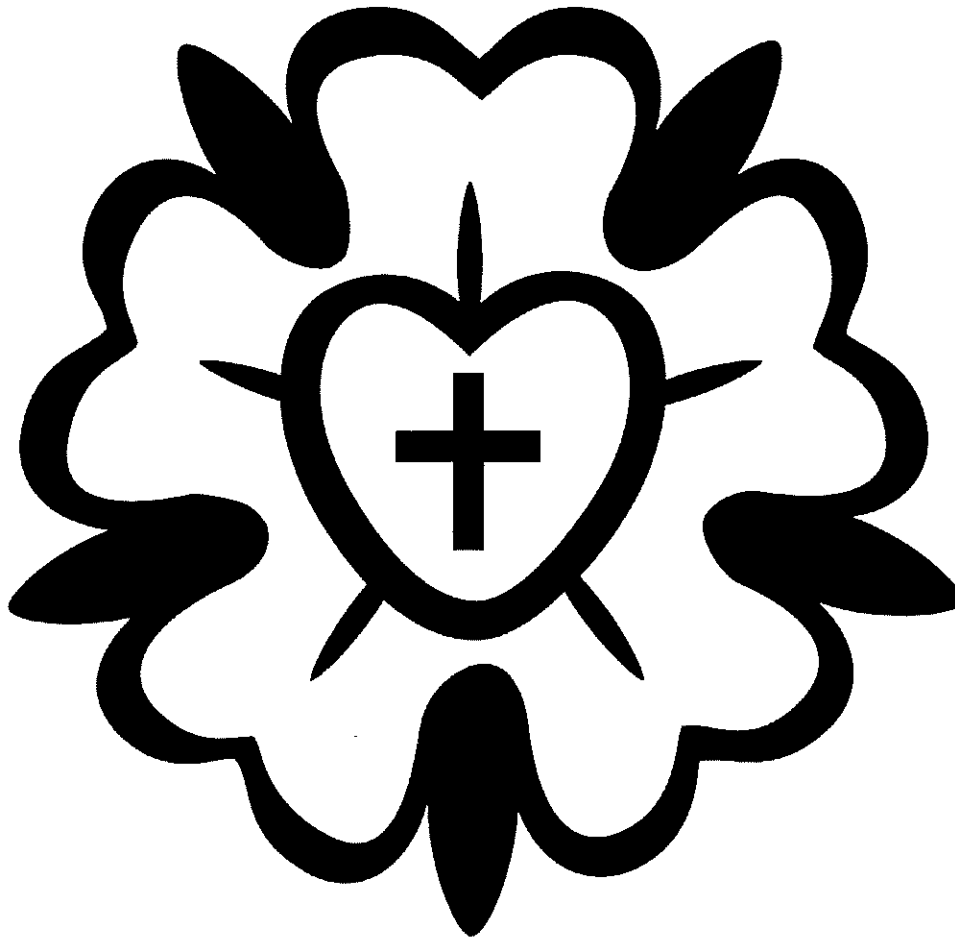


The Book of Romans
"For this reason it depends on faith"

Time after Pentecost: June 7, 2026

St. Peter Lutheran Church
Evangelical Lutheran Worship
Setting Ten



Welcome to St. Peter Lutheran Church!

If you are a guest with us this morning, we welcome you to fill out a connection card, located in the pew rack. You are welcome to share as much information with us as you are comfortable sharing. Please place the cards in the baskets at the head of the aisle during the Communion distribution.

For Worship, everything you need is included in this bulletin except for the hymns, which are found in the red *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* hymnal.

ORDER FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE: *Amazing Grace My Chains are Gone* by Chris Tomlin
Come As You Are by Crowder

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, † one God, whose compassion endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sins to God.

We keep silence for confession and reflection.

Compassionate God,

we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN: *There's A Wideness in God's Mercy* **588**

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE



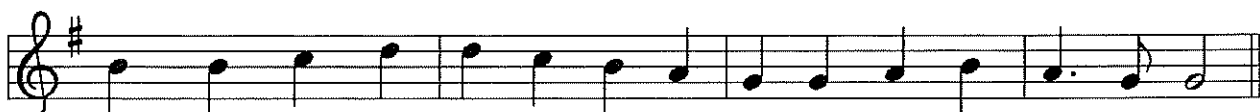
1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God, you are the source of life and the ground of our being. By the power of your Spirit bring healing to this wounded world, and raise us to the new life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated.

