



The Sands of Time

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CROSS OF CHRIST
LUTHERAN CHURCH
BOISE

Cross of Christ Lutheran Church & Preschool

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3rd Sunday of End Time: Saints Triumphant

November 14-15, 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 are 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

“O’er the Distant Mountains Breaking”

Hymn 220:1-2

Responsive Opening with Psalm 84 (selected verses)

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

Congregation: Amen!

How lovely is your dwelling place, LORD Almighty!

My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the LORD;

My heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.

Blessed are those who dwell in your house; they are ever praising you.

Blessed are those whose strength is in you. Hear my prayer, LORD God Almighty;

Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere;

I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God

than dwell in the tents of the wicked.

All: LORD Almighty, blessed is the one who trusts in you!

Prayer

Almighty God and Savior, you have set the final day and hour when we shall be delivered from this world of sin and death. Keep us ever watchful for the coming of your Son that we may sit with him and all your holy ones at the marriage feast in heaven; 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

Matthew 25:1-13

¹ “At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. ² Five of them were foolish and five were wise. ³ The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them. ⁴ The wise ones, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps. ⁵ The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep.

⁶ “At midnight the cry rang out: ‘Here’s the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!’

⁷ “Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps. ⁸ The foolish ones said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out.’

⁹ “‘No,’ they replied, ‘there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.’

¹⁰ “But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut.

¹¹ “Later the others also came. ‘Lord, Lord,’ they said, ‘open the door for us!’

¹² “But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I don’t know you.’

¹³ “Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.”

Song

“O’er the Distant Mountains Breaking”

Hymn 220:3-4

Message from God's Word

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

¹³ Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. ¹⁴ For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. ¹⁵ According to the Lord’s word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep.

¹⁶ For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command,

with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷ After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. ¹⁸ Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Song

“Lord, When Your Glory I Shall See”

Vocalist

Statement of Faith

The Nicene Creed

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 Prepare Our Hearts

As the sands of time keep sinking, we wait for Jesus to return and take us home forever. Spiritual readiness for our Bridegroom's return includes a repentant heart that confesses our sins and confidently trusts in the forgiveness we have in him:

Merciful Father, I have sinned in my thoughts, words and actions. I am not worthy to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

Fellow believers, God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. Be at peace. You are his own dear child.

Amen!

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

Communion Song

"The Day Is Surely Drawing Near"

Hymn #207:1-2, 5-6

God's Word

Ezekiel 37:15-28

¹⁵ The word of the LORD came to me: ¹⁶ “Son of man, take a stick of wood and write on it, ‘Belonging to Judah and the Israelites associated with him.’ Then take another stick of wood, and write on it, ‘Belonging to Joseph (that is, to Ephraim) and all the Israelites associated with him.’ ¹⁷ Join them together into one stick so that they will become one in your hand.

¹⁸ “When your people ask you, ‘Won’t you tell us what you mean by this?’

¹⁹ say to them, ‘This is what the Sovereign LORD says: I am going to take the stick of Joseph—which is in Ephraim’s hand—and of the Israelite tribes associated with him, and join it to Judah’s stick. I will make them into a single stick of wood, and they will become one in my hand.’ ²⁰ Hold before their eyes the sticks you have written on ²¹ and say to them, ‘This is what the Sovereign LORD says: I will take the Israelites out of the nations where they have gone. I will gather them from all around and bring them back into their own land. ²² I will make them one nation in the land, on the mountains of Israel. There will be one king over all of them and they will never again be two nations or be divided into two kingdoms. ²³ They will no longer defile themselves with their idols and vile images or with any of their offenses, for I will save them from all their sinful backsliding, and I will cleanse them. They will be my people, and I will be their God.

