



TREASURE WORTH SEEKING

August 1-2, 2020



CROSS OF CHRIST
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Cross of Christ Lutheran Church & Preschool

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Nineth 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 Hymn

“One Thing’s Needful”

Hymn 290:1

Confession of Our Sin, Assurance of God’s Forgiveness

Pastor: We worship in the name into which we have been baptized – in the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

Blessed are those whose ways are blameless, who walk according to the law of the Lord.

Blessed are those who keep his statutes and seek him with all their heart. (Psalm 119:1-2)

Beloved, let us come before God to prepare our hearts for worship, confessing our sin and acknowledging our great need for our Savior.

Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have both been wrong in my thoughts, words, and actions, and have failed to do what is good. For this, you would be right to punish me now and forever. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and I trust in Jesus as my Savior – I trust what he’s done and I trust what he’s promised. Therefore, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Teach me, Lord, the way of your decrees, that I may follow it to the end.

Give me understanding, so that I may keep your law and obey it with all my heart. (Psalm 119:33-34)

God has been merciful to us. He so loves us that he has paid the price for our sin. The righteousness he demands from us is the righteousness he grants to us. He has declared, “I forgive you all your sins! You are forgiven!”

I rejoice in your promise like one who finds great treasure. (Psalm 119:162)
Amen.

God's Word

Matthew 6:33-34

³³ But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. ³⁴ Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

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.

Sermon Hymn

“One Thing’s Needful”

Hymn 290:3

Message from God's Word

Matthew 13:44-46

⁴⁴ “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.

⁴⁵ “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. ⁴⁶ When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.

Parables on Priorities

The Lord's Prayer

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 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

The Lord is clearly so ravished he has lavished such great love on us. Yet, foolishly, so often we fail to love and rejoice in him above all else. In his eagerness to love us and be our greatest treasure, he paid the price for sin.

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 Hymn "I Come, O Savior, to Your Table"

Hymn 310:1, 3, 9, 11, 14

God's Word

Romans 8:28

²⁸ And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

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 Hymn

"Jesus, Priceless Treasure"

Hymn 349:1, 4-5

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

August 2, 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 are 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 Bible study 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).

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).

Update on Confirmation:

After careful consideration in light of current circumstances, confirmation class for youth 7th grade or older will begin in September with some changes. For families with a child in or going into confirmation, watch your inbox for an email from Pastor Snyder this week.

Yes, Preschool Is Open!

We intend to be back in the classroom at the beginning of September! There are openings in all classes (Mon/Wed/Fri mornings or afternoons, Tues/Thurs mornings or afternoons)!

We are paying close attention to state, county, and local district guidance, and we will keep all parents informed of whatever adjustments or protocols are needed to comply with local guidelines. Safety and health are our priority!

You can easily enroll online: cocidaho.org/preschool. Get a \$100 tuition discount when you register before August 31!

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!”***

General Fund Offerings Planned FY 20-21	\$708,200
General Fund Offerings Planned FYTD	\$54,476
General Fund Offerings FYTD	\$43,668
Total Offerings Last Week (All Funds)	\$7,108

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

Serving	August 1-2		August 8-9	
	Nampa	Boise	Nampa	Boise
Music	Wetzel, K. Olsoe & J. Olsoe	Lange	Wetzel, C. Harris, D. Tews	Walters
AV Tech	J. Malnes, S. Tews, G. Light	E. Christianson, A. Becker, J. Geary, V. Watkins	J. Malnes, S. Tews, G. Light	E. Christianson, A. Becker, J. Geary, C. Arstein
Altar Care	K. Guthmiller, C. Harris	McLain, Adams	K. Guthmiller, C. Harris	McLain, Adams
Set-Up	Guthmiller, Harris, Olsoe	n/a	Guthmiller, Harris, Olsoe	n/a
Ushers	J. Harris	Lange, Berrier, Brown	J. Harris	Benedick, Hibbs, Brown
Post-worship Cleaners	D. Tews, J. Light, T. Light	Evans, Zimpelmann, McLain, Berrier	D. Tews, J. Light, T. Light	O'Mallon, Hibbs, Boesch, McLain
Coffee	Guthmiller, Wetzel, O'Doherty	n/a	Guthmiller, Wetzel, O'Doherty	n/a
Flowers	n/a	Ellis	n/a	n/a
Lawn Crew	n/a	Perna	n/a	J. Trentz, P. Jossis
Tellers	Harris, Morford, Morgan		Rule, Morford, Cadwell	