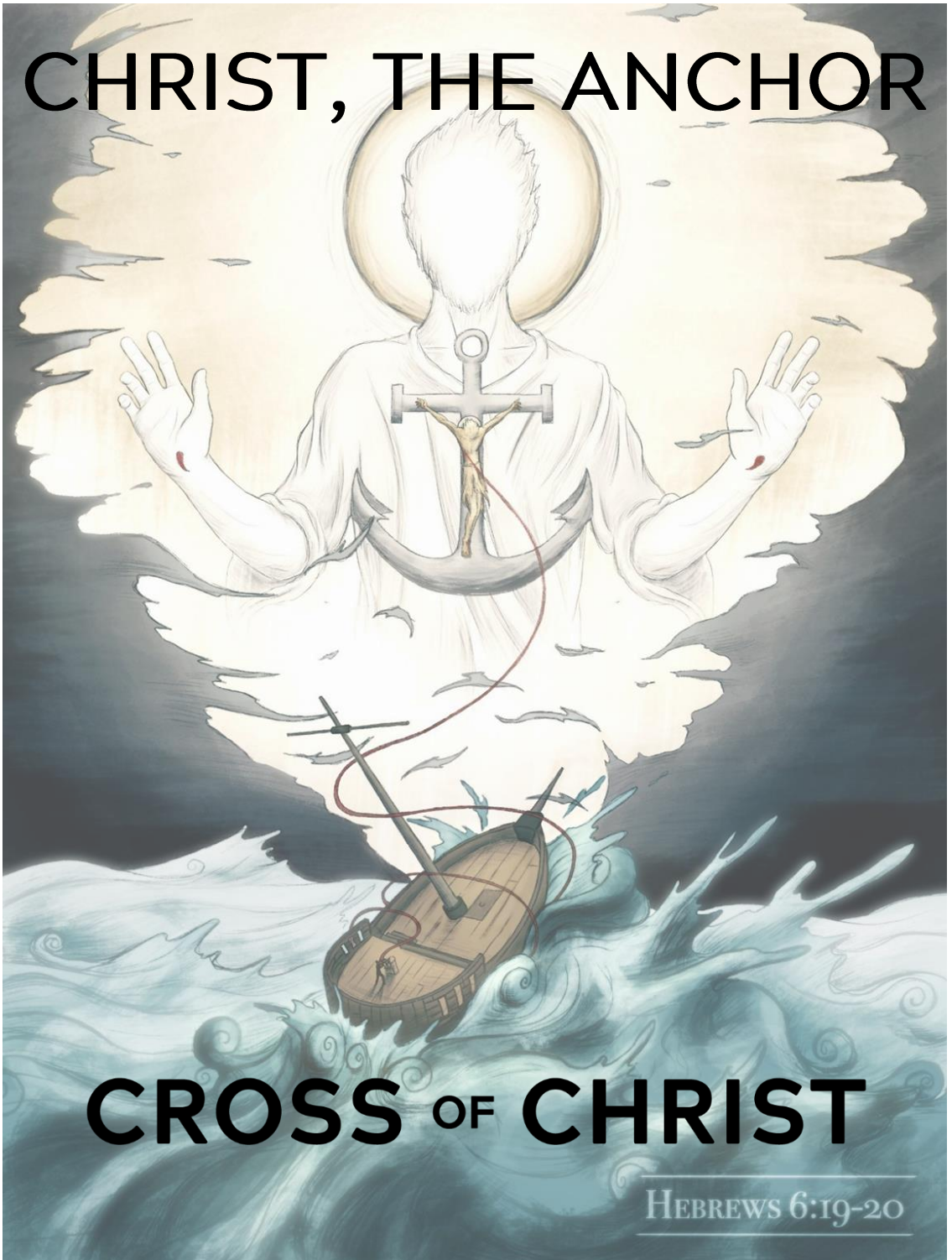


CHRIST, THE ANCHOR



CROSS OF CHRIST

HEBREWS 6:19-20

Cross of Christ Lutheran Church

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Christian Education Sunday

September 12-13, 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.



CROSS OF CHRIST
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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.

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.¹

Congregation: Amen.

“Blessed Jesus, at Your Word”

Hymn #221 stanza 1

Oh, how I love your law!

