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CROSS OF CHRIST
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Cross of Christ Lutheran Church & Preschool

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Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 19-20, 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.



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Welcome to Cross of Christ

Opening Song

“Lord Jesus, You Have Come”

Hymn 546:1,4,5

Confession and Forgiveness

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

Congregation: Amen.

Children of God, when we come before him, we often hear serious words from God. We have not lived as we ought to, and our sins deserved punishment. But God invites us to come and also hear his words of love and acceptance. And these are words that all people need to hear. Together, we confess our sins and cling to Christ for forgiveness.

Holy and merciful Father in heaven, I confess my many sins. In what I have done and left undone, I have failed to live as your child. Thank you for still accepting me into your family. Thank you for sending Jesus. Help me to trust him more and more. And help me to not take this message for granted.

God, your Father, has heard your prayers, and he welcomes you into his presence today. Jesus’ perfect life, death, and resurrection have done away with all your guilt. You are pardoned and free—now and forever. Live as God’s holy, forgiven child!

Amen!

God's Word

Isaiah 6:1-8

¹ In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple. ² Above him were seraphim, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. ³ And they were calling to one another:

“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty;
the whole earth is full of his glory.”

⁴ At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke.

⁵ “Woe to me!” I cried. “I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the Lord Almighty.”

⁶ Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. ⁷ With it he touched my mouth and said, “See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for.”

⁸ Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?”

And I said, “Here am I. Send me!”

God's Word

Luke 24:44-48

⁴⁴ He said to them, “This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.”

⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. ⁴⁶ He told them, “This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷ and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things.”

Message from God's Word

Romans 10:11-17

¹¹ As Scripture says, “Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame.” ¹² For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, ¹³ for, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

¹⁴ How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? ¹⁵ And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

¹⁶ But not all the Israelites accepted the good news. For Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed our message?” ¹⁷ Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ.

Let the Word Be Heard

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

"O Lord, We Praise You"

on screens

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

"Hark! The Voice of Jesus Calling"

Hymn 573

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 & Preschool

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

September 20, 2020

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

Sep 20-27	Boise	Nampa
Sunday (today)	8:30am - Early Worship w/Communion 9:45am - Bible Study with guest pastor 11:00am - Late Worship w/Communion	8:45 am - Family Bible Study (JaK*s Place) 9:30am - Worship with Communion (JaK*s Place)
Monday		
Tuesday	6:30 pm - Cross Connections Class	
Wednesday	6:30 am - Men's Bible Study 7:00 pm - CrossTrainers (high school students)	
Thursday		6:30 pm - Cross Connections Class
Friday		
Saturday	6:30 pm - Evening Worship	
Next Sunday	8:30am - Early Worship 9:45am - Family Bible Study 11:00am - Late Worship	8:45 am - Family Bible Study (JaK*s Place) 9:30am - Worship (JaK*s Place)

Call for New Pastor

We have extended a Call to Pastor Greg Hein to serve Cross of Christ as our Christian Life Pastor. He now has two Calls to consider: one to Cross of Christ and one to Peace Lutheran Church in Chandler, AZ, where he is currently serving. Please keep him and his family (wife Julie, children Evelyn & Leo) in your prayers as he considers where best to serve God's kingdom. You may reach out to him with your encouragement and prayers at heingw@gmail.com.

Special Guest at Boise this Weekend

Pastor Michael Otterstatter, Vice-President for Mission Advancement at Martin Luther College (MLC), New Ulm, Minnesota, will preach today's message at Boise. We thank him for proclaiming God's Word to us and for representing our synod's (and therefore our) college of ministry.

This Sunday, Pastor Otterstatter will also lead Bible study at Boise, focusing on the mission and ministry of God's Church. He will also share information about the work our synod does in the area of Christian Education and our worker training system. Family Bible Study will resume next Sunday.

A portion of our congregational mission offerings is used to support the four ministerial education schools we operate together as a synod. That includes Martin Luther College, which trains teachers and staff ministers for our synod's congregations and schools and provides pre-Seminary training for men who plan to study for the pastoral ministry at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary. We have also been blessed to be able to directly support Cross of Christ member students at MLC, through the Congregational Partner Grant Program (currently Avery Broyles, Calvin Arstein, and Michael Zimpelmann).

Please keep the work of MLC in your prayers and ask the Lord of the harvest to raise up more young men and women who are willing to consider the public ministry for their life's work.

Fall Growth Groups

Growth Groups meet in members' homes or online for Bible study and Christian community. Some groups still have room! You can 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

All men of the congregation are invited to a morning Bible study on the Boise campus: Wednesdays, 6:30-7:15 am. We're starting the fall with a study of the life of David. (And coffee.)

Serve Those in Hospice Care

Cross of Christ has the opportunity to partner with St. Alphonsus' Hospice program and serve people in Canyon County who are in hospice care, and their families, simply by making social visits! If you have a heart for those who are ill or elderly, consider participating. You're invited to a no-obligation information & training session, Saturday, September 26, 10:00 am, at the St. Alphonsus Hospice main office in Boise. Talk to Pastor Wetzel (kurt.wetzel@cocidaho.org / 208-996-2202) for more details and/or to let him know you're interested!

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 (Mon-Fri 8:30-3:30 or by appointment).

People in God's Word this past week	Boise	Nampa	Total
Sunday Family Bible Study	55	20	75
Cross Connections Class	9	9	18
Men's Bible Study	6		
Growth Groups			39
Worship	45 (Sat) + 70 + 86	46	247

***“I am the Vine, you are the branches.
If you remain in me and I in you,
you will bear much fruit!”***

Serving	September 19-20		September 26-27	
	Nampa	Boise	Nampa	Boise
Music	R. Dodd	A. Lange	Koepsell	R. Dodd, J. Lowry, C. Trull
AV Tech	J. Malnes, S. Tews, G. Light	J. Kennedy, C. Voll, A. Becker, C. Mitten	J. Malnes, S. Tews, G. Light	E. Christiason, J. Kennedy, C. Voll, M.Hartman
Altar Care	K. Guthmiller, C. Harris	D. McLain, T. Yaka	K. Guthmiller, C. Harris	K. Struthers
Set-Up	Guthmiller, Harris, Olsoe	n/a	Guthmiller, Harris, Olsoe	n/a
Ushers	n/a	Bafus, Brown, Berrier, Turley, A. Broyles	J. Harris	Thompson, Berrier, Manglos
Post- worship Cleaners	J. Light, D. Tews	DeWall, Becker, McLain	D. Tews, J. Light	Evans, Berrier, Manglos
Coffee	Guthmiller, O'Doherty	TBA	Guthmiller, O'Doherty	TBA
Flowers	n/a	Loring	n/a	Dobi
Lawn Crew	n/a	Geary	n/a	E. Uhlenhoff
Tellers	Turley, Morgan, Cadwell		Harris, Walden, Morford	

<i>General Fund Offerings Planned FY 20-21</i>	\$708,200
General Fund Offerings Planned FYTD	\$149,812
General Fund Offerings FYTD	\$132,025
Total Offerings Last Week (All Funds)	\$12,894