



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.
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: The Common Service

(on page 15 in the front of the red Christian Worship hymnal)

HYMN 529:1-3: *"Built On The Rock"*

- 1. Built on the Rock the Church shall stand
Even when steeples are falling.
Crumbled have spires in ev'ry land;
Bells still are chiming and calling,
Calling the young and old to rest,
But above all the soul distressed,
Longing for rest everlasting.**
- 2. Surely in temples made with hands
God, the Most High, is not dwelling;
High above earth his temple stands,
All earthly temples excelling.
Yet he who dwells in heav'n above
Chooses to live with us in love,
Making our bodies his temple.**
- 3. We are God's house of living stones,
Built for his own habitation.
He through baptismal grace us owns
Heirs of his wondrous salvation.
Were we but two his name to tell,
Yet he would deign with us to dwell
With all his grace and his favor.**

Please stand

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: *(sing)* Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

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.**

LORD, HAVE MERCY

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

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: *(sing)* Amen.

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

GLORY BE TO GOD

C: (sing) Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

We praise you, we bless you, we worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father almighty.

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the sin of the world; receive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy on us.

For you only are holy: you only are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.

C: (sing) And also with you.

M: Let us pray.

Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift of grace that we come into your presence and offer true and faithful service. Grant that our worship on earth may always be pleasing to you, and in the life to come give us the fulfillment of what 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

Joshua 2:8-21

Rahab the prostitute protects the two Israelite spies because she believes in the Lord.

⁸ Before the spies lay down for the night, she went up on the roof ⁹ and said to them, "I know that the LORD has given this land to you and that a great fear of you has fallen on us, so that all who live in this country are melting in fear because of you. ¹⁰ We have heard how the LORD dried up the water of the Red Sea for you when you came out of Egypt, and what you did to Sihon and Og, the two kings of the Amorites east of the Jordan, whom you completely destroyed. ¹¹ When we heard of it, our hearts melted and everyone's courage failed because of you, for the LORD your God is God in heaven above and on the earth below. ¹² Now then, please swear to me by the LORD that you will show kindness to my family, because I have shown kindness to you. Give me a sure sign ¹³ that you will spare the lives of my father and mother, my brothers and sisters, and all who belong to them, and that you will save us from death."

¹⁴ "Our lives for your lives!" the men assured her. "If you don't tell what we are doing, we will treat you kindly and faithfully when the LORD gives us the land."

¹⁵ So she let them down by a rope through the window, for the house she lived in was part of the city wall. ¹⁶ Now she had said to them, "Go to the hills so the pursuers will not find you. Hide yourselves there three days until they return, and then go on your way."

¹⁷ The men said to her, "This oath you made us swear will not be binding on us ¹⁸ unless, when we enter the land, you have tied this scarlet cord in the window through which you let us down, and unless you have brought your father and mother, your brothers and all your family into your house. ¹⁹ If anyone goes outside your house into the street, his blood will be on his own head; we will not be responsible. As for anyone who is in the house with you, his blood will be on our head if a hand is laid on him. ²⁰ But if you tell what we are doing, we will be released from the oath you made us swear."

²¹ "Agreed," she replied. "Let it be as you say." So she sent them away and they departed. And she tied the scarlet cord in the window. (NIV)

PSALM 133-134 (on page 115 in the front of the red Christian Worship hymnal)

C: (sing) REFRAIN: Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

**How good and pleas'ant it is*
when brothers live together in 'unity!
For there the Lord bestows his 'blessing,*
even life for'evermore.**

REFRAIN: Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

**Praise the Lord, all you servants 'of the Lord*
who minister in the house 'of the Lord.
Lift up your hands in the sanctu'ary*
and 'praise the Lord.
May the Lord, the maker of heav'en and earth,*
bless you from 'Zion.
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: Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

SECOND LESSON

Romans 11:13-15,28-32

Paul reminds his Gentile hearers God desires to show mercy to all people so all may be saved.

