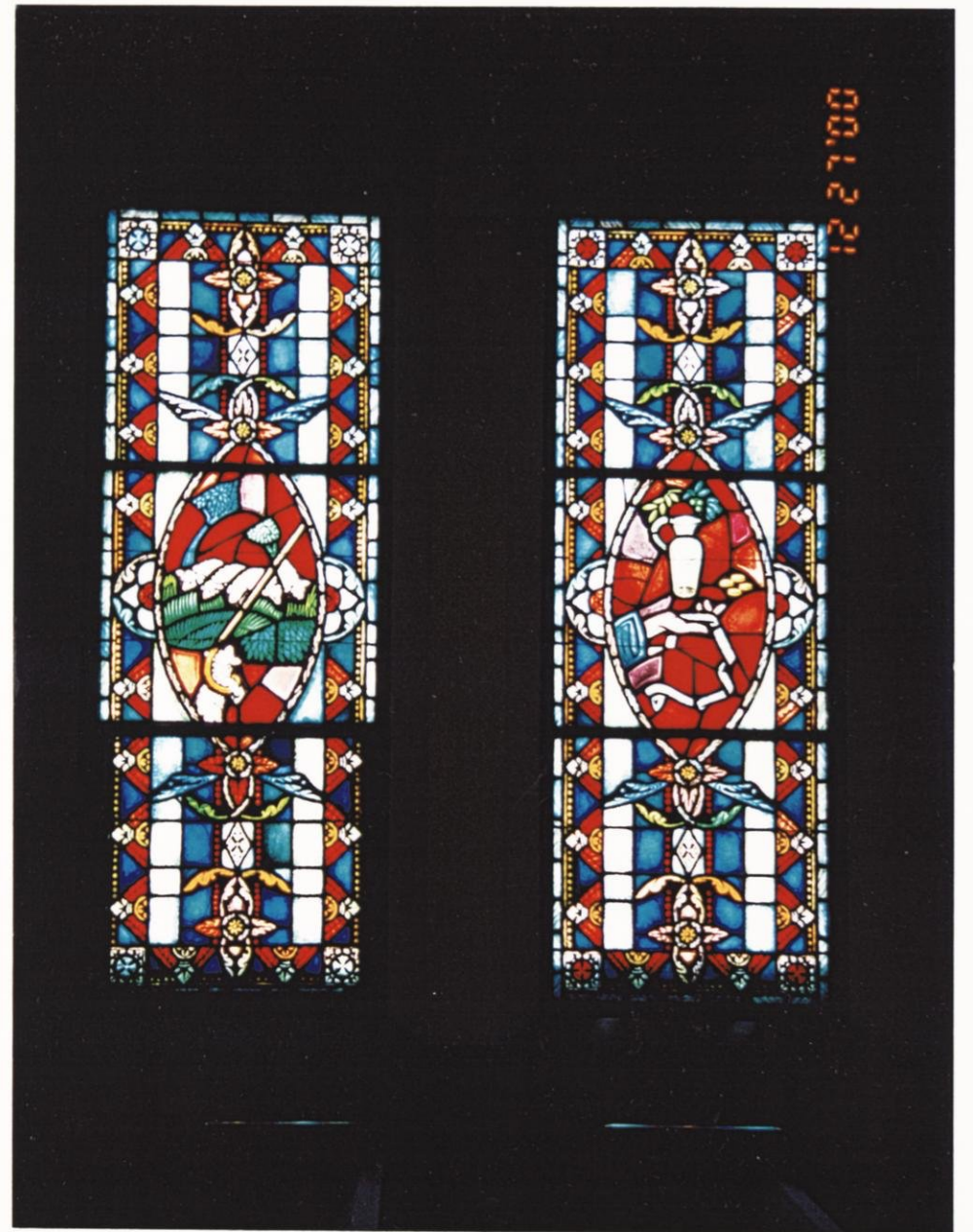


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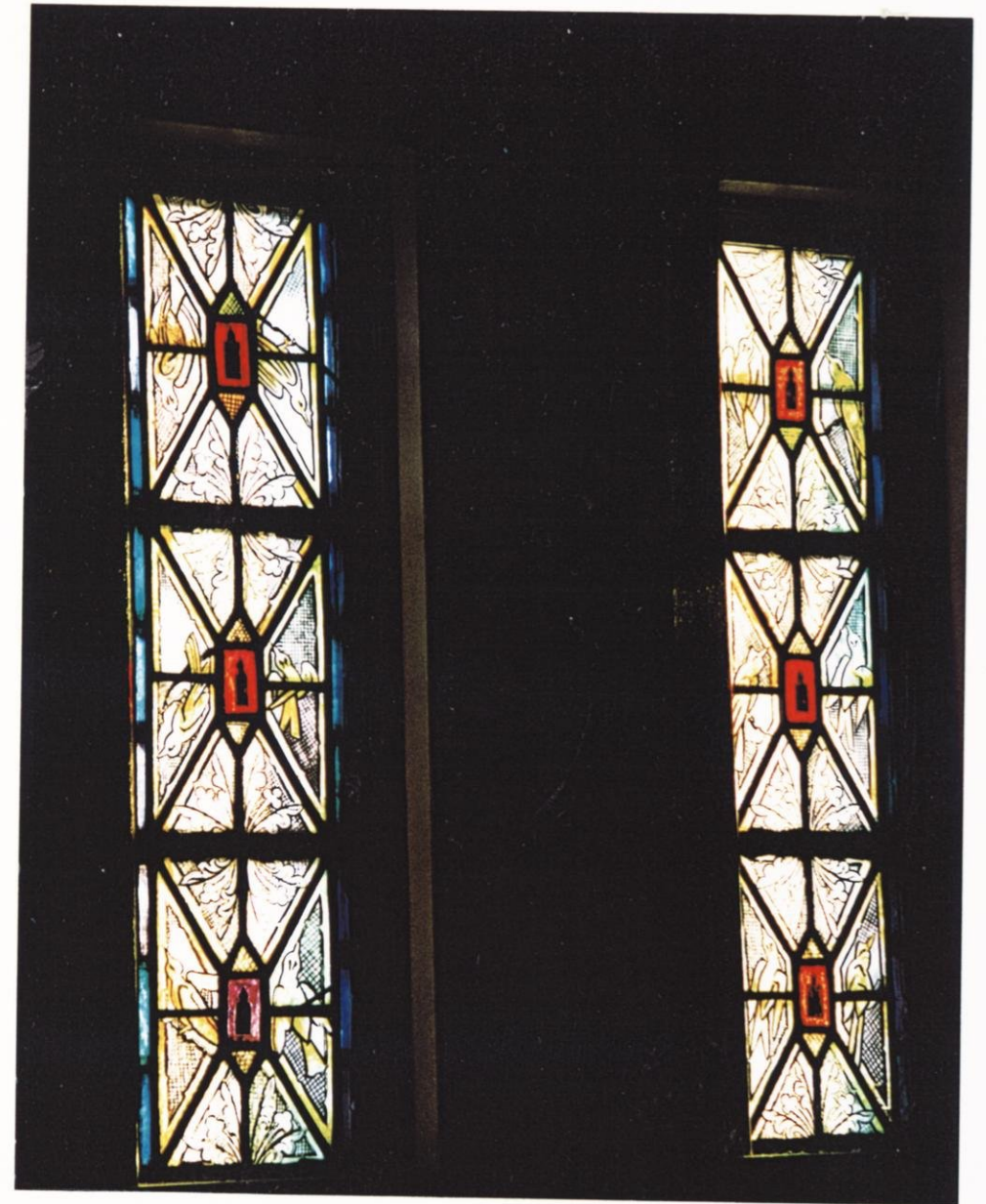
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