²⁴ “‘My servant David will be king over them, and they will all have one shepherd. They will follow my laws and be careful to keep my decrees. ²⁵ They will live in the land I gave to my servant Jacob, the land where your ancestors lived. They and their children and their children’s children will live there forever, and David my servant will be their prince forever. ²⁶ I will make a covenant of peace with them; it will be an everlasting covenant. I will establish them and increase their numbers, and I will put my sanctuary among them forever. ²⁷ My dwelling place will be with them; I will be their God, and they will be my people. ²⁸ Then the nations will know that I the LORD make Israel holy, when my sanctuary is among them forever.’”

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

“Immanuel’s Land”

Thank-Offerings

Giving an offering is one of the many ways we worship our Savior-God. You may give an offering in the lobby by dropping it into the offering plates as you leave or online at cocidaho.org/give. You may also drop it off in the office during the week. As always, you are not obligated. We are glad you are with us to hear God’s Word.

Boise Campus & Preschool

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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.

Cross of Christ Weekly Newsletter

November 15, 2020

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

Nov 15-Nov 22	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	6:00pm - Council Meeting	
Tuesday	6:30pm - Cross Connections Class	
Wednesday	6:30am - Men's Bible Study 7:00pm - CrossTrainers	
Thursday		6:30pm - Cross Connections Class
Friday		
Saturday	1:00pm - Glenn Detro Victory Celebration 6:30pm - Evening Worship	10:30am - Second Site Planning Meeting & Lunch 12:00pm - Grocery Outreach
Next Sunday	8:30am - Early Worship 9:45am - Family Bible Study 11:00am - Late Worship 12:15pm - Confirmation Student Session 4:00pm - Turkey Bingo	8:45am - Family Bible Study (JaK*s Place) 9:30am - Worship (JaK*s Place)

Thanksgiving Worship

Thursday, November 26, 9:00 am on the Boise campus. All are welcome as we "give thanks to the Lord for great and small!"

Second Site Building Purchase

This past Sunday, the Cross of Christ Voters approved the plan to move forward on the purchase of a new building for our North Nampa mission! After several months of searching for a single venue to lease that would better serve worship and all other ministry activities, we located a new building on Birch Lane (near Jak*s Place, our current worship venue). Very quickly our attention shifted to a purchase of the building, which appeared to be more cost-effective.

Over the past couple of months, work has been ongoing to validate the financial feasibility for the purchase. Although the numbers are not finalized, the Church Extension Fund (CEF, WELS-affiliated lending organization) provided land and building grants that can be combined with increased subsidy from the WELS Board for Home Missions (BHM), and this financial plan, along with Council's recommendation, was presented to the Voters this past Sunday. Our Purchase-Sell Agreement is contingent upon Voters' Approval (done), loan approval (in progress), and raising the required up-front costs and down payment (in progress). (See next announcement regarding pledges and gifts.)

Once the contingencies are met, we can close on the property (~late January) and begin the interior construction buildout (~March), with a potential occupancy in April-May. What an exciting time for the Cross of Christ's mission and our future brothers and sisters in Christ in Canyon County. We will continue to let God lead our efforts, and now look to the Cross of Christ church family to prayerfully consider sharing in the funding for this opportunity. Let's all rejoice that despite the challenges of 2020, God's people still work in joyful thanksgiving to share the gospel with the lost!

Pledge Drive for North Nampa Building

Currently, Cross of Christ has ~\$60K in its Building Fund. We will need to raise an additional \$150K (\$80K for down payment by mid-December; additional ~\$70K for equipment and furnishings for the spring timeframe). With this in mind, we are asking members to give directly to the building fund (by check or at cocidaho.org/give) or fill out a pledge form to indicate gifts to come.

The down payment timeframe requires that all pledges be submitted by December 6 and all gifts/pledges be fulfilled by December 15.

- In Boise: pledge card available in the lobby near the bulletin boards, place in box in same location.
- In Nampa: pledge card available with the bulletins & connection cards near the door; place in offering plate.
- Online: tinyurl.com/2020BuildingPledge

North Nampa Ministry Meeting & Lunch, Saturday, Nov. 21, 10:30 am

At the North Nampa Ministry Center (5680 E Franklin Road, Nampa). All are invited! We discuss, evaluate, and plan how we continue to reach our community with Jesus' gospel, and have lunch afterward! RSVP to Pastor Wetzel (kurt.wetzel@cocidaho.org).

