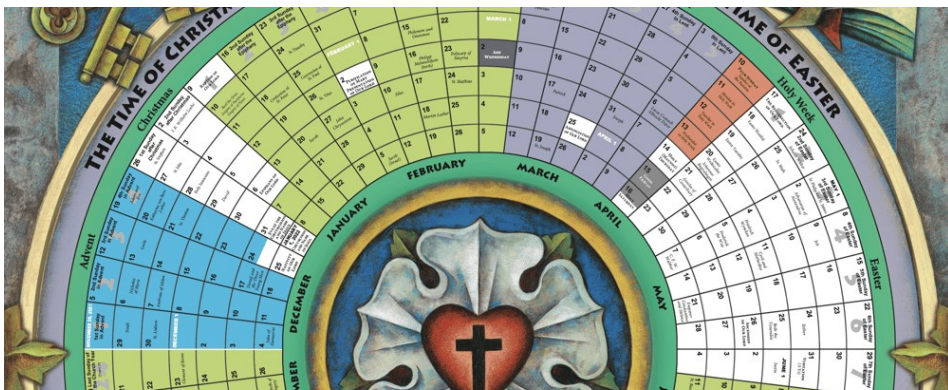


The Color Purple: And the Other Four(+) Colors of the Church Year



Dear Friends in Christ,
In life, we sometimes do things without really asking why we do them. Take the colors that we use to highlight in our sanctuary throughout the church year. We have some beautiful paraments, liturgical hangings on and around the altar as well as the pulpit and lectern. We may know that there is a group of volunteers, our altar care team, who change those paraments throughout the church year, but those changes are somewhat of a mystery for most of us. Why do we do use these different colors and what do they represent?

Purple is the color for the season we are now in. There are four other colors (white, red, green, and blue) that adorn our chancel from time to time. Let's take a look at the church year (Advent through Christ the King Sunday in November) and see what colors are used and why we use them. (I will try not to "over explain", which I am sometimes known to do!)

Advent: Blue/*Purple

- When? Late November or Early December until Christmas Day
- Meaning/Representation? Hope and is a traditional color for the Virgin Mary.

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Wednesday, March 1

Psalm 32;
Exodus 34:1-9, 27-28;
Matthew 18:10-14

Thursday, March 2

Psalm 121;
Isaiah 51:1-3;
2 Timothy 1:3-7

Friday, March 3

Psalm 121;
Micah 7:18-20;
Romans 3:21-31

Saturday, March 4

Psalm 121;
Isaiah 51:4-8;
Luke 7:1-10

Sunday, March 5 **Second Sunday in Lent**

Monday, March 6

Psalm 128;
Numbers 21:4-9;
Hebrews 3:1-6

Tuesday, March 7

Psalm 128;
Isaiah 65:17-25;
Romans 4:6-13

Wednesday, March 8

Psalm 128;
Ezekiel 36:22-32;
John 7:53-8:11

Thursday, March 9

Psalm 95;
Exodus 16:1-8;
Colossians 1:15-23

Friday, March 10

Psalm 95;
Exodus 16:9-21;
Ephesians 2:11-22

- *Until about 50 years ago, this season was usually Purple for Lutherans.

Christmas: White

- When? Christmas Day through, January 6
- Meaning/Representation? Purity, light, glory, and joy

Epiphany: Green. (Epiphany is one of two green "ordinary seasons".)

- When? January 7th to Ash Wednesday
- Meaning/Representation? Life, growth, anticipation

Lent: Purple

- When? Ash Wednesday to Palm/Passion Sunday
- Meaning/Representation? Penance, sacrifice, preparation

Easter: White/Gold

- When? Easter Day until Pentecost Sunday (7 weeks)
- Meaning/Representation? Purity, light, glory, and joy

Pentecost Sunday: Red

- When? Seven weeks after Easter Sunday
- Meaning/Representation? God's love, fire, the Holy Spirit, blood of the martyrs/saints

Sundays after Pentecost: Green. (One of two "ordinary seasons", along with Epiphany)

When? Summer until Christ the King Sunday in November
 Meaning/Representation? Life, growth, anticipation.