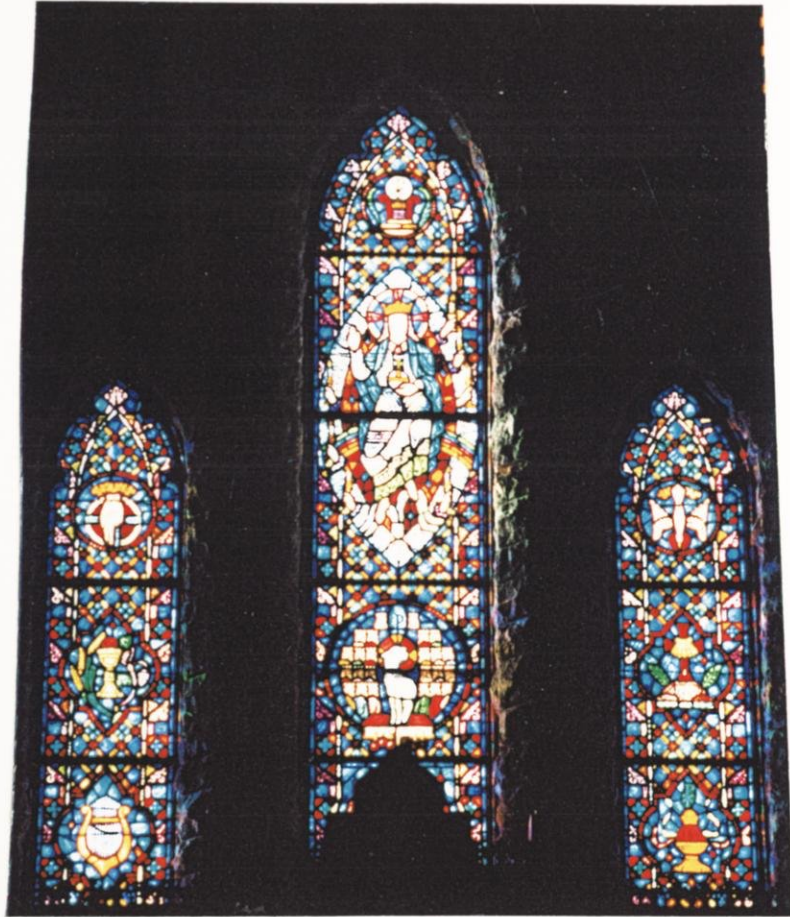
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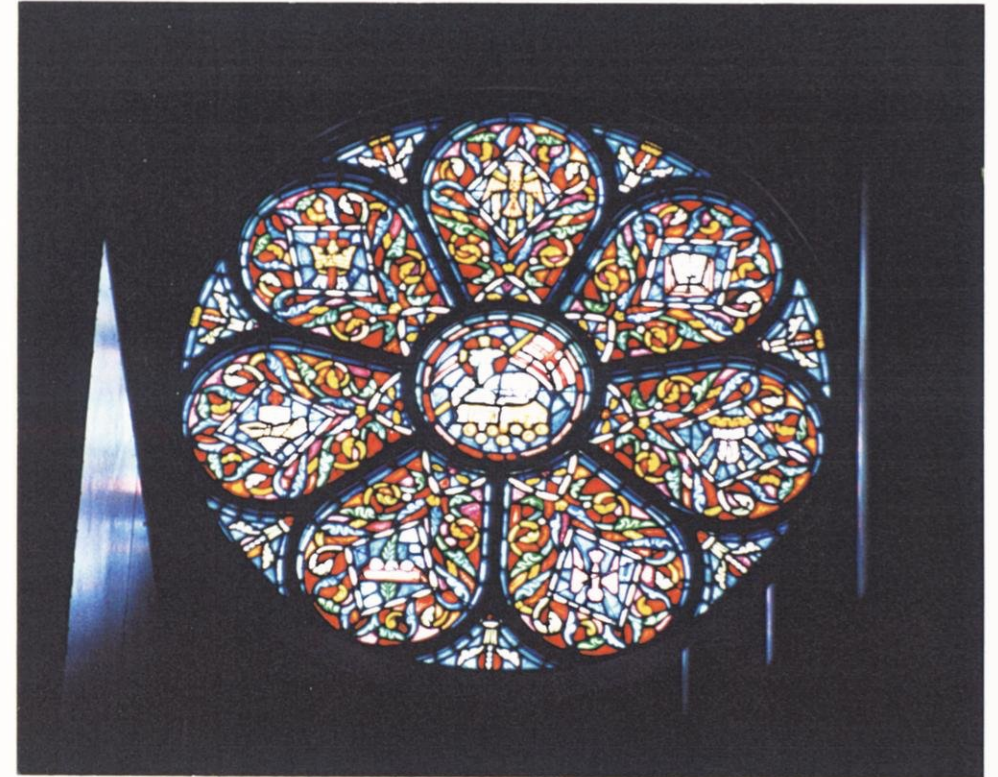
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Stairway window



