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*Great Faith*

**GOD'S GRACE IS  
FOR ALL PEOPLE**



**CROSS OF CHRIST**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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# Cross of Christ Lutheran Church & Preschool

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**Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**August 29-30, 2020**

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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](http://cocidaho.org).

## Opening Response

## “Just as I Am, without One Plea”

*stanza 1*

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

**Congregation: Amen.**

God’s greatest gift of grace is for all people. Let us have the humility to recognize and appreciate how much we need God’s grace. Let us come before God with humble hearts and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

**Lord, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.**

**For faithless worrying and selfish pride,**

**For sins of habit and sins of choice,**

**For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,**

**Lord, I am sorry for my sin. Grant me more grace and forgive me for Jesus’ sake. Amen.**

## “Just as I Am, without One Plea”

*stanza 3, 5*

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. By God’s grace, his undeserved love, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. You are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen!**

## “Just as I Am, without One Plea”

*stanza 4*

## Prayer

God, it is only by your gift of grace that we come into your presence to worship and serve. Grant that our worship here may always be pleasing to you, and in the life to come give us the gift of life with you, which have promised; 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

## Joshua 2:8-21

<sup>8</sup> Before the spies lay down for the night, she went up on the roof <sup>9</sup> and said to them, "I know that the Lord has given you this land and that a great fear of you has fallen on us, so that all who live in this country are melting in fear because of you. <sup>10</sup> We have heard how the Lord dried up the water of the Red Sea for you when you came out of Egypt, and what you did to Sihon and Og, the two kings of the Amorites east of the Jordan, whom you completely destroyed. <sup>11</sup> When we heard of it, our hearts melted in fear and everyone's courage failed because of you, for the Lord your God is God in heaven above and on the earth below.

<sup>12</sup> "Now then, please swear to me by the Lord that you will show kindness to my family, because I have shown kindness to you. Give me a sure sign <sup>13</sup> that you will spare the lives of my father and mother, my brothers and sisters, and all who belong to them—and that you will save us from death."

<sup>14</sup> "Our lives for your lives!" the men assured her. "If you don't tell what we are doing, we will treat you kindly and faithfully when the Lord gives us the land."

<sup>15</sup> So she let them down by a rope through the window, for the house she lived in was part of the city wall. <sup>16</sup> She said to them, "Go to the hills so the pursuers will not find you. Hide yourselves there three days until they return, and then go on your way."

<sup>17</sup> Now the men had said to her, "This oath you made us swear will not be binding on us <sup>18</sup> unless, when we enter the land, you have tied this scarlet cord in the window through which you let us down, and unless you have brought your father and mother, your brothers and all your family into your house. <sup>19</sup> If any of them go outside your house into the street, their blood will be on their own heads; we will not be responsible. As for those who are in the house with you, their blood will be on our head if a hand is laid on them. <sup>20</sup> But if you tell what we are doing, we will be released from the oath you made us swear."

<sup>21</sup> "Agreed," she replied. "Let it be as you say."

So she sent them away, and they departed. And she tied the scarlet cord in the window.

## God's Word

## Romans 11:13-15, 28-32

<sup>13</sup> I am talking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch as I am the apostle to the Gentiles, I take pride in my ministry <sup>14</sup> in the hope that I may somehow arouse my own people to envy and save some of them. <sup>15</sup> For if their rejection brought reconciliation to the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead?

<sup>28</sup> As far as the gospel is concerned, they are enemies for your sake; but as far as election is concerned, they are loved on account of the patriarchs, <sup>29</sup> for God's gifts and his call are irrevocable. <sup>30</sup> Just as you who were at one time disobedient to God have now received mercy as a result of their disobedience, <sup>31</sup> so they too have now become disobedient in order that they too may now receive mercy as a result of God's mercy to you. <sup>32</sup> For God has bound everyone over to disobedience so that he may have mercy on them all.

