

**The Rooster (Cock).** The rooster has long been a symbol in the church signifying humanity's denial that Jesus is Lord of everything. Specifically the symbol is related to St. Peter when he denied knowing Jesus three times before the cock crowed.

However because of the Cross our doubt and denial have been crucified and now we proclaim the truth of the Gospel. We are both sinners and saints. As the church we are reminded that "while we were yet sinners Christ died for us."



**The Water.** Water is mentioned in the first chapter of Genesis and the last chapter of Revelation. Throughout the Scriptures, it symbolizes deliverance and grace (Noah, Moses, Israel, Jonah).

Because of the Cross water takes on greater significance through baptism. The three lines signify the presence of the Trinity at baptism (...in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.) Since baptism is a sacrament we believe that the water is the means by which one enters into the covenant community. It is God's sign and seal of his promise.

**The Scriptures.** In creation we observe some of God's general attributes. However, in the Scriptures God's specific plan of redemption is revealed. Through the Scriptures the Trinitarian God reveals Himself and His holy will. All of Scripture points to Christ and His finished work.

Through Christ's work on the cross the veil is lifted from our eyes. We are given God's word for teaching, reproof, correction and training in righteousness. So as a community of believers we meditate, memorize, study, and listen to the Scriptures not only during every worship service but also in our daily lives.

**The Grapes.** Grapes symbolize food and drink. God creates them both for humanity as a way to sustain life. Through the Scriptures we observe meals being shared as a demonstration of love, caring and hospitality (Abraham, Melchizedek, Esther, Passover).

Because of the Cross meals (food, sustenance) take on greater significance through communion. In communion, the body and blood of Christ is given as a meal for the believers sustenance. As a sacrament we partake in this meal knowing that it is a sign and seal of God's love and care for his chosen people. It also reminds us to give food and drink to the needy knowing that in the future all who are hungry will dine with the king.

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## Our Emblem Explained



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