¹³ I am talking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch as I am the apostle to the Gentiles, I make much of my ministry ¹⁴ in the hope that I may somehow arouse my own people to envy and save some of them. ¹⁵ For if their rejection is the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead?

²⁸ As far as the gospel is concerned, they are enemies on your account; but as far as election is concerned, they are loved on account of the patriarchs, ²⁹ for God's gifts and his call are irrevocable.

³⁰ Just as you who were at one time disobedient to God have now received mercy as a result of their disobedience, ³¹ so they too have now become disobedient in order that they too may now receive

mercy as a result of God's mercy to you. ³² For God has bound all men over to disobedience so that he may have mercy on them all. (NIV)

VERSE OF THE DAY

Hebrews 4:12

M: Alleluia. The Word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. Alleluia. (RSV)

C: (sing) Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Please stand

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 15:21-28

Jesus helps a Gentile woman because of her great faith in him.

C: (sing) Glory be to you, O Lord!

²¹ Leaving that place, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. ²² A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to him, crying out, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is suffering terribly from demon-possession."

²³ Jesus did not answer a word. So his disciples came to him and urged him, "Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us."

²⁴ He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel."

²⁵ The woman came and knelt before him. "Lord, help me!" she said.

²⁶ He replied, "It is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to their dogs."

²⁷ "Yes, Lord," she said, "but even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table."

²⁸ Then Jesus answered, "Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted." And her daughter was healed from that very hour. (NIV)

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

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.

Be seated

HYMN 577:1-3: "Rise, O Light of Gentile Nations"

- 1. Rise, O Light of Gentile nations, Jesus, bright and Morning Star;
Let your Word, the gladsome tidings, Ring out loudly near and far,
Bringing freedom to the captives, Peace and comfort to the slave,
That the heathen, free from bondage, May proclaim your pow'r to save.**
- 2. Knowing you and your salvation, Grateful love dare never cease
To proclaim your tender mercies, Gracious Lord, your heav'nly peace.
Let us sound the gospel tidings To the earth's remotest bound
That the sinner has been pardoned And forgiveness can be found.**
- 3. May our zeal to help the heathen Be increased from day to day,
As we plead in true compassion And for their conversion pray.
For the many faithful workers, For the gospel they proclaim,
Let us all be cheerful givers To the glory of your name.**

SERMON LESSON

Romans 11:13-15,28-32

"Inclusiveness"

(you can follow along with the Sermon Notes sheet)

Please stand

CREATE IN ME

C: (*sing*) Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit. 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 unto the Lord.

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

C: (sing) It is good and right so to do.

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock till he comes again in glory.

Therefore with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your Holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

C: (sing) Holy, holy, holy Lord God of heavenly hosts: heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he, blessed is he, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

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 312: "Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared"

1. Lord Jesus Christ, you have prepared
This feast for our salvation;
It is your body and your blood,
And at your invitation
As weary souls, with sin oppressed,
We come to you for needed rest,
For comfort, and for pardon.
2. Although you did to heav'n ascend,
Where angel hosts are dwelling,
And in your presence they behold
Your glory, all excelling,
And though your people shall not see
Your glory and your majesty
Till dawns the judgment morning,
3. Yet, Savior, you are not confined
To any habitation,
But you are present ev'rywhere
And with your congregation.
Firm as a rock this truth shall stand,
Unmoved by any daring hand
Or subtle craft and cunning.
4. We eat this bread and drink this cup,
Your precious Word believing
That your true body and your blood
Our lips are here receiving.
This Word remains forever true,
And there is naught you cannot do,
For you, Lord, are almighty.
5. Though reason cannot understand,
Yet faith this truth embraces:
Your body, Lord, is ev'rywhere
At once in many places.
I leave to you how this can be;
Your Word alone suffices me;
I trust its truth unfailing.
6. Lord, I believe what you have said;
Help me when doubts assail me.
Remember that I am but dust,
And let my faith not fail me.
Your supper in this vale of tears
Refreshes me and stills my fears
And is my priceless treasure.
7. Grant that we worthily receive
Your supper, Lord, our Savior,
And, truly grieving for our sins,
May prove by our behavior
That we are thankful for your grace
And day by day may run our race,
In holiness increasing.
8. For your consoling supper, Lord,
Be praised throughout all ages!
Preserve it, for in ev'ry place
The world against it rages.
Grant that this sacrament may be
A blessed comfort unto me
When living and when dying.

