

ARE YOU READY?



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, by which God forgave all people 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 the message of the cross with our community and the world.

Sermon Series: **Are You Ready?**

Jesus promises one day he will come back to earth to judge all people. Unfortunately, we do not know when that day will be. This is why Jesus tells us we must always be ready for it. But how can we make sure we are? In our sermon series entitled, "Are You Ready?" we will learn what we must do with God's help to make sure we are always ready for our Savior Jesus' return. We will learn we must:

- November 1 & 2: **Be Faithful To God's Word**
- November 8 & 9: Be Mindful of God's Judgment
- November 15 & 16: Be Watchful for Your Triumph
- November 22 & 23: Rejoice Christ Is Your King
- November 26: Give Thanks

Order of Service

HYMN 204:1-3: *"O God, Our Lord, Your Holy Word"*

- 1. O God, our Lord, Your holy Word
Was long a hidden treasure
Till to its place It was by grace
Restored in fullest measure.
For this today Our thanks we say
And gladly glorify you.
Your mercy show And grace bestow
On all who still deny you.**
- 2. Salvation true By faith in you
That is your gospel's preaching,
The heart and core Of Bible lore
In all its sacred teaching.
In Christ we must Put all our trust,
Not in our deeds or labor;
With conscience pure And heart secure
Love you, Lord, and our neighbor.**

**3. Lord, you alone This work have done
By your free grace and favor.
All who believe Will grace receive
Through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
And though the foe Would overthrow
Your Word with grim endeavor,
All he has wrought Must come to naught
Your Word will stand forever!**

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.

REFORMATION RESPONSIVE READING

M: Brothers and sisters in Christ, in this Reformation service
God again delivers to us love and forgiveness, power to
be his people, and resolve to share his precious gospel of
forgiveness with all people.

C: We are not ashamed of the gospel.

M: “¹As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, ² in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. ³ All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our sinful nature and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature objects of wrath. ⁴ But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, ⁵ made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions--it is by grace you have been saved. (Ephesians 2:1-5)

C: The gospel tells us how our Savior Jesus defeated the devil, the world, and our own sinful flesh to give us eternal salvation.

M: “from the beginning God chose you to be saved through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and through belief in the truth. ¹⁴ He called you to this through our gospel, that you might share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.” (2 Thessalonians 2:13,14)

C: It is through the gospel the Holy Spirit leads us to believe in Jesus as our Savior.

M: “When our Lord and Master Jesus Christ said ‘Repent,’ he willed that the whole life of believers should be repentance. (Martin Luther, the first of the 95 Thesis)

C: The gospel is what led Martin Luther to write the 95 Thesis that started the Reformation.

M: “⁷ For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline. ⁸ So do not be ashamed to testify about our Lord, or ashamed of me his prisoner. But join with me in suffering for the gospel, by the power of God, ⁹ who has saved us and called us to a holy life--not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace.”

(2 Timothy 1:7-9a)

C: We are not ashamed of the gospel. We will testify about our Lord and his mighty deeds.

HYMN 293: *“God’s Word Is Our Great Heritage”*

In celebration of the 300th anniversary of the Reformation, Nikolai Grundtvig composed the following hymn as the fifth stanza of “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”.

C: (sing) God’s Word is our great heritage and shall be ours forever.

To spread its light from age to age shall be our chief endeavor.

In life it guides our way; in death it is our stay.

Lord, grant, while worlds endure, we keep its teachings pure

Throughout all generations.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Gracious Lord, our refuge and strength, pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your Word, protect and comfort them in all temptations, defend them against all their enemies, and bestow on the Church your saving peace; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

C: Amen.

Be seated

FIRST LESSON

Daniel 6:10-12,16-23

Daniel is thrown into the lions' den because he continued to faithfully pray to the Lord.

¹⁰ Now when Daniel learned that the decree had been published, he went home to his upstairs room where the windows opened toward Jerusalem. Three times a day he got down on his knees and prayed, giving thanks to his God, just as he had done before. ¹¹ Then these men went as a group and found Daniel praying and asking God for help. ¹² So they went to the king and spoke to him about his royal decree: "Did you not publish a decree that during the next thirty days anyone who prays to any god or man except to

you, O king, would be thrown into the lions' den?"

The king answered, "The decree stands-- in accordance with the laws of the Medes and Persians, which cannot be repealed."

¹⁶ So the king gave the order, and they brought Daniel and threw him into the lions' den. The king said to Daniel, "May your God, whom you serve continually, rescue you!"

¹⁷ A stone was brought and placed over the mouth of the den, and the king sealed it with his own signet ring and with the rings of his nobles, so that Daniel's situation might not be changed. ¹⁸ Then the king returned to his palace and spent the night without eating and without any entertainment being brought to him. And he could not sleep.

