



+Christian Symbol+

Jerusalem Cross

This complex cross, also called the Crusader's Cross or Fivefold Cross, has several interpretations. The main cross is composed of four tau (T) crosses representing the Old Testament law. The four small Greek crosses symbolize the fulfillment of the law in the gospel. The five crosses together represent the church's mission: to spread the gospel to the four corners of the earth. They're also said to symbolize Christ's five wounds (hands, feet and side).

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Letter from Pastor Hayley

Family is the first unit in society. We learned this from our sociology classes. In our family we learn social skills, such as how to engage others, how to behave, and how to love or how to hate.

In a perfect world, your family home is a place of love; the place where you return after a hard day of work. In reality, however, that is not always the case. There are many families with secrets — maybe not everybody gets along, or maybe there are skeletons in the closet nobody wants to mention. Sometimes there are arguments, disagreements, estrangement, total dysfunction. Sometimes a family gets divided by their political beliefs, ethical values, religions, etc.

Jesus knew that different religious values would separate families and not everybody would be Christians. At the same time, no religion would ever replace Christianity. In that sense, the cost of discipleship is sometimes what causes the separation of a family. This is a sad reality.

This sad reality extends beyond our own little family. If we say our congregation is a small family of faithful people, we know we will not always agree on everything every time. If we say we are part of a larger family, our society or perhaps our country, we know there will still be disagreements.

So what can we expect? What is the message we should spread when this happens?

In these current divisive times, the good news we have in Christ is that it's not only through your blood related family that you can receive love and care, but others can be your loving family too. We know not all families are related by blood. Perhaps you were adopted. Some of us have friends who we treasure just as if they were family. There are many ways to be a family.

So in that sense, we are all children of God who received the same Spirit through our baptism. We are a family in Christ who share the same beliefs, the same care for others. We are adopted in Christ as brothers and sisters in the name of the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit.

We may disagree. We may argue. We may address the wrongdoings of our brothers and sisters to such an extent that we argue. Arguments can cause separation or the end of a relationship. However, in God we have the gift of having a relationship with God and with each other. Therefore, we can stand for our brothers and sisters who are mistreated, those who have experienced isolation and loneliness.

We can all be family.

in Christ,
 Pastor Hayley

OUR Faith FAMILY



God's Constant Creativity

In Isaiah 43:19, God proclaims, "See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?" (NIV). God's process of creating is active and ongoing, meaning there's always something new for us to notice, grasp and learn.

"God's will is not an abstraction," writes Thomas Merton in *No Man Is an Island*. "It is a living concrete reality in the lives of [people], and our souls are created to burn as flames within his flame. The

will of the Lord is not a static center drawing our souls blindly toward itself. It is a creative power, working everywhere, giving life and being and direction to all things, and above all forming and creating, in the midst of an old creation, a whole new world which is called the Kingdom of God."



God is Love

-1 John 4:16

Bible Quiz



What seemingly small act did Jesus specifically say would be rewarded?

- A. Giving a child a toy
- B. Giving a lost traveler directions
- C. Giving someone a cup of cold water
- D. Giving a sad person a hug

Answer: C (See Matthew 10:42.)

Treasure the Present

Patience asks us to live the moment to the fullest...to taste the here and now, to be where we are. When we are impatient, we try to get away from where we are. We behave as if the real thing will happen tomorrow, later, and somewhere else. Let's be patient and trust that the treasure we look for is hidden in the ground on which we stand.

—Henri Nouwen
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Please Pray for These Loved Ones

Donna Archer, Karen Bartholomew, Kathleen Bhargava, Maggie Brower, Young Hee Choi, Lillian Cooper, Ron DePue, Rich Dugan, Nora Edwards, the Fernandez Family, Al Frielink, Krista Fuchs, Mark Hallwell, Mary Carolyn Harrison, Diane Hesse, Jae Hee Kim, Nadine Kohn, Soon Hoi Koo, Dennis and Jennifer Kruk, Anna and Walter Kruk, Bill Kyritz, Rich Lindeberg, Renee Lomelino, Kaethe Lorch, Marie Lupinski, Dennis Marinkovich, Dorothy Mulroe, Emma and Richard Murphy, Amy Nywening, Lionel Ortega, Shepard Palance, Karen Richardson, Doris Robinson, Cathy and Roger Schramm, Evelyn Schramm, Yorg Schultheis, Michael Siekmann, Nancy Sweet, Marge Tomaselli, Jaime Battaglia van Dam, Lenny van Dam, Jennifer Viehmeyer, June Ward, Irma Weishaupt, Louis Wernick, Robert Wiederschall, Elenor Witte, Paul Witte and Claire Zimmerman

And those serving in the military...

Ryan Coiley, Bryant Rodriguez Cyriax, Greg Flintall, Daniel Jaichner, Devin Vega and Rachel Zarnke

And those who can't always be with us...

Al Frielink, Grete Potts and Irma Weishaupt

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CHRIST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JULY 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4 Independence Day 
5 Worship Service (Virtual) 10:30am	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 Worship Service (Virtual) 10:30am	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 Worship Service (Virtual) 10:30am	20 Lectionary Bible Study (Virtual) 11:00am	21	22	23	24	25
26 Worship Service (Virtual) 10:30am	27 Lectionary Bible Study (Virtual) 11:00am	28	29	30	31	(CH) Church (FH) Fellowship Hall (FR) Family Room (OB) Office Building (PA) Parsonage