There are some other times when the color for a particular Sunday changes for a single week. Here are some examples...

White: Transfiguration Sunday (the Sunday before Ash Wednesday) Trinity Sunday (the Sunday after Pentecost Sunday), All Saints Sunday (the first Sunday in November), and Christ the King Sunday (late November, the last Sunday in the church calendar)

Red: In addition to Pentecost Sunday, Red is used for remembering certain commemorations like Reformation Sunday (the last Sunday in October) or in remembrance of certain saints of the church on their death days.

In addition, you may have attended a church that used some additional parament colors beyond the five mentioned above. Here are some examples...

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Saturday, March 11

Psalm 95;
Exodus 16:27-35;
John 4:1-6

Sunday March 12 Third Sunday in Lent

Monday March 13

Psalm 81;
Genesis 24:1-27;
2 John 1:1-13

Tuesday March 14

Psalm 81;
Genesis 29:1-14;
1 Corinthians 10:1-4

Wednesday March 15

Psalm 81;
Jeremiah 2:4-13;
John 7:14-31 37-39

Thursday March 16

Psalm 23;
1 Samuel 15:10-21;
Ephesians 4:25-32

Friday March 17

Psalm 23;
1 Samuel 15:22-31;
Ephesians 5:1-9

Saturday March 18

Psalm 23;
1 Samuel 15:32-34;
John 1:1-9

Sunday March 19 Fourth Sunday in Lent

Monday March 20

Psalm 146;
Isaiah 59:9-19;
Acts 9:1-20

Tuesday March 21

Psalm 146;
Isaiah 42:14-21;
Colossians 1:9-14

Scarlet (A more crimson red): Passion/Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday. Emphasizing the sacrifice and royalty of Christ.

Rose: Third Sunday of Advent, Fourth Sunday of Lent). A color representing joy, even in the midst of penitential seasons.

Black: Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and sometimes used for funerals

Unbleached Linen/Beige/Gray: Ash Wednesday or Lent representing repentance or humility.

Gold: Easter Season. Celebrating the triumphant resurrection of Christ

From time to time, paraments wear out. Our green paraments, which get the most use, are starting to show their age. The altar care team is researching the work of some liturgical artists to make us some replacements. There may soon be an opportunity to make gifts to the church for this particular purpose.

A few years ago, my friend Susan Black, an artist and former head of the Aurora Arts Association, wanted to thank the church for the use of our basement for the Aurora Art Show. I knew that she was passionate about liturgical things (She's Roman Catholic) so I asked her to create five oil pastel panels, each in one of the colors that we use in our sanctuary. They sit on top of the church mail boxes that each household uses near the entrance to the sanctuary. I hope to someday soon to find a more permanent place to hang them. Take a look next time you are getting your mail. There is a depth to them that I find intriguing.

All of this from the question, "Why do we use purple?" I probably have over-explained. But if our lives of faith are about finding meaning, I find it comforting to know that color is a catalyst to help us do just that.

May God bless you on your path this Lenten Season and help you to look afresh at all of the colors that surround you everyday. Especially purple!