Grocery Outreach in Nampa, Saturday, Nov. 21, 12:00 pm

Deliver groceries to members of our community who could use a bit of help! We'll meet at the North Nampa Ministry Center (5680 E Franklin Road, Nampa) and go from there. RSVP to Pastor Wetzel (kurt.wetzel@cocidaho.org) if you would like to *donate* and/or *deliver* groceries. All ages can participate! It's safe, everybody goes with a partner, instructions are provided, and you might be surprised by the joy you find in giving.

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

To ATTEND, HELP with event set-up or take-down, or DONATE a prize for this family-friendly event, sign up online at tinyurl.com/cocturkeybingo or on the Boise bulletin board! **Attendance is limited to 50 people*, so RSVP soon! Families are encouraged to bring their own snacks to enjoy at their table; coffee and water provided. Direct questions to Becky Sobolewski (charlieandbecky@hotmail.com).

Please drop prize donations off in the office by 3:00 pm, Friday, November 20.

Christmas Sunday School!

Two sessions, both 9:45 - 10:45 am, in the gym at Boise

Dec. 6: interactive devotions & songs ~ Dec. 20: ornament project & activities

Activities are scaled for ages 3 through 6th grade. *Please RSVP* to attend, so we can plan space & supplies! Online here: tinyurl.com/2020ChristmasSS.

The December 6 session will be video recorded for use in the take-home Christmas for Kids kits we plan to offer to the community! More info on that opportunity soon!

Sisters in Christ Activities & Opportunities

Sisters in Christ is planning (in hope!) various activities to help us stay connected to God's Word and to each other. Check out the ideas and leave your name & contact info if you'd like to help! On the bulletin board or at tinyurl.com/cocsistersignups.

Christmas Flowers

To honor Jesus' birth by beautifying the Boise chapel for Christmas, sign up on the lobby bulletin board to purchase flowering plants (\$6.50-\$14.00 each). Last day to request a plant is Monday, December 7. After the last service on Christmas Eve or Day, take your plants home! Direct questions to Dick or Kay Guthmiller (208-850-8809).

Christmas Worship

At Boise:

Christmas Eve, 1:00 & 3:00 pm

Christmas Day, 10:00 am

At Nampa (JaK*s Place):

Christmas Eve, 4:30 pm

Serving	November 14-November 15		November 21-November 22	
	Nampa	Boise	Nampa	Boise
Music	Koepsell	Lange	Lange	Koepsell
AV Tech	J. Malnes, S. Tews, G. Light	E. Christianson, A. Becker, J. Kennedy	J. Malnes, S. Tews, G. Light	E. Christianson, A. Becker, 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	Benedick, Brown, Adams, Berrier, Seely, Walden	n/a	G. Thompson, TBA, Manglos
Sanitizing	D. Tews, J. Light	Benedick, Berrier, TBA	D. Tews, J. Light	TBA, Manglos
Coffee	Guthmiller, O'Doherty	Robbins, McLain	Guthmiller, O'Doherty	Robbins, McLain
Flowers	n/a	M. Walters	n/a	Dubie, DeWall
Church Cleaners	n/a	P&A Becker, Boesch	n/a	T. Jones, M. Boltz/O. Boltz
Tellers	Rule, Walden, Morgan		Harris, Turley, Morgan	
Bulletins	Kimmel, Patrick, Whitlach		Ritger, Ford, Ashley	

People in God's Word this past week	Boise	Nampa	Total
Sunday Family Bible Study	50	19	69
Cross Connections Class	8		
Men's Bible Study			5
Growth Groups			34
Worship	(Sat) 26 + 66 + 72 = 164	29	193

General Fund Offerings Planned FY 20-21	\$708,200
General Fund Offerings Planned FYTD	\$258,765
General Fund Offerings FYTD	\$225,480
Total Offerings Last Week (All Funds)	\$49,660