Please stand

SONG OF SIMEON

C: *(sing)* Lord, now you let your servant depart in peace according to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory to your people Israel.

M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

C: *(sing)* And his mercy endures forever.

M: O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: *(sing)* Amen.

M: 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 394: "Blessed Are the Saints of God"

1. **Blessed are the saints of God;
They are bought with Christ's own blood.
They are ransomed from the grave;
Life eternal they shall have.
With them numbered may we be
Here and in eternity.**

2. **They are justified by grace;
They enjoy the Savior's peace.
All their sins are washed away;
They shall stand in God's great day.
With them numbered may we be
Here and in eternity.**

3. **They are lights upon the earth,
Children of a heav'nly birth.
One with God, with Jesus one,
Glory is in them begun.
With them numbered may we be
Here and in eternity.**

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 30 – September 6, 2020)

Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Worship w/ Lord's Supper
	10:15 a.m.	Confirmation Class Meeting
Monday	7:00 p.m.	Worship w/ Lord's Supper
Wednesday	5:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class
Thursday	5:00 p.m.	Stewardship Committee Meeting
	6:00 p.m.	Elders' Committee Meeting
Next Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Worship w/ Lord's Supper

Last Weekend's Worship Attendance

Views on Facebook Live: 32

Sunday: 22 Monday: 11 Total: 33

Last Week's Offerings

General: \$1,693.00 Tuition Assistance: \$20.00 Christian Life Resources: \$20.00

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 (C) (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

Serving God Next Week. September 6 -12, 2020

Hymnsoft player: William Eckert

Ushers: Dan Heckmann (C), Russ Stensrud, Tim Scharenbroch, Chase Spillner (Sunday),
Curt Moran (C) (Monday)

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

Audio/visual technicians: Sandy Ryczek & Chloe Schultz

Offering Counters: Dave & Judy Kreklow

Announcements

In Our Prayers This Week.

The families of Tom Nicholson and Joanne Haase (niece to Vi Burmeister) who went to their heavenly home this past week.

Worship Service Update. Cross of Christ Church Council 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.

Confirmation Class. Confirmation Class will begin on Wednesday, September 2. It will go from 5:00-6:30 p.m. All Cross of Christ children from 6th-8th grade are encouraged to attend Confirmation Class to grow in their faith through God's Word, to grow in their knowledge of God's Word and to prepare to become a confirmed member of Cross of Christ so they can receive Holy Communion. A Confirmation meeting will be held after church on Sunday, August 30 at 10:15 a.m. to discuss the upcoming year.

Sunday School and Bible Study. Sunday School and the Sunday morning Bible study will begin on Sunday, September 13 at 10:15 a.m.

Food. There will be no snacks or fellowship meals served in September after the Sunday morning worship services.

Beaver Dam Circuit-LWMS. The Lutheran Women's Missionary Society Beaver Dam Circuit Fall Rally, which was supposed to be held at St. Stephens in Beaver Dam on October 17, has been canceled. Ballots to vote for Circuit Officers and Mission Projects are available from Sandra Beimborn.

Sermon Notes

Sermon Series: Dialed In

Sermon Theme: Inclusiveness

Sermon Text: Romans 11:13-15,28-32

Introduction

What is God's will for all people?

God's Will

- Is that _____ believe in Jesus and are saved.
- Is that _____ believe in Jesus and are saved.
- Is that _____ people believe in Jesus and are saved.

God Proved His Will is Inclusive of All People

- By sending Jesus to be the _____ of all people.
- By _____ the sins of all people.
- By giving the _____ to the world so all people have a chance to come to faith in Jesus.

Since God's Will is Inclusive

- We _____ all people.
- We _____ all people to be saved.
- We _____ the gospel with all people.