

Symbolically Speaking

Understanding Symbols
both generally and specifically

Introduction

Define what a “symbol” is and list at least THREE benefits to “symbolic” speech:

Definition:

- 1)
- 2)
- 3)

Symbols in the Bible

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Animal Images• Nature Images• Numbers• Images of Heaven | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jesus’ I AM Statements• Images of Judgment• Visions of God• Parables of the Kingdom |
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Symbols of the Church Year

The Rhythm of the Church Year

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Time of Christmas<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Advent○ Christmas○ The Epiphany➤ Time of Easter<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Lent○ Holy Week○ Easter | <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Time of the Church<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Pentecost○ Trinity Sunday○ Reformation Day○ All Saints’ Day○ Christ the King |
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The Colors of the Church Year

Traditionally, five basic colors of a festive, penitential, and neutral nature have been used in most liturgical congregations. In recent times, with liturgical renewal, three additional colors (blue, scarlet, and gold) have been added to the basic five of white, red, green, violet or purple, and black.

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| ❖ Blue | ❖ Purple |
| ❖ White | ❖ Scarlet |
| ❖ Green | ❖ Gold |
| ❖ Black | ❖ Red |

Symbols in our worship

The Rhythm of our Worship

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| ✓ “Divine Service” or “Office Hours” | ✓ The Propers (Variety, variety!) |
| ✓ The meaning of “Divine Service” | ✓ Testimonials! |
| ✓ Emphasis on the mandates of Jesus | ✓ The Church Sings! |
| ✓ The Ordinary (Salvation recited) | ✓ Proclamation (Reading/Preaching) |

The Rubrics of our Worship

- Standing or sitting
- Facing the altar or facing the people
- Movement within the service

Symbols in our sanctuary

The Architecture

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| ➤ Height | ➤ Acoustics |
| ➤ Depth | ➤ Quality |
| ➤ Places of Prominence | ➤ Sense of Community |

The Art

Creation Window



Christ Window



Holy Spirit Window



Means of Grace Window



Mission Window



Eternal Life Window



Symbols of the church

Coming Next Week!