



Where You Meet Your Savior and Find A Friend

Sunday Worship - 9:00 a.m.

Monday Worship - 7:00 p.m.

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Welcome

Here is some helpful information to guide your stay with us.

1. **Enjoy.** We feel blessed you came to Cross of Christ. Our worship service lasts about 60 minutes. Participate as much as you feel comfortable with.
2. **Restrooms.** We have one restroom in the back of church and a men's and women's restroom downstairs.
3. **Children.** Your children are welcome to worship with us regardless of their age. If you feel they are being too disruptive, we do have a **Parents Area** available downstairs with a television where you can watch the worship service.
4. **Offering.** You are welcome to give an offering, but you do not need to feel obligated to do so.
5. **Holy Communion.** Holy Communion will be offered at the end of the worship service. God's Word teaches in Holy Communion believers in Jesus not only receive bread and wine, but also Jesus' body and blood in a miraculous way for the forgiveness of their sins and the strengthening of their faith. If you are a guest, please talk to the pastor before you take Holy Communion. He would be happy to answer any questions you may have.

About Cross Of Christ

Cross of Christ is a Bible based church, which exists to give thanks to God for Jesus' death on the cross and resurrection by which God forgave all people of their sins and gives eternal life to all who believe in him. We do this by believing in the triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and sharing his Word with our community and the world.

Sermon Series: **Hidden In Plain Sight**

July 12 & 13: Mysterious Love

July 19 & 20: Mysterious Rest

July 26 & 27: Mysterious Word

August 2 & 3: Mysterious Glory

August 9 & 10: **Mysterious Faith**

August 16 & 17: Mysterious Trust

August 23 & 24: Mysterious Confidence

Order of Service

HYMN 598:1-3: *"My Maker, Be With Me"*

- 1. My Maker, be with me The light of life to give,
And guide me patiently While here on earth I live.
To you my heart I tender And all my pow'rs surrender;
Make it my one endeavor To love and serve you ever.
Help me your loving care to see; My Maker, be with me.**
- 2. My Savior, wash me clean With your most precious blood,
That takes away all sin And seals my peace with God.
My soul will rest securely, For you still love me dearly;
Now I find full salvation And freedom from damnation.
Without you, lost, defiled by sin, My Savior, wash me clean.**
- 3. My Comforter, give pow'r That I may stand secure
When in temptation's hour The world and sin allure.
The Son to me revealing, Inspire my thought and feeling,
His Word of grace to ponder Nor let me from him wander.
On me your gifts and graces show'r: My Comforter, give pow'r.**

Please stand

M: The grace of our Lord + Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

CONFIRMATION RESPONSIVE READING

M: Remember, O Lord, your great mercy and love, for they are from of old.

C: **Remember not the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways; according to your love remember me, for you are good, O Lord.**

M: Show me your ways, O Lord, teach me your paths;

C: **Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long.**

M: Teach me to do your will, for you are my God.

C: **May your good Spirit lead me on level ground.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Eternal God and Father, lead us to always trust in Jesus, who obeyed your will and bore the cross for our salvation that through his anguish, pain, and death we may receive forgiveness of sins and inherit eternal life. Help us to also faithfully worship and serve you all the days of our lives, and pass the message of our Savior Jesus on from generation to generation, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Be Seated

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 13:1-10,18-23

All who believe are to remain faithful to God and produce fruits of faith.

¹ That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake. ² Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore. ³ Then he told them many things in parables, saying: "A farmer went out to sow his seed. ⁴ As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. ⁵ Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. ⁶ But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. ⁷ Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. ⁸ Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop-- a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. ⁹ He who has ears, let him hear."

¹⁰ The disciples came to him and asked, "Why do you speak to the people in parables?"

¹⁸ "Listen then to what the parable of the sower means: ¹⁹ When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart. This is the seed sown along the path. ²⁰ The one who received the seed that fell on rocky places is the man who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. ²¹ But since he has no root, he lasts only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, he quickly falls away. ²² The one who received the seed that fell among the thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke it, making it unfruitful. ²³ But the one who received the seed that fell on good soil is the man who hears the word and understands it. He produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown." (NIV)

HYMN 599: *"Our Lord and God, Oh, Bless This Day"*

1. Our Lord and God, oh, bless this day

And hear us, we implore you;

None of your children turn away

Who now appear before you.

We come before your face

And pray: let your rich grace

Descend from heav'n above

In all your wondrous love,

And keep us by your Spirit.

