

# MOVED BY MERCY: GOD AND US

4th Sunday after Pentecost

June 27-28, 2020



**CROSS OF CHRIST**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

## Welcome to Cross of Christ

### Opening Worship

### “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

**All: (♩) We praise you, God, and you we bless; we worship you in humbleness;  
From day to day we glorify your everlasting Name on high!  
Of your amazing love we sing, and to your throne our thanks we bring.**

Pastor: Holy God, Creator, Provider, Guardian, and Friend – with utmost reverence we have gathered before you to pause from the distractions of our world. We crave the rest you promise for our souls, the direction you give for our lives, and the strength you provide for our faiths. Lord, Jesus, – we need our spiritual wounds to be healed and our many sins forgiven – and so it is to you we turn. You alone are the world’s Savior and the only hope for mercy, cleansing, peace and everlasting life...

**(♩) Before you, God, the Judge of all, with grief and shame I humbly fall.  
I see my sins against you, Lord, my sins of thought and deed and word.  
They crush my heart – to you I flee – O God, be merciful to me!**

Merciful Father, children should never be allowed to treat their parents the way I have you. I have live ungratefully, selfishly, and without trust. I have sinned against you am not worthy to be called your child.

**But I also believe the promise you have made to me through Jesus. Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

Fellow believers, God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. No matter how you have lived, you are his own dear children.

**Let us thank and praise him with our voices and lives!**

**(♩) My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus’ blood and righteousness;  
I dare to make no other claim but wholly lean on Jesus’ Name.  
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand!**

**When he shall come with trumpet sound, by faith I know to him I’m bound,  
Clothed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before his throne.  
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand!**

### God’s Word

### Matthew 9:35-10:8

<sup>35</sup> Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. <sup>36</sup> When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. <sup>37</sup> Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. <sup>38</sup> Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.”

<sup>1</sup> Jesus called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out impure spirits and to heal every disease and sickness. <sup>2</sup> These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon (who is called Peter) and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; <sup>3</sup> Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; <sup>4</sup> Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him. <sup>5</sup> These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Do not go among the Gentiles or enter any town of the Samaritans. <sup>6</sup> Go rather to the lost sheep of Israel. <sup>7</sup> As you go, proclaim this message: ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’ <sup>8</sup> Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give.”

## Profession of Faith

## The Apostles’ Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## Song of Prayer

## “Lord, Open Now My Heart to Hear”

*Hymn 282:1,2*

## Message from God’s Word

## Exodus 19:2-8

<sup>2</sup> After they set out from Rephidim, they entered the Desert of Sinai, and Israel camped there in the desert in front of the mountain. <sup>3</sup> Then Moses went up to God, and the LORD called to him from the mountain and said, “This is what you are to say to the descendants of Jacob and what you are to tell the people of Israel: <sup>4</sup> ‘You yourselves have seen what I did to Egypt, and how I carried you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself. <sup>5</sup> Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, <sup>6</sup> you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.’ These are the words you are to speak to the Israelites.” <sup>7</sup> So Moses went back and summoned the elders of the people and set before them all the words the LORD had commanded him to speak. <sup>8</sup> The people all responded together, “We will do everything the LORD has said.”

**Will YOU Do Everything the Lord Has Said?**

## Song of Response

## “On Eagle’s Wings”

Hymn 440

## 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.**

## God’s Word

## 2 Thessalonians 2:16–3:3

<sup>16</sup> May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, <sup>17</sup> encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word. <sup>1</sup> As for other matters, brothers and sisters, pray for us that the message of the Lord may spread rapidly and be honored, just as it was with you. <sup>2</sup> And pray that we may be delivered from wicked and evil people, for not everyone has faith. <sup>3</sup> But the Lord is faithful, and he will strengthen you and protect you from the evil one.

## Blessing

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 his peace.

**Amen!**

## Closing Song

## “Almighty Father, Bless the Word”

Hymn 323

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## Thank-Offerings

*Giving an offering is one of the many ways we worship our Savior-God. You may give an offering online at [cocidaho.org/give](http://cocidaho.org/give) or drop it off in the office. As always, you are not obligated. We are glad you are with us to hear God’s Word.*

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## 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

## June 28, 2020

Cross of Christ Lutheran Church & Preschool (WELS)  
Church & Preschool Office - 208.375.3992 - [cocidaho.org](http://cocidaho.org)

### **Worship Options**

Your church continues to offer online worship resources (sermon video, worship folder, music, and Bible study) for all who would like to connect with God's Word in this way.

You'll find our latest online worship options on our website, via email and social media by late Saturday night or early Sunday morning. Resources for any Sunday are always available at [cocidaho.org/worship-resources](http://cocidaho.org/worship-resources).

