



## 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: **Hidden In Plain Sight**

July 12 & 13: Mysterious Love

July 19 & 20: Mysterious Rest

July 26 & 27: Mysterious Word

August 2 & 3: Mysterious Glory

August 9 & 10: **Mysterious Faith**

August 16 & 17: Mysterious Trust

August 23 & 24: Mysterious Confidence

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

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

**HYMN 477:1-3:** *"What is the World to Me"*

- 1. What is the world to me With all its vaunted pleasure  
When you and you alone, Lord Jesus, are my treasure!  
You only, dearest Lord, My soul's delight shall be;  
You are my peace, my rest. What is the world to me!**
  
- 2. The world seeks to be praised And honored by the mighty,  
Yet never once reflects That they are frail and flighty.  
But what I truly prize Above all things is he,  
My Jesus, he alone. What is the world to me!**
  
- 3. The world seeks after wealth And all that money offers,  
Yet never is content Though gold should fill its coffers.  
I have a higher good; Content with it I'll be;  
My Jesus is my wealth - What is the world to me!**

**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, your ears are always open to the prayers of your humble servants, who come to you in Jesus' name. Teach us always to ask according to your will that we may never fail to obtain the blessings you have promised; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: (sing) Amen.**

*Be seated*

## FIRST LESSON

**1 Kings 3:5-12**

*King Solomon asks the Lord for wisdom instead of earthly blessings.*

<sup>5</sup> At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon during the night in a dream, and God said, "Ask for whatever you want me to give you."

<sup>6</sup> Solomon answered, "You have shown great kindness to your servant, my father David, because he was faithful to you and righteous and upright in heart. You have continued this great kindness to him and have given him a son to sit on his throne this very day.

<sup>7</sup> "Now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David. But I am only a little child and do not know how to carry out my duties. <sup>8</sup> Your servant is here among the people you have chosen, a great people, too numerous to count or number. <sup>9</sup> So give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong. For who is able to govern this great people of yours?"

<sup>10</sup> The Lord was pleased that Solomon had asked for this. <sup>11</sup> So God said to him, "Since you have asked for this and not for long life or wealth for yourself, nor have asked for the death of your enemies but for discernment in administering justice, <sup>12</sup> I will do what you have asked. I will give you a wise and discerning heart, so that there will never have been anyone like you, nor will there ever be. (NIV)

**PSALM 119b** (on page 110 in the front of the red hymnal)

**C: (sing) REFRAIN: Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.**

**Teach me, O Lord, to follow 'your decrees;\***  
**then I will keep them 'to the end.**

**Give me understanding, and I will 'keep your law\***  
**and obey it with 'all my heart.**

**Direct me in the path of 'your commands,\***  
**for there I 'find delight.**

**REFRAIN: Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.**

**Turn my eyes away from 'worthless things;\***  
**preserve my life according 'to your Word.**

**Fulfill your promise to your 'servant,\***  
**so that you 'may be feared.**

**How I long for your 'precepts!\***  
**Preserve my life in your 'righteousness.**

**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: Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.**

## **SECOND LESSON**

**1 Timothy 6:17-21**

*We are to be rich in good deeds towards others because of the spiritual riches God has given us.*

<sup>17</sup> Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.

<sup>18</sup> Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. <sup>19</sup> In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

<sup>20</sup> Timothy, guard what has been entrusted to your care. Turn away from godless chatter and the opposing ideas of what is falsely called knowledge, <sup>21</sup> which some have professed and in so doing have wandered from the faith.

Grace be with you. (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 13:44-52**

*Jesus' parables teach us to seek the kingdom of heaven because it is the greatest treasure of all.*

<sup>44</sup> "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.

<sup>45</sup> "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. <sup>46</sup> When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.

<sup>47</sup> "Once again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was let down into the lake and caught all kinds of fish. <sup>48</sup> When it was full, the fishermen pulled it up on the shore. Then they sat down and collected the good fish in baskets, but threw the bad away. <sup>49</sup> This is how it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come and separate the wicked from the righteous <sup>50</sup> and throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be weeping

and gnashing of teeth.

<sup>51</sup> "Have you understood all these things?" Jesus asked.

"Yes," they replied.

<sup>52</sup> He said to them, "Therefore every teacher of the law who has been instructed about the kingdom of heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out of his storeroom new treasures as well as old." (NIV)

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

***Be seated***

**HYMN 418:1-3: "My God Will Never Leave Me"**

- 1. My God will never leave me, And I will not leave him;  
A light my God will give me In pathways dark and grim.  
He reaches out his hand, His mighty power sharing,  
My burdens ever bearing Wherever I may stand.**
- 2. When human thought and action Shall unavailing prove,  
God grants me his protection And shows his pow'r and love.  
He helps in ev'ry need, From sin and shame redeems me,  
From chains and bonds reclaims me; From death I, too, am freed.**
- 3. God shall be my reliance In sorrow's darkest night;  
Its dread I bid defiance When he is at my right.  
I unto him commend My body, soul, and spirit --  
They are his own by merit -- All's well, then, at the end.**

**SERMON LESSON**

**Isaiah 40:31**

<sup>31</sup>but those who hope in the  
LORD  
will renew their strength.  
They will soar on wings like  
eagles;  
they will run and not grow  
weary,  
they will walk and not be  
faint. (NIV)

