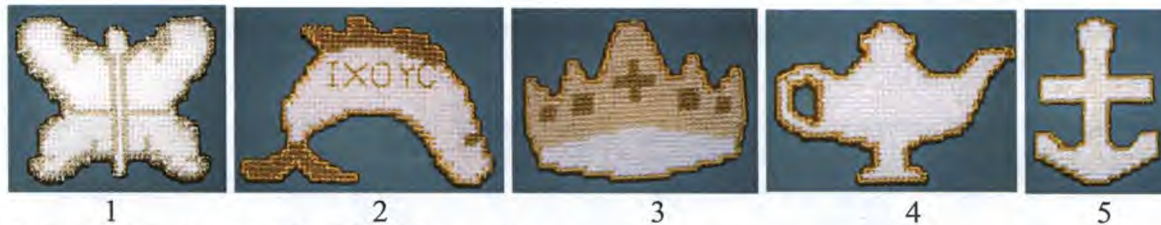


Holy Trinity Lutheran Church  
Dedication of Chrismons  
December 11, 2016

A Chrismon is a Christian symbol that represents something in the life or teachings of Jesus Christ. The term Chrismon comes from the Latin phrase “Christi Monogramma”, meaning monogram of Christ. In 1957, Ascension Lutheran Church in Danville, VA obtained a copyright and trademark for the word “Chrismons”. Chrismons use only gold and white to symbolize the majesty and purity of Christ.

In the early 1960’s, many of the women of Holy Trinity crafted Chrismons based upon the Ascension Lutheran designs using pearls, sequins and other decorative items on Styrofoam templates (<http://www.chrismon.org/chrismons-ministry.html>). These items beautifully served to enhance our Advent and Christmas worship at Holy Trinity for many years.

Patterns for needlepoint Chrismons numbers 1-26 are from “Writings and Christian Artwork by Ray and Gail Keffer (<http://www.rgscripts.com/chrismons1.htm>) and were designed by Gail Keffer. The remaining patterns (27-33) are based on Holy Trinity Chrismons not included in the Keffer patterns. These were charted by Nancy Korn.



1. Butterfly - A symbol of the Resurrection.  
3 butterflies worked by Nancy Korn and Sue Rasche
2. Fish with IXOYC. These letters are the first letters of the Greek words for Jesus Christ, Son of God.  
Worked by Jane Potter
3. Crown - “For He is Lord of Lords and King of Kings.” Revelation 17:14.  
2 crowns worked by Kim Hill and Jane Potter
4. Lamp – “Thy Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.” Psalm 119:105.  
Worked by Katie Weeks
5. Anchor Cross – Jesus is the anchor of our faith. Hebrews 6:19  
Worked by Sue Rasche



6. Latin Cross - The most common of all Christian symbols reminds us of the sacrifice offered by Jesus for the sins of the world. The empty cross symbolizes the Resurrection and the hope of eternal life.

Worked by Rynde Dial

7. Lamb of God – Representation of God the Son. “Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world.” John 1:29

2 lambs worked by Kim Hill and Jane Potter

8. Manger – “Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.” Luke 2:12

Worked by Jan House

9. Chalice – This cup is the New Testament in my blood, which is shed for you.” Luke 22:20

2 chalices worked by Nancy Korn and Katie Weeks

10. 5-pt Star – The star led the Wise Men to Jesus. Matthew 9:10

Worked by Roz Eckardt

11. Ten Commandments – Fundamental to the teachings of the Bible. Exodus 20.

Worked by Roz Eckardt



12. Descending Dove – Representation of God the Holy Spirit. “As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting on him.” Matthew 3:16

2 doves worked by Roz Eckardt

13. Trefoil – A combination of a triangle and three circles, the trefoil is a stylized shamrock that was used by St. Patrick to illustrate the Trinity.

Worked by Jane Potter

14. Scallop Shell 1 – “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age.” Matt. 28:19

Worked by Jane Potter

15. Bible, Alpha & Omega – “I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last.” Revelation 1:8

Worked by Roz Eckardt

16. Bible, INRI – Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews. John 18:19-22

Worked by Roz Eckardt



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17. Chi Rho – the literal monogram of Christ. The Greek letters X (chi) and P (rho).

Worked by Roz Eckardt

18. Scallop Shell II – The shell with three water drops is a symbol of the baptism of Christ.

Worked by Jane Potter

19. Ship – Jesus calms the wind and the sea. Mark 4:37-41.

Worked by Nancy Korn

20. Celtic Cross – Most often associated with the Irish church, the circle and celtic cross are a symbol of eternity.

2 crosses worked by Roz Eckardt and Jan House

22. Alpha and Omega – “I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last.” Revelation 1:8

Worked by Kim Hill

23. Rose of Sharon – “I am the Rose of Sharon and the Lily of the Valleys.” Song of Solomon 2:1.

Worked by Jane Potter



Little Stars worked by Roz Eckardt and Nancy Korn. Little Butterflies worked by Nancy Korn.



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24. Fish, simple – “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.” Matthew 4:19

Worked by Nancy Korn

25. Torch – “Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.” Matthew 5:16

2 worked by Nancy Korn and Jane Potter

26. 6-pt Star – “I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and shining star.” Revelation 22:16

Worked by Jane Potter



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27. Tau Cross with snake – “As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the son of man be lifted up.” John 3:14-15

Worked by Kim Hill

28. Hand of God – Representation of God the Father

Worked by Roz Eckardt

29. Cross NIKA – Christ the Victor

2 worked by Nancy Korn

31. Maltese Cross -

2 worked by Nancy Korn

32. Nativity Star -

Worked by Roz Eckardt

33. Christ the King –

Worked by Nancy Korn