Window behind the altar



Rose window

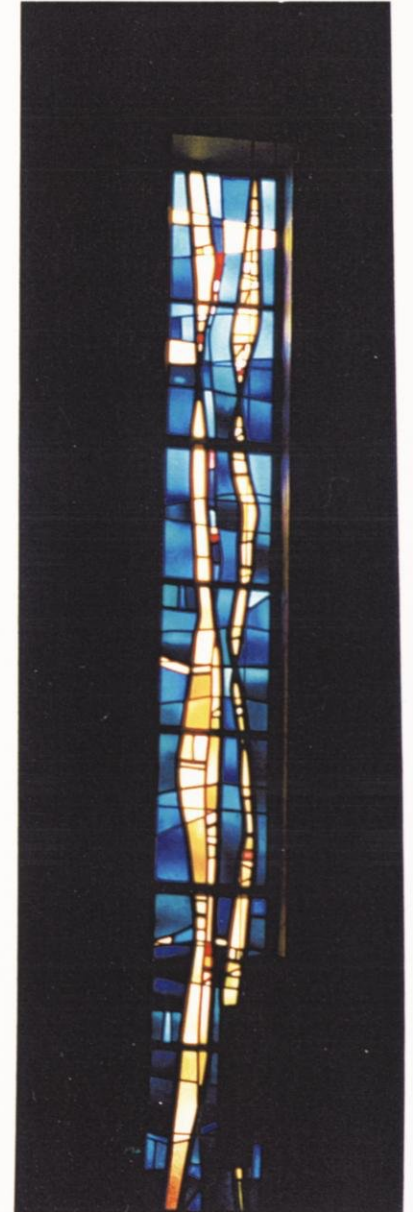
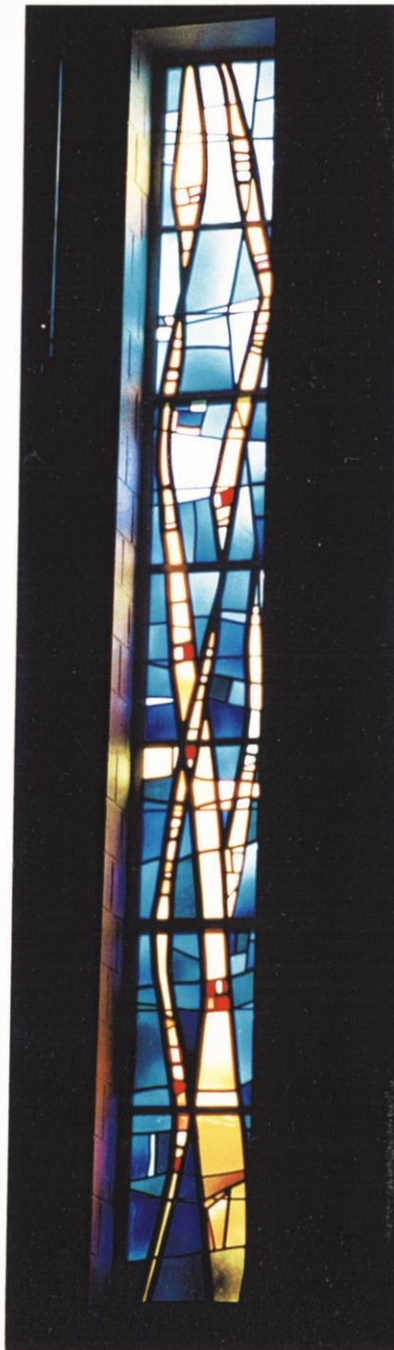
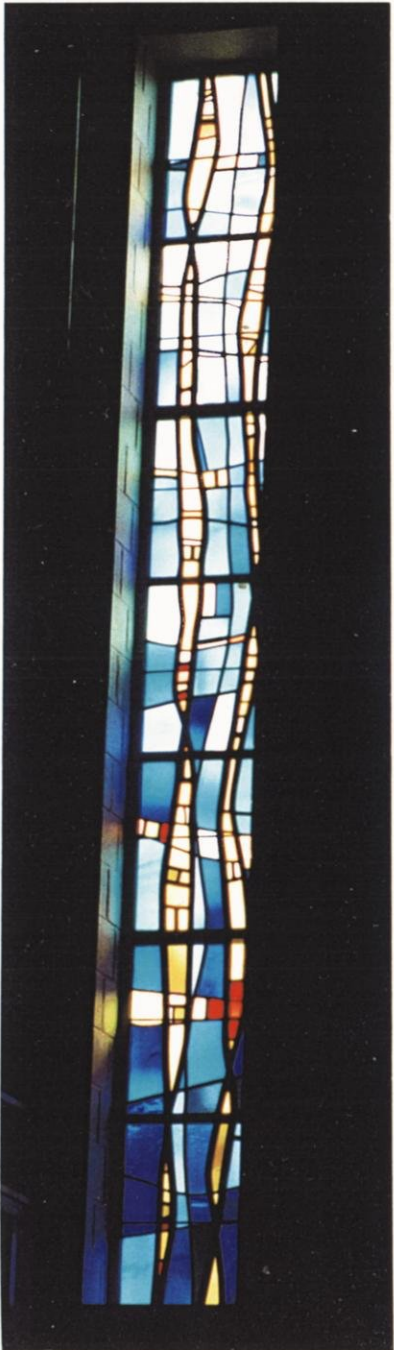
# TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH OF NEENAH

