

THE COMING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT



Pentecost
May 31, 2020



CROSS OF CHRIST
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Opening Confession & Absolution

with “Speak, O Lord”

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

Congregation: Amen.

P: Are you weary? Come and find rest. Are you discouraged? Find encouragement in the family of God. Are you thirsty? Come and drink from the water of life. Are you lonely, guilty, wandering, or afraid? Settle in with Jesus and his family. Children of God, welcome home!

(♩) **Speak, O Lord, as we come to you
To receive the food of your Holy Word.
Take your truth, plant it deep in us;
Shape and fashion us in your likeness,
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us
All your purposes for your glory.**

P: Part of being welcomed into God’s family comes from acknowledging our sins and seeing how great God’s love is to make us fit for his kingdom. Together, let’s acknowledge our brokenness and trust in Christ alone for our forgiveness.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess my sins. In what I have done and left undone, I have so often failed to live as your child. Though my sins deserve punishment, have mercy. Remember how Jesus paid the price in my place. Because of your faithful love, remember my sins no more.

(♩) **Teach us, Lord, full obedience,
Holy reverence, true humility.
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of your purity.
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority.
Words of pow’r that can never fail,
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.**

P: In his great mercy, God sent his Son to be the sacrifice that makes us one with God. The blood of Christ has set you free. His death and resurrection have removed your guilt forever. God is pleased to call you his child. The Father and the Son send the Holy Spirit into your heart to testify that you really are a child of God. Be free. Be holy. Live as someone with the Spirit of God dwelling in you.

C: Amen!

(♩) **Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
Help us grasp the heights of your plans for us.
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time,
That will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we’ll stand on your promises,
And by faith we’ll walk as you walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, as your Church is built
And you fill the earth with your glory!**

Prayer

P: Holy Spirit, God and Lord, come to us this joyful day with your sevenfold gift of grace. Rekindle in our hearts the holy fire of your love that in a true and living faith we may tell abroad the glory of our Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Father, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

God's Word

John 16:5-11

⁵ “Now I am going to him who sent me. None of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’
⁶ Rather, you are filled with grief because I have said these things. ⁷ But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸ When he comes, he will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹ about sin, because people do not believe in me; ¹⁰ about righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; ¹¹ and about judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned.”

God's Word

Acts 2:1-21

¹ When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. ² Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³ They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

⁵ Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. ⁶ When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. ⁷ Utterly amazed, they asked: “Aren’t all these who are speaking Galileans?” ⁸ Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome ¹¹ (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!” ¹² Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, “What does this mean?”

¹³ Some, however, made fun of them and said, “They have had too much wine.”

¹⁴ Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: “Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. ¹⁵ These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It’s only nine in the morning! ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ “‘In the last days, God says,
I will pour out my Spirit on all people.
Your sons and daughters will prophesy,
your young men will see visions,
your old men will dream dreams.

¹⁸ Even on my servants, both men and women,

I will pour out my Spirit in those days,
and they will prophesy.
¹⁹ I will show wonders in the heavens above
and signs on the earth below,
blood and fire and billows of smoke.
²⁰ The sun will be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood
before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.
²¹ And everyone who calls
on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

Song

“Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest”
Hymn 177 st. 1-3, to the tune of Hymn 133

Message from God’s Word

Joel 2:28-29

²⁸ “And afterward,
I will pour out my Spirit on all people.
Your sons and daughters will prophesy,
your old men will dream dreams,
your young men will see visions.
²⁹ Even on my servants, both men and women,
I will pour out my Spirit in those days.”

The Spirit Poured Out on All People

Statement of Faith

“We Praise You, O God”

We praise you, O God, we acclaim you as Lord; all creation worships you, Father everlasting. To you all angels, all powers of heaven, cherubim and seraphim sing in endless praise: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of heavenly 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! Amen.

Prayer of the Church & the Lord's Prayer

The Lord's Prayer follows the prayer spoken by the pastor:

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.

Blessing

P: 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: Amen!

Closing Song

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Our Mission

Cross of Christ congregation exists to joyously proclaim the gospel of free salvation locally and worldwide. Through God's Word and Sacraments, we strive to win lost souls for Christ and nurture believers for lives of Christian service.

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Cross of Christ Weekly Newsletter

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Cross of Christ Lutheran Church & Preschool (WELS)
Church & Preschool Office - 208.375.3992 - cocidaho.org

Worship Options

Cross of Christ continues to offer online worship resources (sermon video, worship folder, music, and Bible study) while now meeting in person.

Online worship will be published via our website, email, and social media late Saturday night or early Sunday morning. You can always find the materials for any Sunday at cocidaho.org/worship-resources.

In-person worship includes five services per weekend:

- Saturday, 6:30 pm, at Boise
- Sunday, 8:30, 9:45, and 11:00 am at Boise
- Sunday, 9:30 am at JaK*s Place in Nampa

The details of our plan for meeting safely and complying with CDC, local, and federal guidelines can be found at cocidaho.org/resuming-in-person-worship.

Thank-offerings may always be given at cocidaho.org/give, or feel free to drop yours off at the church office (see hours below).

Office Hours

The office is currently staffed Mon-Wed-Fri, 9am-12pm, and Tues-Thurs 12pm-3pm. You can, of course, always get in touch with us via phone (208-375-3992) or email (secretary@cocidaho.org).

