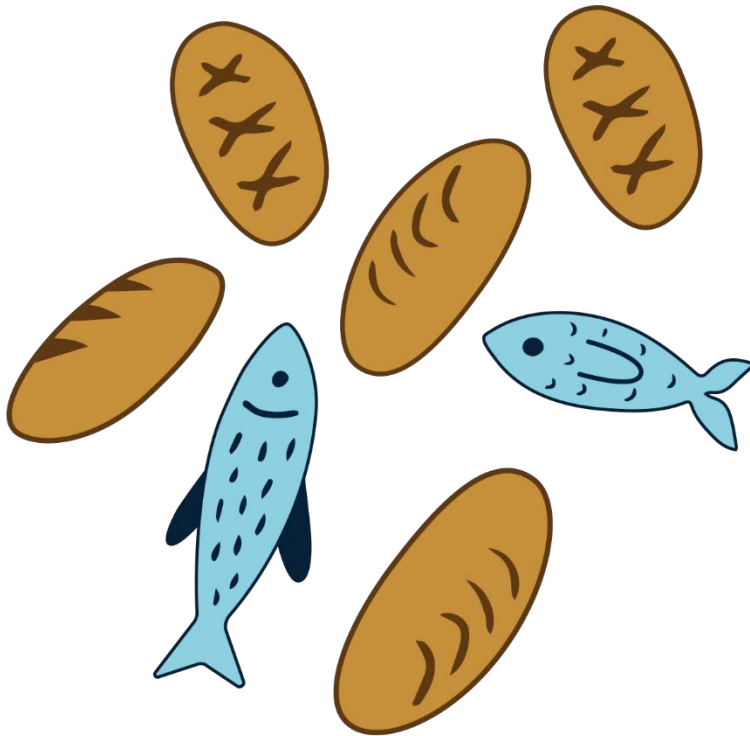


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Cross of Christ Lutheran Church & Preschool

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Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 15-16, 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.



CROSS OF CHRIST
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Opening Song

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

Welcomed into the Family of God

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

Congregation: Amen.

God loves to care for us and provide for his children. He richly supplies all our needs. It's okay to be needy when you come to God. It's good to hunger and thirst for what he gives. Together, let's come before God, confess our sins, and thank him for all he's done for us in Jesus.

God, you are good, holy, and right. But I have sinned against you. Left to myself, I would have been powerless to change. Thank you for coming to me and meeting my needs in Jesus. Restore me again today, and receive me as your forgiven child.

Jesus is the bread of life who came from heaven. His perfect life was offered in place of ours. His suffering and death paid for our sins. His resurrection to life proves that we are forgiven. Whoever comes to him will never go hungry, and whoever believes in him will never be thirsty. Be at peace and let your soul be satisfied in him.

Amen!

Prayer

O God, you reveal your mighty power chiefly in showing mercy and kindness. Grant us the full measure of your grace that we may obtain your promises and become partakers of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

God's Word

Matthew 14:13-21

¹³ When Jesus heard what had happened, he withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place. Hearing of this, the crowds followed him on foot from the towns.

¹⁴ When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick.

¹⁵ As evening approached, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a remote place, and it's already getting late. Send the crowds away, so they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food."

¹⁶ Jesus replied, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat."

¹⁷ "We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish," they answered.

¹⁸ "Bring them here to me," he said. ¹⁹ And he directed the people to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people. ²⁰ They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. ²¹ The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children.

God's Word

Genesis 41:41-49

⁴¹ So Pharaoh said to Joseph, "I hereby put you in charge of the whole land of Egypt." ⁴² Then Pharaoh took his signet ring from his finger and put it on Joseph's finger. He dressed him in robes of fine linen and put a gold chain around his neck. ⁴³ He had him ride in a chariot as his second-in-command, and people shouted before him, "Make way!" Thus he put him in charge of the whole land of Egypt.

⁴⁴ Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, "I am Pharaoh, but without your word no one will lift hand or foot in all Egypt." ⁴⁵ Pharaoh gave Joseph the name Zaphenath-Paneah and gave him Asenath daughter of Potiphera, priest of On, to be his wife. And Joseph went throughout the land of Egypt.

⁴⁶ Joseph was thirty years old when he entered the service of Pharaoh king of Egypt. And Joseph went out from Pharaoh's presence and traveled throughout

Egypt. ⁴⁷ During the seven years of abundance the land produced plentifully. ⁴⁸ Joseph collected all the food produced in those seven years of abundance in Egypt and stored it in the cities. In each city he put the food grown in the fields surrounding it. ⁴⁹ Joseph stored up huge quantities of grain, like the sand of the sea; it was so much that he stopped keeping records because it was beyond measure.

