



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: **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

Second Sunday of End Times:
Last Judgment

November 8 & 9, 2020

Order of Service: Service of the Word

(on page 38 in the front of the red Christian Worship hymnal)

HYMN 207:1-3: *"The Day Is Surely Drawing Near"*

- 1. The day is surely drawing near
When God's Son, the Anointed,
Shall with great majesty appear
As judge of all appointed.
All mirth and laughter then shall cease
When flames on flames will still increase,
As Scripture truly teaches.**
- 2. A trumpet loud shall then resound
And all the earth be shaken.
Then all who in their graves are found
Shall from their sleep awaken
And with the living in that hour
By the Almighty's boundless pow'r
Be changed at his commanding.**

**3. A book is opened then to all,
A record truly telling
What each has done, both great and small,
When he on earth was dwelling,
And ev'ry heart be clearly seen,
And all be known as they have been
In thoughts and words and actions.**

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.

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all of your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: Amen.

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

OH, TASTE AND SEE

C: *(sing)* Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.

Blessed are they who take refuge in him.

Your Word, O Lord, is eternal;

it stands firm in the heavens.

Your faithfulness continues forever.

Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.

Blessed are they who take refuge in him.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Lord God Almighty, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit that we may always look forward to the end of this present evil age and to the day of your righteous judgment. Keep us steadfast in true and living faith and present us at last holy and blameless before you; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: *(sing)* Amen.

Be seated

FIRST LESSON

Daniel 7:9,10

Daniel's dream reminds us on Judgment Day the Lord will sit on his throne to judge all people.

⁹ "As I looked,
"thrones were set in place,
and the Ancient of Days took his
seat.

His clothing was as white as snow;
the hair of his head was white like
wool.

His throne was flaming with
fire,
and its wheels were all
ablaze.

¹⁰ A river of fire was flowing,
coming out from before him.

Thousands upon thousands
attended him;
ten thousand times ten thousand
stood before him.

The court was seated,
and the books were opened. (NIV)

PSALM 90 (on page 99 in the front of the red hymnal)

C: (sing) REFRAIN: In ev'ry age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

**Lord, you have been our 'dwelling place*
throughout all gener'ations.**

**Before the mountains were born or you brought
forth the earth 'and the world,*
from everlasting to everlasting 'you are God.**

**For a thousand years in your sight are like a day that
has 'just gone by,*
or like a watch 'in the night.**

**REFRAIN: In ev'ry age, O Lord, you have been our
refuge.**

**You have set our iniquities be'fore you,*
our secret sins in the light of your 'presence.**

**You turn mortals 'back to dust.*
You sweep them away in the 'sleep of death.**

**The length of our days is seventy years-or eighty, if
we 'have the strength;*
yet their span is but trouble and 'sorrow.**

**Teach us to number our 'days aright,*
that we may gain a heart of 'wisdom.**

**REFRAIN: In ev'ry age, O Lord, you have been our
refuge.**

**Satisfy us in the morning with your un'failing love,*
that we may sing for joy and be glad 'all our days.**

**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: In ev'ry age, O Lord, you have been our
refuge.**

SECOND LESSON

Romans 2:2-11

*On Judgment Day God will give eternal life to those who
believe and live their faith and condemn those who reject him
and do evil.*

² Now we know that God's judgment against those who do such things is based on truth. ³ So when you, a mere man, pass judgment on them and yet do the same things, do you think you will escape God's judgment? ⁴ Or do you show contempt for the riches of his kindness, tolerance and

patience, not realizing that God's kindness leads you toward repentance?

⁵ But because of your stubbornness and your unrepentant heart, you are storing up wrath against yourself for the day of God's wrath, when his righteous judgment will be revealed.

⁶ God "will give to each person according to what he has done." ⁷ To those who by persistence in doing good seek glory, honor and immortality, he will give eternal life. ⁸ But for those who are self-seeking and who reject the truth and follow evil, there will be wrath and anger. ⁹ There will be trouble and distress for every human being who does evil: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile; ¹⁰ but glory, honor and peace for everyone who does good: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile. ¹¹ For God does not show favoritism. (NIV)

VERSE OF THE DAY

C: *(sing)* Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**These words are written that we may believe that
Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.**

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Please stand

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 25:31-46

Jesus reminds us on Judgment Day he will judge all people based on their actions, which prove whether they had faith in him or not.

³¹ "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his throne in heavenly glory.

³² All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³ He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

³⁴ "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world.

³⁵ For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, ³⁶ I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'

³⁷ "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? ³⁸ When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? ³⁹ When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?'