¹⁹ At the first light of dawn, the king got up and hurried to the lions' den. ²⁰ When he came near the den, he called to Daniel in an anguished voice, "Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve continually, been able to rescue you from the lions?"

²¹ Daniel answered, "O king, live forever! ²² My God sent his angel, and he shut the mouths of the lions. They have not hurt me, because I was found innocent in his sight. Nor have I ever done any wrong before you, O king."

²³ The king was overjoyed and gave orders to lift Daniel out of the den. And when Daniel was lifted from the den, no wound was found on him, because he had trusted in his God.
(NIV)

PSALM 46 (on page 84 in the front of the red hymnal)

C: (sing) REFRAIN: The mighty Lord is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

**God is our ref'uge and strength,*
an ever-present help in 'trouble.**

**Therefore we will not fear, though the 'earth give
way***

**and the mountains fall into the heart 'of the
sea,**

**though its waters 'roar and foam*
and the mountains quake with their 'surging.**

**REFRAIN: The mighty Lord is with us; the God of
Jacob is our fortress.**

**There is a river whose streams make glad the cit'y
of God,***

the holy place where the Most 'High dwells.

**God is within her, she 'will not fall;*
God will help her at 'break of day.**

**"Be still, and know that 'I am God;*
I will be exalted among the nations, I will be
exalted 'in the earth."**

**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: The mighty Lord is with us; the God of
Jacob is our fortress.**

SECOND LESSON

2 Timothy 4:9-18

*Paul writes to Timothy about his trial and other hardships he
is facing for being faithful to the Word.*

⁹ Do your best to come to me quickly, ¹⁰ for Demas, because he loved this world, has deserted me and has gone to Thessalonica. Crescens has gone to Galatia, and Titus to Dalmatia. ¹¹ Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, because he is helpful to me in my ministry. ¹² I sent Tychicus to Ephesus. ¹³ When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, and my scrolls, especially the parchments.

¹⁴ Alexander the metalworker did me a great deal of harm. The Lord will repay him for what he has done. ¹⁵ You too should be on your guard against him, because he strongly opposed our message.

¹⁶ At my first defense, no one came to my support, but everyone deserted me. May it not be held against them.

¹⁷ But the Lord stood at my side and gave me strength, so

that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. And I was delivered from the lion's mouth. ¹⁸ The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and will bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen. (NIV)

VERSE OF THE DAY

John 8:31,32

M: Alleluia. If you continue in my Word you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free. Alleluia. (RSV)

Please stand

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 10:16-23

Jesus encourages his disciples to faithfully proclaim the Word even when they face persecution for it.

¹⁶ I am sending you out like sheep among wolves. Therefore be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves.

¹⁷ "Be on your guard against men; they will hand you over to the local councils and flog you in their synagogues. ¹⁸ On my account you will be brought before governors and kings as witnesses to them and to the Gentiles. ¹⁹ But when they arrest you, do not worry about what to say or how to say it. At that time you will be given what to say, ²⁰ for it will not be you speaking, but the Spirit of your Father speaking

through you.

²¹ "Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child; children will rebel against their parents and have them put to death. ²² All men will hate you because of me, but he who stands firm to the end will be saved. ²³ When you are persecuted in one place, flee to another. I tell you the truth, you will not finish going through the cities of Israel before the Son of Man comes. (NIV)

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

HYMN 200:1-3: "A Mighty Fortress is our God"

**1. A mighty fortress is our God,
A trusty shield and weapon;
He helps us free from ev'ry need
That has us now o'ertaken.
The old evil foe Now means deadly woe;
Deep guile and great might Are his dread arms in
fight;
On earth is not his equal.**

- 2. With might of ours can naught be done;
Soon were our loss effected.
But for us fights the valiant one
Whom God himself elected.
You ask, "Who is this?" Jesus Christ it is,
The almighty Lord. And there's no other God;
He holds the field forever.**
- 3. Though devils all the world should fill,
All eager to devour us,
We tremble not, we fear no ill;
They shall not overpow'r us.
This world's prince may still Scowl fierce as he will,
He can harm us none. He's judged; the deed is done!
One little word can fell him.**

Be seated

SERMON LESSON

Matthew 10:16-23

“Be Faithful to God’s Word”

Please stand

LUTHER'S EXPLANATION TO THE SECOND ARTICLE OF THE APOSTLE'S CREED

**C: I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord.
He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver but with his holy precious blood and with his innocent suffering and death.
All this he did that I should be his own, and live under him in his kingdom, and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as he has risen from death and lives and rules eternally.
This is most certainly true.**

OFFERING

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OFFERING PRAYER

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Lord, our refuge and strength, we gather to worship and praise you for your ongoing work of reformation in your Church.

