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How to be Generous

Week 4:
Charitable Generosity



CROSS OF CHRIST
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Cross of Christ Lutheran Church & Preschool

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Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 17-18, 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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Opening Responses & Prayer

with “Surely It Is God Who Saves Me”

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

Congregation: Amen.

**(♩) Surely, it is God who saves me;
I will trust in him and not be afraid.
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense,
And he will be my Savior.**

I will extol the LORD at all times; his praise will always be on my lips.

I will glory in the LORD; let the afflicted hear and rejoice.

Glorify the LORD with me;

Let us exalt his name together.

**(♩) Surely, it is God who saves me;
I will trust in him and not be afraid.
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense,
And he will be my Savior.**

I sought the LORD, and he answered me;

He delivered me from all my fears.

Praise be to the LORD God, the God of Israel, who alone does marvelous deeds.

**Praise be to his glorious name forever; may the whole earth be filled with
his glory. Amen and Amen.**

**(♩) Surely, it is God who saves me;
I will trust in him and not be afraid.
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense,
And he will be my Savior.**

Almighty God, you have given us lavish gifts in every aspect of our lives. Help us to see your generosity toward us, use your treasures well, and generously give to others, for you have given us your best in 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

2 Corinthians 8:1-7

¹ And now, brothers and sisters, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches. ² In the midst of a very severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. ³ For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, ⁴ they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the Lord's people. ⁵ And they exceeded our expectations: They gave themselves first of all to the Lord, and then by the will of God also to us. ⁶ So we urged Titus, just as he had earlier made a beginning, to bring also to completion this act of grace on your part. ⁷ But since you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in the love we have kindled in you—see that you also excel in this grace of giving.

God's Word

Matthew 26:6-13

⁶ While Jesus was in Bethany in the home of Simon the Leper, ⁷ a woman came to him with an alabaster jar of very expensive perfume, which she poured on his head as he was reclining at the table.

⁸ When the disciples saw this, they were indignant. "Why this waste?" they asked. ⁹ "This perfume could have been sold at a high price and the money given to the poor."

¹⁰ Aware of this, Jesus said to them, "Why are you bothering this woman? She has done a beautiful thing to me. ¹¹ The poor you will always have with you, but you will not always have me. ¹² When she poured this perfume on my body, she did it to prepare me for burial. ¹³ Truly I tell you, wherever this gospel is preached throughout the world, what she has done will also be told, in memory of her."

Song

"Be Thou My Vision"

On the screens

Message from God's Word

Genesis 14:17-24

¹⁷ After Abram returned from defeating Kedorlaomer and the kings allied with him, the king of Sodom came out to meet him in the Valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley).

¹⁸ Then Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine. He was priest of God Most High, ¹⁹ and he blessed Abram, saying,

“Blessed be Abram by God Most High,
Creator of heaven and earth.

²⁰ And praise be to God Most High,
who delivered your enemies into your hand.”

Then Abram gave him a tenth of everything.

²¹ The king of Sodom said to Abram, “Give me the people and keep the goods for yourself.”

²² But Abram said to the king of Sodom, “With raised hand I have sworn an oath to the LORD, God Most High, Creator of heaven and earth, ²³ that I will accept nothing belonging to you, not even a thread or the strap of a sandal, so that you will never be able to say, ‘I made Abram rich.’ ²⁴ I will accept nothing but what my men have eaten and the share that belongs to the men who went with me—to Aner, Eshkol and Mamre. Let them have their share.”

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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.

Preparing Our Hearts with Words of Institution

Family of God, when we come to the Lord's Table, we come to receive God's generosity and be strengthened by his unending love. What makes God's love so astounding is how kind he has been to us, despite our failures and sins. Together we confess our sins and trust in Jesus for forgiveness.

Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I was sinful from birth. In countless ways, I have failed to live as your child. Though my sins deserved punishment, you are the God who saves me. I thank you for generously giving your Son for me. Help me to always trust in him.

This is the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ: that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich. Jesus' life, death, and resurrection have removed your guilt forever and deliver the riches of eternal life with him. You have peace with God. You are forgiven and welcomed into his presence. Live as his precious child!

