



## 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: Forgiveness

October 4 & 5: Gracious

**Order of Service: Service of the Word**

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

**HYMN 411:** *“What A Friend We Have In Jesus”*

- 1. What a friend we have in Jesus,  
All our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry  
Ev'rything to God in prayer!  
Oh, what peace we often forfeit,  
Oh, what needless pain we bear,  
All because we do not carry  
Ev'rything to God in prayer!**
- 2. Have we trials and temptations?  
Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged –  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Can we find a friend so faithful  
Who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness –  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.**

**3. Are we weak and heavy laden,  
Cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge –  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Do your friends despise, forsake you?  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
In his arms he'll take and shield you;  
You will find a solace there.**

*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.

O Lord Jesus Christ, preserve the congregation of believers with your never-failing mercy. Help us avoid whatever is wicked and harmful, and guide us in the way that leads to our salvation; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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

## ***Be seated***

### **FIRST LESSON**

**Judges 16:22-31**

*Samson gives up his life so Israel can win a great victory against their enemies the Philistines.*

<sup>22</sup> But the hair on his head began to grow again after it had been shaved.

<sup>23</sup> Now the rulers of the Philistines assembled to offer a great sacrifice to Dagon their god and to celebrate, saying, "Our god has delivered Samson, our enemy, into our hands."

<sup>24</sup> When the people saw him, they praised their god, saying,

"Our god has delivered our enemy  
into our hands  
the one who laid waste our land  
and multiplied our slain."

<sup>25</sup> While they were in high spirits, they shouted, "Bring out Samson to entertain us." So they called Samson out of the prison, and he performed for them.

When they stood him among the pillars, <sup>26</sup> Samson said to the servant who held his hand, "Put me where I can feel the pillars that support the temple, so that I may lean against them." <sup>27</sup> Now the temple was crowded with men and women; all the rulers of the Philistines were there, and

on the roof were about three thousand men and women watching Samson perform. <sup>28</sup> Then Samson prayed to the LORD, "O Sovereign LORD, remember me. O God, please strengthen me just once more, and let me with one blow get revenge on the Philistines for my two eyes." <sup>29</sup> Then Samson reached toward the two central pillars on which the temple stood. Bracing himself against them, his right hand on the one and his left hand on the other, <sup>30</sup> Samson said, "Let me die with the Philistines!" Then he pushed with all his might, and down came the temple on the rulers and all the people in it. Thus he killed many more when he died than while he lived. <sup>31</sup> Then his brothers and his father's whole family went down to get him. They brought him back and buried him between Zorah and Eshtaol in the tomb of Manoah his father. He had led Israel twenty years. (NIV)

**PSALM 121** (on page 112 in the front of the red hymnal)

**C: (*sing*) REFRAIN: Keep me, keep me as the apple of your eye. Hide me, hide me in the shadow of your wings.**

**I lift up my eyes 'to the hills.\***

**Where does my help 'come from?**

**My help comes 'from the Lord,\***

**the maker of heav'en and earth.**

**He will not let your 'foot slip,\*  
he who watches over you will not 'slumber;  
indeed, he who watches over 'Israel\*  
will neither slum'ber nor sleep.**

**REFRAIN: Keep me, keep me as the apple of your  
eye. Hide me, hide me in the shadow of your wings.**

**The Lord watches 'over you,\*  
the Lord is your shade at 'your right hand.**

**The Lord will keep you 'from all harm,\*  
he will watch o'ver your life;**

**the Lord will watch over your coming and 'going\*  
both now and for'evermore.**

**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: Keep me, keep me as the apple of your  
eye. Hide me, hide me in the shadow of your wings**



## SECOND LESSON

## Galatians 6:12-16

*Those who belong to the Church must carry their cross because they are a new creation.*

<sup>12</sup> Those who want to make a good impression outwardly are trying to compel you to be circumcised. The only reason they do this is to avoid being persecuted for the cross of Christ. <sup>13</sup> Not even those who are circumcised obey the law, yet they want you to be circumcised that they may boast about your flesh. <sup>14</sup> May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

<sup>15</sup> Neither circumcision nor uncircumcision means anything; what counts is a new creation. <sup>16</sup> Peace and mercy to all who follow this rule, even to the Israel of God.  
(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 16:21-26**

*Jesus tells his disciples in order to save their lives they must deny themselves, take up their cross and follow him.*

<sup>21</sup> From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.

<sup>22</sup> Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. "Never, Lord!" he said. "This shall never happen to you!"

<sup>23</sup> Jesus turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the things of God, but the things of men."

