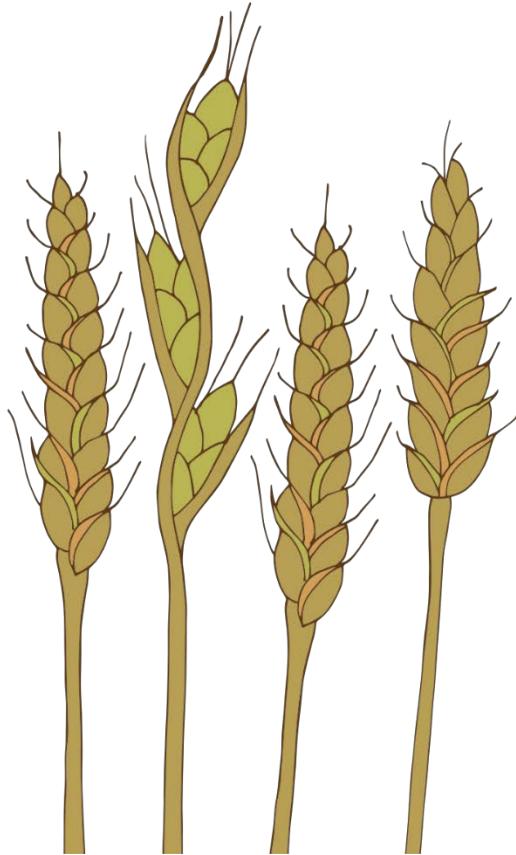


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CROSS OF CHRIST
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Cross of Christ Lutheran Church & Preschool

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Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 8-9, 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
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Welcome to Cross of Christ

Opening Song

“Blessed Jesus, at Your Word”

Welcomed into the Family of God

with Psalm 18

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

Congregation: And also with you.

Dear friends, God is our strength and the one who continually protects us through life. We are so often weak and needy. But God doesn't push us away. He invites us to come into his presence, acknowledge our brokenness and sin, and find acceptance in his family.

Holy God, I acknowledge my sin. In countless ways, I have not lived as your child. Though my sins deserved unending punishment, I trust in Jesus. Thank you for sending him to be my Savior. Strengthen me by your grace and restore me in your unfailing love.

Your Father in heaven has heard your prayers. In his strength, he already removed all your sin by Jesus' perfect life, death, and resurrection. All is forgiven; you have peace with God! Live freedom. Live according to God's design for your life. And love each other deeply, as you are loved by God.

Amen!

Response of Praise

with Psalm 18

The LORD is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer;

My God is my rock, in whom I take refuge.

The LORD lives! Praise be to my Rock!

Exalted be God my Savior!

I will praise you, LORD, among the nations;

I will sing the praises of your name.

Prayer

God, without your help, we can do nothing. Yet because you arm us with strength, we are empowered to live according to your will. Strengthen us and shield us by your power; 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 13:24-30, 36-43

²⁴ Jesus told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. ²⁵ But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. ²⁶ When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared.

²⁷ "The owner's servants came to him and said, 'Sir, didn't you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?'

²⁸ "'An enemy did this,' he replied.

"The servants asked him, 'Do you want us to go and pull them up?'

²⁹ "'No,' he answered, 'because while you are pulling the weeds, you may uproot the wheat with them. ³⁰ Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn.'" . . .

³⁶ Then he left the crowd and went into the house. His disciples came to him and said, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field."

³⁷ He answered, "The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man. ³⁸ The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the people of the kingdom. The weeds are the people of the evil one, ³⁹ and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels.

⁴⁰ "As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age. ⁴¹ The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. ⁴² They will throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears, let them hear."