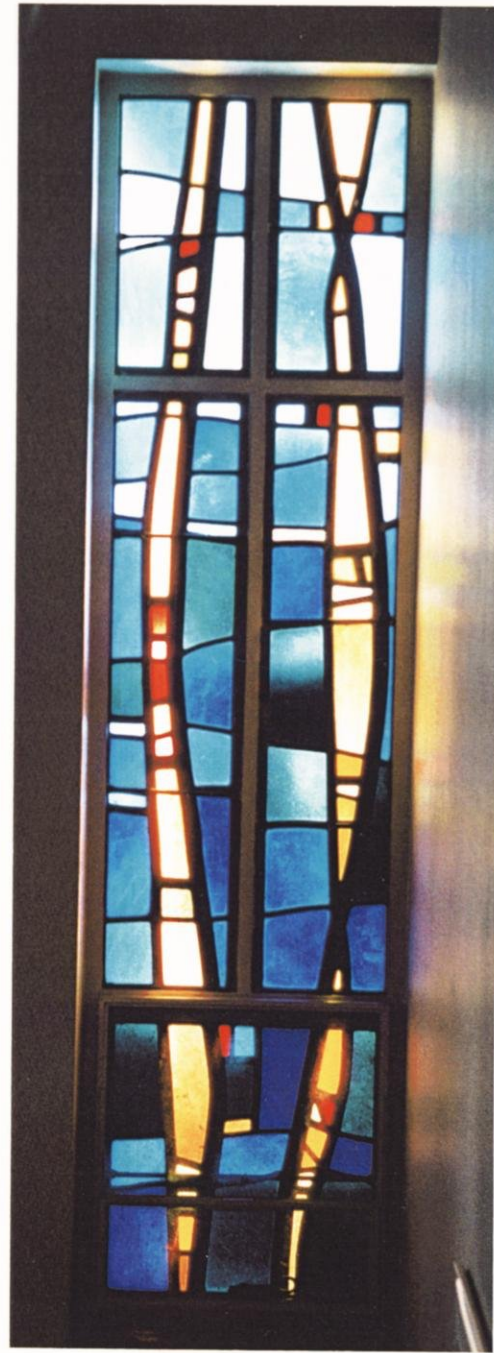
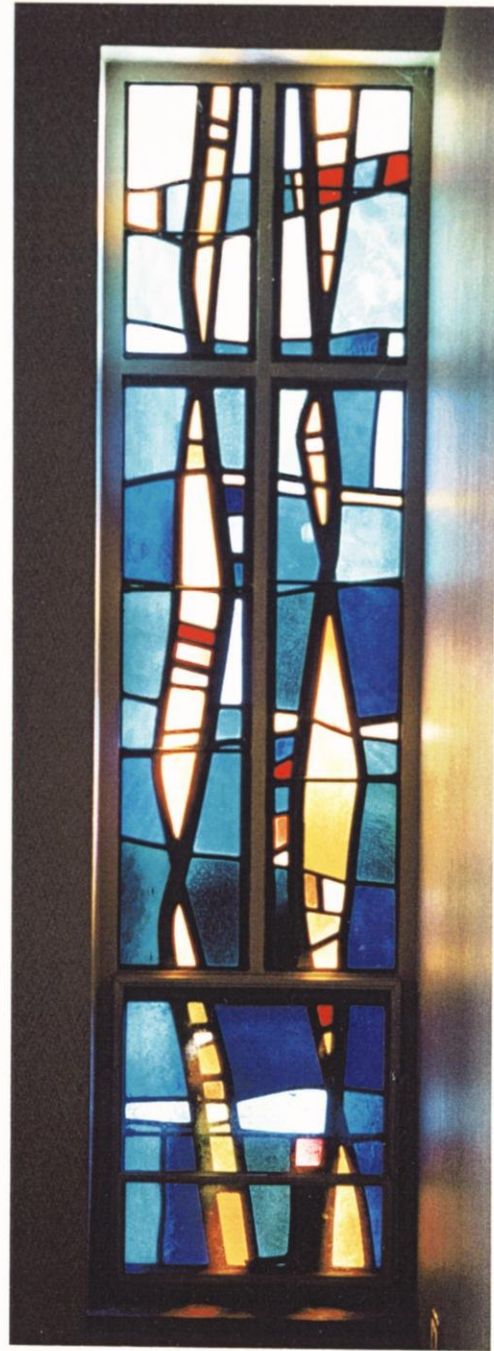
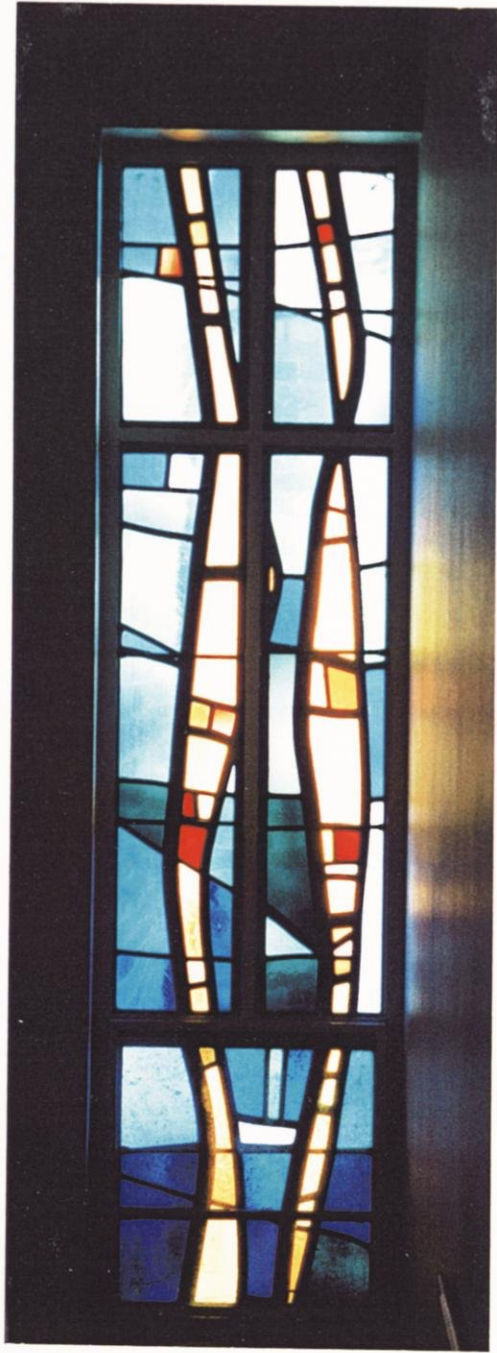
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In 1857, circuit-riding German Lutheran preachers began holding services in the Neenah-Menasha area. Shortly before Easter, 1859, Pastor C. F. Waldt, was sent from Milwaukee by the Wisconsin Synod to Menasha. He took the steamboat, since the railroad only ran to Fond du Lac. He preached in Menasha and in other local communities and was responsible for founding several churches. In 1862, Pastor Waldt left for a church in Oshkosh. The Menasha congregation split. Most of its Neenah members and a few from Menasha were served in Neenah by visits from Pastor Waldt. This group founded Trinity-Neenah in 1865. Pastor Waldt returned to be the church's regular pastor until 1870. During the tenure of its next Pastor, Rev. Hagedorn, "[t]here was a lodge fight," referring, perhaps, to a decision to prohibit members from being Masons. Several members were expelled and, according to the church history, founded what is now Immanuel United Church of Christ. Some time shortly before the summer of 1875, the church started a Christian day school. After World War II, Trinity-Neenah became so large that it was able to spin off two new churches, Martin Luther Evangelical Lutheran Church on Adams Street in Neenah and Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, west of Neenah.