<sup>24</sup> Then Jesus said to his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. <sup>25</sup> For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will find it. <sup>26</sup> What good will it be for a man if he gains the whole world, yet forfeits his soul? Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul? (NIV)

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

***Be seated***

**HYMN 465:1-3:**    *"Jesus, I My Cross have Taken"*

- 1. Jesus, I my cross have taken,  
All to leave and follow you.  
Destitute, despised, forsaken,  
You on earth once suffered, too.  
Perish ev'ry fond ambition,  
All I've ever hoped or known;  
Yet how rich is my condition!  
God and heav'n are still my own.**
- 2. Let the world despise and leave me;  
They have left my Savior, too.  
Human hearts and looks deceive me;  
You are not, like them, untrue.  
And since you have smiled upon me,  
God of wisdom, love, and might,  
Foes may hate and friends may shun me –  
Show your face, and all is bright.**
- 3. Go, then, earthly fame and treasure!  
Come, disaster, scorn, and pain!  
In your service pain is pleasure;  
With your favor loss is gain.  
I have called you Abba, Father!  
You my all in all shall be.  
Storms may howl, and clouds may gather;  
All must work for good to me.**

## **“Suffering”**

(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.**

***Be seated***

## **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**

**(Sunday) INSTALLATION OF SUNDAY SCHOOL  
TEACHERS**

**(Monday) INSTALLATION OF NEW MEMBER**

*Please stand*

## **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 345:1-3:** *"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"*

- 1. In the cross of Christ I glory,  
Tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time.  
All the light of sacred story  
Gathers round its head sublime.**
- 2. When the woes of life o'ertake me,  
Hopes deceive and fears annoy,  
Never shall the cross forsake me;  
Lo, it glows with peace and joy.**
- 3. When the sun of bliss is beaming  
Light and love upon my way,  
From the cross the radiance streaming  
Adds more luster to the day.**

***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 474:1-3:** *“Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus”*

- 1. Stand up, stand up for Jesus,  
Ye soldiers of the cross!  
Lift high his royal banner;  
It must not suffer loss.  
From vict'ry unto vict'ry  
His army shall he lead  
Till ev'ry foe is vanquished  
And Christ is Lord indeed.**
- 2. Stand up, stand up for Jesus!  
The trumpet call obey;  
Forth to the mighty conflict  
In this his glorious day!  
Ye that are brave, now serve him  
Against unnumbered foes;  
Let courage rise with danger  
And strength to strength oppose.**

**3. Stand up, stand up for Jesus!  
Stand in his strength alone.  
The arm of flesh will fail you;  
Ye dare not trust your own.  
Put on the gospel armor;  
Each piece put on with prayer;  
Where duty calls or danger,  
Be never wanting there. 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 13 - 20)

Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Worship w/ Sunday School Teachers' Installation ( <i>w/ WELS Connection</i> )
	10:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:15 a.m.	Judges or 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/ New Member Installation ( <i>w/ WELS Connection</i> )
Tuesday	9:30 a.m.	Deuteronomy Bible Study
Wednesday	5:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class
	7:00 p.m.	Deuteronomy Bible Study
Thursday	6:00 p.m.	Cross of Christ Ladies' Gathering
Next Sun.	9:00 a.m.	Worship w/ Lord's Supper
	10:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:15 a.m.	Judges or Christian in Today's World Bible Study

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

Views on Facebook Live: 95

Sunday: 27      Monday: 15      Total: 42

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

General: \$2,045.00      Tuition Assistance Fund: \$90.00

## **Serving God This 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

## **Serving God Next Week.** September 20 - 26

Hymnsoft player: Sarah Hochmuth

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

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

Audio/visual technicians: Sandy Ryczek & Caleb Schultz

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

## Announcements

### **Sunday Bible Studies and Sunday School.**

- In Sunday School the children will learn about the Old Testament lesson entitled "Adam and Eve".
- The Bible study will meet in church and study either "Judges" or "The Christian In Today's World". We will decide at the start of the Bible Study which we will study.

**Worship Service Update.** Cross of Christ Lutheran Church 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 Teachers.** On Sunday, September 13 we will install our Sunday School teachers. They are: Ashley Statz (Pre-K & Kindergarten), Chloe Schultz/Anna Maas (Grades 1, 2), Gabriel Veglahn (Grades 3, 4, 5), Joshua Veglahn (Grades 6, 7, 8), and Cheryl Nicholson (Music).

**New Member.** On Monday, September 14, we will welcome into membership Peter Gilbert by adult confirmation.

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

**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. At 10:30 a.m. Pastor Naumann will give a presentation on Campus Ministry. No meal will be served after the presentation because of COVID-19.

# Sermon Notes

**Sermon Series:** Dialed In

**Sermon Theme:** Suffering

**Sermon Text:** Galatians 6:12-16

## Introduction

What does God want us to do when we suffer for our faith?

## Paul's Tells the Galatian Christians

- They are a new \_\_\_\_\_.
- They must \_\_\_\_\_ about the cross of Christ.
- They must be willing to be \_\_\_\_\_ to the world.

## We Must Continue to Believe What the Bible Teaches

- About how \_\_\_\_\_ is our Savior from our sins.
- About \_\_\_\_\_ the other teachings in the Bible.
- So we receive eternal life in \_\_\_\_\_.

## We Must Continue to Live Our Faith

- For we are a new \_\_\_\_\_.
- So people can see we are \_\_\_\_\_ than them.
- So we can \_\_\_\_\_ God's Word with others.