



*The Sands
of Time*

REFORMATION

CROSS OF **CHRIST**

Cross of Christ Lutheran Church

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Reformation

October 31 & November 1, 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.



CROSS OF CHRIST
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Opening Hymn

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

Hymn #201

Confession and Absolution

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

Congregation: Amen.

Beloved in the Lord, let us draw near with true hearts and confess our sin unto God, our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Almighty God, we poor sinners confess to you that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against you by thought, word, and deed. Therefore, we come to you for refuge and infinite mercy, seeking your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

O most merciful God, who has given your Son to die for us and our sin, have mercy on us and for his sake grant us remission of all our sins, and by your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of you and your will and true faith in your Word, that by your grace we may come to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Song of Repentance

“Kyrie: Lord, Have Mercy”

on the screens

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy on us and has given his only Son to die for us and for his sake forgives us all our sins. To them that believe in his name he gives power to become the children of God and has given them his Holy Spirit. Whoever believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

Amen!

Song of Praise

“Oh, Taste and See”

on the screens

Prayer

Gracious Lord, our refuge and strength, pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your Word, protect and comfort them in all temptations, defend them against all their enemies, and bestow on the Church your saving peace; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

God's Word

Daniel 6:10-12, 16-23

¹⁰ Now when Daniel learned that the decree had been published, he went home to his upstairs room where the windows opened toward Jerusalem. Three times a day he got down on his knees and prayed, giving thanks to his God, just as he had done before. ¹¹ Then these men went as a group and found Daniel praying and asking God for help. ¹² So they went to the king and spoke to him about his royal decree: "Did you not publish a decree that during the next thirty days anyone who prays to any god or human being except to you, Your Majesty, would be thrown into the lions' den?"

The king answered, "The decree stands—in accordance with the law of the Medes and Persians, which cannot be repealed."

¹⁶ So the king gave the order, and they brought Daniel and threw him into the lions' den. The king said to Daniel, "May your God, whom you serve continually, rescue you!"

¹⁷ A stone was brought and placed over the mouth of the den, and the king sealed it with his own signet ring and with the rings of his nobles, so that Daniel's situation might not be changed. ¹⁸ Then the king returned to his palace and spent the night without eating and without any entertainment being brought to him. And he could not sleep.

¹⁹ At the first light of dawn, the king got up and hurried to the lions' den. ²⁰ When he came near the den, he called to Daniel in an anguished voice, "Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve continually, been able to rescue you from the lions?"

²¹ Daniel answered, “May the king live forever! ²² My God sent his angel, and he shut the mouths of the lions. They have not hurt me, because I was found innocent in his sight. Nor have I ever done any wrong before you, Your Majesty.”

²³ The king was overjoyed and gave orders to lift Daniel out of the den. And when Daniel was lifted from the den, no wound was found on him, because he had trusted in his God.

God’s Word

Galatians 5:1-6

¹ It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.

² Mark my words! I, Paul, tell you that if you let yourselves be circumcised, Christ will be of no value to you at all. ³ Again I declare to every man who lets himself be circumcised that he is obligated to obey the whole law. ⁴ You who are trying to be justified by the law have been alienated from Christ; you have fallen away from grace. ⁵ For through the Spirit we eagerly await by faith the righteousness for which we hope. ⁶ For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision has any value. The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love.

God’s Word

Matthew 10:16-23

¹⁶ “I am sending you out like sheep among wolves. Therefore be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves. ¹⁷ Be on your guard; you will be handed over to the local councils and be flogged in the synagogues. ¹⁸ On my account you will be brought before governors and kings as witnesses to them and to the Gentiles. ¹⁹ But when they arrest you, do not worry about what to say or how to say it. At that time you will be given what to say, ²⁰ for it will not be you speaking, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.

²¹ “Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child; children will rebel against their parents and have them put to death. ²² You will be hated by everyone because of me, but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved. ²³ When you are persecuted in one place, flee to another. Truly I tell you, you will not finish going through the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

Sermon

Galatians 5:1-6

Hymn of the Day

“Salvation unto Us Has Come”

Hymn #390:1,3-5

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.

The Lord’s Prayer

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

Our Lord Jesus has given us a holy supper in which we receive his true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith. In this supper we celebrate the gift of his redemption, we bear witness to the fellowship we share as confessors of the truth, and we proclaim his death until he comes again.

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.

Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He protects and preserves his Church in every age and gives us confidence to lift up our heads and watch for Jesus with joy. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.

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."

Song of Prayer

"Agnus Dei: O Christ, Lamb of God"

on the screens

Communion Distribution

"Immanuel's Land"

sung by the vocalist

Baptism

Colton Burke
8:30 am service

Prayer

Lord God, 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, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

Amen.

