



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.

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: **Dialed In**

August 30 & 31: Inclusiveness
September 6 & 7: Preservation
September 13 & 14: Suffering
September 20 & 21: Accountability
September 27 & 28: **United**
October 4 & 5: Gracious

Order of Service

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.**

HYMN 563:1: *"Go Labor On"*

**1. (sing) Go labor on; spend and be spent --
'Tis joy to do the Father's will.
It is the way the Master went;
Should not the servant tread it still?**

M: God, be gracious to us and bless us

C: **And make your face shine upon us,**

M: That your ways may be known on earth

C: **Your salvation among all nations.**

M: Then the earth will yield its harvest,

C: **And God, our God, will bless us.**

M: O God, bless us.

C: **That all the ends of the earth may fear you.**

HYMN 563:2: *"Go Labor On"*

**2. (sing) Go labor on; count not the cost --
Your earthly loss is heav'nly gain.
The world indeed will praise you not,
But you will share in heaven's reign.**

M: Dear friends in Christ, our Lord Jesus has called us to be the light of the world and the salt of the earth. Yet we have often failed to let our lights shine to bring glory to our Father in heaven. For this and for all our sins, we come before our God and humbly ask his forgiveness.

C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

M: Jesus Christ is the light of the world, the light no darkness can overcome. Because Jesus has lived a holy life and because of his innocent death and resurrection, our heavenly Father sees us as his dear children. In Jesus we have forgiveness, life, light, and peace. Therefore as a called servant of Christ and by his authority I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

HYMN 563:3: *"Go Labor On"*

**3. (sing) Go labor on while it is day;
The world's dark night is hast'ning on.
Speed, speed your work, do not delay,
For it is thus that souls are won.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Lord of the Church, you have united us in faith and worship to make disciples of all nations and to nurture believers for lives of Christian service. Guide our leaders and help them fulfill their responsibilities with patience and understanding. Keep the congregations of the synod faithful to your Word and give them a willingness to support the

worldwide mission of your Church to the glory of God; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Be seated

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 49:1-6

God promises to send the Savior to save all people from their sins.

- ¹ Listen to me, you islands;
hear this, you distant nations:
Before I was born the LORD called me;
from my birth he has made
mention of my name.
- ² He made my mouth like a
sharpened sword,
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;
he made me into a polished arrow
And concealed me in his quiver.
- ³ He said to me, "You are my servant,
Israel, in whom I will display my splendor."
- ⁴ But I said, "I have labored to no purpose;
I have spent my strength in vain
and for nothing.
Yet what is due me is in the LORD's hand,
and my reward is with my God."

⁵ And now the LORD says--
he who formed me in the womb to
be his servant
to bring Jacob back to him
and gather Israel to himself,
for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD
and my God has been my strength--

⁶ he says:

"It is too small a thing for you to be my servant
to restore the tribes of Jacob
and bring back those of Israel I have kept.
I will also make you a light for the Gentiles,
that you may bring my salvation
to the ends of the earth." (NIV)

PSALM 133-134

(on page 115 in the front of the red hymnal)

**C: (*sing*) REFRAIN: Happy the people the Lord has
chosen to be his own.**

**How good and pleas'ant it is*
when brothers live together in 'unity!**

**For there the Lord bestows his 'blessing,*
even life for'evermore.**

REFRAIN: Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

**Praise the Lord, all you servants 'of the Lord*
who minister in the house 'of the Lord.**

**Lift up your hands in the sanctu'ary*
and 'praise the Lord.**

**May the Lord, the maker of heav'en and earth,*
bless you from 'Zion.**

**Glory be to the Father and 'to the Son*
and to the Holy 'Spirit,
as it was in the be'ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. 'Amen.**

REFRAIN: Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

SECOND LESSON

Philippians 1:3-11

Paul gives thanks to God for the Philippians partnership in the gospel ministry.

³ I thank my God every time I remember you. ⁴ In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy ⁵ because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, ⁶ being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ

Jesus. ⁷ It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart; for whether I am in chains or defending and confirming the gospel, all of you share in God's grace with me. ⁸ God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus.

