

Divine | Relational | Skillful | Charitable | Hospitable

# How to be Generous

Week 3:  
**Skillful Generosity**



**CROSS OF CHRIST**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

---

# Cross of Christ Lutheran Church & Preschool

(208) 375-3992 + [cocidaho.org](http://cocidaho.org)

Rev. John Steinbrenner, District President: (208) 921-4748, [john.steinbrenner@cocidaho.org](mailto:john.steinbrenner@cocidaho.org)

Rev. Brad Snyder, Christian Education Pastor: (208) 996-0862, [brad.snyder@cocidaho.org](mailto:brad.snyder@cocidaho.org)

Rev. Kurt Wetzel, Mission Pastor: (208) 996-2202, [kurt.wetzel@cocidaho.org](mailto:kurt.wetzel@cocidaho.org)

---

**Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost October 10-11, 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](http://cocidaho.org).



**CROSS OF CHRIST**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

## Opening Song

## “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

*Hymn 234:1,4,5*

### Welcomed into the Family of God

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.**

Brothers and sisters in Jesus, God invites us to come before him and enjoy the splendor of worshiping in his presence. However, we have not lived as we ought to. Let’s enter this time of worship by confessing our sins and thanking God for his unfailing love to us in Jesus.

**Holy and gracious Lord, I acknowledge my brokenness and sin. The thoughts, words, and actions of my life have been a record of my failures. Yet you still love and accept me because of Jesus. Thank you for your unfailing love. Keep showing me your grace as I come to worship you.**

God’s grace is displayed in his forgiving generosity. He used his divine power—not to crush us—but to save us. Jesus’ perfect life, innocent death, and resurrection from the dead have taken your sin and guilt away forever. You are welcomed home into the family of God. You are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen!**

### Prayer

All-powerful God, you delight in using your strength to save your people, protect us from harm, and provide for our daily needs. Let your generosity move us to be generous in the ways we serve others with the skills and abilities you give us; 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

## 1 Peter 4:10-11

<sup>10</sup> Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. <sup>11</sup> If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.

## God's Word

## Mark 8:1-9

<sup>1</sup> During those days another large crowd gathered. Since they had nothing to eat, Jesus called his disciples to him and said, <sup>2</sup> "I have compassion for these people; they have already been with me three days and have nothing to eat. <sup>3</sup> If I send them home hungry, they will collapse on the way, because some of them have come a long distance."

<sup>4</sup> His disciples answered, "But where in this remote place can anyone get enough bread to feed them?"

<sup>5</sup> "How many loaves do you have?" Jesus asked.

"Seven," they replied.

<sup>6</sup> He told the crowd to sit down on the ground. When he had taken the seven loaves and given thanks, he broke them and gave them to his disciples to distribute to the people, and they did so. <sup>7</sup> They had a few small fish as well; he gave thanks for them also and told the disciples to distribute them. <sup>8</sup> The people ate and were satisfied. Afterward the disciples picked up seven basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. <sup>9</sup> About four thousand were present.

## Song

## "Before You I Kneel (A Worker's Prayer)"

*on screen*

## Message from God's Word

## Genesis 14:8-16

<sup>8</sup> Then the king of Sodom, the king of Gomorrah, the king of Admah, the king of Zeboyim and the king of Bela (that is, Zoar) marched out and drew up their battle lines in the Valley of Siddim <sup>9</sup> against Kedorlaomer king of Elam, Tidal king of Goyim, Amraphel king of Shinar and Arioch king of Ellasar—four kings against five. <sup>10</sup> Now the Valley of Siddim was full of tar pits, and when the kings of Sodom and Gomorrah fled, some of the men fell into them and the rest fled to the hills. <sup>11</sup> The four kings seized all the goods of Sodom and Gomorrah and all their food; then they went away. <sup>12</sup> They also carried off Abram's nephew Lot and his possessions, since he was living in Sodom.

<sup>13</sup> A man who had escaped came and reported this to Abram the Hebrew. Now Abram was living near the great trees of Mamre the Amorite, a brother of Eshkol and Aner, all of whom were allied with Abram. <sup>14</sup> When Abram heard that his relative had been taken captive, he called out the 318 trained men born in his household and went in pursuit as far as Dan. <sup>15</sup> During the night Abram divided his men to attack them and he routed them, pursuing them as far as Hobah, north of Damascus. <sup>16</sup> He recovered all the goods and brought back his relative Lot and his possessions, together with the women and the other people.

