

ARE YOU READY?



Where You Meet Your Savior And Find A Friend

Sunday Worship – 9:00 a.m.

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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, by which God forgave all people 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 the message of the cross with our community and the world.

Sermon Series: **Are You Ready?**

Jesus promises one day he will come back to earth to judge all people. Unfortunately, we do not know when that day will be. This is why Jesus tells us we must always be ready for it. But how can we make sure we are? In our sermon series entitled, "Are You Ready?" we will learn what we must do with God's help to make sure we are always ready for our Savior Jesus' return. We will learn we must:

November 1 & 2: Be Faithful To God's Word

November 8 & 9: Be Mindful of God's Judgment

November 15 & 16: Be Watchful for Your Triumph

November 22 & 23: **Rejoice Christ Is Your King**

November 26: Give Thanks

Order of Service: Morning Praise

(on page 45 in the front of the red Christian Worship
hymnal)

HYMN 363:1-3: *"The King of Glory Comes"*

- 1. The King of glory comes; the nation rejoices
Open the gates before him; lift up your voices.
Who is the King of glory? How shall we call him?
He is Immanuel, the promised of ages.**
- 2. The King of glory comes; the nation rejoices
Open the gates before him; lift up your voices.
In all of Galilee, in city or village,
He goes among his people, curing their illness.**
- 3. The King of glory comes; the nation rejoices
Open the gates before him; lift up your voices.
He gave his life for us, the lamb of salvation;
He took upon himself the sin of the nations.
The King of glory comes; the nation rejoices
Open the gates before him; lift up your voices.**

Please stand

M: *(sing)* O Lord, open my lips.

C: *(sing)* **And my mouth shall declare your praise.**

M: *(sing)* Hasten to save me, O God.

C: *(sing)* **O Lord, come quickly to help me.**

M: *(sing)* Praise be to God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: let us worship him.

OH COME, LET US SING TO THE LORD

C: *(sing)* **Oh, come, let us sing to the Lord, let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation. Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving, let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise.**

For the Lord is a great God and a great King above all gods. The deep places of the earth are in his hand; the heights of the hills are also his.

The sea is his for he made it, and his hand formed the dry land. Oh, come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our maker. For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

Be seated

PSALM 47 (on page 85 in the front of the red Christian
Worship hymnal)

**C: (sing) REFRAIN: Let the people praise you, O God.
Let all the people praise you.**

Clap your hands, all you 'nations;*
shout to God with 'cries of joy.

How awesome is the 'Lord Most High,*
the great King over 'all the earth!

God reigns over the 'nations;*
God is seated on his 'holy throne.

**REFRAIN: Let the people praise you, O God. Let all
the people praise you.**

God has ascended amid 'shouts of joy,*
the Lord amid the sounding of 'trumpets.

Sing praises to God, sing 'praises;*
sing praises to our King, sing 'praises.

For God is the King of 'all the earth;*
sing to him a psalm 'of praise.

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: Let the people praise you, O God. Let all the people praise you.

FIRST LESSON

Ezekiel 34:11-16,23-24

God reminds the Israelites they can be joyful because he will raise up a descendent of David to shepherd his people.

¹¹ "For this is what the Sovereign LORD says: I myself will search for my sheep and look after them. ¹² As a shepherd looks after his scattered flock when he is with them, so will I look after my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places where they were scattered on a day of clouds and darkness. ¹³ I will bring them out from the nations and gather them from the countries, and I will bring them into their own land. I will pasture them on the mountains of Israel, in the ravines and in all the settlements in the land. ¹⁴ I will tend them in a good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel will be their grazing land. There they will lie down in good grazing land, and there they will feed in a rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵ I myself will tend my sheep and have them lie down, declares the Sovereign LORD. ¹⁶ I will search for the lost and bring back the strays. I will bind up the injured and strengthen the weak, but the sleek and the strong I will destroy. I will shepherd the flock with justice. ²³ I will place over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he will tend them; he will tend them and be their

shepherd. ²⁴ I the LORD will be their God, and my servant David will be prince among them. I the LORD have spoken. (NIV)

SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 15:20-28

We are joyful because Jesus now rules over his kingdom until he finally destroys his enemies.

