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Sunday Worship - 9:00 a.m.

Monday Worship - 7:00 p.m.

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Welcome!

We feel blessed you came to Cross of Christ. Our worship service lasts about 60 minutes. Participate as much as you feel comfortable with.

About Cross of Christ Lutheran Church

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 Word and Sacrament

(on page 26 in the front of the red Christian Worship hymnal)

HYMN 421:1-3: *"All Depends on Our Possessing"*

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| <p>1. All depends on our possessing
God's abundant grace and blessing,
Though all earthly wealth depart.
They who trust with faith unshaken
In their God are not forsaken
And e'er keep a dauntless heart.</p> <p>2. He who to this day has fed me
And to many joys has led me
Is and ever shall be mine.
He who ever gently schools me,
He who daily guides and rules me,
Will remain my help divine.</p> | <p>3. Many spend their lives in fretting
Over trifles and in getting
Things that have no solid ground.
I shall strive to win a treasure
That will bring me lasting pleasure
And that now is seldom found.</p> |
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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.

O God, you reveal your mighty power chiefly in showing mercy and kindness. Grant us the full measure of your grace that we may obtain your promises and become partakers of your heavenly glory; 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

Genesis 41:41-49

God makes Joseph the ruler of Egypt to provide for his people during the seven years of famine.

⁴¹ So Pharaoh said to Joseph, "I hereby put you in charge of the whole land of Egypt." ⁴² Then

Pharaoh took his signet ring from his finger and put it on Joseph's finger. He dressed him in robes of fine linen and put a gold chain around his neck. ⁴³ He had him ride in a chariot as his second-in-command, and men shouted before him, "Make way!" Thus he put him in charge of the whole land of Egypt.

⁴⁴ Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, "I am Pharaoh, but without your word no one will lift hand or foot in all Egypt." ⁴⁵ Pharaoh gave Joseph the name Zaphenath-Paneah and gave him Asenath daughter of Potiphera, priest of On, to be his wife. And Joseph went throughout the land of Egypt.

⁴⁶ Joseph was thirty years old when he entered the service of Pharaoh king of Egypt. And Joseph went out from Pharaoh's presence and traveled throughout Egypt. ⁴⁷ During the seven years of abundance the land produced plentifully. ⁴⁸ Joseph collected all the food produced in those seven years of abundance in Egypt and stored it in the cities. In each city he put the food grown in the fields surrounding it. ⁴⁹ Joseph stored up huge quantities of grain, like the sand of the sea; it was so much that he stopped keeping records because it was beyond measure. (NIV)

PSALM 42-43 (page 82 in the front of the red Christian Worship hymnal)

C: (sing) REFRAIN: Blessed are they who hope, who hope in the Lord.

**As the deer pants for streams of 'water,*
so my soul pants for 'you, O God.**

**My soul thirsts for God, for the 'living God.*
Where can I go and 'meet with God?**

Why are you downcast, 'O my soul?*Why so disturbed with'in me?

**Put your 'hope in God,*
for I will yet praise him, my Savior 'and my God.**

REFRAIN: Blessed are they who hope, who hope in the Lord.

**Send forth your light and your truth, let them 'guide me;*
let them bring me to the place 'where you dwell.**

**Then will I go to the altar of God, my joy and 'my delight.*
I will praise you with the harp, O 'God, my God.**

**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: Blessed are they who hope, who hope in the Lord.

SECOND LESSON

1 Timothy 4:4,5

Believers give thanks to God for providing for all their needs.

⁴ For everything God created is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving, ⁵ because it is consecrated by the word of God and prayer. (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 14:13-21

Jesus feeds more than five thousand people with only five loaves of bread and two fish.

¹³ When Jesus heard what had happened, he withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place. Hearing of this, the crowds followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴ When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick.

¹⁵ As evening approached, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a remote place, and it's already getting late. Send the crowds away, so they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food."

¹⁶ Jesus replied, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat."

¹⁷ "We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish," they answered.

¹⁸ "Bring them here to me," he said. ¹⁹ And he directed the people to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people. ²⁰ They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. ²¹ The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children. (NIV)

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

Be seated

HYMN 349:1-3: "Jesus, Priceless Treasure"

- 1. Jesus, priceless Treasure,
Fount of purest pleasure, Truest Friend to me.
Ah, how long in anguish
Shall my spirit languish, Yearning, Lord, for thee?
Thou art mine, O Lamb divine!
I will suffer naught to hide thee, Naught I ask beside thee.**
- 2. In thine arms I rest me;
Foes who would molest me Cannot reach me here.
Though the earth be shaking,
Ev'ry heart be quaking, Jesus calms my fear.
Lightnings flash And thunders crash;
Yet, tho' sin and hell assail me, Jesus will not fail me.**

3. Satan, I defy thee;
Death, I now decry thee; Fear, I bid thee cease.
World, thou shalt not harm me
Nor thy threats alarm me While I sing of peace.
God's great pow'r Guards ev'ry hour;
Earth and all its depths adore him, Silent bow before him.