FIRST READING: Hosea 5:15-6:6

A reading from Hosea.

- ¹⁵ I will return again to my place
until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face.
In their distress they will beg my favor:
- ^{6:1} "Come, let us return to the LORD,
for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us;
he has struck down, and he will bind us up.
² After two days he will revive us;
on the third day he will raise us up,
that we may live before him.
³ Let us know, let us press on to know the LORD;
his appearing is as sure as the dawn;
he will come to us like the showers,
like the spring rains that water the earth."
⁴ What shall I do with you, O Ephraim?
What shall I do with you, O Judah?
Your love is like a morning cloud,
like the dew that goes away early.
⁵ Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets;
I have killed them by the words of my mouth,
and my judgment goes forth as the light.
⁶ For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice,
the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

Word of God, word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 50:7-15

We sing the refrain, then read the Psalm responsively, singing the refrain where indicated with an "R".

Psalm 50

Hal H. Hopson

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O Lord, you have the words of life; O teach me your ways.

⁷ Listen, my people, and I will speak: Israel, I will bear witness against you; for I am God, your God.

⁸ **I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices; your burnt offerings are always before me.**

⁹ I will not accept a calf from your stalls, nor goats from your pens;

¹⁰ **for all the wild animals of the forest are mine, the cattle on a thousand hills. R**

¹¹ I know every bird of the mountains, and the creatures of the fields are mine.

¹² **If I were hungry, I would not tell you, for the whole world is mine and all that is in it.**

¹³ Do you think I eat the flesh of bulls, or drink the blood of goats?

¹⁴ **Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving and make good your vows to the Most High.**

¹⁵ Call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall honor me. R

SECOND READING: Romans 4:13-25

A reading from Romans.

¹³ The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴ For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵ For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression.

¹⁶ For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (who is the father of all of us, ¹⁷ as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations"), in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. ¹⁸ Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So shall your descendants be." ¹⁹ He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), and the barrenness of Sarah's womb. ²⁰ No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory

to God, ²¹ being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²² Therefore "it was reckoned to him as righteousness." ²³ Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone ²⁴ but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, ²⁵ who was handed over for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Word of God, word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL: Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁹ As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax-collection station, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him.

¹⁰ And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with Jesus and his disciples. ¹¹ When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" ¹² But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick.

¹³ Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous but sinners."

¹⁸ While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died, but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." ¹⁹ And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. ²⁰ Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from a flow of blood for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, ²¹ for she was saying to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." ²² Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And the woman was made well from that moment. ²³ When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, ²⁴ he said, "Go away, for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. ²⁵ But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. ²⁶ And the report of this spread through all of that district.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY: *I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me*

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APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried:**

**he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each portion of the prayers ends with these words:
God of Grace, **hear our prayer.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

We greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.

OFFERING: *Like A Tree (Psalm 1)* by Caroline Cobb

The offering is collected. You can share your tithes and offerings by:

- *Cash or check using envelopes in the pews*
- *Sending a check via your bank's bill pay feature*
- *Using this QR code to give via debit or credit card*
- *or to set up automated giving through Vanco.*



OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.
Loving God,

we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

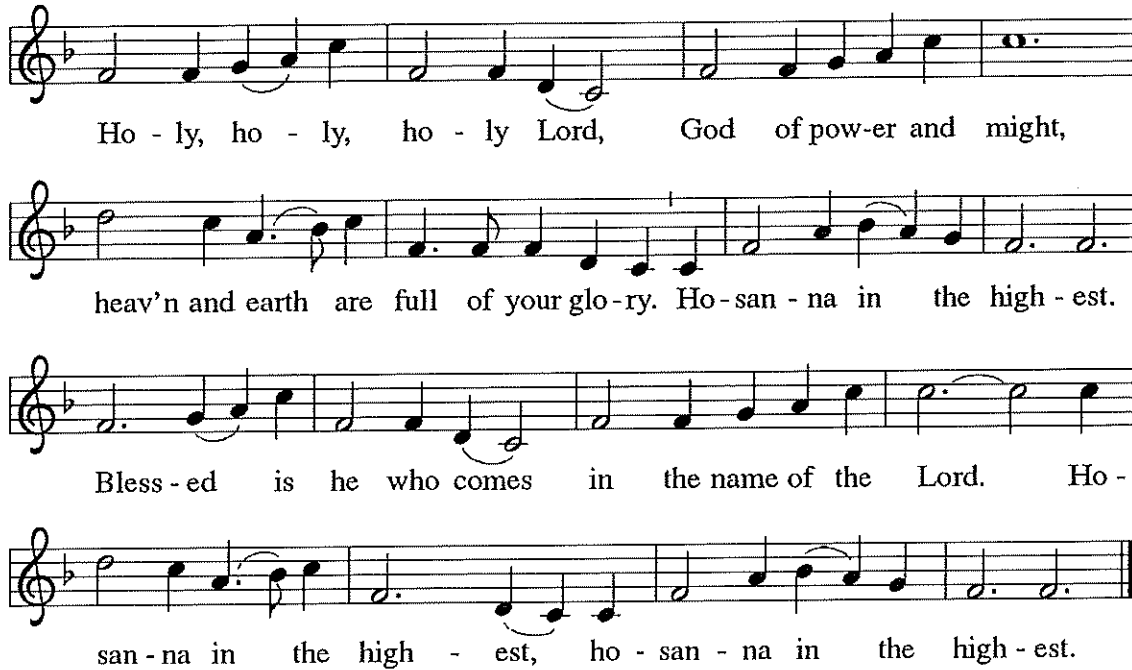
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray...

