



CROSS OF CHRIST
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Cross of Christ Lutheran Church & Preschool

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12th Sunday after Pentecost

August 22-23, 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 worshipping 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

God's Love Revives Our Faiths

Psalm 85

Pastor: Restore us again, God our Savior, and put away your displeasure toward us.

Congregation: Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you?

Show us your unfailing love, LORD, and grant us your salvation.

I will listen to what God the LORD says; he promises peace to his people, his faithful servants.

Song of Praise

“Let Us Fix Our Eyes on Jesus”

stanza 1

We Confess Our Sins

Romans 3 & 7

Dear friends, each day we must fix our eyes on Jesus because of what God's Word makes so painfully clear: *No one can ever be right in God's sight by obeying his commands.*

The more we learn God's will for our lives, the clearer it becomes that we can't obey it.

Sadly, this presents a frustrating dilemma. We want to do what is good and right, but often can't bring ourselves to do it. Instead, our guilty conscience confirms that what we *have* been doing is the very thing we hate.

Even though we know God's law is good, the sin inside of us still prompts us to do evil.

It's because our sinful natures are corrupt that we can't seem to make ourselves do what's right, even if we want to. And so it comes to this:

When we want to DO good, we don't. And when we try NOT to do wrong, we do it anyway...

We are helpless and miserable slaves to our natures. Who will free us from our sin?

All thanks to our gracious God! Through Jesus Christ he has set us free!

Song of Praise

“Let Us Fix Our Eyes on Jesus”

stanza 2

God Gives Us His Love

2 Corinthians 5

Dear friends, because God the Father placed our sins on Jesus at his death, he considers us not guilty. And because he credits us with Jesus’ sinless, perfect life, we have new selves who are spiritually alive.

So, Jesus died that we would no longer live for ourselves but for him who died for us and was raised again. This is the truth that removes all our doubt and gives us true confidence – if anyone is in Christ, they are new creations; the old, sinful nature is gone, the new, child of faith has come alive!



And now because of Jesus, nothing can separate us from God’s love!

Song of Praise

“Let Us Fix Our Eyes on Jesus”

stanza 3

Message from God’s Word

Matthew 14:22-33

²² Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. ²³ After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. Later that night, he was there alone, ²⁴ and the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it. ²⁵ Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. ²⁶ When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. “It’s a ghost,” they said, and cried

out in fear. ²⁷ But Jesus immediately said to them: “Take courage! It is I. Don’t be afraid.” ²⁸ “Lord, if it’s you,” Peter replied, “tell me to come to you on the water.” ²⁹ “Come,” he said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. ³⁰ But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, “Lord, save me!” ³¹ Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. “You of little faith,” he said, “why did you doubt?” ³² And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. ³³ Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

Keep Your Eyes On Jesus!

Prayer for Faith **“Oh, for a Faith that Will Not Shrink”**
Hymn 405:1,3,6 (tune Hymn 324)

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.

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

James 1:2-8, 12

² Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, ³ because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. ⁴ Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. ⁵ If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. ⁶ But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. ⁷ That person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. ⁸ Such a person is double-minded and unstable in all they do... ¹² Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him.

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 Song

“Jesus, Lead Us On”

Hymn #422:1-3

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 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.

Cross of Christ Weekly Newsletter

August 23, 2020

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

Cross Connections Class Starting This Week

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)

Preschool Starting Soon

Cross of Christ Preschool will be back in the classroom on September 8! We do have openings in all classes (Mon/Wed/Fri mornings or afternoons, Tues/Thurs mornings).

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 September 1.
- 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.

Farewell to the Zimpelmanns

Pastor Zimpelmann has accepted his Divine Call to serve as Pastor of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Manitowoc, Wisconsin. Pastor Zimpelmann's farewell sermon at Cross of Christ will be the weekend of September 5-6. Later that week, he and his family will leave for Wisconsin.

Pastor Z and Gina have served Cross of Christ for 11 years and we have been richly blessed by their service and friendship. Many of you have already taken the opportunity to say your goodbyes and thank-yous in various ways. If you would like, however, the Church Council and Staff would like to provide the following opportunity.

On Sunday, September 6, 1:00-3:00 pm, Pastor Z and Gina will be available at an open-house-style farewell under the outdoor pavilion at Boise. You may walk up or drive through! (Clear signage will direct you; proper distancing will be observed). Again, we realize many of you are taking the time to say goodbye to them in your own way, and we also respect the restrictions & recommendations in place for group gatherings at this time. The Zimpelmanns have specifically said no one should feel obligated to come by or to linger long if you do.

Family Bible Study Begins September 13

Beginning the Sunday after Labor Day, September 13, you're invited to a Family Bible Study at Boise, 9:45 am Sunday mornings. Circumstances don't allow for separate kids' classes just yet, but that won't stop us from studying God's Word together! ALL are invited to meet in the chapel, with family groups appropriately distanced, for lessons & discussions for all ages.

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!

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).

*“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	\$95,335
General Fund Offerings FYTD	\$80,243
Total Offerings Last Week (All Funds)	\$9,228

Serving	August 22-23		August 29-30	
	Nampa	Boise	Nampa	Boise
Music	Koepsell	Walters	Koepsell	Lange
AV Tech	J. Malnes, S. Tews, G. Light	E. Christianson, J. Hofstetter, J. Kennedy, C. Mitten	J. Malnes, S. Tews, G. Light	E. Christianson, K. Koepsell, J. Hofstetter, C. Voll
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	Stavenau, Breckon, Broyles	J. Harris	Brown, Breckon, Turley
Post-worship Cleaners	D. Tews, J. Light, T. Light	DeWall, Breckon, McLain	D. Tews, J. Light, T. Light	Hofstetter, McLain, TBA
Coffee	Guthmiller, Wetzel, O'Doherty	n/a	Guthmiller, Wetzel, O'Doherty	n/a
Flowers	n/a	Thompson	n/a	Kauspedas
Lawn Crew	n/a	C. Spackman, R. Hibbs	n/a	Berrier
Tellers	Harris, Morford, Walden		Turley, Morgan, Walden	

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