God's Word

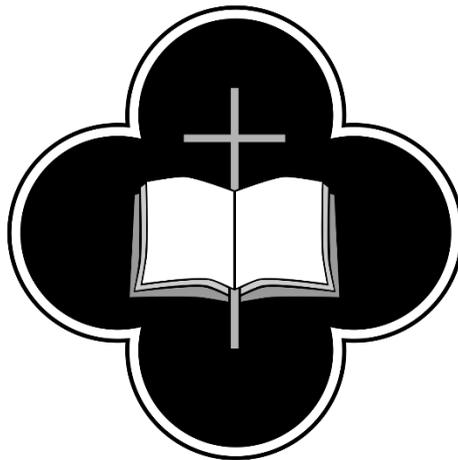
1 Peter 4:1-8

¹Therefore, since Christ suffered in his body, arm yourselves also with the same attitude, because whoever suffers in the body is done with sin. ²As a result, they do not live the rest of their earthly lives for evil human desires, but rather for the will of God. ³For you have spent enough time in the past doing what pagans choose to do—living in debauchery, lust, drunkenness, orgies, carousing and detestable idolatry. ⁴They are surprised that you do not join them in their reckless, wild living, and they heap abuse on you. ⁵But they will have to give account to him who is ready to judge the living and the dead. ⁶For this is the reason the gospel was preached even to those who are now dead, so that they might be judged according to human standards in regard to the body, but live according to God in regard to the spirit.

⁷The end of all things is near. Therefore be alert and of sober mind so that you may pray. ⁸Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins.

Song

“Amazing Grace”



Message from God's Word

Psalm 18:30-36

- ³⁰ As for God, his way is perfect:
The LORD's word is flawless;
he shields all who take refuge in him.
- ³¹ For who is God besides the LORD?
And who is the Rock except our God?
- ³² It is God who arms me with strength
and keeps my way secure.
- ³³ He makes my feet like the feet of a deer;
he causes me to stand on the heights.
- ³⁴ He trains my hands for battle;
my arms can bend a bow of bronze.
- ³⁵ You make your saving help my shield,
and your right hand sustains me;
your help has made me great.
- ³⁶ You provide a broad path for my feet,
so that my ankles do not give way.

God Makes Me Safe and Strong

Statement 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.

Blessing

The Lord be your rock and mighty shield.
The Lord sustain you by his grace and saving help.
The Lord uplift you and guide you on life's way.

Amen!

Closing Song

“Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

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 9, 2020

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

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 priorities!

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

Second Site Ministry Meeting & Lunch

Saturday, August 15, at the North Nampa Ministry Center (5680 E Franklin Rd, Nampa, Suite 120). Meeting & discussion at 10:30 am – review the last month of ministry, look ahead to what’s coming in the next few months – followed by lunch together! To help us plan lunch, please RSVP to Pastor Wetzel (kurt.wetzel@cocidaho.org). If you’d like to provide part of lunch, let him know! All CoC members are welcome, whether you’ve been directly involved with Nampa outreach before or not.

Cross Connections

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 and bring a friend or family member with you!

Tuesdays in Boise @ 6:30 p.m. (starting August 25)

Thursdays in Nampa @ 6:30 p.m. (starting August 27)

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).

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 and 11:00 am, Boise (**no longer 9:45 service**)
- 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).

***“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	\$68,096
General Fund Offerings FYTD	\$54,241
Total Offerings Last Week (All Funds)	\$10,786

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

Serving	August 8-9		August 15-16	
	Nampa	Boise	Nampa	Boise
Music	Wetzel, C. Harris, D. Tews	Walters	Wetzel, C. Harris, D. Tews	Koepsell
AV Tech	J. Malnes, S. Tews, G. Light	E. Christianson, A. Becker, J. Geary, C. Arstein	J. Malnes, S. Tews, G. Light	E. Christianson, V. Watkins, C. Voll, M. Hartman
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	Benedick, Hibbs, Brown	J. Harris	
Post- worship Cleaners	D. Tews, J. Light, T. Light	O'Mallon, Hibbs, Boesch, McLain	D. Tews, J. Light, T. Light	C. Steinbrenner, Becker, McLain, Manglos
Coffee	Guthmiller, Wetzel, O'Doherty	n/a	Guthmiller, Wetzel, O'Doherty	n/a
Flowers	n/a	Gruenhagen	n/a	Manglos
Lawn Crew	n/a	J. Trentz, P. Jossis	n/a	C. Spackman, D. Rule
Tellers	Rule, Morford, Cadwell		Turley, Cadwell, Harris	