I meditate on it all day long.

Your commands make me wiser than my enemies, for they are ever with me.

I have more insight than all my teachers, for I meditate on your statutes.

(Psalm 119:97-99)

Blessed is the one whose delight is in the law of the Lord and who meditates on it day and night.

That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. *(Psalm 1:2-3)*

“Blessed Jesus, at Your Word”

Hymn #221 stanza 2

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness (*2 Timothy 3:16*). Yet so often we have despised God’s Word and failed to gladly hear and learn it. For this and all our sins, we bow before God and humbly ask his forgiveness.

Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.²

¹ The name of the triune God and the sign of the cross remind worshippers of their baptisms.

² We know we have sinned. As we enter God’s house, we are invited to recognize that without God’s love and forgiveness we have no relationship with him and no right to come before him.

“Blessed Jesus, at Your Word”

Hymn #221 stanza 3

God gave his Word so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name (*John 20:31*). The Bible testifies about Jesus, who lived a perfect life for you, died on the cross to pay for all your sins, and rose again to assure you of your salvation. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.³

Amen.

“Blessed Jesus, at Your Word”

Hymn #221 stanza 4

God’s Word

Exodus 26:30–35

³⁰ “Set up the tabernacle according to the plan shown you on the mountain.

³¹ “Make a curtain of blue, purple and scarlet yarn and finely twisted linen, with cherubim woven into it by a skilled worker. ³² Hang it with gold hooks on four posts of acacia wood overlaid with gold and standing on four silver bases.

³³ Hang the curtain from the clasps and place the ark of the covenant law behind the curtain. The curtain will separate the Holy Place from the Most Holy Place. ³⁴ Put the atonement cover on the ark of the covenant law in the Most Holy Place. ³⁵ Place the table outside the curtain on the north side of the tabernacle and put the lampstand opposite it on the south side.”

³ Our sins are forgiven in full. We receive that announcement from the pastor as from Christ himself. With that blessed assurance in mind, we continue with the rest of our service of praise to God.

God's Word

Luke 23:44-49

⁴⁴ It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, ⁴⁵ for the sun stopped shining. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. ⁴⁶ Jesus called out with a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit." When he had said this, he breathed his last.

⁴⁷ The centurion, seeing what had happened, praised God and said, "Surely this was a righteous man." ⁴⁸ When all the people who had gathered to witness this sight saw what took place, they beat their breasts and went away.

⁴⁹ But all those who knew him, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

Song

"Before the Throne of God"

on screens

Message from God's Word

Hebrews 6:19-20

¹⁹ We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure. It enters the inner sanctuary behind the curtain, ²⁰ where our forerunner, Jesus, has entered on our behalf. He has become a high priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek.

Hope as an Anchor

Song

“Christ, the Sure and Steady Anchor”

on screens

Statement of Faith⁴

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God that we do not despise preaching and his Word, but regard it as holy and gladly hear and learn it.

I believe that I cannot by my own thinking or choosing believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to him.

The Holy Spirit calls me by the gospel... In the same way he calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

Prayers

The Lord's Prayer follows the Prayer of the Church 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.

Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart, that being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

⁴ As God's people, we joyfully profess the faith that unites us with him and with each other.

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 peace.⁵

Amen!

Closing Song “God’s Word Is Our Great Heritage”

Hymn #293

⁵ The Aaronic blessing (the blessing of Aaron, the brother of Moses) has been spoken over God’s people for over 3,500 years. The Lord said, “So they will put my name on [them], and I will bless them” (Numbers 6:27).

Offerings

If you would like to give an offering to support our ministry, the offering plates are located in the lobby. You can also give online at cocidaho.org/give or contact the church office (secretary@cocidaho.org or 208-922-8422) to schedule a time to bring your offering to church.

Boise Campus & Preschool
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

September 13, 2020

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

Cross Connections Classes

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 are just a few weeks in, and it's never too late to jump in. Sign up today at cocidaho.org/connect/cross-connections and bring a friend or family member with you!

Family Bible Study Begins this Sunday

Starting this Sunday, September 13, you're invited to 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.

Meeting to Call a New Pastor

This congregation-wide meeting will be held this Sunday, September 13, 1:00 pm at Boise. All members are encouraged to attend and give input!