²⁰ But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹ For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. ²² For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. ²³ But each in his own turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. ²⁴ Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. ²⁵ For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶ The last enemy to be destroyed is death. ²⁷ For he "has put everything under his feet." Now when it says that "everything" has been put under him, it is clear that this does not include God himself, who put everything under Christ. ²⁸ When he has done this, then the Son himself will be made subject to him who put everything under him, so that God may be all in all. (NIV)

SEASONAL RESPONSE

M: Give thanks to the Lord; call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done.

HYMN 217:1-3: *"The Head That Once Was Crowned"*

- 1. The head that once was crowned with thorns
Is crowned with glory now;
A royal diadem adorns
The mighty victor's brow.**
- 2. The highest place that heav'n affords
Is his, is his by right,
The King of kings and Lord of lords
And heav'n's eternal light,**
- 3. The joy of all who dwell above,
The joy of all below
To whom he manifests his love
And grants his name to know.**

SERMON LESSON

Matthew 27:27-31

We are joyful over Jesus' suffering and death because it assures us he is our King who defeated our enemies.

²⁷ Then the governor's soldiers took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole company of soldiers

around him. ²⁸ They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, ²⁹ and then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on his head. They put a staff in his right hand and knelt in front of him and mocked him. "Hail, king of the Jews!" they said. ³⁰ They spit on him, and took the staff and struck him on the head again and again. ³¹ After they had mocked him, they took off the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him. (NIV)

"Rejoice Christ is Your King"

(you can follow along with the Sermon Notes sheet)

Please stand

WE PRAISE YOU, O GOD

C: (*sing*) We praise you, O God, we acclaim you as Lord; all creation worships you, Father everlasting. To you all angels, all the pow'rs of heav'n, cherubim and seraphim, sing in endless praise: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of heav'nly hosts, heaven and earth are full of your glory. The glorious company of apostles praise you. The noble fellowship of prophets praise you. The white-robed army of martyrs praise you. Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you: Father of majesty unbounded, your glorious, true, and only Son, and

the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide. You, Christ, are the King of glory, the eternal Son of the Father.

When you became man to set us free, you humbled yourself to be born of a virgin. You overcame the sting of death and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. You sit at the right hand of God in the glory of the Father. We believe that you will come to be our judge.

Come then, Lord, and help your people, bought with the price of your own blood, and bring us with your saints to glory everlasting.

OFFERING

(If you would like to donate to Cross of Christ's ministry, you can go to www.portagelutheranchurch.org and click the Donate button on the Home page.)

OFFERING PRAYER

LORD, HAVE MERCY

M: *(sing)* In the morning, O Lord, I call to you; be merciful to me and hear my prayer.

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

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Lord Jesus Christ, by your victory you have broken the power of the evil one. Fill our hearts with joy and peace as we look with hope to that day when every creature in heaven and earth will acclaim you King of kings and Lord of lords to your unending praise and glory; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

PRAYER FOR GRACE

M: O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with your mighty power, and grant that this day we neither fall into sin nor run into any kind of danger; and in all we do, direct us to what is right in your sight, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

M: *(sing)* Let us praise the Lord.

C: *(sing)* **Thanks be to God.**

BLESSING

M: *(sing)* The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

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

HYMN 219: *"Lord, When Your Glory I Shall See"*

**1. Lord, when your glory I shall see
And taste your kingdom's pleasure,
Your blood my royal robe shall be,
My joy beyond all measure!
When I appear before your throne,
Your righteousness shall be my crown;
With these I need not hide me.
And there, in garments richly wrought,
As your own bride I shall be brought,
To stand in joy beside you. Amen.**

Be seated

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Take The Next Step

We are so glad you took a big step and joined us for worship. You may be wondering what your next step is for connecting to Cross of Christ. Here are some options:



Come back for worship next week. Attending worship services is very important for people to grow in their faith in Jesus.



Set up a time to meet. Call or email the church office. We would be happy to set up a time to answer your questions and to share more about Cross of Christ's ministry with you.



Enroll in "Starting Point". This is a class environment designed for every guest to discover (or rediscover) the foundational teachings of the Bible and how they apply to their lives. Talk to the pastor if you are interested in attending.