2. **Oh, bless your Word to all the young;
Let them, your truth possessing,
Bear witness true with heart and tongue,
Their faith and ours confessing.
From mother's arms your grace
With love did them embrace.
Baptized into your name,
As yours you did them claim;
O Lord, as yours now own them!**
3. **And when they leave their childhood home,
When Satan comes alluring,
May their baptismal grace become
A refuge reassuring.
God's covenant is sure;
His promises endure.
They ne'er shall be undone
Who trust in God alone --
God is their mighty Father!**

SERMON LESSON

Isaiah 40:31

³¹ but those who hope in the
LORD
will renew their strength.
They will soar on wings like
eagles;
they will run and not grow
weary,
they will walk and not be
faint. (NIV)

“Mysterious Faith”

(you can follow along with the Sermon Notes sheet)

OFFERING

(If you would like to donate to Cross of Christ's ministry, you can go to www.portagelutheranchurch.org and click on the Donate button on the Home page.)

OFFERING PRAYER

M: Several weeks ago, our confirmands took a written examination of what they learned in Confirmation Class, which they passed. At this time, they will demonstrate to the congregation, the knowledge they gained and they are ready to become communicant members of this congregation and receive Holy Communion.

EXAMINATION OF THE CONFIRMANDS

THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION

QUESTIONS ADDRESSED TO PARENTS OF CONFIRMANTS AND MEMBERS OF CROSS OF CHRIST

PRAYER FOR THE CONFIRMANDS

M: Almighty God, in baptism you made these young adults members of the body of your dear Son, Jesus Christ. You washed them by his blood, buried them with him in his death, and gave them a new life in his resurrection. Renew them by the Holy Spirit which you have poured out on them generously through Jesus Christ our Savior. Let them live out their lives as heirs of eternal life. Lead them to serve your church in holiness and righteousness all their days. Keep them in the fellowship of those who love and wait for the return of our Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

LORDS'S PRAYER

C. Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF CONFIRMATION CERTIFICATE

HANGING OF CONFIRMATION BANNER

Please stand

The Sacrament

PREFACE

M: The Lord be with you.

C: (sing) And also with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: (sing) We lift them up unto the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: (sing) It is good and right so to do.

PROPER PREFACES

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock till he comes again in glory.

Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

C: (sing) Holy, holy, holy Lord God of heavenly hosts: heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he, blessed is he, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: (sing) Amen.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

C: (sing) O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us your peace. Amen.

Be Seated

DISTRIBUTION HYMN 310: *"I Come, O Savior, To Your Table"*

- 1. I come, O Savior, to your table, For weak and weary is my soul;
O Jesus, you alone are able To satisfy and make me whole.
Lord, may your body and your blood Be for my soul the highest good!**
- 2. Oh, grant that I in manner worthy May now trust solely in your Word,
And, conscious of the sins before me, Look only unto you, O Lord.
Lord, may your body and your blood Be for my soul the highest good!**
- 3. Unworthy though I am, O Savior, Because I have a sinful heart,
Yet you your lamb will banish never, Nor will your faithfulness depart.
Lord, may your body and your blood Be for my soul the highest good!**
- 4. Oh, let me loathe all sin forever As death and poison to my soul,
That I through willful sinning never May see your judgment take its toll!
Lord, may your body and your blood Be for my soul the highest good!**
- 5. Your heart is filled with fervent yearning That sinners may salvation see
Who, Lord, to you in faith are turning; So let me, too, come trustingly.
Lord, may your body and your blood Be for my soul the highest good!**

6. Weary am I and heavy laden; With sin my soul is sore oppressed.
Receive me graciously and gladden My heart, for I am now your guest.
Lord, may your body and your blood Be for my soul the highest good!
7. You here will find a heart most lowly That feels unworthy in your sight,
That duly weeps o'er sin, yet solely Your merit pleads, as it is right.
Lord, may your body and your blood Be for my soul the highest good!
8. By faith I call your holy table The testament of your deep love,
For by your gift I now am able To know the heart of God above.
Lord, may your body and your blood Be for my soul the highest good!
9. What higher gift can we inherit? It is faith's bond and solid base;
It is the strength of heart and spirit, The covenant of hope and grace.
Lord, may your body and your blood Be for my soul the highest good!
10. This feast is manna, wealth abounding Unto the poor, to weak ones pow'r,
To angels joy, to hell confounding, And life for me in death's dark hour.
Lord, may your body and your blood Be for my soul the highest good!
11. Your body, giv'n for me, O Savior, Your blood, which you for me have shed -
These are my life and strength forever; By them my hungry soul is fed.
Lord, may your body and your blood Be for my soul the highest good!
12. With you, Lord, I am now united; I live in you and you in me.
No sorrow fills my soul; delighted, It finds its peace on Calvary.
Lord, may your body and your blood Be for my soul the highest good!
13. Who can condemn me now? For surely The Lord is near, who justifies.
No hell I fear, and thus securely With Jesus I to heaven rise.
Lord, may your body and your blood Be for my soul the highest good!
14. Though death may threaten with disaster, It cannot rob me of my cheer,
For he who is of death the master With help and strength is always near.
Lord, may your body and your blood Be for my soul the highest good!
15. My heart has now become your dwelling, O blessed, holy Trinity.
With angels I, your praises telling, Shall live in joy eternally.
Lord, may your body and your blood Be for my soul the highest good!

