



**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: Dialed In

August 30 & 31: Inclusiveness

September 6 & 7: **Preservation**

September 13 & 14: Suffering

September 20 & 21: Accountability

September 27 & 28: Forgiveness

October 4 & 5: Gracious

**Order of Service: Divine Service I**

(on page 15 in the front of the blue Christian Worship  
Supplement hymnal)

**HYMN 538:1-3: "The Church's One Foundation"**

- 1. The Church's one foundation Is Jesus Christ, her  
Lord;  
She is his new creation By water and the Word.  
From heav'n he came and sought her To be his  
holy bride;  
With his own blood he bought her, And for her  
life he died.**
- 2. Elect from ev'ry nation, Yet one o'er all the earth;  
Her charter of salvation: One Lord, one faith, one  
birth.  
One holy name she blesses, Partakes one holy  
food,  
And to one hope she presses, With ev'ry grace  
endued.**

**3. The Church shall never perish. Her dear Lord, to defend,  
To guide, sustain, and cherish, Is with her to the end.  
Though there be those that hate her And strive to see her fail,  
Against both foe and traitor She ever shall prevail.**

***Please stand***

**M:** In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## **CONFESSION OF SINS**

**M:** Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us 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.**

## **LORD, HAVE MERCY**

**C: (*sing*) Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us. Amen.**

**M:** God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. 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.**

**M:** In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

## **GLORY TO GOD**

**C: *(sing)* Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory!**

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer, receive our prayer.**

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father.**

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Glory to God, glory to God!**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**M:** The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

**M:** Let us pray.

Grant us, Lord, the spirit to think and do what is right that we, who cannot do anything that is good without you, may by your help be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

***Be seated***

## **FIRST LESSON**

**Joshua 4:1-9**

*The Lord has Joshua set up a monument to be a lasting reminder to Israel of how the Lord stopped the flow of the Jordan River.*

<sup>1</sup> When the whole nation had finished crossing the Jordan, the LORD said to Joshua, <sup>2</sup> "Choose twelve men from among the people, one from each tribe, <sup>3</sup> and tell them to take up twelve stones from the middle of the Jordan from right where the priests stood and to carry

them over with you and put them down at the place where you stay tonight."

<sup>4</sup> So Joshua called together the twelve men he had appointed from the Israelites, one from each tribe, <sup>5</sup> and said to them, "Go over before the ark of the LORD your God into the middle of the Jordan. Each of you is to take up a stone on his shoulder, according to the number of the tribes of the Israelites, <sup>6</sup> to serve as a sign among you. In the future, when your children ask you, 'What do these stones mean?' <sup>7</sup> tell them that the flow of the Jordan was cut off before the ark of the covenant of the LORD. When it crossed the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off. These stones are to be a memorial to the people of Israel forever."

<sup>8</sup> So the Israelites did as Joshua commanded them. They took twelve stones from the middle of the Jordan, according to the number of the tribes of the Israelites, as the LORD had told Joshua; and they carried them over with them to their camp, where they put them down. <sup>9</sup> Joshua set up the twelve stones that had been in the middle of the Jordan at the spot where the priests who carried the ark of the covenant had stood. And they are there to this day. (NIV)



**PSALM 34** (on page 80 in the front of the red hymnal)

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

**Taste and see that the 'Lord is good;\***  
**blessed are they who take ref'uge in him.**

**The eyes of the Lord are on the 'righteous\***  
**and his ears are attentive 'to their cry.**

**The angel of the Lord encamps around those**  
**who 'fear him,\***  
**and he de'livers them.**

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

**The righteous cry out, and the Lord 'hears**  
**them;\***  
**he delivers them from all their 'troubles.**

**The Lord is close to the broken'hearted\***  
**and saves those who are crushed in 'spirit.**

**The Lord redeems his 'servants;\***  
**no one who takes refuge in him will 'be**  
**condemned.**

**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**

## **Revelation 7:1-8**

*In this vision God assures us, his Church will last forever.*

<sup>1</sup> After this I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding back the four winds of the earth to prevent any wind from blowing on the land or on the sea or on any tree. <sup>2</sup> Then I saw another angel coming up from the east, having the seal of the living God. He called out in a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm the land and the sea: <sup>3</sup> "Do not harm the land or the sea or the trees until we put a seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God." <sup>4</sup> Then I heard the number of those who were sealed: 144,000 from all the tribes of Israel.

