

***“Love the Lord with
All Your Heart”***



July 11-12, 2020



CROSS OF CHRIST
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Cross of Christ Lutheran Church & Preschool

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6th Sunday after Pentecost

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Welcome to Cross of Christ

Relax. At Cross of Christ, our worship is designed to praise God and enrich faith. We aim to make the service clear and appropriately reverent. For your convenience, the service is printed as well as projected on the screens.

Bring the kids. Our congregation enjoys the worshiping family. In fact, our worship often includes a children's message with little ones in mind (though these are currently on hold for health considerations). That's why children who act up are never viewed as a bother to our worship service. However, parents who want to calm a restless child may do so by walking them in the lobby. Worship screens, speakers and seating areas can be found in the lobby to assist families with their worship.

Don't feel obligated. Our members give offerings to the Lord as an expression of our thanks and praise for his amazing love. Visitors, please know that you are our guests. We're happy you came today to hear about Jesus and his Word. You're not expected to give an offering; it's your choice.

Make yourself at home. After our services, we join together in the lobby for coffee and conversation. We'd be honored if you would join us!

Restrooms are located to the left and right of the water fountain in the lobby.

Questions? If you'd like to know more about our church or our beliefs, feel free to speak with one of our pastors after the service. You will also find a summary statement of our beliefs on the lobby counter. More information is available online at cocidaho.org.



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Welcome to Cross of Christ

Opening Praise, Confession, Absolution

“As the Deer”

“As the Deer” is based on Psalm 42. It emphasizes the great longing and need every believer has: to REST in God’s house, BE TOGETHER with fellow worshipers and PRAISE their Savior!

**(♫) As the deer pants for the water, So my soul longs after You.
You alone are my heart’s desire, And I long to worship You.
You alone are my strength, my shield. To You alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart’s desire, And I long to worship You.**

God creates a spiritual longing in us to worship him when he first gives us faith in Jesus and brings us into his family.

It’s thankful love, not fearful obedience, which prompts our praise of him.

And our thirsty souls, parched by sin, can only be quenched by God’s love:

The love of the Father love who made us;

The love of the Son who suffered, died, and rose to reclaim us;

The love of the Spirit who protects and sustains our faith.

(we pray) O God of true and lasting love, in this world that makes us weary, our souls long for the spiritual rest only you can give us (Jn 14:27). We need direction for our lives that only you can provide (Jn 17:17). We come to you – injured by our own sin and thirsting for your forgiveness. In you alone, LORD, do we have true peace – your love deserves our highest praise!

Let our faiths drink deeply from your Word today that we may be filled with your lasting peace. Amen!

**(♫) You’re my Friend, and You are my Brother, Even though You are a King.
I love You more than any other, So much more than anything.
You alone are my strength, my shield. To You alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart’s desire, And I long to worship You.**

God in heaven, nothing is hidden from you. You hear my words when they intend to tear down instead of build up.

You see my over-critical and unforgiving nature.

You know when my thoughts stray from what “is excellent and praiseworthy.”

I have failed you in both action and attitude because I cannot perfectly obey your good will.

Forgive me, Lord! My heart is saddened by my sin. But I trust in You, my Savior Jesus, in whom I pray, “Lord have mercy on me, a sinner!”

Dear Christian friends, Jesus our Savior has taken away your sins. He promises, “I will FORGIVE your wickedness and remember your sins NO MORE!” (Jer. 31:34). Because HIS life was perfect and HIS death complete, WE are forgiven!!

We have the peace for which our thirsty souls long!

**(♫) You're my God and You are my Savior – ALL MY SINS ARE WASHED AWAY!
I'm at peace with You, O Creator – and I'll live for You each day!
You alone are my strength, my shield.
To You alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship You.**

God's Word

Jeremiah 28:5-9

⁵ Then the prophet Jeremiah replied to the prophet Hananiah before the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD. ⁶ He said, “Amen! May the LORD do so! May the LORD fulfill the words you have prophesied by bringing the articles of the LORD's house and all the exiles back to this place from Babylon. ⁷ Nevertheless, listen to what I have to say in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people: ⁸ From early times the prophets who preceded you and me have prophesied war, disaster and plague against many countries and great kingdoms. ⁹ But the prophet who prophesies peace will be recognized as one truly sent by the LORD only if his prediction comes true.”

