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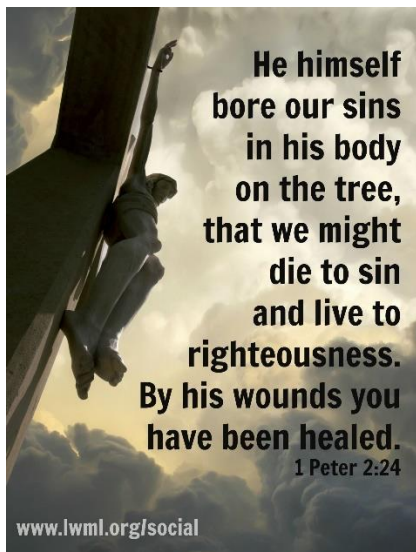
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WELCOME!

EACH SUNDAY

JOIN US for
WORSHIP at 9 am
COFFEE following
and SUNDAY SCHOOL
& BIBLE CLASS
at 10:30 am



WELCOME!

COUNT YOURSELF AND YOUR FAMILY IN WITH THE GOOD SHEPHERD FAMILY!



LENT MID-WEEK WORSHIP

Join us for the last 2 Lenten Wednesday Services, April 2 and 9 at 4 PM. Everyone is invited for a Soup Supper following the service. Bring family, friends and neighbors and stay for the fellowship!



APR 13 Palm Sunday

9 am Communion Worship Service

APR 17 Maundy Thursday

4 pm Communion Worship Service

APR 18 Good Friday

4 pm Tenebrae Service

EASTER SUNDAY – APR 20

9 am FESTIVAL WORSHIP

10:30 am Easter Brunch

(A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board if you would like to contribute a food item to the brunch.)

FLOWERS FOR EASTER CROSS

Bring flowers and greens from your yard for the Easter Cross. A Lenten Cross, to which flowers will be added, transforming it into an Easter symbol, will be at the front of the Sanctuary Easter morning to celebrate our Lord's resurrection. Arrive by 8:30 am and help decorate!

LUTHERAN HERITAGE TOUR – INFO INSIDE

EASTER LILIES

If you ordered an Easter Lily, or more than one, do not forget to provide payment of \$21.50/1 stem or \$26.50/2 stem per lily by **Easter Sunday, April 20**. There are flower envelopes by the Flower Chart in the hallway on the bulletin board. Make your check payable to GSLC and indicate it is for Easter Lilies on the memo line. Either place your payment in the offering plate or give it to Cathy Kohli.



1 CROSS + 3 NAILS = 4 GIVEN



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! CELEBRATING IN APRIL

8 Bob Brown
15 Mark Hughes

THE COLUMBARIUM



Niches are available for purchase. Each niche measures twelve inches cubed, and may be used for the

internment of the ashes of 1 or 2 persons, depending on the size of the urn/s. Each niche costs \$750. Opening, sealing and engraving costs are extra at the time of use. Printed information & policy details are posted in the church hallway. **Dave Bertsch is looking for someone to take over the handling of the Columbarium. If you are interested, contact Dave at (804)472-9939.**

PLANNING AHEAD

Advance funeral arrangements can be important for easing the burden on one's family when one is called "Home". Christians can also do something special to comfort loved ones by pre-planning a memorial witness service. **If you would like to plan your funeral or memorial service as a witness to your faith, contact Pastor Hull.** Copies of personal information, records and arrangements can also be filed with the Church Office.

DAILY DEVOTIONS FROM LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES

"Forgiving One Another"

Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you. Ephesians 4:32

Many thanks to some of the members of the adult Bible class at Messiah Lutheran Church in Mounds View, Minnesota, for sharing this story. It is appreciated.

Sally Packard used to drive a 1989 Dodge.

Every day Packard drove her Dodge to mass at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Richfield, Minnesota. Three times a week she drove it to see her doctor. She used to drive a Dodge, but she doesn't drive it anymore. It was stolen and by the time it was recovered the vehicle had been totaled.

The 17-year-old boy who took her Dodge was eventually caught and tried. Sally Packard was able to speak to the young thief, who had thrown a monkey wrench into her life.

Now, before I go any further, let me ask, what would you have said to that teenager? Seriously, what would you have said?

I can summarize what Packard said. She started with a quotation: "When we forgive, we don't deny the hurt that we have received. We don't deny that it was wrong, but we acknowledge that there is more to the offender than the offense."

