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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: Service of Word and Sacrament
(on page 26 in the front of the red Christian Worship hymnal)

HYMN 541:1-3: *"Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide"*

- 1. Lord Jesus Christ, with us abide,
For round us falls the eventide,
Nor let your Word, that heav'nly light,
For us be ever veiled in night.**
- 2. O God, how sin's dread works abound!
Throughout the earth no rest is found,
And falsehood's spirit wide has spread,
And error boldly rears its head.**
- 3. In these last days of sore distress
Grant us, dear Lord, true steadfastness
That pure we keep, till life is spent,
Your holy Word and sacrament.**

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: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

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.**

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.**

LORD, HAVE MERCY

M: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: **(sing) Lord, have mercy.**

M: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C: ***(sing)* Christ, have mercy.**

M: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: ***(sing)* Lord, have mercy.**

M: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:

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

M: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

O LORD, OUR LORD

C: ***(sing)* O Lord, our Lord, how glorious is your name in all the earth.**

Almighty God, merciful Father, you crown our life with your love. You take away our sin; you comfort our spirit; you make us pure and holy in your sight. You did not spare your only Son, but gave him up for us all.

O Lord, our Lord, how glorious is your name in all the earth.

O Son of God, eternal Word of the Father, you came to live with us; you made your Father known; you washed us from our sins in your own blood. You are the King of glory; you are the Lord!

O Lord, our Lord, how glorious is your name in all the earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: (sing) Amen.

Be seated

FIRST LESSON

Ezekiel 33:7-11

God commands Ezekiel to be a watchman for the people of Israel by warning them of their sins.

⁷ "Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the house

of Israel; so hear the word I speak and give them warning from me. ⁸ When I say to the wicked, 'O wicked man, you will surely die,' and you do not speak out to dissuade him from his ways, that wicked man will die for his sin, and I will hold you accountable for his blood. ⁹ But if you do warn the wicked man to turn from his ways and he does not do so, he will die for his sin, but you will have saved yourself.

¹⁰ "Son of man, say to the house of Israel, 'This is what you are saying: "Our offenses and sins weigh us down, and we are wasting away because of them. How then can we live?"' ¹¹ Say to them, 'As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign LORD, I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that they turn from their ways and live. Turn! Turn from your evil ways! Why will you die, O house of Israel?' (NIV)

PSALM 51a (page 86 in the front of the red Christian Worship hymnal)

C: (sing) REFRAIN: Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

**Have mercy on 'me, O God,*
according to your un'failing love.**

**Wash away all my in'iquity,*
and cleanse me 'from my sin.**

**For I know my trans'gressions,*
and my sin is always be'fore me.**

REFRAIN: Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

**Against you, you only, 'have I sinned*
and done what is evil 'in your sight.**

**Surely I was sin'ful at birth,*
sinful from the time my mother con'ceived me.**

**Hide your face 'from my sins,*
and blot out all my in'iquity.**

**Restore to me the joy of your sal'vation,*
and grant me a willing spirit, to sus'tain me.**

**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: Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

SECOND LESSON

Galatians 2:11-21

Paul speaks about how he opposed Peter to his face for supporting the Judaizers who taught Gentiles must follow Jewish customs.

¹¹ When Peter came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he was clearly in the wrong. ¹² Before certain men came from James, he used to eat with the Gentiles. But when they arrived, he began to draw back and separate himself from the Gentiles because he was afraid of those who belonged to the circumcision group. ¹³ The other Jews joined him in his hypocrisy, so that by their hypocrisy even Barnabas was led astray.

¹⁴ When I saw that they were not acting in line with the truth of the gospel, I said to Peter in front of them all, "You are a Jew, yet you live like a Gentile and not like a Jew. How is it, then, that you force Gentiles to follow Jewish customs?"

¹⁵ "We who are Jews by birth and not 'Gentile sinners' ¹⁶ know that a man is not justified by observing the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ. So we, too, have put our faith in Christ Jesus that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by observing the law, because by observing the law no one will be justified.

¹⁷ "If, while we seek to be justified in Christ, it becomes evident that we ourselves are sinners, does that mean that Christ promotes sin? Absolutely not! ¹⁸ If I rebuild what I destroyed, I prove that I am a lawbreaker. ¹⁹ For through the

law I died to the law so that I might live for God. ²⁰ I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. ²¹ I do not set aside the grace of God, for if righteousness could be gained through the law, Christ died for nothing!" (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 18:15-20

Jesus teaches that believers are to call their brothers to repentance and exercise Church discipline when necessary.

¹⁵ "If your brother sins against you, go and show him his fault, just between the two of you. If he listens to you, you have won your brother over. ¹⁶ But if he will not listen, take one or two others along, so that 'every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.' ¹⁷ If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, treat him as you would a pagan or a tax collector.

¹⁸ "I tell you the truth, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

¹⁹ "Again, I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them." (NIV)

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

Be seated

HYMN 521:1-3: *"Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace"*

- 1. Lord of all nations, grant me grace
To love all people, ev'ry race,
And in each person help me view
My kindred, loved, redeemed by you.**
- 2. Break down the wall that would divide
Your children, Lord, on ev'ry side.
My neighbors' good let me pursue;
Bind them to me and all to you.**
- 3. Forgive me, Lord, where I have erred
By loveless act and thoughtless word.
Make me to see the wrong I do
Will hurt my neighbor, Lord, and you.**

“Accountability”

(you can follow along with the Sermon Notes sheet)

Please stand

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.

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.

The Sacrament

M: The Lord be with you.

C: *(sing)* **And also with you.**

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: *(sing)* **We lift them up to the Lord.**

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

C: *(sing)* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children and to strengthen us when we are weak.

Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

C: *(sing)* **Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. The whole earth is full of your glory. You are my God, and I will exalt you. I will give you thanks, for you have become my salvation. Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. The whole earth is full of your glory.**

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: *(sing)* **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.**

Be seated

DISTRIBUTION HYMN 309:

"Draw Near And Take The Body Of The Lord"

- 1. Draw near and take the body of the Lord,
And drink the holy blood for you outpoured.
Offered was he for greatest and for least,
Himself the victim and himself the priest.**
- 2. He that his saints in this world rules and shields
To all believers life eternal yields,
With heav'nly bread makes them that hunger whole,
Gives living waters to the thirsty soul.**
- 3. Come forward, then, with faithful hearts sincere,
And take the pledges of salvation here.
Before your altar, Lord, your servants bow;
In this your feast of love be with us now.**

DISTRIBUTION HYMN 314: "O Living Bread From Heaven"

- 1. O living Bread from heaven,
How well you feed your guest!
The gifts that you have given
Have filled my heart with rest.
Oh, wondrous food of blessing,
Oh, cup that heals our woes!
My heart, this gift possessing,
With praises overflows.**

- 2. My Lord, you here have led me
Within your holiest place
And here have kindly fed me
With treasures of your grace,
For you have freely given
What earth could never buy,
The bread of life from heaven,
That now I shall not die.**
- 3. You gave me all I wanted –
This food can death destroy -
And you have freely granted
The cup of endless joy.
My Lord, I do not merit
The favor you have shown,
And all my soul and spirit
Bow down before your throne.**
- 4. Lord, grant me then, thus strengthened
With heav'nly food, while here
My course on earth is lengthened,
To serve with holy fear.
And when you call my spirit
To leave this world below,
I enter, through your merit,
Where joys unmingled flow.**

Please stand

THANK THE LORD

C: *(sing)* Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev'ryone what he has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name. He renews his promises and leads his people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia! Alleluia!

CLOSING PRAYER

M: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, 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 494:1-3: "Blest Be the Tie that Binds"

- 1. Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like to that above.**
- 2. Before our Father's throne
We pour our ardent prayers;
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
Our comforts and our cares.**
- 3. We share our mutual woes,
Our mutual burdens bear,
And often for each other flows
The sympathizing tear. 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 a www.portagelutheranchurch.org, on Facebook, on Instagram, and on Twitter.

This Week At Cross of Christ (September 20 - 27, 2020)

Sunday	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
Monday	7:00 p.m.	Worship w/ Lord's Supper
Tuesday	9:30 a.m.	Deuteronomy Bible Study
Wednesday	5:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class
	7:00 p.m.	Deuteronomy Bible Study
Next Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Mission Fest Sunday Worship
	10:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:15 a.m.	Presentation

Sunday's Church Attendance

Views on Facebook Live: 84

Sunday: 32 Monday: 16 Total: 48

Last Week's Offerings

General: \$2,441.00 Tuition Assistance: \$90.00 Building Fund: \$30.00

Serving God This 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)

Serving God Next Week. September 27 - October 3, 2020

Hymnsoft player: Dave Kreklow

Ushers: John Otto (C), Ken Ryczek, Marv Timm, Gerry Gast, Caleb Schultz (Sunday), Adam Gaffney (Monday)

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

Audio/visual technicians: Sandy Ryczek & Henry Newman

Offering Counters: Curt & Julie Moran (Sunday), Jodie Crosby (Monday)

Announcements

Sunday Bible Study and Sunday School.

- In Sunday School the children will learn about the Old Testament lesson entitled "The Fall and the Promise".
- The Bible Study will meet in church and study "The Christian In Today's World". We will study Lesson 1: Living In Today's Political Environment.

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. We will take a special door offering to support the WELS Campus Ministry. At 10:30 a.m. Pastor Naumann will give a presentation on Campus Ministry. There will not be a meal served after the presentation because of COVID-19.

Quarterly Voters' Meeting. The Quarterly Voters' Meeting will be held on Sunday, October 4 at 10:15 a.m. At this meeting we will make a decision on updating the sound system. We will also discuss pursuing a Mission Statement, and the progress on the church building program.

Food. There will be no snacks or fellowship meals served in September 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.

Cross of Christ Ladies Election. At their meeting on September 17, election of officers was held for the upcoming year. Officers are: President-Joan Klappstein, Vice President-Judy Trebatoski, Secretary-Sandra Beimborn, and Treasurer-Jill Schultz.

Beaver Dam Circuit Fall Rally Collection. The Lutheran Women's Missionary Society (LWMS) Rally that was to be held at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church in Beaver Dam has been cancelled. However, we are still collecting funds to support the missions for the LWMS Beaver Dam Circuit and also for the International LWMS missions. You can place your offering in your offering envelope and designate it for the LWMS Beaver Dam Circuit Missions. We will take the collection until October 1.

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.

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. 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.
- 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. 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.

Sermon Notes

Sermon Series: Dialed In

Sermon Theme: Accountability

Sermon Text: Galatians 2:11-21

Introduction

Why are we to hold Christians accountable for their sinful actions?

Paul Held Peter Accountable

- When Peter _____ with the Judaizers.
- Because Peter was leading Christians into _____ by his actions.
- So Christians believed they were saved through _____ in Jesus and not by obeying the Mosaic Law.

We Hold Other Christians Accountable

- _____ because we are better Christians than they are.
- Because we are _____ by grace through faith in Jesus.
- So our fellow Christians _____ of their sins and put their faith in Jesus.

When We Hold Other Christians Accountable

- We use the _____ key when they refuse to repent of their sins.
- We use the _____ key when they repent of their sins.