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 Praise

“What Is the World to Me”

Hymn 477:1,2

Message from God's Word

Luke 12:49-53

⁴⁹ “I have come to bring fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! ⁵⁰ But I have a baptism to undergo, and what constraint I am under until it is completed! ⁵¹ Do you think I came to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but division. ⁵² From now on there will be five in one family divided against each other, three against two and two against three. ⁵³ They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

Good News! ... We're Divided?

Song of Praise

“What Is the World to Me”

Hymn 477:4

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

1 John 2:15-17

¹⁵ Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in them. ¹⁶ For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world. ¹⁷ The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever.

God's 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

"Oh, that the Lord Would Guide My Ways"

Hymn 462:1,3

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.

Boise Campus

11655 W McMillan Rd
Boise, ID 83713

Nampa Midweek Ministry Center

5680 E Franklin Rd, Suite 120
Nampa, ID 83687

Thank-Offerings

Giving an offering is one of the many ways we worship our Savior-God. You may give an offering online at cocardaho.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.

Cross of Christ Weekly Newsletter

July 12, 2020

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

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.

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

Quarterly Voters' Meeting TODAY, 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 **today, July 12, 1:00 pm at Boise**. This allows all members to attend, including those who are worshipping at Nampa.

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!

Divine Call

This past Sunday, Pastor Zimpelmann was divinely called to consider serving as the pastor of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Manitowoc, WI. As he now considers two divine calls (Boise and WI), please pray for Pastor Z and his family as he takes some time to prayerfully decide where he might best serve God in his kingdom. Feel free to speak with Pastor Z if you have any questions or would like to share your thoughts.

Second Site Ministry Meeting & Lunch

Saturday, July 18, at the North Nampa Ministry Center ([5680 E Franklin Rd, Nampa, Suite 120](#)). Meeting & discussion at 10:30 am -- review the last month of ministry, look ahead to what's coming in the next few months -- followed by lunch together! To help us plan lunch, please RSVP to Pastor Wetzel (kurt.wetzel@cocidaho.org). If you'd like to provide part of lunch, let him know! All CoC members are welcome, whether you've been directly involved with Nampa outreach before or not.

Walk through the Gospels

This weekend marks the 10th installment of the Gospels Bible Study: reading & talking through parallel sections of Matthew, Mark, and Luke in bite-sized pieces. Each "episode" considers three key points of the life or teachings of Jesus in about 20 minutes or less. Read the sections on your own and then join Pastor Brad and Jill for the video!

We're not yet gathering together for Bible study at Boise; how are you feeding your faith? This is one pretty simple yet deeply meaningful option. All nine current "episodes" are available at cocidaho.org/online-bible-study-the-gospels/, and a new one is released every weekend in the resources email sent Saturday night. Try it out!

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).

Office Hours

The office on the Boise campus is currently staffed Mon/Wed/Fri 9am-12pm, and Tues/Thurs 12pm-3pm. You can also get in touch with us via phone (208-375-3992) or email (secretary@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	July 11-12		July 18-19	
	Nampa	Boise	Nampa	Boise
Music	Dodd	M. Walters	Koepsell	Lange
AV Tech	J. Malnes, S. Tews, G. Light	E. Christianson, A. Becker, C. Arstein, C. Voll	J. Malnes, S. Tews, G. Light	E. Christianson, A. Becker, J. Hofstetter, J. Kennedy
Altar Care	K. Guthmiller, C. Harris	Yaka, Tweedy	K. Guthmiller, C. Harris	Yaka, Tweedy
Set-Up	Guthmiller, Harris, Olsoe	n/a	Guthmiller, Harris, Olsoe	n/a
Ushers	n/a	TBA	J. Harris	TBA
Post-worship Cleaners	D. Tews, J. Light, T. Light	DeWall, Zimpelmann, Boesch	D. Tews, J. Light, T. Light	O'Mallon, Ready, Broyles
Coffee	Guthmiller, Wetzel	n/a	Guthmiller, Wetzel	n/a
Flowers	n/a	Watkins	n/a	TBA
Lawn Crew	n/a	E. Uhlenhoff	n/a	M. Johnson, R. Lange
Tellers	Turley, Morgan, Walden		Rule, Morford, Walden	

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General Fund Offerings Planned FY 19-20	\$687,043
General Fund Offerings Planned FYTD	\$687,043
General Fund Offerings FYTD	\$706,921
Total Offerings Last Week (All Funds)	\$15,150

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Weekly submission deadline is Wednesday at noon. Thanks!