Stay Connected. Stay connected with us online at www.portagelutheranchurch.org on Facebook, on Instagram, and on Twitter.

This Week At Cross of Christ (November 22 – 29, 2020)

Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Worship (<i>w/ Kids' Connection</i>)
	10:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:15 a.m.	The Christian in Today's World Bible Study
Monday	7:00 p.m.	Worship
Tuesday	9:30 a.m.	"To The Ends of the Earth Bible Study
	6:00 p.m.	Education Committee Meeting
Wednesday	5:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class
	7:00 p.m.	Thanksgiving Worship
Next Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Worship w/ Lord's Supper & w/ New Member Welcome
	10:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:15 a.m.	The Christian in Today's World Bible Study

Last Weekend's Worship Attendance

Views on Facebook Live: 87

Sunday: 43 Monday: 12 Total: 55

Last Week's Offerings

General: \$2,029.00 Tuition Assistance: \$70.00 St. John's Insurance: \$1,224.00

Serving God This Week. November 22 - 28, 2020

Hymnsoft player: Dave Kreklow (Sunday, Monday, Wednesday)

Ushers: John Otto (C), Ken Ryczek, Marv Timm, Gerry Gast, Caleb Schultz (Sunday and Wednesday), Peter Gilbert (Monday)

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

Audio/visual technicians: Sandy Ryczek & Henry Newman

Offering Counters: Curt & Julie Moran

Serving God Next Week. November 29 - December 5, 2020

Hymnsoft player: Dave Kreklow (Sunday, Monday, Wednesday)

Ushers: Nate Newman (C), Henry Newman, Don Graham (Sunday and Wednesday), Dave Kreklow (Monday)

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

Audio/visual technicians: Sandy Ryczek & Eli Schultz

Offering Counters: Vi Burmeister & Joan Klappstein

Announcements

Sunday Bible Studies and Sunday School.

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

10 For 10 Notes. Please place your 10 For 10 commitment cards in the offering plates as you walk into church. These cards will not be opened. They will be placed on the altar for ten weeks and then returned to you unopened for your prayerful reflection. Please also fill out the new Time and Talent surveys you were given and place them in Bonnie Dorniak's mailbox at church.

Thanksgiving Worship. We will have a special Thanksgiving worship service on Wednesday, November 25 at 7:00 p.m. The theme is "Give Thanks".

Canceled Fellowship Activities. Due to COVID-19, the Fellowship Committee decided to cancel the following activities in December:

- Snacks after Sunday worship services
- Fellowship meal
- Midweek Advent meals
- Christmas caroling
- Christmas party

Camp Philip Supper. The Camp Philip Chili Supper has been canceled due to COVID-19. Instead, a collection will be taken after the three midweek Advent services.

Church Decorating. We will decorate the church for the Christmas season on Sunday, December 6 after the Bible Study. Please consider staying to help.

Children's Christmas Service. The Sunday School Children's Christmas service will be on Thursday, December 24 at 6:00 p.m. and Friday, December 25 at 9:00 a.m. The service theme is "The Greatest Gift". Invite your family and friends to attend one of these two services or to watch it on Facebook Live.

Cross of Christ Mission Statement Committee. At the November 1 Quarterly Voters' meeting, it was decided to create a committee to develop a Mission Statement for the church. If anyone is interested in serving on this committee, contact Pastor Schultz.

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

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

Dishes. Please pick up your leftover dishes from the funerals in August and September.

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.

WELS App. Consider getting the WELS app on your smartphone devices to get up to date news on the work of the Wisconsin Synod and daily devotions.

Sermon Notes

Sermon Series: Are You Ready?

Sermon Theme: Rejoice Christ Is Your King

Sermon Text: Matthew 27:27-31

Introduction

Why should we rejoice that Jesus is our King?

We Rejoice Because Jesus is our Humble King

- Who was a _____.
- Who _____ being beaten and mocked.
- Who _____ his life into death.

We Rejoice Because Jesus is our Victorious King

- Who defeated _____.
- Who defeated _____.
- Who defeated the _____.

We Rejoice Because Jesus is our Almighty King

- Who rules all creation for the _____ of the Church.
- Who _____ our faith.
- Who is always _____ us and _____ us.
- Who will return to take us to live with him in his _____.