In-person worship opportunities include:

- Saturday, 6:30 pm, Boise
- Sunday, 8:30, 9:45, and 11:00 am, Boise
- Sunday, 9:30 am, JaK\*s Place in Nampa, with adult Bible study now at 8:45 am

Our detailed plan for meeting safely and in compliance with CDC, local, and federal guidelines can be found at [cocidaho.org/resuming-in-person-worship](http://cocidaho.org/resuming-in-person-worship).

Offerings of thanks may always be given at [cocidaho.org/give](http://cocidaho.org/give), or may be dropped off at the church office (see hours below).

### **Quarterly Voters' Meeting, July 12, 1:00 pm at Boise**

All Communicant Members are invited to attend, learn, and share. Voting members are especially encouraged to join us, as we hold our annual elections for open Council positions and honor our gracious God with careful planning for the future. We meet **Sunday, July 12, 1:00 pm at Boise**. This allows all members to attend, including those who are worshipping at Nampa on Sunday mornings.

### **Council Nominations**

At our **July 12** Quarterly Voters' Meeting (**1:00 pm at Boise**) we will hold annual elections for open church Council positions.

Incumbents Matt Brown and Eric Christianson have each served out their first 3-year term, while Jon Breckon has completed his second 3-year term and must constitutionally vacate his position. Mark Johnson has also asked to step aside from his Council duties at this time. That means there are four "at large" Council positions up for election this year.

Our Nominating Committee (Ryan Burke, Mark Johnson, Nate Jorgensen, Greg Light, Chris Spackman, and Pastor Zimpelmann) met to study God's Word on the topic of "leaders in the church" before prayerfully drafting this year's list of current nominees. The following men have prayerfully considered and accepted their nominations: Matt Brown (incumb), Eric Christianson (incumb), Ryan Burke, Ray Dodd, John Kennedy and Roy Lange.

Per our Bylaws, if a voting member would like to suggest another name for nomination, they must do so by submitting that name to the Nominating Committee **prior to our set deadline**:

Wednesday, July 8. “Nominations shall not be open to the floor at the election meeting.” (ByLaws Art. IX, Sec. 4) Also, “Only voting members present at the meeting shall have the right to vote, allowing for written and signed proxy votes for elections only.” (ByLaws Art. I, Sec. 7) Therefore, if a voting member is out of town for the Voters’ Meeting, please speak with Pastor Zimpelmann to vote ahead of time if you wish. Any further questions may be directed to any member of the Nominating Committee. Thank you!

### **Volunteers Needed for Post-Worship Sanitizing**

To worship safely and comfortably in person, we continue to sanitize surfaces after every worship service. *Would you be willing to contribute to this work at Boise?* It takes one or two people about 10 minutes to complete the tasks, primarily wiping down hard surfaces. If you will be worshipping at Boise in the next 6-8 weeks, please consider volunteering for whatever service you normally attend!

All supplies and instructions are provided. Contact Kristen Koepsell to get more details or volunteer for a service of your choice (kristen.koepsell@cocidaho.org or 208-922-8422).

### **Council Meeting Minutes**

Minutes from each monthly Council meeting are posted on the bulletin board in the Boise lobby; they are now also available on our website (cocidaho.org). To access them, select the Resources menu at the top, then select Member Resources. These resources are password-protected; if you do not yet have the password, simply click/tap “Request Access” to send us a message, or contact the office admins directly (secretary@cocidaho.org).

### **Office Hours**

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

### **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 45 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).

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

Serving	June 27-28		July 4-5	
	Nampa	Boise	Nampa	Boise
Music	S. Wetzel, K. Olsoe, J. Olsoe	K. Koepsell	S. Wetzel, K. Wetzel	K. Koepsell
AV Tech	J. Malnes, S. Tews, G. Light	E. Christianson, C. Voll, J. Kennedy, M. Hartman, C. Mitten	J. Malnes, S. Tews, G. Light	E. Christianson, J. Hofstetter, D. Robbins
Altar Care	K. Guthmiller, C. Harris	K. Struthers	K. Guthmiller, C. Harris	T. Yaka, A. Tweedy
Set-Up	Guthmiller, Harris, Olsoe	n/a	Guthmiller, Harris, Olsoe	n/a
Ushers	n/a	R. Hibbs, K. Ready, H. Geary, KC Broyles, TBA	J. Harris	TBA
Post-worship Cleaners	D. Tews, J. Light, T. Light	DeWall, Becker, Evans, TBA	D. Tews, J. Light, T. Light	Hibbs, TBA
Flowers	n/a	Struthers	n/a	TBA
Tellers	Turley, Walden, Cadwell		TBA	

General Fund Offerings Planned FY 19-20	\$687,043
General Fund Offerings Planned FYTD	\$673,831
General Fund Offerings FYTD	\$691,784
Total Offerings Last Week (All Funds)	\$9,845

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Weekly submission deadline is Wednesday at noon. Thanks!