SERMON LESSON

1 Timothy 4:4,5

"Mysterious Trust"

(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 311: "Soul, Adorn Yourself With Gladness"

- 1. Soul, adorn yourself with gladness; Leave behind all gloom and sadness.
Come into the daylight's splendor; There with joy your praises render
Unto him whose grace unbounded Has this wondrous supper founded.
Though he reigns above most holy, Deigns to dwell with you most lowly.**
- 2. Hasten as a bride to meet him, And with loving rev'ence greet him,
For with words of life immortal He is knocking at your portal.
Open wide the gates before him, Saying, as you there adore him:
Grant, Lord, that I now receive you, That I nevermore will leave you.**
- 3. He who craves a precious treasure Neither cost nor pain will measure,
But the priceless gifts of heaven God to us has freely given.
Though the wealth of earth were proffered, Naught would buy the gifts here offered:
Christ's true body, for you riven, And his blood, for you once given.**
- 4. Now I kneel before you lowly, Filled with joy most deep and holy,
As with trembling awe and wonder On your mighty work I ponder,
How by mystery surrounded, Depths that no one ever sounded.
None may dare to pierce unbidden Secrets that with you are hidden.**
- 5. Human reason, though it ponders, Cannot fathom these great wonders,
That Christ's body must be boundless Since the souls it feeds are countless,
And that he his blood is giving With the wine we are receiving.
These great mysteries unsounded Are by God alone expounded.**
- 6. Lord, by love and mercy driven, You have left your throne in heaven
On the cross for me to languish And to die in bitter anguish,
To forgo all joy and gladness And to shed your blood in sadness.
By this blood redeemed and living, Lord, I praise you with thanksgiving.**
- 7. Jesus, Sun of life, my Splendor, Jesus, Friend of friends most tender,
Jesus, Joy of my desiring, Fount of life, my soul inspiring -
At your feet I cry, my Maker: Let me be a fit partaker
Of this blessed food from heaven For our good, your glory, given.**
- 8. Jesus, Lord of life, I pray you, Let me gladly here obey you.
By your love I am invited; Be your love with love requited.
By this supper let me measure, Lord, how vast and deep love's treasure.
Through the gift of grace you give me As your guest in heav'n receive me.**

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 446:1-3: "I Am Trusting You, Lord Jesus"

- 1. I am trusting you, Lord Jesus, Trusting only you,
Trusting you for full salvation, Free and true.**
- 2. I am trusting you for pardon; At your feet I bow,
For your grace and tender mercy Trusting now.**
- 3. I am trusting you for cleansing In the crimson flood,
Trusting you who made me holy By your blood. 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 (August 16-23, 2020)

Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Worship w/ Lord's Supper
Monday	7:00 p.m.	Worship w/ Lord's Supper
Next Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Sunday Worship

Sunday's Church Attendance

Views on Facebook Live: 9:00 a.m.: 69 11:00 a.m.: 88 Total: 157

Sunday 9:00 a.m.: 17 Sunday 11:00 a.m.: 47 Monday: 17 Total: 81

Last Week's Offerings

General: \$3,133.00 Tuition Assistance: \$70.00

Serving God This Week. August 16-22, 2020

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

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

Serving God Next Week. August 23-29, 2020

Hymnsoft player: Dave Kreklow

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

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

Audio/visual technicians: Sandy Ryczek & Henry Newman

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

Announcements

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. 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.
- 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. 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.

Vacation. Pastor Schultz and his family will be on vacation from Friday, August 21-Sunday, August 23. Retired Pastor Harold Sturm will be the guest preacher on August 23,24. If you need spiritual assistance, you can still call Pastor Schultz on his cellphone.

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.

Campfire. On Saturday, August 29 at 4:30 p.m. we will have a campfire on the lower parking lot at church. The Fellowship Committee will provide brats, hotdogs, popcorn and drinks. Please bring a dish to pass, lawn chairs, and games you would like to play. Everyone is invited to attend. Invite your friends and family too. Please sign up on the sheet on the table in the back of church.

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 Trust

Sermon Text: 1 Timothy 4:4,5

Introduction

How can we trust God will always keep his promise to provide for us?

God Has Kept His Promise to Provide for our Physical Needs

- He created this beautiful _____ for us to live in.
- He provides us with everything we need to _____.
- He provides us with _____ than we need.

God Has Kept His Promise to Provide for our Spiritual Needs

- He sent Jesus to _____ our sins.
- He used the Holy Spirit to bring us to _____.
- He will keep his promise to take us to live with him in _____.

We Make sure we Always Trust God

- By living a life of _____.
- By spending time every day in _____.
- By _____ to God.