

## Kneelers

The Kneeler Committee decided to use designs that would reflect the beautiful narrative flow of the stained glass windows. Marianne Downs Behle was asked to design the kneelers and, as a result, our kneelers reflect the Biblical traditions that Lutherans subscribe to through selected stories and images.

Kneelers were dedicated December 14, 1997.

Each kneeler cost \$900.00 with the center kneeler costing \$1,500.00 plus labor that included design, patterns, supplies, materials, framing, and finishing.

Acknowledgements: Marianne Behle for her inspired design, Sally Irish for painting the canvases, and Nancy Lukoskie for perfectly mounting each canvas.

### Alpha Angel

*Exodus 23:20-21—I am going to send an angel in front of you, to guard you on the way and to bring you to the place that I have prepared. Be attentive to him and listen to his voice; do not rebel against him, for he will not pardon your transgressions; for my name is in him.*

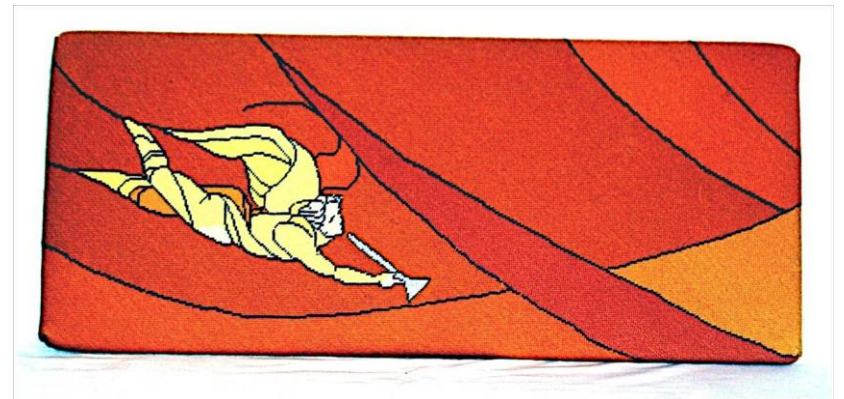
Angels are divine messengers of God and so we begin our story with the alpha angel and with Old Testament themes, including the prophesy of Christ's coming.



### The Call of the Lord

*Isaiah 6:2-3—Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory.” And so with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn.*

With this kneeler, we give thanks for the joy of music, which our voices, our choir, organ, and instrumentalists bring to worship.



## Beginnings

*Genesis 1:1—In the beginning God created the heavens and earth...*

*Leviticus 26:12—And I will walk among you, and will be your God, and you shall be my people.*

The Circle represents the heavens and the earth--the creation. The twelve stars represent the twelve tribes of Israel--the chosen people of God.



## Moses and the Burning Bush

*Exodus 3:2—There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed.*

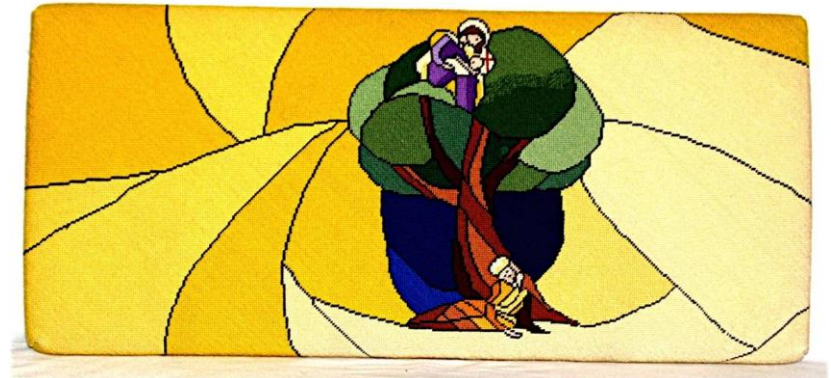
The covenant that was established with Abraham, and then with Moses continues to be the rock upon which we place our trust in an unseen but ever present God.