⁹ And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, ¹⁰ so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ, ¹¹ filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ-- to the glory and praise of God. (NIV)

VERSE OF THE DAY

Psalm 133:1

M: Alleluia. How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity! Alleluia. (NIV)

Please stand

GOSPEL LESSON

John 17:13-21

Jesus prays for his disciples as they share the Word with others.

¹³ "I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them. ¹⁴ I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the

world any more than I am of the world. ¹⁵ My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶ They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. ¹⁷ Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸ As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹ For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified.

²⁰ "My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, ²¹ that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. (NIV)

C: (sing) Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

HYMN 566: "We All Are One in Mission"

- We all are one in mission;
We all are one in call,
Our varied gifts united
By Christ, the Lord of all.
A single great commission
Compels us from above
To plan and work together
That all may know Christ's love.**

- 2. We all are called to service,
To witness in God's name.
Our ministries are diff'rent;
Our purpose is the same:
To touch the lives of others
With God's surprising grace,
So ev'ry folk and nation
May feel God's warm embrace.**
- 3. Now let us be united,
And let our song be heard;
Now let us be a vessel
For God's redeeming Word.
We all are one in mission;
We all are one in call,
Our varied gifts united
By Christ, the Lord of all.**

SERMON LESSON

Colossians 2:6-10

⁶ So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him, ⁷ rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.

⁸ See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human

tradition and the basic principles of this world rather than on Christ.

⁹ For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, ¹⁰ and you have been given fullness in Christ, who is the head over every power and authority. (NIV)

“Strong Roots for Tender Shoots”

Please stand

APOSTLES CREED

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING

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OFFERING PRAYER

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Eternal God and Father, we give you thanks for the blessings we share as members of your holy Church, for your gracious Word and sacraments, for opportunities to worship and to grow in faith and knowledge, for occasions to serve and be served, for fellowship with believers in our congregation and in our synod.

C: Help us to rejoice in these blessings, dear Lord, and to use them faithfully.

M: Jesus Christ, Lord of the Church, you give grace to your people by calling us to be your witnesses in the world. Open our eyes to see the great and noble mission that lies before us. In the hurting eyes of the lonely, in the pained eyes of the sick, and in the searching eyes of the lost, help us to see your face, O Jesus, and to serve others as we would serve you.

C: Awaken us to the opportunities you give to proclaim your message of love.

M: Holy Spirit, giver of life, through Word and sacrament bestow on us the wisdom and power we need to witness clearly and to act boldly. Help us to speak the truth in love, to give the reason for the hope we have, and to conduct ourselves with gentleness and respect.

C: Set our hearts on fire as we work and witness for Christ.

M Hear us, Lord, as we pray for a family member, an acquaintance, a neighbor, or a friend who does not believe in you, or whose faith is weak or troubled.

Silent Prayer

M: Bless the Church with men and women who are willing to proclaim your Word in places where we cannot go. Keep them and their loved ones in your care, and let nothing hinder their work. By the power of the gospel, restore their spirits each day, so that they do not lose heart as they serve us and others.

C: Move us to support them with our sincere prayers and generous offerings.

M: Wherever your Word is proclaimed, O Lord, grant it success. Let your kingdom come to us and others, so that we and many more might join the assembly of saints and angels to sing your praise forever.

C: Savior of all, hear our prayer and help us in our mission. Amen.

LORD'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.

Be Seated

HYMN 564: *"There is a Balm in Gilead"*

**Refrain: There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole;
There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.**

- 1. Sometimes I feel discouraged
and think my work's in vain,
But then the Holy Spirit
revives my soul again.
There is a balm in Gilead to make
the wounded whole;
There is a balm in Gilead to heal
the sin-sick soul.**
- 2. If you cannot preach like Peter,
If you cannot pray like Paul,
You can tell the love of Jesus
And say he died for all.
There is a balm in Gilead to make
the wounded whole;
There is a balm in Gilead to heal
the sin-sick soul.**

Please stand

CLOSING PRAYER

M: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

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: Amen.