Amen!

To personally forgive and empower you to live as his child:

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, Whose Giving
Knows No Ending”

On the screens

Blessing

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Amen!

Closing Song

“Praise God from Whom
All Blessings Flow”

Hymn 334

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 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

October 18, 2020

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

Oct 18-Oct 25	Boise	Nampa
Sunday	8:30am - Early Worship w/ Communion 9:45am - Family Bible Study 11:00am - Late Worship w/Communion 1:00pm - Voters' Meeting	8:45am - Family Bible Study (JaK*s Place) 9:30am - Worship w/Communion (JaK*s Place)
Monday		
Tuesday	6:30pm - Cross Connections Class	
Wednesday	6:30am - Men's Bible Study 7:00pm - CrossTrainers	
Thursday		6:30pm - Cross Connections Class
Friday		
Saturday	6:30pm - Evening Worship	
Next Sunday	8:30am - Early Worship 9:45am - Family Bible Study 11:00am - Late Worship 1:00pm - Fall Festival!	8:45am - Family Bible Study (JaK*s Place) 9:30am - Worship (JaK*s Place)

Congregational Voters' Meeting at Boise, This Sunday at 1:00 pm

All confirmed members of Cross of Christ are invited and encouraged to attend the regularly scheduled quarterly Voters' Meeting **this 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. Discussion will include North Nampa building and site options!

Fall Festival 2020

Get those costumes and candy ready; it's time for Fall Festival!

Join us on the Boise campus *next 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. Thanks! Contact Mandy Watkins for more information (210-425-3270 / amanda.watkins99@yahoo.com).

Sisters in Christ Fall Kickoff

Ladies, come on over to the Boise campus, Friday, November 6, 6:00-8:00 pm, to celebrate the Fall season with Sisters in Christ! We'll gather around God's Word, enjoy each other's company (safely), and have opportunity to consider how each of us could serve our church family with the skills God has given us. 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. **Please RSVP** on the Boise bulletin board or online at tinyurl.com/SICFallKickoff.

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.

Save the Date: Boise Campus Fall Clean-Up

Saturday, November 7, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm. We missed our usual spring clean-up, so there's a little extra work to be done this fall! Indoors and outdoors, all ages can help, for as much or as little time as you can offer.

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 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!”*

People in God's Word this past week	Boise	Nampa	Total
Sunday Family Bible Study	41	19	60
Cross Connections Class	4	11	15
Men's Bible Study	7		7
Growth Groups			20+
Worship	46 (Sat) + 81 + 70 = 197	33	230

Serving	October 17-18		October 24-25	
	Nampa	Boise	Nampa	Boise
Music	J. Lowry, C. Trull	A. Lange	S. Wetzell, D. Tews, C. Harris	Koepsell
AV Tech	J. Malnes, S. Tews, G. Light	J. Kennedy, C. Kennedy, M. Hartman, C. Mitten	J. Malnes, S. Tews, G. Light	E. Christianson, C. Voll, A. Becker
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	J. Harris	Lange, Breckon, Turley, Seely	n/a	G. Thompson, B. Turley
Post-worship Cleaners	D. Tews, J. Light	Berrier, Boesch	D. Tews, J. Light	Evans, Becker
Coffee	Guthmiller, O'Doherty	Ritger, Struthers	Guthmiller, O'Doherty	Ritger, Struthers
Flowers	n/a	Tiffany	n/a	Banner, DeWall
Lawn Crew	n/a	Team Perna	n/a	J. Trentz, R. Lange
Church Cleaners	n/a	Blaisdell, Admin	n/a	Admin, R. Balcerzak
Tellers	Rule, Turley, Cadwell		Turley, Walden, Morford	
Bulletin Folders	Kimmel, Patrick, Whitlach		Ritger, Ford, Ashley	

<i>General Fund Offerings Planned FY 20-21</i>	\$708,200
General Fund Offerings Planned FYTD	\$204,288
General Fund Offerings FYTD	\$176,905
Total Offerings Last Week (All Funds)	\$14,391