## The Tree of Jesse

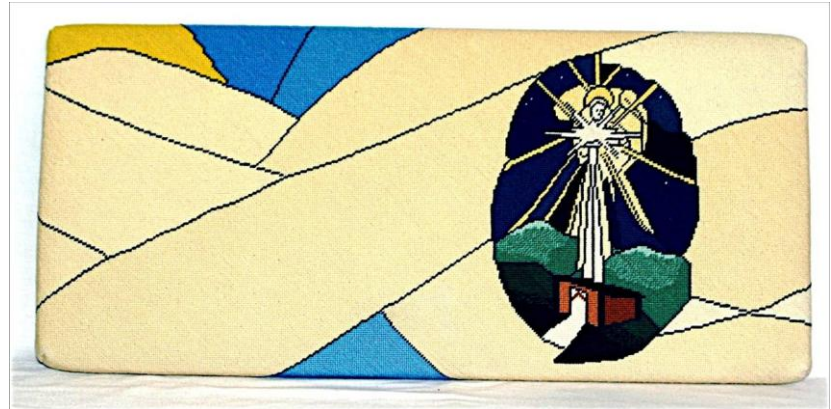
*Isaiah 11:1—A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots.*

This kneeler reflects the lineage of Jesse, the root or father of David, whose crown is Jesus.



## Messiah Foretold

*Isaiah 9:6—For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*





### Crown and Scepter

*Isaiah 62:3—You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.*

*Psalms 45:6-7—Your throne, O God, endures forever and ever. Your royal scepter is a scepter of equity; you love righteousness and hate wickedness.*



### Alpha and Omega Center Kneeler

*Revelation 22:13—I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.*

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.



### The Lion of St. Mark

*Revelation 5:5—Then one of the elders said to me, “Do not weep. See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.”*

The Lion represents the royal dignity of Jesus and is the symbol of St. Mark, who in his gospel, tells the life of Christ as a fulfillment of the prophesy.



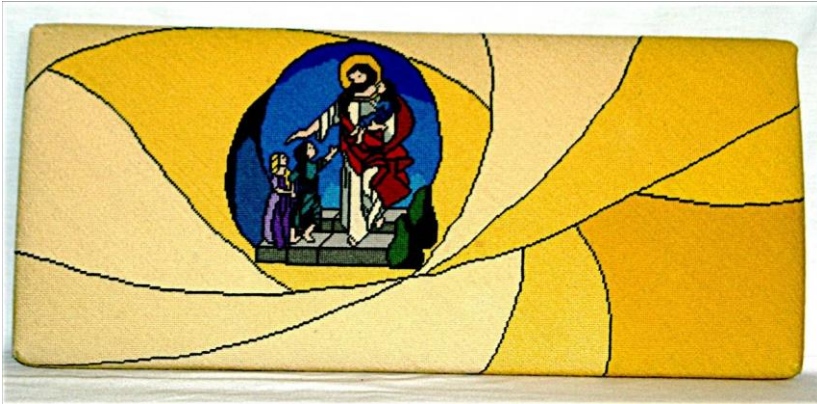
### The Baptism of Our Lord

*Mark 1:9-11—In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”*



### Jesus and the Children

*Mark 10:14-16—But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” And he took them up in his arms, laid his hand on them and blessed them.*



### The Sower

*Mark 4:3-4—Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and the birds came and ate it up...*

*Mark 4:14-20—The Sower sows the word... And these are the ones sown on the good soil: they hear the word and accept it and bear fruit, thirty and sixty and a hundredfold.*



### Jesus Calming the Storm

*Mark 4:37-39—A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?” He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” Then, the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm.*



### The Resurrection of Our Lord

*Mark 16:5-6—As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, “Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him.”*





## Omega Angel

*Mark 16:19—So then the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God.*

*Revelation 22:16—It is I, Jesus who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.*



*The needlepoint kneelers were stitched with love to the Glory of God by members of this congregation.*

*Over 200 different colors of yarn were used to create these kneelers.*

*There are 168 stitches per square inch.*

*While most stitchers did not record the hours spent on their canvases, over 10,000 hours of stitching were easily realized, using the formula of one hour per square inch for an average needlepoint artist.*

*These kneelers are truly a gift from their hearts and a labor of their love for Christ.*

## Wedding Kneeler