## Song

## "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

## Message from God's Word

## Matthew 15:21-28

<sup>21</sup> Leaving that place, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. <sup>22</sup> A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to him, crying out, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is demon-possessed and suffering terribly."

<sup>23</sup> Jesus did not answer a word. So his disciples came to him and urged him, "Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us."

<sup>24</sup> He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel."

<sup>25</sup> The woman came and knelt before him. "Lord, help me!" she said.

<sup>26</sup> He replied, "It is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to the dogs."

<sup>27</sup> "Yes it is, Lord," she said. "Even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table."

<sup>28</sup> Then Jesus said to her, "Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted." And her daughter was healed at that moment.

## Humble Faith

## Song

## “I Need Thee Every Hour”

### Statement of Faith

### The Apostles’ Creed

**We believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**We 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.**

**We 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.**

### 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

“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”

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## 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.*

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### Boise Campus

11655 W McMillan Rd  
Boise, ID 83713

### Nampa Midweek Ministry Center

5680 E Franklin Rd, Suite 120  
Nampa, ID 8368

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## 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](http://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.*

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# Cross of Christ Weekly Newsletter

## August 30, 2020

Cross of Christ Lutheran Church & Preschool (WELS)  
Church & Preschool Office - 208.375.3992 - [cocidaho.org](http://cocidaho.org)

### **Cross Connections Classes**

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 have set everything up with appropriate physical distancing and provide masks at both locations.

Classes are weekly:   Tuesdays in Boise @ 6:30 pm  
                                  Thursdays in Nampa @ 6:30 pm

Both started last week so we're still in the "drop/add" period -- not too late at all to join. Sign up today at [cocidaho.org/connect/cross-connections](http://cocidaho.org/connect/cross-connections) and bring a friend or family member with you!

### **Calling a New Pastor**

The church Council will meet Tuesday, Sept. 1, to discuss our needs for a new pastor. If you have thoughts or suggestions, please send your input to one of the Council members (listed below) *by 5:00 pm, Sept. 1*. Their contact information is in the church directory; for assistance in accessing the directory contact the church office ([secretary@cocidaho.org](mailto:secretary@cocidaho.org) / 208-375-3992).

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| Brent Masters (President) | Eric Christianson |
| Hans Geary                | John Kennedy      |
| Roy Lange                 | Matt Brown        |
| Jonathan Olsoe            | KC Broyles        |

After the Council meets, they will share our needs & requests with our District President (Pastor Steinbrenner), and he will create for us a list of potential candidates. A congregation-wide meeting will be held Sunday, September 13, 1:00 pm at Boise, to review the list and determine whom to Call.

## **Farewell to the Zimpelmans**

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.

Cross of Christ has been richly blessed by Pastor Z and Gina's 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 Zimpelmans have specifically said no one should feel obligated to come by or to linger long if you do.

## **Almost Time for Preschool!**

We will be back in the classroom the week after Labor Day! There are still openings in all classes: Mon/Wed/Fri mornings or afternoons, and Tues/Thurs mornings.

*Our "stay healthy back-to-school" plan is available.* Click or tap the yellow button on the preschool website: [cocidaho.org/preschool](http://cocidaho.org/preschool). All other information & materials for registering are also available there!

- 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 and situations may change on short notice, so this year the registration fee will be refundable until the first day of class.

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

## **Second Site Ministry Meeting, Lunch, & Service**

Saturday, September 12, 10:30 am at the North Nampa Ministry Center (5680 E Franklin Road, Nampa). All are invited, whether you've been involved with second site ministry so far or not.

- *Meeting:* to discuss, evaluate, and plan how we continue to reach our community with the good news of Jesus.
- *Lunch:* to be family and hang out!
- *Service:* to show God's love by delivering groceries to members of our community in need. Kids can help, too.

Let Pastor Wetzel know if you'll attend, participate, and/or want to donate groceries for distribution ([kurt.wetzel@cocidaho.org](mailto:kurt.wetzel@cocidaho.org)).