C: Lord, to you alone be glory.

M: God of grace, in unfathomable love you pitied us sinners and sent your Son as our substitute to deliver us from sin, guilt, death, darkness, and despair.

C: For your grace, Lord, to you alone be glory.

M: By your grace you sent your Spirit to call us to repentance. Your powerful gospel rescued us from rebellion and fills us with faith in you, the true and living God.

C: For saving faith, Lord, to you alone be glory.

M: By your grace we are heirs of your eternal Word and trustees of the inspired Scriptures, through which you proclaim your saving truth to every generation. By the Scriptures you overthrew the darkness of those who perverted your teachings and restored to your church the message of salvation by grace alone.

C: For the Holy Scriptures, Lord, to you alone be glory.

M: In these last days, Lord Jesus Christ, protect your little flock. We are like sheep living among fierce wolves. Satan stalks us like a roaring lion. Defend us from false teachers who twist your Word to satisfy the latest longing.

C: For wisdom and watchfulness under attack, hear our prayer, O Lord.

M: Never in the history of the world has your Holy Word been so accessible. We lack only the zeal to treasure your restored truth with lives of faithful Bible study.

C: For the noble character to search the Scriptures daily, hear our prayer, O Lord.

M: As we celebrate the Reformation that restored your pure gospel to your Church, we also celebrate our common confession of the pure gospel in Word and sacrament.

C: For this unity of faith, we give you thanks, O Lord.

M: We remember the faithful confessors of this and former generations, who have passed down to us your Word of Truth.

C: For these faithful servants, we give you thanks, O Lord.

M: In thanksgiving for the many and amazing blessings restored to your Church through the Reformation, we now commit ourselves to your care.

C: Be our mighty fortress, our trusty shield and weapon, O Lord. 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.

The Sacrament

PREFACE

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

C: It is good and right so to do.

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 preserves his Church to the end of time when he will come again as king to judge all people and take his own to 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 power, God of might: heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna, in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. 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: **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. Amen.**

Be seated

DISTRIBUTION HYMN 311: *"Soul, Adorn Yourself With Gladness"*

- 1. Soul, adorn yourself with gladness; Leave behind all gloom and sadness. Come into the daylight's splendor; There with joy your praises render Unto him whose grace unbounded Has this wondrous supper founded. Though he reigns above most holy, Deigns to dwell with you most lowly.**

- 2. Hasten as a bride to meet him, And with loving
rev'ence greet him,
For with words of life immortal He is knocking at
your portal.
Open wide the gates before him, Saying, as you there
adore him:
Grant, Lord, that I now receive you, That I nevermore
will leave you.**
- 3. He who craves a precious treasure Neither cost nor
pain will measure,
But the priceless gifts of heaven God to us has freely
given.
Though the wealth of earth were proffered,
Naught would buy the gifts here offered:
Christ's true body, for you riven, And his blood, for
you once given.**
- 4. Now I kneel before you lowly, Filled with joy most
deep and holy,
As with trembling awe and wonder On your mighty
work I ponder,
How by mystery surrounded, Depths that no one
ever sounded.
None may dare to pierce unbidden Secrets that with
you are hidden.**

- 5. Human reason, though it ponders, Cannot fathom
these great wonders,
That Christ's body must be boundless Since the souls
it feeds are countless,
And that he his blood is giving With the wine we are
receiving.
These great mysteries unsounded Are by God alone
expounded.**
- 6. Lord, by love and mercy driven, You have left your
throne in heaven
On the cross for me to languish And to die in bitter
anguish,
To forgo all joy and gladness And to shed your blood
in sadness.
By this blood redeemed and living, Lord, I praise you
with thanksgiving.**
- 7. Jesus, Sun of life, my Splendor, Jesus, Friend of
friends most tender,
Jesus, Joy of my desiring, Fount of life, my soul
inspiring -
At your feet I cry, my Maker: Let me be a fit partaker
Of this blessed food from heaven For our good, your
glory, given.**

- 8. Jesus, Lord of life, I pray you, Let me gladly here obey you.
By your love I am invited; Be your love with love requited.
By this supper let me measure, Lord, how vast and deep love's treasure.
Through the gift of grace you give me As your guest in heav'n receive me.**

Please stand

LUTHER'S MORNING PRAYER (Sunday Morning)

**C: In the name of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, that you have kept me this night from all harm and danger. Keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please you. Into your hands I commend my body and soul and all things. Let your holy angel be with me, that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.

LUTHER'S EVENING PRAYER (Monday Evening)

C: In the name of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
Amen.