### Skillful Generosity

## 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 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.

**Amen!**

## Closing Song

**"Go, My Children, with My Blessing"**

*Hymn 332:1,4*

---

## **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](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.*

---

# Cross of Christ Weekly Newsletter

## October 11, 2020

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

<b>Oct 11-Oct 18</b>	<b>Boise</b>	<b>Nampa</b>
<b>Sunday (today)</b>	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)
<b>Monday</b>	6:00 pm - Council Meeting	
<b>Tuesday</b>	6:30 pm - Cross Connections Class	
<b>Wednesday</b>	6:30am - Men's Bible Study 7:00 pm - CrossTrainers	
<b>Thursday</b>		6:30 pm - Cross Connections Class
<b>Friday</b>		
<b>Saturday</b>	2:30 pm - Witness Your Faith training 6:30 pm - Evening Worship w/Communion	
<b>Next Sunday</b>	8:30am - Early Worship w/ Communion 9:45am - Family Bible Study 11:00am - Late Worship w/Communion 1:00 pm - Voters' Meeting	8:45 am - Family Bible Study (JaK*s Place) 9:30am - Worship w/Communion (JaK*s Place)

## **Congregational Voters' Meeting October 18 at Boise**

All confirmed members of Cross of Christ are invited and encouraged to attend the regularly scheduled quarterly Voters' Meeting on **Sunday, October 18, 1:00 pm at Boise**. Voting members are particularly encouraged to attend, as we honor God with thoughtful review of current ministries and planning for the future.

## **Fall Festival 2020**

Get those costumes and candy ready; it's time for Fall Festival! As with almost everything right now, Fall Festival will look a bit different this year. We will not have the annual chili cookoff, or serve food of any kind, but there will still be fun!

Join us on the Boise campus *Sunday, October 25, 1:00-3:00 pm*. Games will run 1:00-2:00 pm in the back field, and Trunk-or-Treat will kick off at 2:00 pm with a costume parade!

- Will your kids participate in Trunk-or-Treat? Let us know!
- Will you hand out candy for Trunk-or-Treat? Let us know!
- Could you run a game for a 20-minute shift or two? Let us know!

You can LET US KNOW (it *really* helps with planning!) via the sign-ups in the Boise lobby or online at [tinyurl.com/cocfallfest2020](http://tinyurl.com/cocfallfest2020). Thanks! Contact Mandy Watkins for more information (210-425-3270 / [amanda.watkins99@yahoo.com](mailto:amanda.watkins99@yahoo.com)).

## **Sisters in Christ Fall Kickoff**

Ladies, please join us on the Boise campus, November 6, 6:00-8:00 pm, to celebrate the Fall season with Sisters in Christ! A simple dinner of hot dogs, individually packaged chips, and bottled water will be provided (safely); feel free to bring other beverages to share if you'd like. More details to come!

## **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](mailto:heingw@gmail.com).

## **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
- 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](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 (Mon-Fri 8:30 am - 3:30 pm or by appointment).

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

<b>People in God’s Word this past week</b>	<b>Boise</b>	<b>Nampa</b>	<b>Total</b>
Sunday Family Bible Study	41	23	64
Cross Connections Class	7	10	17
Men’s Bible Study	5		5
Growth Groups			28
Worship	41 (Sat) + 53 + 93 = 187	47	234

Serving	October 10-11		October 17-18	
	Nampa	Boise	Nampa	Boise
Music	J. Lowry	M. Walters	S. Wetzel	A. Lange
AV Tech	J. Malnes, S. Tews, G. Light	E. Christianson, A. Becker, C. Voll, M. Hartman	J. Malnes, S. Tews, G. Light	E. Christianson, M. Hartman, C. Mitten
Altar Care	K. Guthmiller, C. Harris	Yaka, Tweedy	K. Guthmiller, C. Harris	Yaka, Tweedy
Set-Up	Guthmiller, Harris, Olsoe	n/a	Guthmiller, Harris, Olsoe	n/a
Ushers	n/a	Benedick, R. Hibbs, Manglos	J. Harris	Lange, Breckon, Turley, Seely
Post-worship Cleaners	D. Tews, J. Light	Benedick, Rule, Manglos	D. Tews, J. Light	DeWall, Berrier, Boesch
Coffee	Guthmiller, O'Doherty	Ritger, Struthers	Guthmiller, O'Doherty	Ritger, Struthers
Flowers	n/a	Kauspedas	n/a	Tiffany
Lawn Crew	n/a	J. Meier, T. Masters	n/a	Team Perna
Church Cleaners	n/a	Admin, B&M Allen	n/a	Blaisdell, Admin
Tellers	Harris, Walden, Morgan		Rule, Morford, Cadwell	
Bulletin Folders	Prigge, Tweedy, Foreman		Kimmel, Patrick, Whitlach	

<i>General Fund Offerings Planned FY 20-21</i>	<b>\$708,200</b>
General Fund Offerings Planned FYTD	<b>\$190,669</b>
General Fund Offerings FYTD	<b>\$162,933</b>
Total Offerings Last Week (All Funds)	<b>\$11,491</b>

