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# Cross of Christ Lutheran Church & Preschool

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14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

September 5-6, 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).



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## Welcome to Cross of Christ

### Song of Praise

### “The Church’s One Foundation”

*Hymn #538:1-2*

### God’s Word

### Matthew 16:13-20

<sup>13</sup> When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say the Son of Man is?”

<sup>14</sup> They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”

<sup>15</sup> “But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?”

<sup>16</sup> Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.”

<sup>17</sup> Jesus replied, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. <sup>18</sup> And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. <sup>19</sup> I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” <sup>20</sup> Then he ordered his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

### Song of Praise

### “The Church’s One Foundation”

*Hymn #538:5*

## Message from God's Word

Romans 11:33-36

<sup>33</sup> Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out!

<sup>34</sup> "Who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been his counselor?"

<sup>35</sup> "Who has ever given to God, that God should repay them?"

<sup>36</sup> For from him and through him and for him are all things. To him be the glory forever! Amen.

### It's Always Time for a Doxology

## Song of Praise

"Doxology"

*on screens*

## 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.

### We Confess Our Sins; Jesus Gives His Promise of Love

Fellow believers, we must admit today that we have not always trusted God's wisdom or love. Let's confess our sins to him, trusting in his mercy:

O Lord, we have often worried and obsessed about our future when you alone know what awaits. We have often been frustrated and embarrassed about our past when you have given promises for our comfort.

**We have sinned against you in our thoughts, words, and deeds. We rightly deserve your punishment now and for eternity. Have mercy on us and grant us your peace!**

Dear friends, God eagerly assures of his forgiveness and longs to grant us the spiritual peace that comes through Jesus. So, to make us sure of his love...

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

## God's Word

## Revelation 7:1-4

<sup>1</sup> After this I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding back the four winds of the earth to prevent any wind from blowing on the land or on the sea or on any tree.

<sup>2</sup> Then I saw another angel coming up from the east, having the seal of the living God. He called out in a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm the land and the sea: <sup>3</sup> “Do not harm the land or the sea or the trees until we put a seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God.”

<sup>4</sup> Then I heard the number of those who were sealed: 144,000 from all the tribes of Israel.

## 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, Thank You”**

*on screens*

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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 83687

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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 [cocardaho.org/give](http://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.*

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# Cross of Christ Weekly Newsletter

## September 6, 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 are just two weeks in, 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!

### **Farewell to the Zimpelmanns**

This weekend (Sept. 5-6) is Pastor Zimpelmann's last message to us as his congregation. 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.

This Sunday afternoon, 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.

## **Preschool Starts this Week!**

Please keep our students and staff (Mrs. Steinbrenner & Mrs. Kennedy) in your prayers as they launch into the school year this week, with a few new and different elements!

We understand that the educational “landscape” continues to shift in the Treasure Valley; make sure your friends and family know that Cross of Christ Preschool takes new students any time during the year! All sorts of great info including the curriculum, schedules, and our health & safety plan, are available on our website, [cocidaho.org/preschool](http://cocidaho.org/preschool).

## **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](http://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)).

## **Meeting to Call a New Pastor**

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

## **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 September 16, 6:30-7:15 am. We'll start the fall with a study of the Life of David.

## **Women's Retreat**

Have you decided yet to attend this year's Sisters in Christ Women's Retreat? It's 8:00 pm Friday, Sept. 18, through noon Sunday, Sept. 20, at Pilgrim Cove Camp in McCall. And it's a peaceful, joyful opportunity for fellowship, physical & 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 (B/L/D Saturday and B/L Sunday). Check out [cocidaho.org/retreat](http://cocidaho.org/retreat) for information about the retreat and to register. *Please register by September 15.*

## **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 (Family Bible Study at 9:45 am begins September 13)
- 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.

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

Serving	September 5-6		September 12-13	
	Nampa	Boise	Nampa	Boise
Music	S. Wetzel	Koepsell	S. Wetzel	Walters
AV Tech	J. Malnes, S. Tews, G. Light	E. Christianson, J. Kennedy, J. Hofstetter, A. Becker	J. Malnes, S. Tews, G. Light	E. Christianson, C. Voll, J. Kennedy, A. Becker
Altar Care	K. Guthmiller, C. Harris	Guthmiller, Struthers	K. Guthmiller, C. Harris	Guthmiller, Struthers
Set-Up	Guthmiller, Harris, Olsoe	n/a	Guthmiller, Harris, Olsoe	n/a
Ushers	J. Harris	Brown, Stavenau, Hibbs, Berrier, Rule	n/a	Benedick, Berrier, A. Broyles
Post- worship Cleaners	D. Tews, J. Light, T. Light	O’Mallon, Hibbs	D. Tews, J. Light, T. Light	Benedick, Rule, Boesch
Coffee	Guthmiller, Wetzel, O’Doherty	n/a	Guthmiller, Wetzel, O’Doherty	n/a
Flowers	n/a	Benedick	n/a	Hagen
Lawn Crew	n/a	R. Dodd, K. Inman	n/a	P. Jossis J. Trentz
Tellers	Rule, Cadwell, Turley		Harris, Morford, Rule	

<i>General Fund Offerings Planned FY 20-21</i>	\$708,200
General Fund Offerings Planned FYTD	\$122,573
General Fund Offerings FYTD	\$101,425
Total Offerings Last Week (All Funds)	\$12,770