Peace! Pastor Craig

Wednesday March 22

Psalm 146;
Isaiah 60:17-22;
Matthew 9:27-34

Thursday March 23

Psalm 130;
Ezekiel 1:1-3 2:8-3:3;
Revelation 10:1-11

Friday March 24

Psalm 130;
Ezekiel 33:10-16;
Revelation 11:15-19

Saturday, March 25 **Annunciation of the Lord**

Saturday March 25

Psalm 130;
Ezekiel 36:8-15;
Luke 24:44-53

Sunday March 26 **Fifth Sunday in Lent**

Monday, March 27

Psalm 143;
1 Kings 17:17-24;
Acts 20:7-12

Tuesday, March 28

Psalm 143;
2 Kings 4:18-37;
Ephesians 2:1-10

Wednesday, March 29

Psalm 143;
Jeremiah 32:1-9, 36-41;
Matthew 22:23-33

Thursday, March 30

Psalm 31:9-16;
1 Samuel 16:11-13;
Philippians 1:1-11

In Our Hearts & Prayers

Prayers for

Amy Elliot
 Angela Thompson
 Anna (Grider) Westcott
 Barb Bannister
 Beth Brandt
 Betty Gerhardt
 Bob and Sally Boonstra
 Brant Popma Family
 Brian Wolfe
 Brooke
 Burt Aus
 Carol Smith
 Cindy Caufield
 Colin Brown
 Connie Robertson Family
 Dar & Vern Hopper
 Dave Stegmeier
 Dexter Walter Family
 Don Enright
 Elaine Bloomquist, family of
 Eric Wechter
 Guy Bernard, family of
 Heidi Daniel and family
 Helen D
 Howard & Kathy Brandt
 Jim Popwell Family
 JoAnn Caufield
 Joyce Colvin
 Kate
 Kylie McMinimee
 Larry Marnella
 Laurie Boyce and Family
 Lawson Roberts
 Linda Bradley
 Lynn Bloomfield
 Mankin family
 Margaret Schultz
 Matt H
 Mike McCue
 Norman Colvin
 Piper
 Roy Steven
 Sandi & Robbie Helman
 Sandy Lyon
 Shirley Ann Andreason
 Stetson McMinimee
 Sylvia Peter
 Tom & Joy Nelson
 Traci
 Vi Anderson
 Victims of violence

Requested by

Barb B.
 Cindy C
 Jim & Doris Grider
 PC
 Mary W.
 Kenton and Mary Wolfe
 Doris Grider
 PC
 Kenton & Mary
 Heather W
 PC
 Helen D
 Mary W.
 Heather W
 Sharon G.
 Susan W
 Dan and Lonnie Harms
 Kay
 Lance
 Helen D
 PC
 Helen D
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 Mary W.
 Judi Aus
 Cindy C
 Susan W
 PC
 Barb B.
 Ilene Marnella
 PC
 PC
 Barb
 Lonnie and Dan Harms
 Julie
 Marie Gunther
 PC
 Heather Wechter
 Nancy
 Heather W
 Joyce
 Terri Weatherly
 Lance
 Ilene Marnella
 Barb B.
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 Mary W.
 Barb B.
 Judi
 Lance



Donna Webb	1
David Hendrick	7
Kenton Wolfe	8
Jennifer Groner	14
Morgan Luckett	14
Cassidy Eggert	15
Mary Lyon	15
Gordan Ball	18
John Ries	18
Judi Aus	20
Lance Lyon	21



Cindy & Scott Caufield	24
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March 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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5 10 am Worship 7 pm AA Meeting	6 Pastor Craig Dean's Retreat	7 6 pm AA Meeting	8	9	10	11 AA Special Speaker, 6-8 pm
12 10 am Worship 11:15 am Endowment Team 7 pm AA Meeting	13	14 6 pm AA Meeting	15 Backpack Buddies 10 am Marion/Polk Mobile Food Pantry, 3:30-5 pm, Aurora Pythian Hall	16	17 Creative Gathering 10 am	18
19 10 am Worship 11:15 am Council 7 pm AA Meeting	20	21 6 pm AA Meeting	22	23	24	25
26 10 am Worship 7 pm AA Meeting	27	28 North Marion Services Team, Hubbard City Hall, 3-4:30 p.m. 6 pm AA Meeting				

Sunday Helpers

March 5

Reader:

Doris Grider

Ushers:

Lynn Bloomfield
and Ilene Marnella

Donut Host:

Mary Wolfe

March 12

Reader:

Mike Boonstra

Ushers:

Marvis Gilnett and
Dick Kaegi

Communion Helper:

Mike Boonstra

Coffee Host:

Dixie Scheeahan
Birthday Celebration

March 19

Reader:

Dale Williamson

Ushers:

Susan and
Dale Williamson

Coffee Host:

Marie Gunther

March 26

Reader:

Lynn Ries

Ushers:

John and Lynn Ries

Coffee Hosts:

Lynn Bloomfield
and Lonnie Harms
Birthday Celebration

Reminder Daylight Savings Time

Did you know that on **Sunday, March 12 at 2:00 a.m.** that Daylight Savings Time Begins? This is a reminder to move your clocks forward one (1) hour.

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