Song

“Now Thank We All Our God”

Message from God’s Word

1 Timothy 4:4-5

⁴ For everything God created is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving, ⁵ because it is consecrated by the word of God and prayer.

If Everything God Created Is Good, Receive It with Thanksgiving

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.

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.

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.

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.

Communion Distribution

**"Draw Near and Take
the Body of the Lord"**

Blessing

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.

Amen!

Closing Song

"I Am Jesus' Little Lamb"

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

August 16, 2020

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

Cross Connections Class

Perhaps more than any other time in recent years, people are asking serious questions about our world, God, and how we can find peace in life. Cross Connections (the basic instruction class at Cross of Christ) is the perfect thing to invite friends, neighbors, or coworkers to so they can find peace and hope at the cross of Christ. We'll set everything up with appropriate physical distancing and provide masks at both locations. Sign up today at cocidaho.org/connect/cross-connections and bring a friend or family member with you!

Tuesdays in Boise @ 6:30 pm (starting August 25)

Thursdays in Nampa @ 6:30 pm (starting August 27)

Yes, Preschool Is Open!

We are planning to be back in the classroom on September 8! There are still openings in all classes (Mon/Wed/Fri mornings or afternoons, Tues/Thurs mornings or afternoons).

Our “stay healthy back-to-school” plan is now available. Click or tap the yellow button on the preschool website: cocidaho.org/preschool. All other information & materials for registering are also available there!

Please note:

- School begins September 8 for Tu/Th classes and September 9 for MWF classes. (This was listed incorrectly in a few places.)
- Afternoon classes will now run 1:00-3:30 pm, to allow adequate time for cleaning/disinfecting after the morning classes.
- A \$100 tuition discount is available for those who register before August 31.
- We understand that plans & situations may change on short notice, so this year the registration fee will be refundable up until the first day of class.

Feel free to contact Education Councilman KC Broyles (kcb251@hotmail.com) with questions.

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 available 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:

- Saturday, 6:30 pm, Boise
- Sunday, 8:30 and 11:00 am, Boise (**no longer a 9:45 service**)
- Sunday, 9:30 am, JaK*s Place in Nampa, with Bible study 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 to Jesus may always be given at cocidaho.org/give or may be dropped off at the church office (see hours below).

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).

Women's Retreat

We would love to have you join us for this year's Sisters in Christ Women's Retreat, which will be held from 8pm Friday, September 18, through noon Sunday, September 20, at Pilgrim Cove Camp in McCall, Idaho. This will be a peaceful and joyful opportunity for fellowship, relaxation (both physical and spiritual), and study of God's Word. The theme for the weekend is "Time - It's a Gift," based on Psalm 31:15, "My times are in your hands." The cost is \$85 for two nights' lodging and five meals (breakfast/lunch/dinner Saturday and breakfast/lunch Sunday). Check out cocidaho.org/retreat for information about the retreat and to register. We hope to see you there!

***“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	\$81,715
General Fund Offerings FYTD	\$70,609
Total Offerings Last Week (All Funds)	\$16,562

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

Serving	August 15-16		August 22-23	
	Nampa	Boise	Nampa	Boise
Music	Dodd, Trull	Koepsell	Koepsell	Walters
AV Tech	J. Malnes, S. Tews, G. Light	E. Christianson, V. Watkins, C. Voll, M. Hartman	J. Malnes, S. Tews, G. Light	E. Christianson, J. Hofstetter, J. Kennedy, C. Mitten
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	M. Brown, R. Hibbs, G. Walden, B. Turley, KC Broyles	J. Harris	M. Brown, J. Breckon, TBA
Post-worship Cleaners	D. Tews, J. Light, T. Light	C. Steinbrenner, Becker, Manglos	D. Tews, J. Light, T. Light	DeWall, Breckon
Coffee	Guthmiller, Wetzel, O'Doherty	n/a	Guthmiller, Wetzel, O'Doherty	n/a
Flowers	n/a	Manglos	n/a	Thompson
Lawn Crew	n/a	R. Lange, D. Rule	n/a	C. Spackman R. Hibbs
Tellers	Turley, Cadwell, Harris		Harris, Morford, Walden	