Windows 6 - 2, east wall

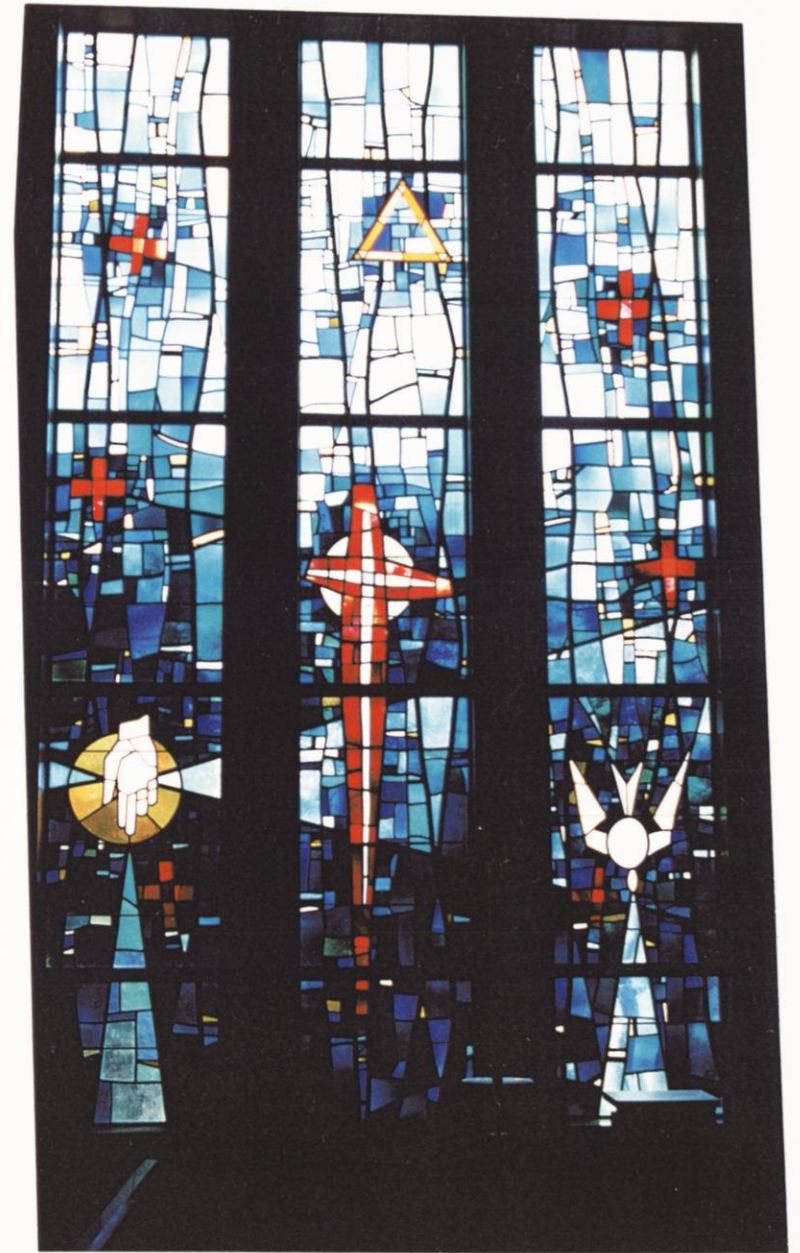




Sidelights, east wall



Altar



Closeup: window 1, east wall



Window 1, west wall





Window 2, west wall



