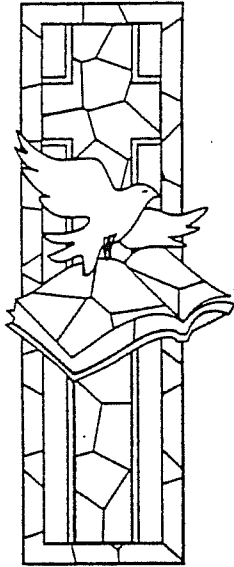
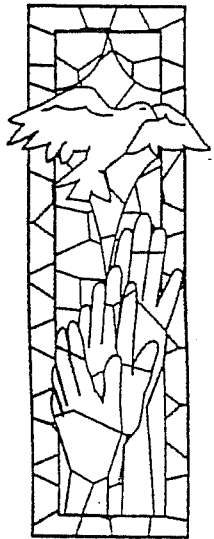
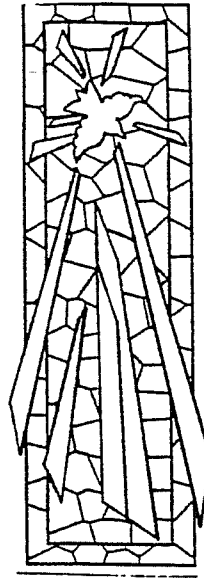


# THE SIX GREAT ENDS OF THE CHURCH

**The Proclamation of the Gospel for the Salvation of Humankind:** The book represents the Scriptures. The dove rises from it, the source of the original witness and our present understanding. The spirit that inspired them must work in us if we are to receive the gospel. The cross behind the book reminds us that the heart of the gospel is Jesus Christ, God with and for us.

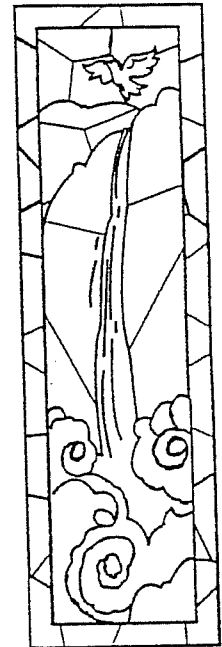


**The Preservation of the Truth:** The banner represents the light of truth shining in the darkness. The dove reminds us that the truth we proclaim to the world is the gospel of Jesus Christ, God with and for us. "The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it." —John 1:5

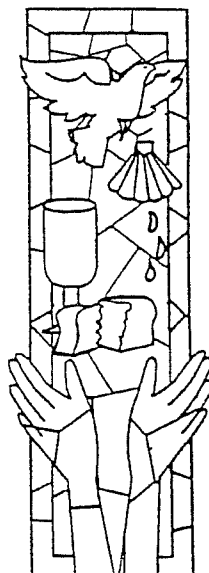


**The Shelter, Nurture, and Spiritual Fellowship of the Children of God:** The multihued hands represent all the children of God. The dove's wings are tipped downward, sheltering God's people. The diamond of light links the dove to the people.

**The Promotion of Social Righteousness:** The banner represents Amos 5:24: "But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an everflowing stream."



**The Maintenance of Divine Worship:** The cup and bread represent the Lord's Supper, and the three drops of water, baptism in the name of the Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit. The dove reminds us that the same Spirit is present in the sacraments as in the proclamation of the gospel. The sacraments enact the gospel. The raised arms signify our praise, thanksgiving, and worship of the living God.



**The Exhibition of the Reign of Heavento the World:** The dove is in flight over the earth, in her mouth an olive branch, echoing Genesis 6:11, "and lo, in her mouth a freshly plucked olive leaf; so Noah knew that the waters had subsided from the earth." This represents the eighth day of creation, God's grace coming into the world, the reign of God proclaimed by Jesus Christ. The light on the horizon represents dawn, the dawning of God's kingdom.