## **Family Bible Study Begins September 13**

Beginning the Sunday after Labor Day, September 13, you're invited to a Family Bible Study on Sundays (8:45 am in Nampa and 9:45 am in Boise).

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 as family groups, appropriately distanced, for lessons and discussions for all ages.

## **Fall Growth Groups**

Growth Groups meet in members' homes or online for Bible study and Christian community. Fall groups begin the week of September 13 and you can register for one on the bulletin board at Boise or online at [tinyurl.com/GGfall2020](https://tinyurl.com/GGfall2020). If you're limiting your in-person activities right now, we'd love for you to consider trying an online group to have some social contact and Christian encouragement! Direct questions to Pastor Snyder ([brad.snyder@cocidaho.org](mailto:brad.snyder@cocidaho.org)).

## **Women's Retreat**

We'd love for you to attend this year's Sisters in Christ Women's Retreat, 8:00 pm Friday, Sept. 18, through noon Sunday, Sept. 20, at Pilgrim Cove Camp in McCall. This will be a peaceful, joyful opportunity for fellowship, physicals & spiritual relaxation, and study of God's Word. The weekend's theme is "Time - It's a Gift," based on Psalm 31:15, "My times are in your hands." Cost is \$85 for two nights' lodging and five meals (breakfast/lunch/dinner Saturday and breakfast/lunch Sunday). Check out [cocidaho.org/retreat](https://cocidaho.org/retreat) for information about the retreat and to register. *Please register by September 15.*

## Office Hours

Beginning Monday, August 31, the office on the Boise campus will be staffed 8:30 am - 3:30 pm, Monday-Friday. You can also get in touch with us via phone (208-375-3992) or email ([secretary@cocidaho.org](mailto:secretary@cocidaho.org)).

## Worship Options

Online worship resources (sermon video, worship folder, music, and Bible study) continue to be available so you can connect to God and his Word from home.

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](http://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](http://cocidaho.org/resuming-in-person-worship).

Offerings of thanks to Jesus may always be given at [cocidaho.org/give](http://cocidaho.org/give) or may be dropped off at the church office (see hours below).

***“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     | \$108,954 |
| General Fund Offerings FYTD             | \$88,721  |
| Total Offerings Last Week (All Funds)   | \$9,615   |

| Serving               | August 29-30                  |  | September 5-6                 |  |
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|                       | Nampa                         | Boise  | Nampa                         | Boise  |
| Music                 | Koepsell                      | Lange  | S. Wetzel                     | Koepsell   |
| AV Tech               | J. Malnes, G. Light           | E. Christianson, K. Koepsell, J. Hofstetter, C. Voll | J. Malnes, S. Tews, G. Light  | E. Christianson, J. Kennedy, J. Hofstetter, M. Hartman |
| Altar Care            | K. Guthmiller, C. Harris      | McLain, Adams  | K. Guthmiller, C. Harris      | Yaka, Tweedy   |
| Set-Up                | Guthmiller, Harris, Olsoe     | n/a  | Guthmiller, Harris, Olsoe     | n/a  |
| Ushers                | J. Harris                     | Brown, Breckon, Turley                               | J. Harris                     | Brown, Hibbs, Berrier, Turley, A. Broyles              |
| Post-worship Cleaners | J. Light, T. Light            | Hofstetter, McLain                                   | D. Tews, J. Light, T. Light   | O'Mallon, Hibbs  |
| Coffee                | Guthmiller, Wetzel, O'Doherty | n/a  | Guthmiller, Wetzel, O'Doherty | n/a  |
| Flowers               | n/a                           | Kauspedas  | n/a                           | Benedick   |
| Lawn Crew             | n/a                           | Berrier  | n/a                           | R. Dodd, K. Inman                                      |
| Tellers               | Turley, Morgan, Walden        |  | Rule, Cadwell, Turley         |  |

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Weekly submission deadline is Wednesday at noon. Thanks!