



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!

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: Morning Praise

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

HYMN 405:1-3: *"Oh, For A Faith That Will Not Shrink"*

1. **Oh, for a faith that will not shrink**
Though pressed by many a foe,
That will not tremble on the brink
Of poverty or woe,
2. **That will not murmur nor complain**
Beneath the chast'ning rod,
But in the hour of grief or pain
Can lean upon its God,
3. **A faith that shines more bright and clear**
When tempests rage without,
That, when in danger, knows no fear,
In darkness feels no doubt,

Please stand

M: O Lord, open my lips.

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

M: Hasten to save me, O God.

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

M: The Spirit of the Lord fills the world: 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 73 (on page 94 in the front of the red Christian Worship hymnal)

C: *(sing)* **REFRAIN: Surely it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be afraid. For the Lord is my strong-hold and my sure defense, and he will be my Savior.**

I am always with 'you, O Lord;*
you hold me by my 'right hand.

**You guide me with your 'counsel,*
and afterward you will take me into 'glory.**

Whom have I in heav'en but you?*
And earth has nothing I desire be'sides you.

My flesh and my 'heart may fail,*
but God is the strength of my heart and my portion for'ever.

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.

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For the Lord is my strong-hold and my sure defense, and he will be my Savior.**

FIRST LESSON

James 1:2-8,12

When trials come, which test our faith, we must believe in God so we may receive the crown of life.

²Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, ³because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. ⁴Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. ⁵If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him. ⁶But when he asks, he must believe and not doubt, because he who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. ⁷That man should not think he will receive anything from the Lord; ⁸he is a double-minded man, unstable in all he does.

¹²Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial, because when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him. (NIV)

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 14:22-33

Peter walks on water to Jesus, but begins to sink when he doubts Jesus can keep him safe.

²²Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. ²³After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴but the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it.

²⁵During the fourth watch of the night Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. ²⁶When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. "It's a ghost," they said, and cried out in fear.

²⁷But Jesus immediately said to them: "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid."

²⁸"Lord, if it's you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water."

²⁹"Come," he said.

Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. ³⁰But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!"

³¹Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You of little faith," he said, "why did you doubt?"

³²And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. ³³Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God." (NIV)

SEASONAL RESPONSE

M: Come, Holy Spirit! Fill the hearts of your faithful people, and kindle in us the fire of your love.
Alleluia!

HYMN 379:1-3: *"Amazing Grace-How Sweet the Sound"*

1. **Amazing grace -- how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found,
Was blind but now I see.**
2. **The Lord has promised good to me;
His Word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.**
3. **Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come;
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.**

SERMON LESSON

Isaiah 55:1-2

¹ "Come, all you who are thirsty,
come to the waters;
and you who have no money,
come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without cost.
² Why spend money on what is not
bread,
and your labor on what does not
satisfy?
Listen, listen to me, and eat what is
good,
and your soul will delight in the
richest of fare. (NIV)

"Make Sure and Buy Wisely!"

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 acclaim 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

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OFFERING PRAYER

LORD, HAVE MERCY

M: 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: Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you 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: Let us praise the Lord.

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

BLESSING

M: 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 406:1-3: "This is the Threefold Truth"

- 1. This is the threefold truth on which our faith depends;
And with this joyful cry worship begins and ends:
Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!**
- 2. Made sacred by long use, new-minted for our time,
Our liturgies sum up the hope we have in him:
Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!**
- 3. On this we fix our minds as, kneeling side by side,
We take the bread and wine, take him, the Crucified:
Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!**

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 23 - 30, 2020)

Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Worship
	10:15 a.m.	Sunday School Organizational Meeting
Monday	7:00 p.m.	Worship
Wednesday	6:30 p.m.	Cross of Christ Ladies' Gathering (Locketts)
Saturday	4:30 p.m.	Campfire
Next Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Worship w/ Lord's Supper
	10:15 a.m.	Confirmation Class Meeting

Last Weekend's Worship Attendance

Views on Facebook Live: 58

Sunday: 34 Monday: 19 Total: 53

Last Week's Offerings

General: \$1,211.00 Tuition Assistance: \$70.00

Serving God This 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

Serving God Next Week. August 30 – September 5, 2020

Hymnsoft player: Dave Kreklow

Ushers: Nate Newman (C), Henry Newman, Don Graham, Byron Lowery (Sunday), Scott Crosby (Monday)

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

Audio/visual technicians: Sandy Ryczek & Eli Schultz

Offering Counters: Vi Burmeister & Joan Klappstein

Announcements

Guest Preacher. Our guest preacher for August 23, 24 is retired Pastor Harold Sturm from Zion in Leeds. We thank him for his message.

In Our Prayers. The family of Frances Schumann (aunt to Bill Beimborn and Joan Klappstein) who went to her heavenly home this week

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. 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.