⁴⁰ "The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.'

⁴¹ "Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you

who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. ⁴² For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³ I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.'

⁴⁴ "They also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?'

⁴⁵ "He will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.'

⁴⁶ "Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life." (NIV)

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

Be seated

HYMN 209:1-3: "Day of Wrath, Oh, Day of Mourning"

- 1. Day of wrath, oh, day of mourning!
See fulfilled the prophets' warning:
Heav'n and earth in ashes burning.**
- 2. Death is struck and nature quaking;
All creation is awaking,
To its judge an answer making.**

- 3. See, the book, exactly worded,
Wherein all has been recorded --
Thus shall judgment be awarded.**

SERMON LESSON

Matthew 25:31-46

“Be Mindful Of God’s Judgment”

(you can follow along with the Sermon Notes sheet)

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

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 208:1-3: "Great God, What Do I See and Hear"

1. Great God, what do I see and hear?

The end of things created;

The judge of mankind shall appear

On clouds of glory seated.

The trumpet sounds; the graves restore

The dead which they contained before:

Prepare, my soul, to meet him!

- 2. The dead in Christ shall first arise
At that last trumpet's sounding,
Caught up to meet him in the skies,
With joy their Lord surrounding.
No gloomy fears their souls dismay;
His presence sheds eternal day
On those prepared to meet him.**
- 3. But sinners filled with guilty fears
Behold his wrath prevailing,
For they shall rise and find their tears
And sighs are unavailing;
The day of grace is past and gone;
They trembling stand before his throne,
All unprepared to meet him.**

Please stand

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

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

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 218: *"Then the Glory"*

- 1. Then the glory Then the rest
Then the Sabbath peace unbroken
Then the garden Then the throne
Then the crystal river flowing
Then the splendor Then the life
Then the new creation singing
Then the marriage Then the love
Then the feast of joy unending
Then the knowing Then the light
Then the ultimate adventure
Then the Spirit's harvest gathered
Then the Lamb in majesty
Then the Father's Amen
Then Then Then. 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 8 – November 15, 2020)

Sunday	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
Monday	5:30 p.m.	Evangelism Committee Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Worship (w/ WELS Connection)
Tuesday	9:30 a.m.	Deuteronomy Bible Study
Wednesday	5:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class
	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study
Thursday	6:00 p.m.	Church Council Meeting
Next Sun.	9:00 a.m.	Worship w/ Lord's Supper
	10:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:15 a.m.	The Christian in Today's World Bible Study
	11:30 a.m.	Christmas Program Meeting

Last Week's Church Attendance

Views on Facebook Live: 119

Sunday: 27 Monday: 10 Total: 37

Last Week's Offerings

General: \$3,507.00 Tuition Assistance Fund: \$50.00 Sound System Fund: \$50.00

Serving God This Week. November 8-14, 2020

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

Ushers: Scott McCluskey (C), William Beimborn, 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)

Serving God Next Week. November 15 - 22, 2020

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

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

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

Audio/visual technicians: Sandy Ryczek & Caleb Schultz

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

Announcements

In Our Prayers.

- Melda Ullman and Ally LaBarge who have COVID-19.

Sunday Bible Studies and Sunday School.

- In Sunday School the children will learn about the Old Testament lesson entitled, "The Giving of the Law".
- The Bible Study will meet in church and study "The Christian In Today's World". We will study Lesson 2: Living In Today's Family Environment.

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

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 surveys you were given and place them in Bonnie Dorniak's mailbox at church.

Cross of Christ Ladies' Gathering. On Thursday, November 19, at 6:30 p.m. the Cross of Christ Ladies' will have their planning meeting. All ladies are invited to come and bring suggestions for next year's gatherings, as well as appetizers/hors d'oeuvres to share.

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

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

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

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.

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. The cards will be mailed out next week.

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 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 Mindful Of God's Judgment

Sermon Text: Matthew 25:31-46

Introduction

How can we be mindful of God's judgment?

We Must Always Keep Judgment Day in Mind

- When Jesus will come in all of his _____.
- When Jesus will _____ all the dead.
- When he will gather all people to be _____ by him.
- When he will send the unrighteous to _____, and take the righteous to _____.

We Must Always Keep being Faithful to God's Word in Mind

- By believing in the _____ God.
- By believing in _____ as our Savior.
- By believing _____ the Bible teaches.

We Must Always Keep doing Good Works in Mind

- By _____ God's commands to serve God and our neighbors.
- Because they _____ we have saving faith.