<sup>5</sup> From the tribe of Judah 12,000  
were sealed,  
from the tribe of Reuben 12,000,

from the tribe of Gad 12,000,  
<sup>6</sup> from the tribe of Asher 12,000,  
from the tribe of Naphtali 12,000,  
from the tribe of Manasseh  
12,000,  
<sup>7</sup> from the tribe of Simeon 12,000,  
from the tribe of Levi 12,000,  
from the tribe of Issachar 12,000,  
<sup>8</sup> from the tribe of Zebulun 12,000,  
from the tribe of Joseph 12,000,  
from the tribe of Benjamin 12,000. (NIV)

## **VERSE OF THE DAY**

**1 Timothy 1:10b**

**M:** Alleluia. Jesus Christ has destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. Alleluia.

***Please stand***

## **GOSPEL LESSON**

**Matthew 16:13-20**

*Jesus tells Peter that his confession of him as the Christ is the foundation on which the Church is built and will stand forever.*

**C: (sing) Glory be to you, O Lord! Glory be to you, O Lord!**

<sup>13</sup> When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?"

<sup>14</sup> They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

<sup>15</sup> "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?"

<sup>16</sup> Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

<sup>17</sup> Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by man, but by my Father in heaven. <sup>18</sup> And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. <sup>19</sup> I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." <sup>20</sup> Then he warned his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Christ. (NIV)

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

## **THE NICENE CREED**

**C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day, he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and**

**apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

***Be seated***

**HYMN 536:1-3: *"Lord Jesus Christ, the Church's Head"***

- 1. Lord Jesus Christ, the Church's head,  
You are her one foundation.  
In you she trusts, before you bows,  
And waits for your salvation.  
Built on this rock secure, Your Church shall endure  
Though all the world decay And all things pass  
away.  
Oh, hear, oh, hear us, Jesus!**
  
- 2. O Lord, let this your little flock,  
Your name alone confessing,  
Continue in your loving care,  
True unity possessing.  
Your sacraments, O Lord, And your saving Word  
To us e'er pure retain. Grant that they may remain  
Our only strength and comfort.**

**3. Help us to serve you evermore  
With hearts both pure and lowly.  
And may your Word, that light divine,  
Shine on in splendor holy  
That we repentance show, In faith ever grow.  
The pow'r of sin destroy And evils that annoy.  
Oh, make us faithful Christians.**

**SERMON LESSON**

**Revelation 7:1-8**

## **“Preservation”**

(you can follow along with the Sermon Notes sheet)

***Please stand***

### **CREATE IN ME**

**C: *(sing)* Create in me a pure heart, O God, and  
renew a right spirit within me. Do not cast me  
away from your presence or take your Holy Spirit  
from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
and uphold, uphold me with your free Spirit.**

### **OFFERING**

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

## OFFERING PRAYER

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

## 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 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 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:** **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 313:**

*"Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior"*

**1. Jesus Christ, our blessed Savior,  
Turned away God's wrath forever;  
By his bitter grief and woe  
He saved us from the evil foe.**

- 2. As his pledge of love undying,  
He, this precious food supplying,  
Gives his body with the bread  
And with the wine the blood he shed.**
- 3. Jesus here himself is sharing;  
Take heed how you are preparing,  
For if you do not believe,  
Judgment instead you shall receive.**
- 4. Useless would be Jesus' passion  
If salvation you could fashion.  
Do not come if you suppose  
You need not him who died and rose.**
- 5. Christ says, "Come, all you that labor,  
And receive my grace and favor;  
Those who feel no pain or ill  
Need no physician's help or skill."**
- 6. Then hold fast with faith unshaken  
That this food is to be taken  
By the souls who are distressed,  
By hearts that long for peace and rest.**

- 7. Praise the Father, who from heaven  
Unto us such food has given  
And, to mend what we have done,  
Gave into death his only Son.**
- 8. If your heart this truth professes  
And your mouth your sin confesses,  
Surely you will be his guest  
And at his banquet ever blest.**

*Please stand*

## **SONG OF SIMEON**

**C: (*sing*) In peace, Lord, you let your servant now  
depart according to your word. For my eyes have  
seen your salvation, which you have prepared for  
ev'ry people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and  
the glory, the glory of your people Israel.**

