The **Colors** of the Luther Rose

Colors not only brighten our lives but colors can have wonderful meaning and significance on our lives. This is also true for us Lutherans; especially the month of October where we remember in thanksgiving to God for the renewal of His Church through the Reformation.

The Luther Rose proclaims our Lutheran identity. It is a summary of our Christian faith. It depicts in color the message of what God has done for us in Christ:

In the center is a **black** cross that reminds us that Jesus died to take the punishment for our sins. Jesus is the center of our lives.

The **red** heart represents the love God has for us in sending Jesus to be our Savior who shed His blood for our forgiveness.

The **white** rose helps us remember the work of the Holy Spirit who brings us to faith, strengthening us with His comfort and peace and equipping us to live our lives for Him as we grow in faith.

The **sky blue** background stands for the joy of the new life and hope of heaven that God gives to all who believe and trust in Him for life and salvation.

The **gold circle** symbolizes our most precious gift – eternal life in heaven – where we will enjoy complete joy and happiness with Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Colors bring much joy to our lives. Not only for the Fall season, but especially if colors can remind us of the Gospel of Jesus Christ; what He has done for us in His cross and resurrection is the source of all our joy – eternal joy!

This colorful Luther's Seal can be a wonderful conversation starter for you with people who visit you, if you have it displayed in your house, or here at church. Remembering the colors and their meaning gives you a wonderful opportunity to share the Gospel with the people God puts in your life. Displaying this symbol encourages us to "always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you" (1 Peter 3:15).

Wishing you a colorful season of sharing the joy in Christ!
Your shepherd in Christ
Pastor Gerald Paul