After that Packard spoke of how, along with her car, she had lost her driver's license, some religious books, and a rosary her mother had given her many years before. Then Packard, foster mother of more than 50 kids, told the lad she was praying for him. She shared how she was asking the Lord to redirect and rehabilitate him. She assured, "A good life awaits you ... if you will just choose a new path."

The second last thing Packard did was ask the judge if she could give the lad two stones. Permission was granted. One stone said, "Hope." The other said, "A special prayer for you."

The boy began to cry ... as did the judge ... and the attorneys ... and the folks gathered there that day. And then came the last thing Sally Packard did; she hugged the lad who had stolen her Dodge.

So, is that what you would have done if you had been Sally Packard?

I know it's not what I would have done or said. I would have given that kid a piece of my mind. That's what I would have done, before Sally Packard showed me a better way.

It shouldn't have been necessary. My Lord Jesus showed me the way of forgiveness 20 centuries ago. He showed it to me and to Packard when He forgave all the sinful things we had ever done. I guess Sally Packard is just a faster learner than I am.

WOGS NEWS

But now that I've relearned it, I'll try not to forget. And I hope you won't either.

THE PRAYER: Dear Lord Jesus, You came into this world and gave Your life for me, a poor, miserable sinner. May I rejoice in the forgiveness I have been given and may I reflect it to others. This I ask in Jesus' Name. Amen.

In Christ I remain His servant and yours,



Pastor Ken Klaus
Speaker emeritus of The Lutheran Hour[®]
Lutheran Hour Ministries
April 3, 2012



FILL YOUR EASTER BASKETS WITH SWEETS FROM TERRI LYNN



Need something sweet to put in your Easter baskets? Look no further than Terri Lynn! Or maybe you are looking for something a little healthier than chocolate and candy. Terri Lynn has a wide assortment of nuts, dried fruits, granola, snacks, candy and chocolate. 20% of all sales using the website - <https://wogs.terrilynn.com> - to order, goes to WOGS to support WOGS Community Outreach. The webstore is open 24/7. Any questions: Cathy Kohli: kohli.cathv@gmail.com or 419/303-1310. Thank you for your support!

WOGS is currently in the planning process of Fundraisers for the upcoming year. If you are interested and would like to help us, join us on the 2nd Tuesday of the month (with exceptions) for our meeting and fellowship.

**Our next meeting will be April 8 at 2:00 pm in the Beasley Room.
We would love to have you with us!**

A NOTE FROM OUR SEMINARIAN

To the generous people of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church,

I want to thank you for your continued support of my pastoral formation. The Lord of the Harvest calls for gatherers, but getting a gathering degree is expensive and difficult. I want to let you know that Sarah and I have been in good health this flu season, and we are going to start gardening for the first time this year. We have been given a plot of 4ft by 16ft. This is more space than we know what to do with, so please let us know what we should try growing! I have also started Homiletics, the class where I learn how to preach. It is by far my favorite class, and I am doing really well. I ask that you keep Sarah and me in your prayers, as we hope to start a family very soon, and we are both nervous about having children. We hope for a warm spring to help us forget about the cold winter, and I hope that you are kept in God's good graces in this new year.

Your Brother and Sister in Christ,



OUR SEMINARIAN

Mr. Matthew and Mrs. Susan Rudowske
19 Founders Way, Unit A
Clayton, MO 63105



REQUESTS — FOR — PRAYER

Please keep the following individuals in your prayers:

Karen Henderson - shut-in.

Mary & Richard Schmidt – shut-in.

Betty Cornwell's brother Vance Hough – prayers for courage, strength and healing as he has advanced cancer – he is currently receiving radiation therapy to a tumor at the base of his neck to shrink it. He and his wife have sole care of their son who is disabled, blind and cannot walk.

Melissa Martin – prayers of thanksgiving for a successful outcome to surgical procedures and radiation treatments. As she continues to heal, she is humbled with gratitude for beating cancer the second time, as well as the prayers and support from her church family.

Marilyn Dempsey's sister Shauna – prayers for strength and healing as she recovers from surgery to remove a large sarcoma on her quadricep.

Lou Kress' granddaughter Ashley – prayers for strength and healing of injuries sustained in a car accident.

Bonnie Hughes – prayers for strength and healing of ongoing health issues.

Dianne Bertsch – prayers for strength and healing.

Larry Krug – prayers of hope for helpful treatment in regards to his health issues.