**M:** O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

**C: And his mercy endures forever.**

**M:** We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of 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.**

**HYMN 540:1-3:** *"Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng"*

- 1. Rejoice, O pilgrim throng!  
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!  
Your festal banner wave on high,  
The cross of Christ, your king.  
Rejoice! Rejoice!  
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!**

2. **With voice as full and strong  
As ocean's surging praise,  
Send forth the sturdy hymns of old,  
The psalms of ancient days.  
Rejoice! Rejoice!  
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!**
  
3. **With all the angel choirs,  
With all the saints on earth  
Pour out the strains of joy and bliss,  
Sweet music, noblest mirth.  
Rejoice! Rejoice!  
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing! 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](http://www.portagelutheranchurch.org) on Facebook, on Instagram, and on Twitter.

## This Week At Cross of Christ (September 6 - 13, 2020)

Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Worship w/ Lord's Supper
Monday	7:00 p.m.	Worship w/ Lord's Supper
Tuesday	9:30 a.m.	Bible Study
Wednesday	5:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class
	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study
Thursday	6:00 p.m.	Church Council Meeting
Next Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Sunday Worship ( <i>w/ WELS Connection</i> )
	10:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:15 a.m.	Bible Study
	11:30 a.m.	Fellowship Committee Meeting

### **Last Week's Church Attendance**

Views on Facebook Live: 113

Sunday: 32   Monday: 13   Total: 45

### **Last Week's Offerings**

General: \$2,081.00   Tuition Assistance Fund: \$120.00

**Serving God This Week.** September 6 - 12, 2020

Hymnsoft player: Bill Eckert

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

Altar Committee: Betty Gast & Joan Klappstein (Sunday), Nona Lione & Clementine Zabler (Monday)

Audio/visual technicians: Sandy Ryczek & Chloe Schultz

Offering Counters: Dave & Judy Kreklow

**Serving God Next Week.** September 13 - 19, 2020

Hymnsoft player: Andrew Hochmuth

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

Altar Committee: Betty Gast & Joan Klappstein (Sunday), Nona Lione & Clementine Zabler (Monday)

Audio/visual technicians: Sandy Ryczek & Samuel Veglahn

Offering Counters: Bonnie Dorniak & Jeannine Heckmann

## Announcements

**Worship Service Update.** Cross of Christ Church Council is currently offering worship services on Sunday at 9:00 a.m. and Monday at 7:00 p.m. with the following social distance measures in place:

- 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 interested in attending worship services are encouraged to sign up to attend Sunday or Monday worship services on the church's website: [www.portagelutheranchurch.org](http://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. at 920-992-5692 or on his cell phone at 920-350-1005. You can also email Dan at [heckmann@rio.k12.wi.us](mailto: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.
- 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 the 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 which will only be offered in individual cups. The pastor will give a final blessing after everyone has received Holy Communion.



- If you do not feel comfortable attending worship services, you can 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 worship folder/bulletin from the church's website at [www.portagelutheranchurch.org](http://www.portagelutheranchurch.org). Links for the church's Facebook page and the worship folder/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.

**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.

**Sunday School and Bible Study.** Sunday School and the Sunday morning Bible study will begin on Sunday, September 13 at 10:15 a.m.

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

**Beaver Dam Circuit-LWMS.** The Lutheran Women's Missionary Society Beaver Dam Circuit Fall Rally, which was supposed to be held at St. Stephens in Beaver Dam on October 17, has been canceled.

# Sermon Notes

**Sermon Series:** Dialed In

**Sermon Theme:** Preservation

**Sermon Text:** Revelation 7:1-8

## Introduction

How does God preserve our faith?

### God Will Preserve all Believers on Judgement Day

- From the \_\_\_\_\_ of the earth.
- From eternal \_\_\_\_\_ in hell.
- Because he placed his \_\_\_\_\_ on us.

### God Will Keep His Promise to Preserve All Believers

- Because he \_\_\_\_\_ us.
- Because he sent \_\_\_\_\_ to forgive our sins.
- Because the Holy Spirit brought us to \_\_\_\_\_.

### God Preserves Us Until Judgment Day

- When we daily \_\_\_\_\_ of our sins.
- By giving us the \_\_\_\_\_ to strengthen our faith.
- By answering our \_\_\_\_\_ to preserve our faith.
- By keeping his \_\_\_\_\_.