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast!

Thanks be to God.



- 1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
- 2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
- 3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

Welcome to the Table of the Lord! We commune in a continuous fashion forming two lines down the center aisle. Receive the host from the pastor and then take an individual glass which will be filled from the pouring chalice. You are welcome to fill out a connection card (from the pew racks) and place it in the container at the head of the aisle.

COMMUNION HYMN: *Have Mercy* by Sandra McCracken
Romans 8:38-39 by The Corner Room

Please stand as you are able.

BLESSING

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, † one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN: *Oh, Worship the King*

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DISMISSAL

Heaven has come near. Share the good news!

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: *What An Awesome God* by Phil Wickham

ALTAR FLOWERS: Given in honor of Cindy's 50th birthday by Pastor Matt and family.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Musician	John Beamer
Video Tech	Mark Cuthbertson
Greeter	
Usher	Katie Larson
Reader	Wendy Millinger
Communion	Mary Dehring, Wes Gahler
Fellowship	

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Today	Worship	8:45 AM
Tues	Sewing Quilts	9:00 AM
Wed	Book Club	10:00 AM
	A.A.	8:00 PM
Sat	Saturday Evening Campfire	5:30 PM

Sun (6/14) Aluminum Can Collection

LYRICS for the contemporary music are available on the table by the choir stairs.

REMINDER: Aluminum can collection is next Sunday.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: The first Saturday evening campfire is this Saturday, June 13th at 5:30 PM held at St. Peter's parking lot. Bring a lawn chair, bring the kids. Enjoy hot dogs, chips, and s'mores, conversation, and songs. Fun for kids, grown-ups, & everyone in between. Hope to see everyone there!

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES will be honored next Sunday, June 14 at the 8:45 am worship service.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED: Tuesday, June 16, 8:30AM-10AM to pack meal bags for Ottawa County families. See sign up sheet in the Narthex for additional details.

NEEDED: Your favorite hymn to sing during communion. Please sign up your favorite hymn/hymns on the sheet on the Narthex table.

BLUE BARREL: June's collection is canned fruit for Elliston Food Pantry, July's will be red, white, and blue canned foods for Lutheran Social Services. Check out their wish/need/want list on the bulletin board in Narthex.

ISAIAH 117 HOUSE: is in need of NEW men's sweatpants, size L and XL, Girl's PJ's in sizes 2T and 7/8, and 6/9 month outfits.

KISERENY COLLECTION: Through the end of June we are taking a freewill collection for our partner congregation and preschool in Kisereny, Tanzania. Let's give generously! A Kisereny Kindergarten update booklet is available on the table in the Narthex. To date (6/1 combined giving with St. Luke's), \$6,190.03 has been to the Kindergarten.

ROGATION DAYS: You are welcome to make an appointment with Pastor Matt for blessings of farms in June.