Teen Camping Trip June 12-14

Cross of Christ teens (confirmed & older) and their friends are invited to a weekend with friends & Jesus in the great outdoors, Friday-Sunday, June 12-14. A few adults are needed as chaperones! Campers & chaperones sign up [HERE](#). Contact Jon Breckon (208-849-5153) or Pastor Brad (208-996-0862) with questions.

A Way to Help

In our efforts to serve our community and reach out with Christ's love, Cross of Christ has partnered with Boise Rescue Mission (with facilities in Boise and Nampa) to help those facing especially difficult times. Your generosity supplies some of their greatest needs. They're listed here on this Amazon shopping list: www.tinyurl.com/CoCBRMMay20.

(You may need to register with Amazon Smile before using the list; this program gives a percentage of <all> your Amazon purchases to the charity of your choice. Designating Boise Rescue Mission and purchasing something on their list is a double gift! You can change your charity designation at any time.)

Free E-book: Finding Hope in Times of Crisis

Crisis moments can be collective (like a global pandemic) or individual (like sudden loss). They can bring a host of complicating factors that lead to unhealthy isolation, triggers for harmful behavior, loss of motivation, and serious spiritual questions. Pastor Wetzel and Amanda Cadwell, LCPC, have co-written an e-book called *Afraid to Live: Finding Hope in Times of Crisis*. In it, they address these factors and the path toward hope and well-being. You can sign up for your free download of this resource [HERE](#). Share the link with others, too, to help them find hope in Christ during times of crisis.

CrossTrainers Meeting Every Wednesday

CrossTrainers, our midweek teen group, will continue to meet Wednesdays through the summer, 7:30-9:00 pm, under the pavilion on the east side of church. Friends always welcome!

Cancelled: Summer Camp (VBS) 2020

For the sake of the health of our community and the reputation of Cross of Christ, we are choosing to cancel Summer Camp (VBS) 2020. Many of you are disappointed, and we understand! This is not what we wanted to happen. As Summer Camp is one of our main youth outreach opportunities for the summer, we are therefore putting time and energy into planning another opportunity to train youth to do evangelism in different ways.

DivorceCare - GriefShare

Both DivorceCare and GriefShare support groups are *now meeting online*. If you or anyone you know would benefit from Christ-centered, practical encouragement after the loss of a loved one to death or the loss of a spouse to separation or divorce, please consider using this tremendous resource. You will be given videos to watch on your own, a workbook to use at home, and have the opportunity to meet online for 30 minutes with your group. Follow these links for more information ([GriefShare](#) // [DivorceCare](#)) or call/email/text Pastor Zimpelmann (208-861-3623 / matt.zimpelmann@cocidaho.org).

Keep Reaching Your Online Friends!

Even as you think about returning to in-person worship, many people aren't able to do so or will choose to wait for a while. Keep sharing Cross of Christ's digital resources! Via email, text message, or social media, the sermons, devotions, prayer videos, and songs can be powerful tools of encouragement for someone you know.

Preschool Graduation; Tuition Discount Expires May 31

A couple of weeks ago, the 4s and 5s of Cross of Christ Preschool experienced a usual milestone in an unusual way: graduating from preschool via drive-through! Congratulations to these students who are now moving on to the wider world of Kindergarten! And many thanks to Mrs. Steinbrenner and Mrs. Kennedy for a wonderful year and a memorable celebration.

If you have or know someone with a 3, 4, or 5-year-old who is interested in preschool, you or they may simply be thankful that this school year is nearing its end!

At the same time, you and they will want to know that not only does Cross of Christ Preschool currently have some openings in all classes, *this year's tuition discount expires this Sunday, May 31!* All details and necessary forms can easily be accessed and submitted online at cocidaho.org/preschool.

Direct questions to Registrar Jan Perna (208-949-0851 / janperna@cableone.net).

Camp Christos Update

Camp Christos leadership has been in touch with our host, Camp Elkanah. The Washington State Governor’s Office is working on putting guidelines into place for overnight camps, which indicates a strong possibility that camps like ours will be able to happen. We will update you just as soon as we can!

*“I am the Vine, you are the branches.
If you remain in me and I in you,
you will bear much fruit!”*

Serving	May 31		June 6-7	
	Nampa	Boise	Nampa	Boise
Music	R. Dodd, C. Trull	K. Koepsell, K. Wetzel	A. Lange, K. Wetzel	K. Koepsell
AV Tech	J. Malnes, S. Tews, G. Light	E. Christianson, A. Becker, J. Kennedy, C. Voll, J. Geary, C. Mitten	J. Malnes, S. Tews, G. Light	E. Christianson, A. Becker, M. Hartman, J. Hofstetter, J. Geary
Altar Care	n/a		K. Guthmiller, C. Harris	K. Struthers
Set-Up	Guthmiller, Harris, Olsoe	n/a	Guthmiller, Harris, Olsoe	n/a
Ushers	n/a	M. Brown, J. Breckon, KC Broyles, B. Masters	n/a	TBA
Post-worship Cleaners	D. Tews, J. Light, T. Light	M. Brown, KC Broyles, B. Masters, J. Meier	D. Tews, J. Light, T. Light	M. O’Mallon, TBA, Manglos, TBA
Flowers	n/a	TBA	n/a	Prigge
Tellers	Rule, Morford, Morgan		Harris, Walden, Cadwell	

General Fund Offerings Planned FY 19-20	\$687,043
General Fund Offerings Planned FYTD	\$620,981
General Fund Offerings FYTD	\$633,042
Total Offerings Last Week (All Funds)	\$12,192

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Weekly submission deadline is Wednesday at noon. Thanks!