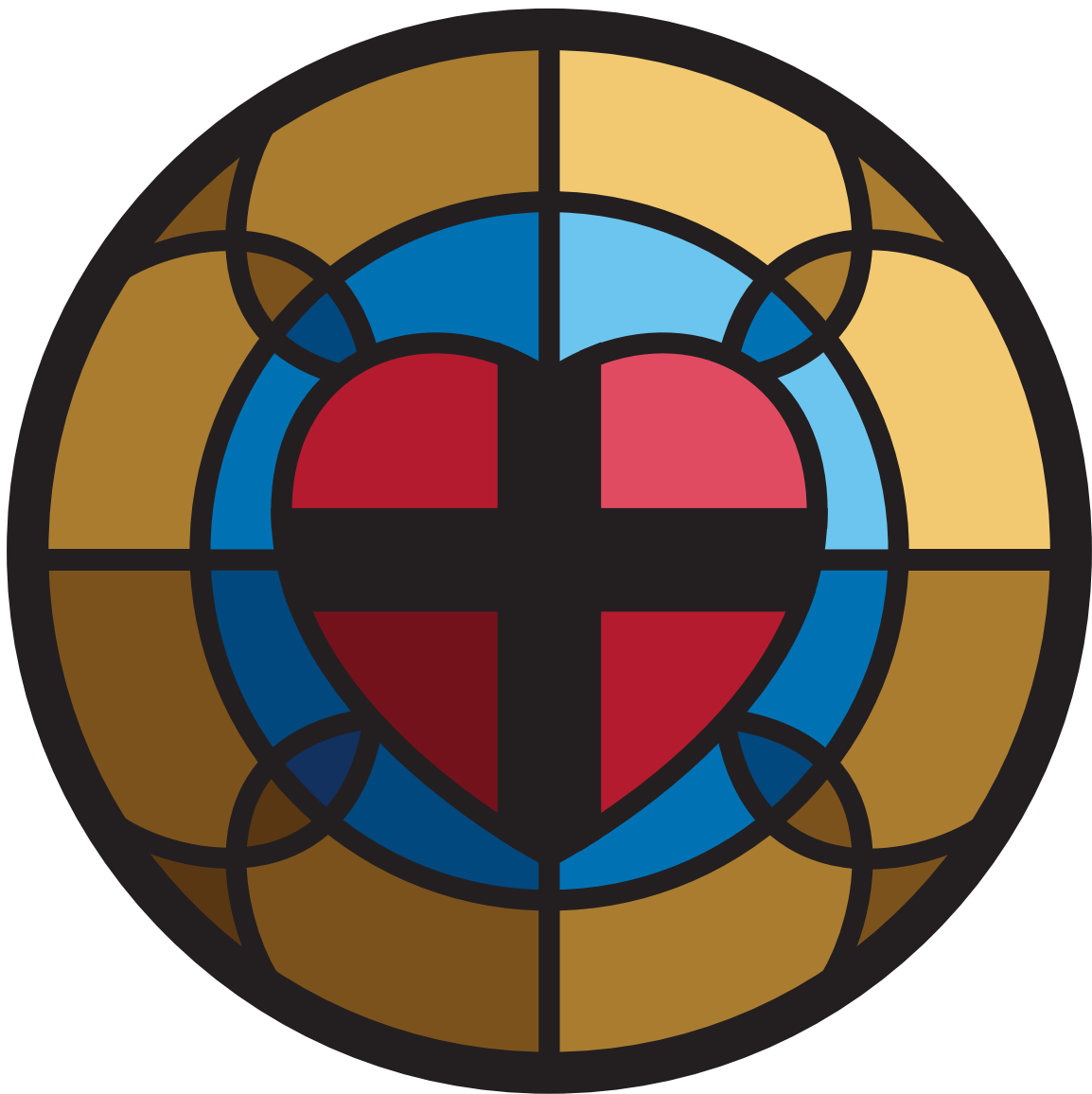


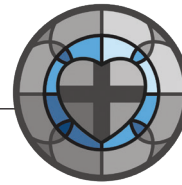
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### BLACK CROSS SET IN THE RED HEART

The Cross of Christ is black to symbolize that the cross is a method of excruciating pain and death—in which Christ drew our sins to Himself. Christ endured this pain and death for us. The cross is set in a red heart because, while the cross brings pain and death, the Cross of Christ brings life to the believer. Therefore, the heart is a living heart and retains its natural color.



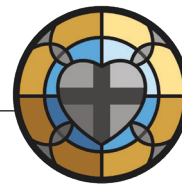
### BLUE CIRCLE

The sky blue circle symbolizes the beginning heavenly joy we now have through the death and resurrection of Christ. It also symbolizes the waters of Holy Baptism and that the resurrection promises of God are applied to us through faith in Jesus Christ.



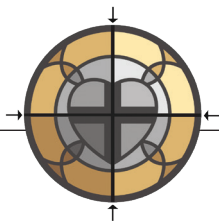
### GOLDEN RING

The golden ring symbolizes the heavenly joy that we have through the Grace of Christ. This joy will last for all eternity and is the most valuable gift we could possibly receive.



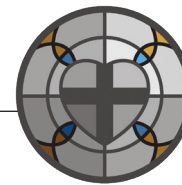
### WHITE ROSE

The white rose is a white transparent overlay covering the blue and gold circles. The white rose symbolizes the joy, comfort, and peace that are found in Christ.



### BACKGROUND CROSS

The blue circle and golden ring are also cut in fourths with a background cross to symbolize the four corners of the world. The Gospel of Christ is Good News for all the nations.



### FOUR ICHTHUSES & FOUR TRUMPETS

The petals of the white rose are separated by four ichthuses. (The ichthus, or fish, is an ancient Christian symbol.) The ichthuses symbolize the Apostles along with all believers. It is also a symbol of the Gospel being preached (trumpeted) to all four corners of the world as the ichthyses are turned with their tails pointed outward to resemble trumpets.



**DARK TO LIGHT** — Lastly, the four quadrants in the seal move from darker colors in the lower left corner to lighter colors in the upper right corner. This symbolizes that Christians have been set free from the darkness of sin and now live in the light of Christ and the Gospel. The color change is also made to resemble a stained glass window similar to the windows found in Faith Lutheran's sanctuary.