I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, that you have graciously kept me this day. Forgive me all my sins, and graciously keep me this night. Into your hands I commend my body and soul and all things. Let your holy angel be with me, that the wicked foe may have no power over me. 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.

HYMN 203: *"Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word"*

**1. Lord, keep us steadfast in your Word;
Curb those who by deceit or sword
Would seek to overthrow your Son
And to destroy what he has done.**

2. **Lord Jesus Christ, your pow'r make known,
For you are Lord of lords alone;
Defend your Christendom that we
May sing your praise eternally.**

3. **O Comforter of priceless worth,
Send peace and unity on earth.
Support us in our final strife,
And lead us out of death to life. 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.

This Week At Cross of Christ (November 1 – November 8, 2020)

Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Reformation Worship w/ Lord's Supper
	10:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:15 a.m.	Quarterly Voters' Meeting
	11:30 a.m.	Sunday School Teachers' Meeting
Monday	7:00 p.m.	Reformation Worship w/ Lord's Supper
Tuesday	9:30 a.m.	Deuteronomy Bible Study
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.	Elders' Committee Meeting
Next Sun.	9:00 a.m.	Worship (w/ WELS Connection)
	10:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:15 a.m.	The Christian in Today's World Bible Study
	11:30 a.m.	Fellowship Committee Meeting

Last Week's Church Attendance

Views on Facebook Live: 75

Sunday: 20 Monday: 10 Total: 30

Last Week's Offerings

General: \$5,817.68 Tuition Assistance Fund: \$200.00 Sound System Fund: \$670.00

Wakershauser Memorial: \$50.00

Serving God This Week.

Hymnsoft player: Dave Kreklow (Sunday), Bill Eckert (Monday)

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

Altar Committee: Sandy Ryczek & Jan Kilian (Sunday), Nona Lione & Tasha Buchholz (Monday)

Altar Flowers: Given by Schultz family for Caleb Schultz's 16th birthday

Audio/visual technicians: Sandy Ryczek & Chloe Schultz

Offering Counters: Dave & Judy Kreklow (Sunday), Jodie Crosby (Monday)

Serving God Next Week

Hymnsoft player: Dave Kreklow (Sunday), Andrew Hochmuth (Monday)

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

Altar Committee: Sandy Ryczek & Jan Kilian (Sunday), Nona Lione & Tasha Buchholz (Monday)

Audio/visual technicians: Sandy Ryczek & Samuel Veglahn

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

Announcements

In Our Prayers.

- The family of Jeff Mueller who passed away.
- The family of Ned Fiegel who passed away.

Sunday Bible Studies and Sunday School.

- In Sunday School the children will learn about the Old Testament lesson entitled, "Quail and Manna".
- There will be no Bible Study because of the Quarterly Voters' Meeting.

Quarterly Voters' Meeting. The Quarterly Voters' Meeting has been rescheduled for Sunday, November 1. At this meeting we will make a decision on updating the sound system. We will discuss pursuing a Mission Statement, and the progress on the church building program. Please plan on attending.

10 For 10 Notes. Please place your 10 For 10 commitment cards in the offering plates as you walk into church. These cards will not be opened. They will be placed on the altar for ten weeks and then returned to you unopened for your prayerful reflection. Please also fill out the new Time and Talent survey's you were given and place them in Bonnie Dorniak's mailbox at church.

Scrip. November's Scrip orders are due on Sunday, November 8.

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

Bulletins. Please take your bulletin home with you after church and do not put it back because of COVID-19.

Dishes. Please pick up your leftover dishes from the recent funerals.

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.

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Bethany Getaway Weekend. Bethany Lutheran College in Mankato, MN invites all high school juniors and seniors to attend a FREE getaway on November 12-14. At the getaway, students will take a tour of the campus, meet professors, coaches, and others, and experience life as a Bethany student. Reserve your spot by November 2 by going to blc.edu/getaway.

WELS App. Consider getting the WELS app on your smartphone devices to get up to date news on the work of the Wisconsin Synod and daily devotions.

Sermon Notes

Sermon Series: Are You Ready?

Sermon Theme: Be Faithful To God's Word

Sermon Text: Matthew 10:16-23

Introduction

Why must we be faithful to God's Word?

Jesus Told His Disciples To Be Faithful To His Word

- By _____ it to others.
- Even when they are _____.
- By _____ it so they are ready for when he returns.

We must Faithfully Believe God's Word so We Are Ready

- By believing we are saved by _____ alone.
- By believing we are saved through _____ alone.
- By believing we are saved by _____ alone.
- By believing we are saved by _____ alone.

We must Faithfully Preach God's Word

- So others come to _____ and are ready.
- Even when we are _____.
- Because we _____ Jesus' promises.