CONFIRMATION HYMN 440: *"On Eagles' Wings"*

Please Stand

CLOSING PRAYER

M: O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: *(sing)* **Amen.**

BLESSING

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.

C: *(sing)* **Amen. Amen. Amen.**

HYMN 596: *"Let Me Be Yours Forever"*

- 1. Let me be yours forever, My faithful God and Lord;
Let me forsake you never Nor wander from your Word.
Lord, do not let me waver But give me steadfastness,
And for such grace and favor Your holy name I'll bless.**
- 2. Lord Jesus, my salvation, My light, my life divine,
My only consolation, To you I all resign,
For you have dearly bought me With blood and bitter pain.
Let me, since you have sought me, Eternal life obtain.**
- 3. O gracious Holy Spirit, My comforter and guide,
Grant that in Jesus' merit I always may confide,
Him to the end confessing Whom I have known by faith.
Give me your constant blessing And grant a Christian death. Amen.**

Be Seated

The Common Service: Texts revised from *The Lutheran Hymnal*, 1941. Music from *The Lutheran Hymnal*, 1941, revised by James Engel.

The Rite of Confirmation: Christian Worship Occasional Services

Hymn 598: Text, Tune, Setting: public domain.

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Confirmands' Information

Lily Hebel is the daughter of Lee and Stephanie Hebel. Lily's confirmation verse is:

Psalms 106:1: *"Praise the LORD. Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever." (NIV)*

Elizabeth Miller is the daughter of Todd and Kathy Miller. Elizabeth's confirmation verse is:

Joshua 1:9: *"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go." (NIV)*

Chloe Schultz is the daughter of Pastor Scott and Jill Schultz. Chloe's confirmation verse is:

Philippians 4:13: *"I can do everything through him who gives me strength." (NIV)*

Take The Next Step

We are so glad you took a big step and joined us for worship. You may be wondering what your next step is for connecting to Cross of Christ. Here are some options:



Come back for worship next week. Attending worship services is very important for people to grow in their faith in Jesus.



Set up a time to meet. Call or email the church office. We would be happy to set up a time to answer your questions and to share more about Cross of Christ's ministry with you.



Enroll in "Starting Point". This is a class environment designed for every guest to discover (or rediscover) the foundational teachings of the Bible and how they apply to their lives. Talk to the pastor if you are interested in attending.



Stay Connected. Stay connected with us online at www.portagelutheranchurch.org, on Facebook, on Instagram, and on Twitter.

Serving God This Week. August 9 - 15

Hymnsoft player: Andrew Hochmuth

Ushers: Scott McCluskey (C), William Beimborn, Todd Miller, Donovan Dumbleton, Aaron Miller (Sunday), Matthew Buchholz (C) (Monday)

Altar Committee: Jill Schultz & A.J. Graham (Sunday), Nona Lione & Judy Trebatoski (Monday)

Audio/visual technicians: Sandy Ryczek & Samuel Veglahn

Offering Counters: Jeannine Heckmann & Bonnie Dorniak (Sunday), Jodie Crosby (Monday)

Serving God Next Week. August 16 - 22

Hymnsoft player: Sarah Hochmuth

Ushers: William Eckert (C), Joshua Veglahn, Gabriel Veglahn, Samuel Veglahn (Sunday), Andrew Hochmuth (Monday)

Altar Committee: Jill Schultz & A.J. Graham (Sunday), Nona Lione & Judy Trebatoski (Monday)

Audio/visual technicians: Sandy Ryczek & Caleb Schultz

Offering Counters: Joan Klappstein & Randall Fox (Sunday), Jodie Crosby (Monday)

This Week At Cross of Christ (August 9 - 16)

Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Worship (w/ WELS Connection)
	11:00 a.m.	Confirmation Worship w/ Lord's Supper
Monday	5:30 p.m.	Evangelism Committee Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Worship (w/ WELS Connection)
Thursday	6:00 p.m.	Church Council Meeting
Next Sun.	9:00 a.m.	Worship w/ Lord's Supper

Last Week's Church Attendance

Views on Facebook Live: 93

Sunday: 33 Monday: 12 Total: 45

Last Week's Offerings

General: \$2,696.00 Tuition Assistance Fund: \$90.00

Announcements

In Our Prayers This Week: Our confirmands: Lily Hebel, Elizabeth Miller, and Chloe Schultz.