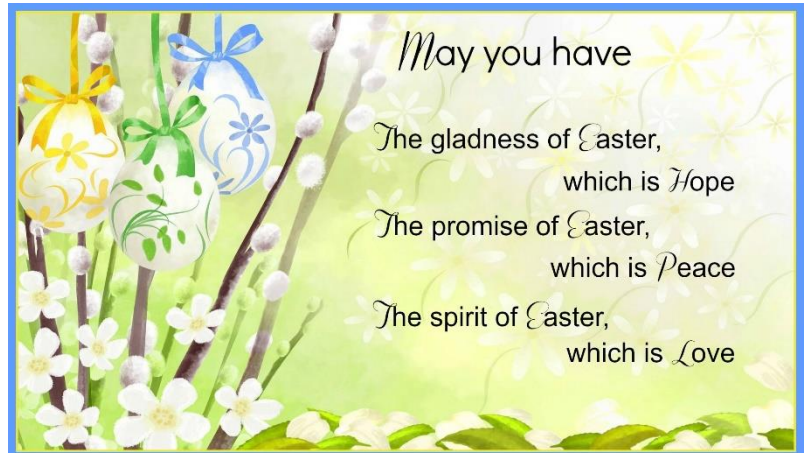
Terry & Ruth Cooper – prayers for continued strength.

Tootie Cornwell – prayers for continued strength and healing.

Betty Cornwell - prayers for continued strength and healing.

Diane Alkire – prayers for continued strength and healing.



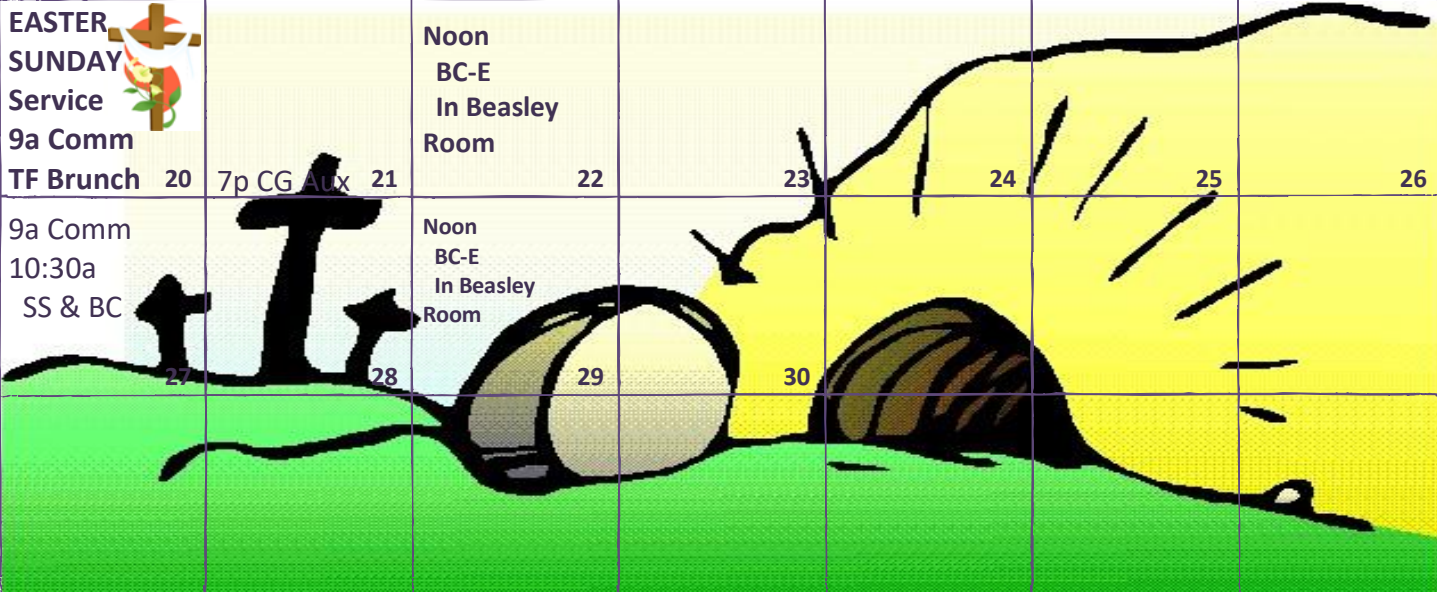
Charles Bertsch, Dave and Dianne's son – continued prayers for Charles that he will remain strong in his faith and stay physically, mentally and spiritually healthy in his current situation.



