



+Christian Symbol+

PEACOCK

The beautiful peacock is likely one of the lesser-known Christian symbols. Based on an ancient myth that its flesh doesn't decay after death, early Christians appropriated the bird as a symbol of immortality. The molting of its tail feathers each year to be replaced with supposedly more beautiful ones led to use of the peacock as a sign of resurrection and glorification.

Additionally, the eye-like pattern in the peacock's tail feathers made it a symbol of conscience and of God, who sees all. However, the peacock also represents arrogance as it struts to show off its plumage. During the Baroque period, the peacock was often part of artwork at the 10th Station of the Cross, depicting Jesus stripped of his clothing—atonement, according to some teachings, specifically for our sin of vanity.

Early Christians believed peacocks shriek when they catch sight of their feet, which they consider ugly. Christians took this as a reminder that we, too, should lament our spiritual imperfections that detract from the beauty of life lived in Christ.

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CHAPEL NEWS

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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MATHEMATICAL
EQUATION
EVER GIVEN:
1 CROSS + 3 NAILS
= 4 GIVEN.



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Rev. Stover Crouthamel and Dolly Crouthamel Vander Plaat Memorial Scholarship



If you are an active member of Christ Lutheran Church and are planning to attend college or an advanced training program this fall, you may be eligible to apply for the Rev. Stover Crouthamel and Dolly Crouthamel Vander Plaat Memorial Scholarship. Please contact the Church Office at 201-262-0138 for the application (due by May 11, 2026). Applicants will be considered based on church activity, community activity, and academic achievement.

THE JOY OF THE RESURRECTION

We Christians simply cannot get over the reality of the Resurrection. For us, the fact that God raised Christ from the dead proves that Christ's way alone is God's answer to the sins and horrors of the world. The truths Christ taught when he walked on earth stand solid and irrefutable. The light he brought is the only light that never goes out, for it is the eternal light of God's glory. Christ's life is the clearest example of how God intends for us to live. His way is the way that makes the most sense for our lives on this earth. The saints throughout history have shown that again and again.

The hope Christ offers is the only true and lasting hope. Ultimately, it is our assurance that life can be good and joy-filled for all. Consider the words St. Paul wrote to the church at Rome and apply them to your own life: "Just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his" (Romans 6:4-5, NRSV).

If that is not a tremendous cause for abiding joy, then what is?

BIBLE QUIZ

According to Matthew's account, something remarkable happened to the earth on the day Jesus was crucified and again on the morning when Mary Magdalene and the other Mary visited the tomb. What occurred on both days?

- A. There was a flood on both days.
- B. There was an earthquake on both days.
- C. There was a huge fire on each day.
- D. There was complete darkness on both days.



Answer: B (Matthew 27:51; Matthew 28:2)

APRIL

Assistant Schedule

MAUNDY THURSDAY

APRIL 2 8:00pm
Lay Assistant Bill Jaichner
Usher Linda Polise
Altar Guild All help

GOOD FRIDAY

APRIL 3 8:00pm
Lay Assistant Pat Berinato
Usher Anne Carman
Altar Guild —

APRIL 5

10:00am
Lay Assistant Bob Denicola
Usher Linda Comery
Altar Guild Terry Calise

APRIL 12

10:00am
Lay Assistant Bill Jaichner
Usher Margarete Denicola
Altar Guild Gina Lally

APRIL 19

10:00am
Lay Assistant Chris Nilsen
Usher Linda Polise
Altar Guild —

APRIL 26

10:00am
Lay Assistant Carrie Ralston
Usher Lori Mercer
Altar Guild Linda Polise

Counter Chuck Young

BIRTHDAYS

Corinne Sakala 4/3
Matthew Savage 4/15
Sam Ralston 4/18
Margarete Stefanzick 4/19
Linda Polise 4/24

APRIL 2026

Church (CH)
Fellowship Hall (FH)
Family Room (FR)
Office Building (OB)

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

			1	2 Maundy Thursday Worship Service (CH) 8:00pm	3 Good Friday Worship Service (CH) 8:00pm	4 Crafty Ladies (OB) 10:00am
5 Worship Service (CH) 10:00am	6	7 Canoe/Kayak Club Meeting (FR) 6:30 - 9:00 pm	8	9	10	11
12 Worship Service (CH) 10:00am	13	14	15	16	17	18 Crafty Ladies (OB) 10:00am
19 Worship Service (CH) 10:00am	20	21	22	23	24 Corinne's Cupboard assembly (OB) 10:30am	25
26 Worship Service (CH) 10:00am Endowment Meeting (OB) 11:15am	27	28	29	30		

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