Window 3, west wall



Window 4, west wall

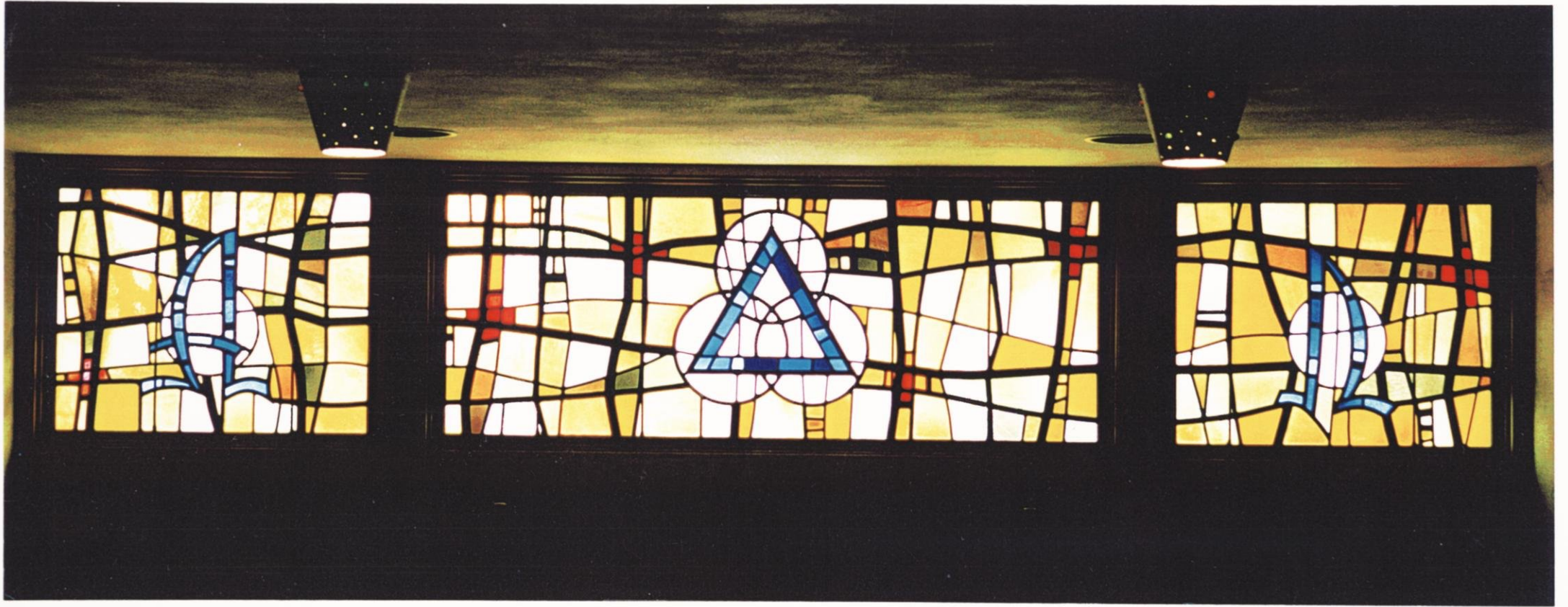




Chapel window



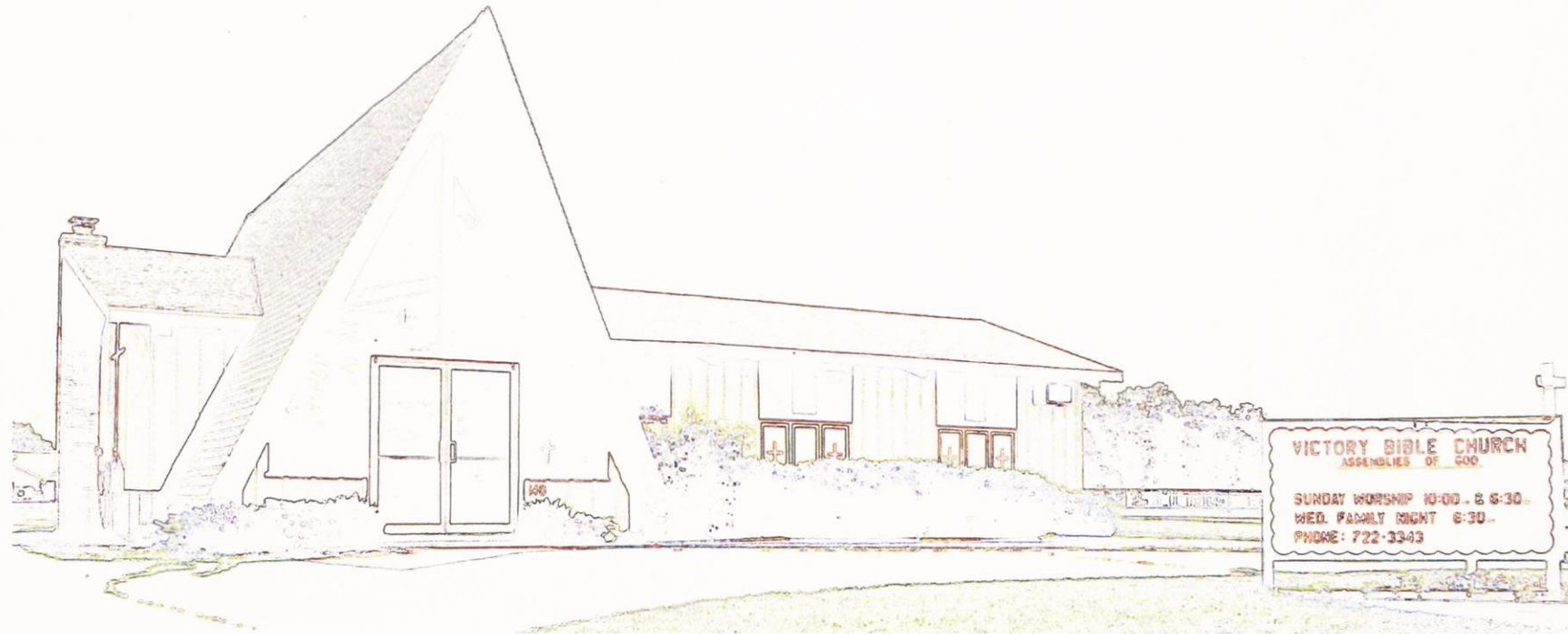
Window above basement stairs