Explore the world of Martin Luther on a Lutheran-themed trip to Germany. Highlights include a service with the Wittenberg English Ministry. Luther's birth and death homes, Wartburg Castle, medieval Rothenburg-ob-der-Tauber, Heidelberg Castle, the Gutenberg Museum, fellowship with Trinity Lutheran in Frankfurt, and a Rhine cruise. **Tour host, Rev. Robert Flohrs**, Director for Wittenberg English Ministry (WEM), is an experienced tour host and led sold-out Reformation tours in 2022 and 2024. **land price: \$3,699**

All details at

<https://reformationtours.com/package/rbf25/>

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Pastor Robert C. Hull Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Callao, VA 704-787-4999 <u>roberthull1687@yahoo.com</u>		Noon BC-E In Beasley Room 1	9a Elders Meeting 4p Lenten Serv/Soup Sup 2	<i>He Is Not Here</i> <i>He Is Risen</i>		3 4 5
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT 9a Com 10:30a SS & BC 11:30a Council Mtg 6	7	Noon BC-E In Beasley Room 2p WOGS 8	4p Lenten Serv/Soup Sup 9	Sight & Sound Trip "Noah" 10	Sight & Sound Trip 11	12
Palm Sunday 9a Comm 10:30a SS & BC 13	14	Noon BC-E In Beasley Room 15	16	 4p Maundy Thursday Service 17	 4p Good Friday Service 18	19
EASTER SUNDAY Service 9a Comm TF Brunch 20	7p CG Aux 21	Noon BC-E In Beasley Room 22	23			24
9a Comm 10:30a SS & BC 27	28	Noon BC-E In Beasley Room 29	30			25

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MARCH 2025

MAY 2025

NOTES:

IMPORTANT THINGS TO REMEMBER

- 2 – Elders Mtg/Lenten Serv/Soup Supper
- 6 – Church Council Meeting
- 8 – WOGS Meeting
- 9 – Lenten Service/Soup Supper
- 10&11 – Sight & Sound Trip – Noah
- 13 – Palm Sunday
- 17 – Maundy Thursday Service
- 18 – Good Friday Service
- 20 – EASTER CELEBRATION/TF Brunch

The Cross, the Crucifix and Other Crosses

September 13, 2021/[Series/](#) By [Edward Riojas/Crucifix, Series: Christian Art](#)

Artwork and visual symbolism seen in a church building often make a confession long before parishioners hear what is confessed in the liturgy. Some of the symbolic meaning, however, may be lost to us. This is the eighth of nine articles devoted to those images which we often see — but may not always understand — in the sanctuary.

Ask a believer what the first Christian symbol was, and most likely they would respond: “The cross.” They would, however, be dead wrong. For decades after the ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ, the cross was merely a public execution device. It was humiliating, excruciating and, as with all public death sentences, carried the stigma of a heinous malefactor. Polite folks did not speak of the cross openly.

One feeble attempt to modernize our understanding of this reality happened in a Bible study that used an electric chair to explain the crucifixion of Jesus. In spite of the strange attempt at updating history, it nonetheless drove home the point of the cross’s stigma.

While we may find it nearly impossible to wrap our heads around the ancient perception of crucifixion — especially when modern Christianity is saturated with images of Jesus’ death — it adds profound meaning to Paul’s then-strange admission to the Corinthian church: “For I decided to know nothing among

you except Jesus Christ and him crucified” (1 Cor. 2:2).

Early Christian usage

Some spotty, early evidence of Christians using the cross as a Christian image exists, but it took at least 100 years to universally accept the cross as a symbol within the church. As with the terms “Christian” and “Lutheran,” a tool of derision eventually was embraced by adherents as a point of pride.



Fig. 1: Christus Rex

The idea of a crucifix — a cross with the image of a dead or dying Christ upon it — took longer to catch on. Crucifixions continued to occur well after Christ’s ascension, and the horrors of such events remained fresh in the minds of Christians. It’s not surprising that it took another 200 years before the crucifix gained acceptance.

Christians have used other variations of the cross as well, including crosses with the resurrected Christ and crosses with the Good Shepherd. The Christus Rex crucifix is an older variation occasionally seen in Lutheran sanctuaries. At first glance, it looks similar to crosses bearing non-crucified figures. The Rex version shows a fully clothed Christ with regal vestments of His office of Priest and King. The Christ figure also wears a kingly crown. On closer inspection, however, the body of Jesus is indeed crucified. His outstretched hands, while in a posture of blessing, are nailed fast to the cross. So, too, are His feet. The Christus Rex crucifix confesses that the cross was Christ’s throne of glory and that there, as Priest, He offered up the highest sacrifice for mankind.