ATTENDANCE: Worship: 69

TITHES AND OFFERINGS:

Current:\$2254.50	Loose Checks:\$50	SS:\$5
Benevolence:\$75	Building Fund:\$26	Propane:\$15
Tanzania Kilimanjaro Kisereny:\$125.90		

JUNE WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

June 14 GRADUATE RECOGNITION

Greeter: Pam King

Usher:

Reader: Mary Dehring

Communion: Wes Gahler
Pam King

Fellowship:

Flowers: Jim & Kathy Vermilyea

Lectern: Jim & Kathy Vermilyea

June 21 FATHER'S DAY

Greeter:

Usher:

Reader: Bonny Ottney

Communion: Mary Dehring
Wes Gahler

Fellowship: Behlmer Family

Flowers: Tom & Bonny Ottney

Lectern: Bob & Marlene Behlmer

June 28

10:30 AM COMBINED WORSHIP

@ ST. LUKE'S, WITH

POTLUCK FOLLOWING SERVICE

JULY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

July 5

Greeter:

Usher:

Reader:

Children's Message:

Communion:

Fellowship

Flowers: Ken & Kathy Starkey

Lectern: Wes & Judy Gahler

July 19

Greeter

Usher

Reader

Communion

Fellowship

Flowers

July 12

Greeter: Pam King

Usher:

Reader:

Communion: Mary Dehring
Pam King

Fellowship:

Flowers: Jim & Mary Dehring

July 26

Greeter: Pam King

Usher

Reader

Communion: Pam King

Fellowship

Flowers: Wes & Judy Gahler

Lectern: Linda Sigurdson

Please consider helping out with hospitality and worship leadership this summer!

Roamin' Through Romans: Learning Gospel Fluency

Preaching Series

May 31– September 13, 2026

This summer we will be making our way through St. Paul's letter to the Romans. We will begin on May 31 (Holy Trinity Sunday) and end on September 13 (God's Work, Our Hands Sunday).

Below is a schedule of the preaching texts (in parentheses) and corresponding chapters of Romans to read each week. If you'd like to order a copy of a Bible journaling version of Romans, see Pastor Matt. Copies are \$7 (cash or check payable to St. Peter Lutheran Church).

- June 7: For this reason it depends on faith
(Romans 4:13-25), read Romans 4
- June 14: At the right time Christ died for the ungodly
(Romans 5:1-8), read Romans 5
- June 21: United with him in a death like his...and in a resurrection like his| (Romans 6:1b-11), read Romans 6
- June 28: The free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord
(Romans 6:12-23), read Romans 6
- July 5: I do not do what I want |(Romans 7:15-25a), read Romans 7
- July 12: For God has done what the law cannot do
(Romans 8:1-11), read Romans 8
- July 19: Suffering, Spirit, longing| (Romans 8:1-11), read Romans 8
- July 26: We know that all things work together for good...
(Romans 8:26-39), read Romans 8
- Aug 2: It depends not on us but on God
(Romans 9:1-16), read Romans 9
- Aug 9: How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news
(Romans 10:5-15), read Romans 10
- Aug 16: So that he might be merciful to all
(Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32), read Romans 11
- Aug 23: Do not be conformed...be transformed
(Romans 12:1-8), read Romans 12
- Aug 30: Never avenge yourselves
(Romans 12:9-21), read Romans 12
- Sep 6: Owe no one anything, except...(Romans 12:8-14),
read Romans 13
- Sep 13: Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister?
(Romans 14:1-12), read Romans 14-16

The Lutheran Rose, also known as the Luther Seal, symbolizes Martin Luther's theology and the core beliefs of Lutheranism, representing faith, salvation, and eternal life.

Historical Context

The Lutheran Rose was designed by Martin Luther in 1530 during the Diet of Augsburg. It serves as a personal emblem of his beliefs and has become a widely recognized symbol of Lutheranism. Luther described the rose in a letter to his friend Lazarus Spengler, explaining its significance and the meaning behind each element

Symbolism of the Elements

Black Cross: At the center of the rose is a black cross, which signifies faith in the crucified Christ as essential for salvation. It represents the suffering and sacrifice of Jesus, reminding believers that faith in Him brings life.

Red Heart: The black cross is set against a red heart, symbolizing the love of God and the believer's faith. The heart retains its natural color, indicating that it lives despite the cross, reflecting the vitality of faith.

White Rose: Surrounding the heart is a white rose, which represents joy, comfort, and peace found in faith. White is the color of purity and signifies the joy of the spirit in Christ.