Window above main entry door

# VICTORY BIBLE ASSEMBLY OF GOD

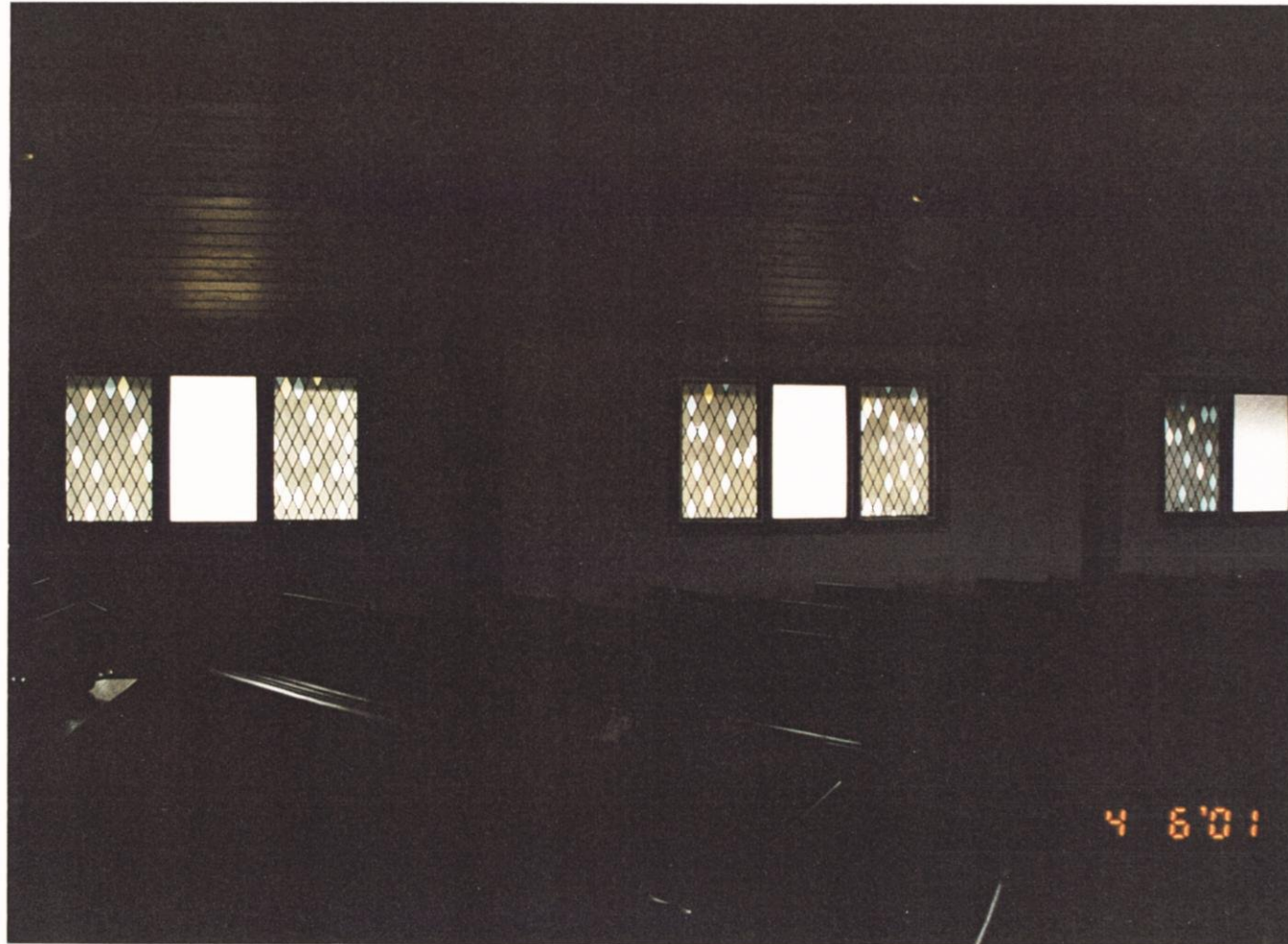
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Sanctuary