Fall Growth Groups

Growth Groups meet in members' homes or online for Bible study and Christian community. Fall groups begin this coming week! You can still register for a group, on the bulletin board at Boise or online at 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).

Men's Bible Study for Fall

We're getting back at it! All men of the congregation are invited to a morning Bible study on the Boise campus: Wednesdays, beginning this week, September 16, 6:30-7:15 am. We'll start the fall with a study of the life of David.

Women's Retreat: Register by this Tuesday

The Sisters in Christ Women's Retreat is just about a week away: 8:00 pm Friday, Sept. 18, through noon Sunday, Sept. 20, at Pilgrim Cove Camp in McCall. *The deadline for registering is this Tuesday, September 15!* The retreat will be a peaceful, joyful opportunity for fellowship, physical and spiritual relaxation, and study of God's Word. The weekend's theme is 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 for information about the retreat and to register.

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.

In-person worship continues:

- Saturday, 6:30 pm, Boise
- Sunday, 8:30 and 11:00 am, Boise; Family Bible Study at 9:45 am
- Sunday, 9:30 am, JaK*s Place in Nampa; Family 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 (8:30-3:30 Mon-Fri or by appointment).

North Nampa Location Search

From Congregational President Brent Masters:

Our ongoing search in North Nampa for a suitable location to combine our Ministry Center and worship venue has been challenging. The commercial property in the area is in high demand and minimizes our options given our current second site subsidy budget. In recent informal discussions with Board of Home Missions (BHM), based on our challenges and inputs to date, we were given favorable guidance to work towards an increased subsidy. Recently, we identified a location (very close to our current worship venue, JAK's Place) that would fit our space needs and appears to fit within the suggested increased subsidy. Over the past few weeks, our second site Search Committee, Pastor Craig Wasser (Pacific Northwest District Chairman for BHM), Pastor Matt Vogt (our Mission Counselor), and I have met several times regarding all options for occupying the property, including a Cross of Christ purchase.

Leasing certainly remains an option with an average monthly rent of \$5,750 for five years. As we consider the suggested increased subsidy, purchasing the property and applying ~\$350K over five years towards a loan as opposed to rent certainly appears to be within reach, and also a more effective use of the BHM funding. There are several actions in motion to determine the best direction for our North Nampa mission home for the next several years. As we continue to obtain details and information in our research as well as gain support from BHM for the requested subsidy, we will keep the Cross of Christ family informed. If the Search Committee and Council arrive at a recommendation to purchase, we will present the respective details in a proposal for congregational voter approval. *In conjunction with this Sunday's 1:00pm Call Meeting at Boise, we will provide a verbal update on the location search and an opportunity for questions.* Please join us on Sunday to hear about this exciting opportunity for our North Nampa mission.

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

*“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	\$136,192
General Fund Offerings FYTD	\$119,118
Total Offerings Last Week (All Funds)	\$17,909

Serving	September 12-13		September 19-20	
	Nampa	Boise	Nampa	Boise
Music	S. Wetzel	M. Walters	R. Dodd	A. Lange
AV Tech	J. Malnes, S. Tews, G. Light	E. Christianson, C. Voll A. Becker, J. Kennedy	J. Malnes, S. Tews, G. Light	E. Christianson, C. Voll, C. Mitten, A. Becker
Altar Care	K. Guthmiller, C. Harris	K. Struthers, K. Guthmiller	K. Guthmiller, C. Harris	K. Struthers, K. Guthmiller
Set-Up	Guthmiller, Harris, Olsoe	n/a	Guthmiller, Harris, Olsoe	n/a
Ushers	J. Harris	Benedick, Berrier, A. Broyles	n/a	Benedick, Berrier, A. Broyles
Post- worship Cleaners	J. Light, T. Light	Benedick, Rule, Boesch	D. Tews, J. Light, T. Light	DeWall, Becker, McLain
Coffee	Guthmiller, Wetzel, O'Doherty	TBA	Guthmiller, Wetzel, O'Doherty	TBA
Flowers	n/a	Hagen	n/a	Loring
Lawn Crew	n/a	P. Jossis, J. Trentz	n/a	Geary
Tellers	Harris, Morford, Rule		Turley, Morgan, Cadwell	