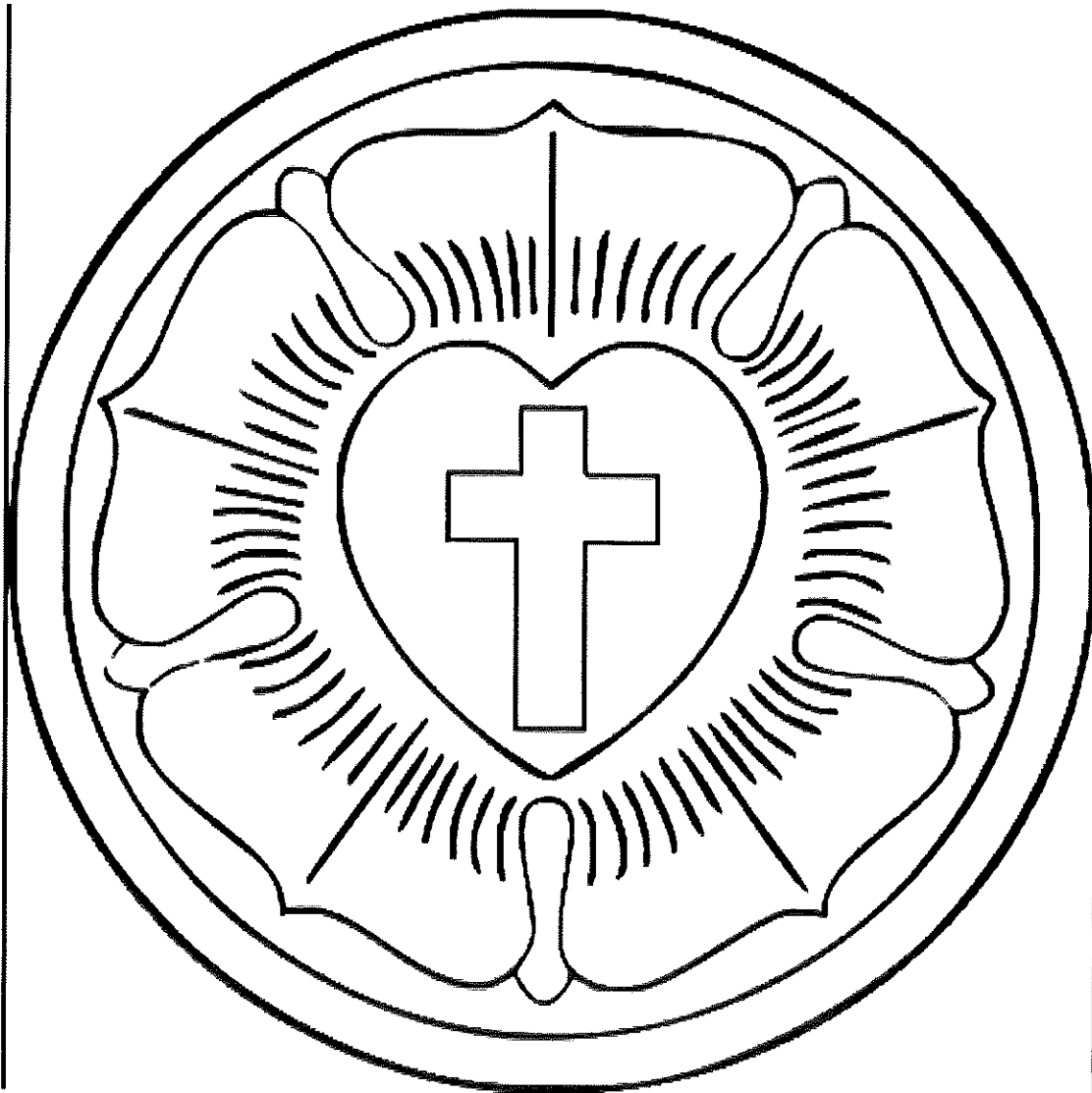
Blue Sky: The background of the rose is sky blue, symbolizing the hope of future joy and the beginning of heavenly bliss that believers can anticipate.

Golden Ring: Encircling the rose is a golden ring, which signifies the everlasting nature of heaven and the eternal joy that awaits believers. Gold represents the most precious and valuable blessings.

Contemporary Significance

The Lutheran Rose continues to be a key symbol in Lutheran churches, art, and literature, embodying the core messages of grace, redemption, and the promise of eternal life. It serves as a reminder of the foundational beliefs of Lutheranism and the enduring impact of Martin Luther's teachings.

In summary, the Lutheran Rose encapsulates the essence of Lutheran faith, illustrating the relationship between suffering, love, joy, and the hope of eternal life through its rich symbolism.



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