Exemplar windows

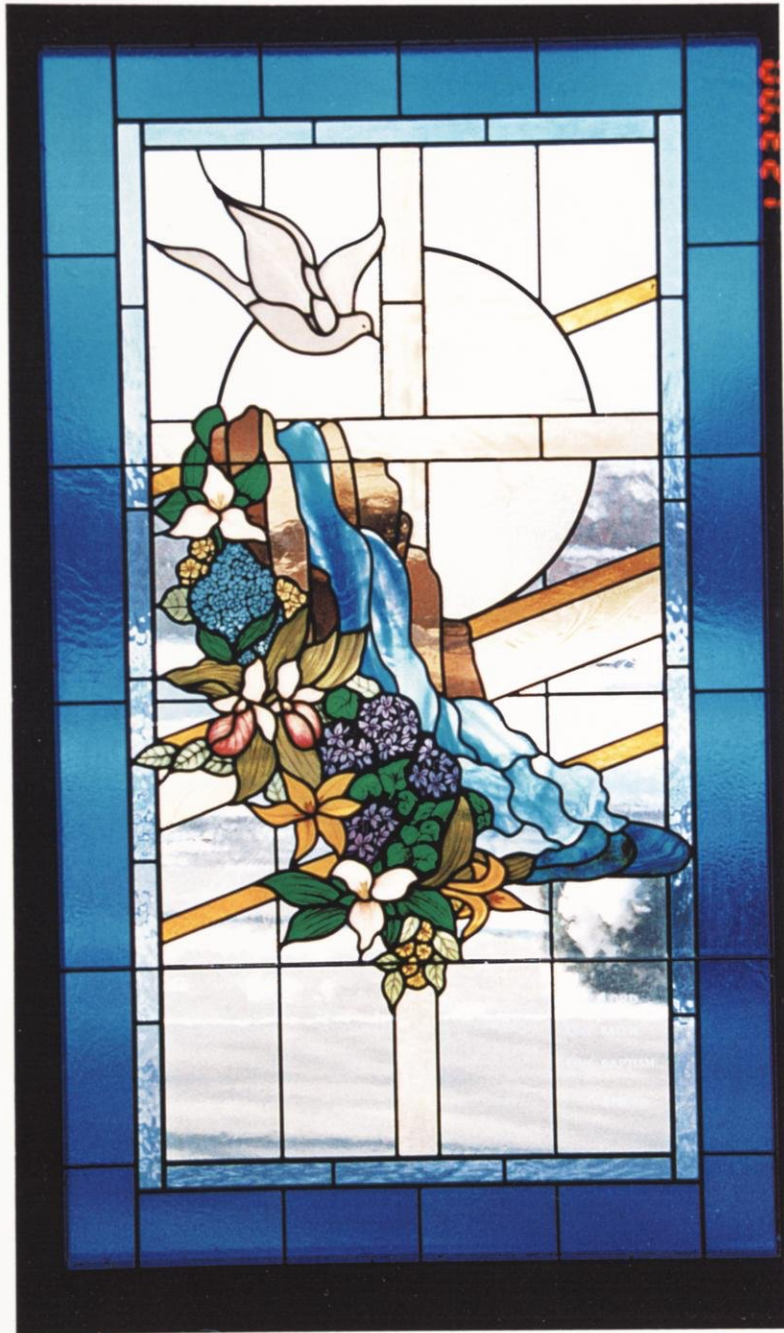


# WHITING COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH

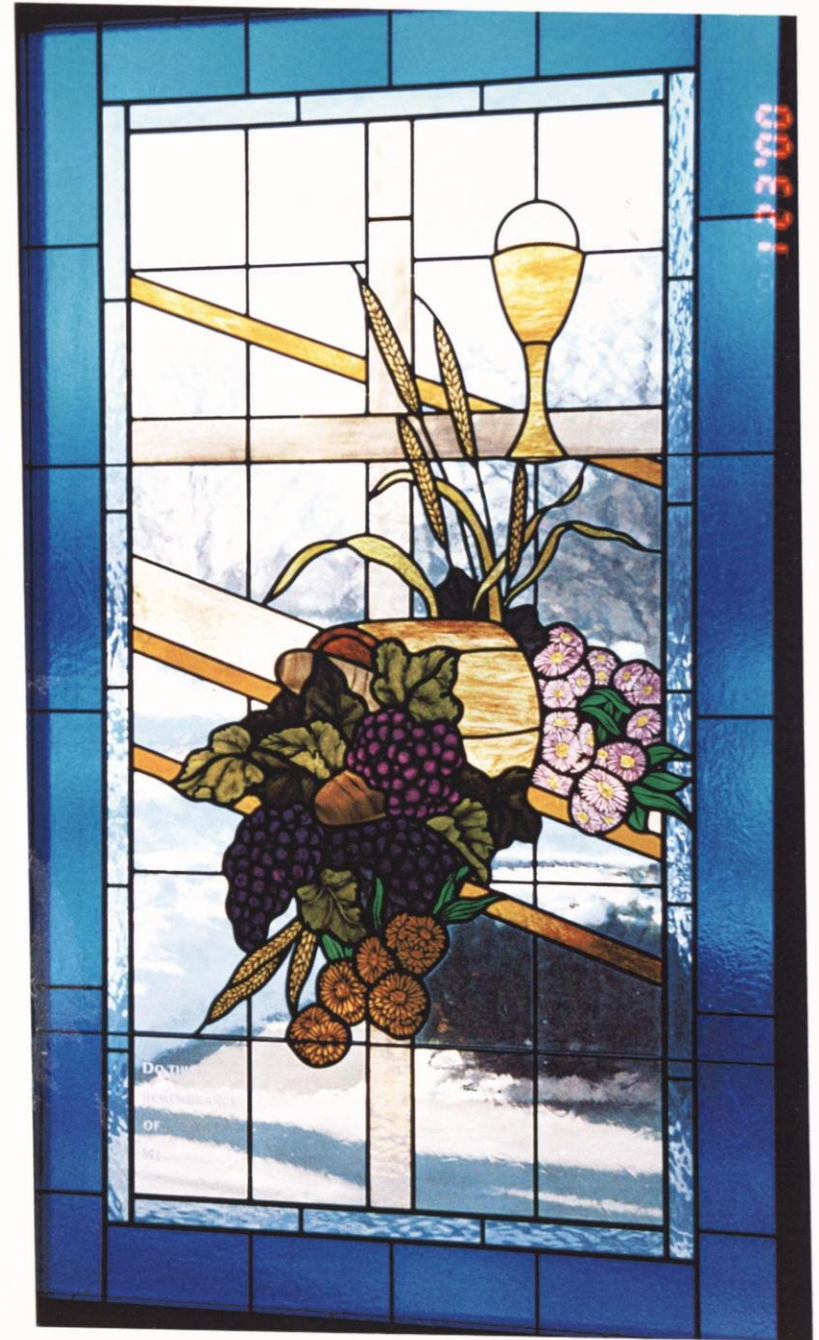
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Whiting Baptist Church was organized as the Danish Baptist Church in 1867. In 1898, the congregation merged with the Doty Island Baptist Church, and the combined congregations became the Union Baptist Church of Neenah. In 1916, George Whiting gave the church a parcel of property and a substantial gift of money to construct a new building. The new structure was dedicated in 1917 and the church's name was changed to Memorial Baptist church in memory of Mr. Whiting's wife and mother. The building was severely damaged by fire in 1922 but was promptly restored. Three years later, Mr. Whiting again made substantial contributions to the church and its name was changed to Whiting Memorial Baptist Church. Since then, the church has continued to expand, ultimately moving to its new location on Tullar Road.





Baptism



Communion

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