**"Mysterious Faith"**

(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**

(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.**

*Be Seated*

## **HYMN 290: "One Thing's Needful"**

- 1. One thing's needful; Lord, this treasure Teach me highly to regard.  
All else, though it first give pleasure, Is a yoke that presses hard.  
Beneath it the heart is still fretting and striving,  
No true, lasting happiness ever deriving.  
This one thing is needful; all others are vain --  
I count all but loss that I Christ may obtain.**
- 2. How were Mary's thoughts devoted Her eternal joy to find  
As intent each word she noted, At her Savior's feet reclined.  
How kindled her heart, how devout was its feeling,  
While hearing the lessons that Christ was revealing;  
All earthly concerns she forgot for her Lord  
And found her contentment in hearing his Word.**
- 3. Wisdom's highest, noblest treasure, Jesus, can be found in you.  
Let me find in you my pleasure; Make my will and actions true,  
Humility there and simplicity reigning,  
In paths of true wisdom my steps ever training.  
If I learn from Jesus this knowledge divine,  
The blessing of heavenly wisdom is mine.**

***Please stand***

**M:** Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, 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 320: "On My Heart Imprint Your Image"**

**1. On my heart imprint your image,  
Blessed Jesus, King of grace,  
That life's riches, cares, and pleasures  
Have no pow'r to hide your face.  
This the superscription be:  
Jesus, crucified for me,  
Is my life, my hope's foundation,  
And my glory and salvation. 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.

### **Serving God This Week.** August 9 - 15

Hymnsoft player: Andrew Hochmuth

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

Altar Committee: Jill Schultz & A.J. Graham (Sunday), Nona Lione & Judy Trebatoski (Monday)

Audio/visual technicians: Sandy Ryczek & Samuel Veglahn

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

### **Serving God Next Week.** August 16 - 22

Hymnsoft player: Sarah Hochmuth

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

Altar Committee: Jill Schultz & A.J. Graham (Sunday), Nona Lione & Judy Trebatoski (Monday)

Audio/visual technicians: Sandy Ryczek & Caleb Schultz

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

## This Week At Cross of Christ (August 9 - 16)

Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Worship (w/ <i>WELS Connection</i> )
	11:00 a.m.	Confirmation Worship w/ Lord's Supper
Monday	5:30 p.m.	Evangelism Committee Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Worship (w/ <i>WELS Connection</i> )
Thursday	6:00 p.m.	Church Council Meeting
Next Sun.	9:00 a.m.	Worship w/ Lord's Supper

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

Views on Facebook Live: 93

Sunday: 33 Monday: 12 Total: 45

## **Last Week's Offerings**

General: \$2,696.00 Tuition Assistance Fund: \$90.00

## **Announcements**

**In Our Prayers This Week:** Our confirmands: Lily Hebel, Elizabeth Miller, and Chloe Schultz.

**Worship Service Update.** Since the Wisconsin State Supreme Court overturned the state's stay at home order, people are once again allowed to attend worship services in church. However, they are still urged to practice social distancing. For this reason, the Cross of Christ Church Council decided to offer worship services once again on Sunday at 9:00 a.m. and Monday at 7:00 p.m.

- 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 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. You can call Dan on his home phone number 920-992-5692 or his cell phone number 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/bulletins.
- 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 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, and only individual cups will be offered. The pastor will give a final blessing after everyone has received Holy Communion.
- If you do not feel comfortable attending worship services, you may 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 bulletin from the church's website at [www.portagelutheranchurch.org](http://www.portagelutheranchurch.org). Links for the church's Facebook page and the 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.

### **Important Changes For The Summer**

- Midweek Bible classes, Church Committees, and other groups are once again allowed to gather in church, but they are encouraged to maintain social distancing.
- The Sunday morning Bible class is cancelled for the summer.
- There will be no coffee, snacks, or fellowship meals after worship services over the summer.
- Vacation Bible School has been cancelled.
- The church picnic has been cancelled.

**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.

**Confirmation Sunday.** Confirmation Sunday is Sunday, August 9 at 11:00 a.m. Members of Cross of Christ are asked to attend either the Sunday 9:00 a.m. or the Monday 7:00 p.m. worship services so the confirmands' family and friends may attend the Confirmation service. This service will be streamed on Facebook Live.

**Cross of Christ Ladies Gathering.** On Wednesday, August 26, at 6:30 p.m., the Cross of Christ ladies will have a gathering to make lockets. Please sign up on the sign up sheet in back of church as soon as possible. Due to COVID-19, masks will be required. Please bring your own snacks.

**Directory.** There is an updated 2020 Church Directory on the table in the back of church. Any member of Cross of Christ is welcome to stop by church and pick one up.

**Forward in Christ and Meditations.** You can pick up the new Meditations and Forward in Christ in the back of church.

# Sermon Notes

**Sermon Series:** Hidden In Plain Sight

**Sermon Theme:** Mysterious Faith

**Sermon Text:** Isaiah 40:31

## Introduction

How can we make sure our faith is in plain sight for everyone to see?

## We Must Avoid the Devil, the World, and our Sinful Flesh's Temptations

- To give into \_\_\_\_\_.
- To believe what is \_\_\_\_\_ to what the Bible teaches.
- To \_\_\_\_\_ hearing God's Word.
- To \_\_\_\_\_ our faith in times of trouble.

## We Must Always Have Saving Faith

- That \_\_\_\_\_ unswervingly in the Triune God and in Jesus as our Savior.
- That gladly \_\_\_\_\_ God's will.
- So we can \_\_\_\_\_ with God forever in heaven.

## We Must Daily Strengthen our Faith with God's Word

- So we always \_\_\_\_\_ what the Bible teaches.
- So we \_\_\_\_\_ our faith around others.
- So we \_\_\_\_\_ our faith with others.