

THE CHRISTIAN'S STRUGGLE



CROSS OF CHRIST
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Cross of Christ Lutheran Church & Preschool

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Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 18-19, 2020

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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Opening Praise

“Just as I Am, without One Plea”

Hymn 397:1, 3, 5

Confessing Our Struggle, Rejoicing in Our Deliverance

Pastor: We worship in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (†).

We gather today with one heart, one faith, and one voice, stating that we live in a fallen world, and admitting that we ourselves have contributed to that fallenness. Therefore, we confess together:

Congregation: Lord God, through your powerful Word, you brought order into the world from chaos. In our thoughts, words, and actions, however, we are guilty of creating sinful chaos by disobeying your Word. Please have mercy on us and forgive us, through the blood of your Son, Jesus.

Brothers and sisters in Christ, you are not saved by your perfection, but by the perfection of God’s Son, who loved you so dearly that he died in your place. Your mess and your struggle became his struggle and his death. But his perfection has become your righteousness for all eternity.

Thanks be to God, who has delivered us through Jesus Christ our Lord!

God’s Word

Matthew 11:25-30

²⁵ At that time Jesus said, “I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. ²⁶ Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do.

²⁷ “All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸ “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

Statement of Faith

The Nicene Creed

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.

Message from God's Word

Romans 7:15-25

¹⁵ I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do. ¹⁶ And if I do what I do not want to do, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷ As it is, it is no longer I myself who do it, but it is sin living in me. ¹⁸ For I know that good itself does not dwell in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. ¹⁹ For I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing. ²⁰ Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it.

²¹ So I find this law at work: Although I want to do good, evil is right there with me. ²² For in my inner being I delight in God's law; ²³ but I see another law at work in me, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within me. ²⁴ What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death? ²⁵ Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord!

The Christian's Struggle

The Lord's Supper

God's Word speaks of the spiritual blessings of this Sacrament (Mt. 26:28) and warns against the spiritual dangers of being unprepared for this holy meal (1 Cor. 11:27-29). Because we deeply care about you and don't want to see anyone's faith harmed, we ask that if you have not studied with us or spoken with our pastors first, that you refrain from joining in the Sacrament today. We are not judging your love for Jesus but rather displaying loving caution for all involved. Please feel free to ask one of our pastors if you have questions. We are eager to listen and share over an open Bible.

Words of Institution

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.”

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us, and grant us your peace. Amen.

Distribution Song “Afflicted Saint, to Christ Draw Near”

God’s Blessing

Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

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

“Day by Day”



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 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.

Boise Campus
11655 W McMillan Rd
Boise, ID 83713

Nampa Midweek Ministry Center
5680 E Franklin Rd, Suite 120
Nampa, ID 83687

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.

Cross of Christ Weekly Newsletter

July 19, 2020

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

Worship Options

Online worship resources (sermon video, worship folder, music, and Bible study) continue to be available for any who would be home but desire a connection to God's Word.

The latest online worship options are: on our website, in weekly emails and posted to social media by late Saturday night or early Sunday morning. Resources for previous worship services are always available at cocidaho.org/worship-resources.

In-person worship continues on:

- 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 carefully 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 to Jesus may always be given at cocidaho.org/give or may be dropped off at the church office (see hours below).

Divine Call

On Sunday, July 5, 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.

Record of Voters' Meeting

A video recording and the minutes of the July 12 Congregational Voters' Meeting are available at cocidaho.org/resources/member-resources. This page is password-protected; if needed, click Request Access or contact the church office (208-375-3992 or secretary@cocidaho.org) to gain access.

Virtual Soccer Camp 2020

Our Summer Soccer Camp is online this year: skills & drills, funny skits, and awesome Bible stories, delivered via video. Completely free, completely fun!

We are really excited to enjoy this week with you, “together” at home. Videos will be dropped daily July 27-31. They will be accessible on our Facebook and Instagram – but if you register, they’ll be delivered directly to your email inbox so you don’t miss a single one!

Register at cocidaho.org/connect/soccercamp2020 and SHARE, SHARE, SHARE!

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!”*

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| General Fund Offerings Planned FY 20-21 | \$708,200 |
| General Fund Offerings Planned FYTD | \$27,238 |
| General Fund Offerings FYTD | \$22,313 |
| Total Offerings Last Week (All Funds) | \$11,636 |

To place an announcement in *CrossWords/CrossLinks*, please email secretary@cocidaho.org.
Weekly submission deadline is Wednesday at noon. Thanks!

| Serving | July 18-19 | | July 25-26 | |
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| | Nampa | Boise | Nampa | Boise |
| Music | Koepsell | Lange | Dodd | Koepsell |
| AV Tech | J. Malnes, S. Tews, G. Light | E. Christianson, J. Geary, J. Hofstetter, A. Becker | J. Malnes, S. Tews, G. Light | E. Christianson, J. Kennedy, M. Hartman, J. Geary |
| 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 | J. Harris | TBA | n/a | TBA |
| Post-worship Cleaners | D. Tews, J. Light, T. Light | O'Mallon, Hofstetter, Broyles | D. Tews, J. Light, T. Light | Benedick, Berrier, TBA |
| Coffee | Guthmiller, Wetzel | n/a | Guthmiller, Wetzel | n/a |
| Flowers | n/a | Terry | n/a | Tweedy |
| Lawn Crew | n/a | M. Johnson, R. Lange | n/a | J. Meier, T. Masters |
| Tellers | Rule, Morford, Walden | | Turley, Morgan, Cadwell | |