HYNN 579: "Lift High the Cross"

**Refrain: Lift high the cross; the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore his sacred name.**

- 1. Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod,
Our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God.
Lift high the cross; the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore his sacred name.**
- 2. Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
The hosts of God in conqu'ring ranks combine.
Lift high the cross; the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore his sacred name.**
- 3. So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory.
Lift high the cross; the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore his sacred name. Amen.**

Be seated

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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. September 27 - October 3, 2020

Hymnsoft player: Dave Kreklow

Ushers: John Otto (C), Ken Ryczek, Marv Timm, Gerry Gast, Caleb Schultz (Sunday), Adam Gaffney (Monday)

Altar Committee: Betty Gast & Joan Klappstein (Sun.), Nona Lione & Clementine Zabler (Mon.)

Audio/visual technicians: Sandy Ryczek & Henry Newman

Offering Counters: Curt & Julie Moran (Sunday), Jodie Crosby (Monday)

Serving God Next Week. October 4 - 10, 2020

Hymnsoft player: Bill Eckert

Ushers: Dan Heckmann (C), Russ Stensrud, Tim Scharenbroch, Chase Spillner (Sunday), Scott Crosby (C) (Monday)

Altar Committee: Tracy McCluskey & Lisa Hendershot (Sun.), Nona Lione & Sandra Beimborn (Mon.)

Audio/visual technicians: Sandy Ryczek & Chloe Schultz

Offering Counters: Dave & Judy Kreklow

This Week At Cross of Christ (September 27 – October 4, 2020)

Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Mission Fest Worship (<i>w/ Kid's Connection</i>)
	10:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:15 a.m.	Presentation
Monday	7:00 p.m.	Worship
Tuesday	9:30 a.m.	Deuteronomy Bible Study
	6:00 p.m.	Education Committee Meeting
Wednesday	5:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class
	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study
Thursday	5:00 p.m.	Stewardship Committee Meeting
	6:00 p.m.	Worship Committee Meeting
Next Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Worship w/ Lord's Supper
	10:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:15 a.m.	Quarterly Voters' Meeting

Sunday's Church Attendance

Views on Facebook Live: 53

Sunday: 38 Monday: 17 Total: 55

Last Week's Offerings

General: \$2,356.00 Wisconsin Lutheran Child and Family Services: \$5.00

Tuition Assistance Fund: \$70.00

Announcements

Sunday Bible Studies and Sunday School.

- In Sunday School the children will learn about the Old Testament lesson entitled "Moses' Birth."
- Pastor Naumann will give a presentation on Campus Ministry.

Mission Fest. Mission Fest will be on Sunday, September 27 with a special worship service starting at 9:00 a.m. The guest speaker is Pastor Joel Naumann from the Campus Ministry Committee. We will take a special door offering to support the WELS Campus Ministry. At 10:30 a.m. Pastor Naumann will give a presentation on Campus Ministry. There will not be a meal served after the presentation because of COVID-19.

Quarterly Voters' Meeting. The Quarterly Voters' Meeting will be held on Sunday, October 4 at 10:15 a.m. At this meeting we will make a decision on updating the sound system. We will also discuss pursuing a Mission Statement, and the progress on the church building program.

Food. There will be no snacks or fellowship meals served in September after the Sunday morning worship services.

Bulletins. Please take your bulletin home with you after church.

Beaver Dam Circuit Fall Rally Collection. The Lutheran Women's Missionary Society (LWMS) Rally that was to be held at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church in Beaver Dam has been cancelled. However, we are still collecting funds to support the missions for the LWMS Beaver Dam Circuit and also for the International LWMS missions. You can place your offering in your offering envelope and designate it for the LWMS Beaver Dam Circuit Missions. We will take the collection until October 1.

Cross of Christ Ladies Election. At their meeting on September 17, election of officers was held for the upcoming year. Officers are: President-Joan Klappstein, Vice President-Judy Trebatoski, Secretary-Sandra Beimborn, and Treasurer-Jill Schultz.

Befriend A Missionary Cards. Please sign the cards for our missionaries on the back table to support them in their ministries. Please take time to read the report from our newest mission in Mansfield, Ohio.

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.