Variations require study

Beyond these variations, there is a dizzying array of crosses. Some have specific use in Christianity, while others have no place at all. Hence, it is best to research any given variation before gluing it to a church banner. Here are some notable variations:

- St. Andrew’s Cross, as its name implies, is a variation that, according to pious tradition, represents the martyrdom of St. Andrew. It has also found a place in secular society and is the rallying emblem of the Scottish people.
- St. Peter is sometimes shown with an upside-down cross. According to tradition, he did not want to be made equal with his crucified Savior and therefore requested to be crucified upside down. Satan worshipers have hijacked the symbol. Once again, context is key.

- The papal cross has three horizontal bars and is reserved for use by the Vatican, so don't even think of using that version.
- Some crosses are associated with secular entities, so it's wise to avoid them as well. These include the patriarchal cross or the Cross of Lorraine, which has two parallel beams. One variation places the beams equidistant from the top and bottom. The peculiar cross has been used by kingdoms throughout Europe, and, strangely enough, it graces every Oreo cookie you eat.

Early Christians might have found it hard to understand our take on the cross, especially when we have a penchant for plating it with gold and affixing gems upon it. They would, however, agree that it is a symbol of divine beauty, not in its outward appearance, but because it symbolizes the exquisite grace found only in the love of the Father and the ultimate sacrifice of His Son for us.

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<https://witness.lcms.org/2021/the-cross-the-crucifix-and-other-crosses/>

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FALL 2024

"I CAN DO ALL THINGS THROUGH CHRIST WHO GIVES ME STRENGTH"
 (Philippians 4:13)

To all the saints in Christ Jesus our LORD who suffered, died, rose, ascended, and is soon to take us home in His loving arms once and for all. Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the LORD Jesus Christ.

We are pleased to announce that Evergreen Lutheran is celebrating its 80th year in the ministry in Detroit. It is amazing how the Holy Spirit has enabled and empowered His faithful workers for Christ to keep the Gospel alive in one of the toughest cities of our nation. We have poverty stricken and broken families, high crime, drugs, a broken public education system and lack of vision. We have found many of our students, who have come from the public system, to have anger issues, filthy language, low self-esteems, identity crises, suicidal, emotionally and cognitively impaired, unable to read, years behind in math, and very confused on what life is really all about. Nevertheless, thanks be to God He has miraculously preserved a ministry amid a broken community that hungers greatly for the Good News for us in Christ. We need to keep telling them that there is hope and healing in our loving Savior.

We would be grateful if you would consider partnering with us during this challenging time in our mission as the last Lutheran elementary school in the city of Detroit. It should also be known that we do not charge our low-income parents' tuition. The state of Michigan does not offer school choice for private education and as a result our school ministry depends primarily on donations from the people of God. Your prayers and financial support will bless a young soul who may otherwise never have a chance of singing "Jesus loves me this I know for the Bible tells me so." No donation is too small, no donation is too large. A fantastic opportunity indeed to support a wonderful mission project. Members of Thrivent Financial can also support us through the Thrivent Choice program by calling 1-800-847-4836.

We thank you in advance for your prayers, blessings, and contributions. The Lord bless you and keep you. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Your friend in Christ,



Rev. William F. Danowski

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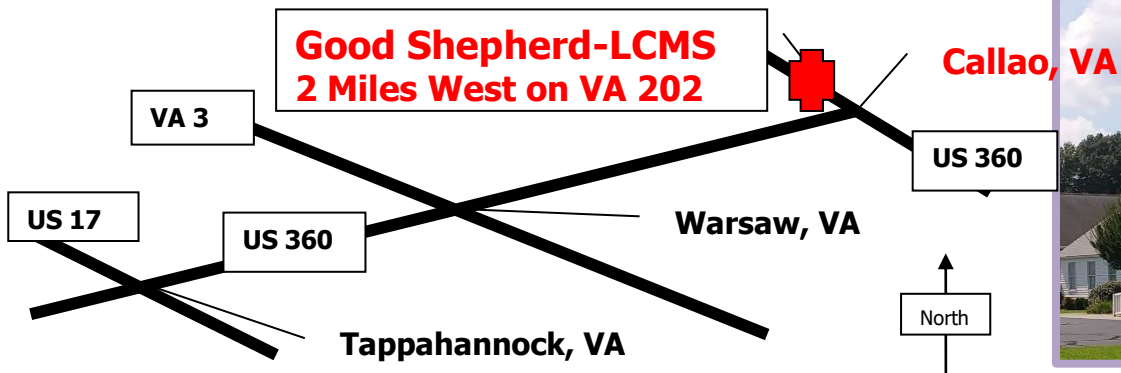
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