Closing Song

“In Christ Alone”
on the screens

Offerings

If you would like to give an offering to support our ministry, the offering plates are available in the lobby. You can also give online at cocidaho.org/give or deliver your gift to the church office (Mon-Fri 8:30 am - 3:30 pm or by appointment).

Cross of Christ Weekly Newsletter

November 1, 2020

Cross of Christ Lutheran Church & Preschool (WELS)

Church & Preschool Office - 208.375.3992 - cocidaho.org

Nov 1-Nov 8	Boise	Nampa
Sunday	8:30am - Early Worship w/Communion 9:45am - Family Bible Study 11:00am - Late Worship w/ Communion	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	6:00pm - Sisters in Christ Fall Kickoff	
Saturday	9:00am - Fall Clean-Up 6:30pm - Evening Worship	
Next Sunday	8:30am - Early Worship 9:45am - Family Bible Study 11:00am - Late Worship	8:45am - Family Bible Study (JaK*s Place) 9:30am - Worship (JaK*s Place)

Call Accepted

Pastor Greg Hein has accepted our call to serve at Cross of Christ. All praise and thanks to God! Please continue to pray for Pastor Hein, his wife Julie, and their children Evelyn and Leo, as they now transition from Arizona to Idaho. Pastor Hein will serve his current congregation through the holidays and we will likely welcome them here in January.

Installation at Nampa Worship

In this Sunday's service in Nampa, Pastor Mark Parsons will be installed as a pastor for Truth in Love Ministry (tilm.org), a WELS organization that equips and trains Christians for witnessing, particularly to those involved with the LDS organization. Pastor Parsons, his wife Molly, and their children Jonas, Bella, and Emmy are members of Cross of Christ A casual reception will be held after the service.

Sisters in Christ Fall Kickoff

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

Boise Campus Fall Clean-Up

This Saturday, Nov 7, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm. Offer your help any time that morning to clean up our Savior's house! Indoor & outdoor tasks will be listed; supplies & instructions provided. (If you want to work outdoors, bring your own gloves.) All ages can help, for whatever time you can offer!

Turkey Bingo Is Back! Sunday, November 22, 4:00-6:00 pm

NOTE: Date/time chang. Turkey Bingo, a fun, family-friendly event, needs YOU to make it happen! If you want to ATTEND, HELP with event set-up or take-down, or DONATE a prize, sign up on the bulletin board or at tinyurl.com/cocturkeybingo! Families can bring their own snacks to enjoy at their table; coffee and water provided. Direct questions to Becky Sobolewski (charlieandbecky@hotmail.com)

**Attendance at this event is limited to the first 50 people, so RSVP soon to save your spot! (If your plans change and you are unable to attend, please notify the office (secretary@cocidaho.org) so we can open your spot to someone else.)*

Crib Needed

Members Dave & Lori Malnes are in need of a crib to complete their final licensing as foster parents. If you have one you're not using, please contact them at dLmaLnes6@gmail.com.

***“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	49	15	64
Cross Connections Class	6	6	12
Men's Bible Study	6		6
Growth Groups			
Worship	(Sat) 32 + 81 + 72 = 185	37	222

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.

Serving	October 31-November 1		November 7-November 8	
	Nampa	Boise	Nampa	Boise
Music	S. Wetzel	Koepsell	R. Dodd	M. Walters
AV Tech	J. Malnes, S. Tews	E. Christianson, A. Becker, G. Light. C. Mitten	J. Malnes, S. Tews, G. Light	J. Kennedy, C. Voll, TBA
Altar Care	K. Guthmiller, C. Harris	McLain, Adams	K. Guthmiller, C. Harris	McLain, Adams
Set-Up	Guthmiller, Harris, Olsoe	n/a	Guthmiller, Harris, Olsoe	n/a
Ushers	J. Harris	T. Stavenau, M. Brown, R. Hibbs, B. Turley, R. Seely	n/a	Bafus, R. Hibbs, A. Broyles
Post- worship Cleaners	D. Tews, J. Light	Hibbs, McLain	D. Tews, J. Light	O'Mallon, Hibbs, McLain
Coffee	Guthmiller, O'Doherty	Robbins, McLain	Guthmiller, O'Doherty	Robbins, McLain
Flowers	n/a	Morgan	n/a	Watkins
Church Cleaners	n/a	M&L Ehlke, A&N Banner	n/a	Berrier, C. Barone
Tellers	Harris, Walden, Turley		Turley, Cadwell, Morgan	
Bulletin Folders	Bafus, Guthmiller		Prigge, Tweedy, Foreman	

<i>General Fund Offerings Planned FY 20-21</i>	\$708,200
General Fund Offerings Planned FYTD	\$231,527
General Fund Offerings FYTD	\$198,123
Total Offerings Last Week (All Funds)	\$11,747