Worship Service Update. Since the Wisconsin State Supreme Court overturned the state's stay at home order, people are once again allowed to attend worship services in church. However, they are still urged to practice social distancing. For this reason, the Cross of Christ Church Council decided to offer worship services once again on Sunday at 9:00 a.m. and Monday at 7:00 p.m.

- Only 40 people are allowed to worship in church at a time, in addition to the pastor and the organist.
- People will only be allowed to sit in designated pews.
- Members are encouraged to sign up to attend Sunday or Monday worship services on the church's website: www.portagelutheranchurch.org. When members sign up, they can pick the pew they would like to sit in. Anyone who is unable to sign up online can call Dan Heckmann any time from Monday through Saturday between 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. You can call Dan on his home phone number 920-992-5692 or his cell phone number 920-350-1005. You can also email Dan at heckmann@rio.k12.wi.us.
- People are encouraged not to congregate in the back of church before or after the worship service.
- People are required to wear masks.
- There will be no greeters handing out worship folders/bulletins.

- There will be no hymnals or Bibles in the pews. The entire worship service will be in the worship folder/bulletin. If members would like to follow along with the worship service in the hymnal, they can bring their hymnal from home. If they do not have one, a small supply of hymnals will be available to use in the back of church.
- People will place their offerings in plates in the back of church when they first walk in or as they walk out after service.
- Holy Communion will be offered on the first, third, and fifth Sundays of the month, and the Mondays following. During distribution of Holy Communion, members will line up in the middle aisle and stay about six feet apart from one another. One member will come up at a time to receive the bread and then the wine, and only individual cups will be offered. The pastor will give a final blessing after everyone has received Holy Communion.
- If you do not feel comfortable attending worship services, you may watch Cross of Christ's Sunday morning 9:00 a.m. worship service live or recorded by going to Cross of Christ's Facebook page. If you would like to follow along with the worship service, you may download a bulletin from the church's website at www.portagelutheranchurch.org. Links for the church's Facebook page and the bulletin are on the front page of the church website.
- People who have a fever, cough, trouble breathing, or other symptoms of illness are encouraged to stay home and worship online until they feel better.

Important Changes For The Summer

- Midweek Bible classes, Church Committees, and other groups are once again allowed to gather in church, but they are encouraged to maintain social distancing.
- The Sunday morning Bible class is cancelled for the summer.
- There will be no coffee, snacks, or fellowship meals after worship services over the summer.
- Vacation Bible School has been cancelled.
- The church picnic has been cancelled.

Stay Connected. Finally, as we continue to live in these trying times, the Cross of Christ Church Council will continue to monitor the COVID-19 pandemic to see when things can get back to normal at church or if any further changes are needed. For this reason, stay connected to Cross of Christ on the church website, Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter to get important updates about worship services and other news and events. Regardless when things get back to normal, find comfort in your risen and ascended Savior Jesus who has forgiven your sins and who uses his almighty power to rule all things for the good of his people so we can one day join him in heaven. There we will all gather together and worship him in his presence safe and healthy forever.

Cross of Christ Ladies Gathering. On Wednesday, August 26, at 6:30 p.m., the Cross of Christ ladies will have a gathering to make lockets. Please sign up on the signup sheet in back of church as soon as possible. Due to COVID-19, masks will be required. Please bring your own snacks.

Directory. There is an updated 2020 Church Directory on the table in the back of church. Any member of Cross of Christ is welcome to stop by church and pick one up.

Forward in Christ and Meditations. You can pick up the new Meditations and Forward in Christ in the back of church.

Sermon Notes

Sermon Series: Hidden In Plain Sight

Sermon Theme: Mysterious Faith

Sermon Text: Isaiah 40:31

Introduction

How can we make sure our faith is in plain sight for everyone to see?

We Must Avoid the Devil, the World, and our Sinful Flesh's Temptations

- To give into _____.
- To believe what is _____ to what the Bible teaches.
- To _____ hearing God's Word.
- To _____ our faith in times of trouble.

We Must Always Have Saving Faith

- That _____ unswervingly in the Triune God and in Jesus as our Savior.
- That gladly _____ God's will.
- So we can _____ with God forever in heaven.

We Must Daily Strengthen our Faith with God's Word

- So we always _____ what the Bible teaches.
- So we _____ our faith around others.
- So we _____ our faith with others.