



The Sands of Time

LAST JUDGMENT



CROSS OF CHRIST
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Cross of Christ Lutheran Church & Preschool

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2nd Sunday of End Time: Last Judgment

November 7-8, 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 Song “Jesus, Your Blood and Righteousness”

Hymn 376:1-3

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.

Friends in Christ, the sands of time are sinking, and the day of our Savior’s return draws nearer and nearer. Christ will return as judge over all the earth. But that is not a day God’s children need to fear. Instead, we can stand confidently on the forgiveness won for us at the cross. Together, we confess our sins and put our trust in Christ alone for acquittal on that great day.

Holy and merciful Lord, I confess my sins. In my thoughts, words, and actions, I have done what is evil and failed to live as your child. If you hadn’t sent your Son, I would have been left in fear of your judgment. Thank you for the cross. Thank you for making me alive in Christ and adopting me into your holy family by your Spirit!

In these end times, God encourages our hearts with the gospel. Jesus was punished for all your sins. He rose to life again in victory. His perfect life is credited to you. Your guilt is removed and your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit! Encourage one another with this good news and build each other up as God’s forgiven children.

Amen!



Prayer

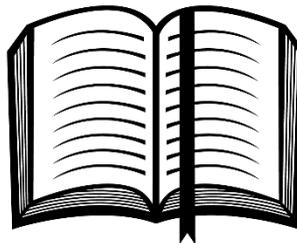
Lord God Almighty, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit that we may always look forward to the end of this present evil age and to the day of your righteous judgment. Keep us steadfast in true and living faith, and present us at last holy and blameless before you; through your 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 7:9-10

⁹ "As I looked,
"thrones were set in place,
and the Ancient of Days took his seat.
His clothing was as white as snow;
the hair of his head was white like wool.
His throne was flaming with fire,
and its wheels were all ablaze.
¹⁰ A river of fire was flowing,
coming out from before him.
Thousands upon thousands attended him;
ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him.
The court was seated,
and the books were opened."



God's Word

Matthew 25:31-46

³¹ “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. ³² All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³ He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

³⁴ “Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. ³⁵ For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, ³⁶ I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.’

³⁷ “Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? ³⁸ When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? ³⁹ When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’

⁴⁰ “The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’

⁴¹ “Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. ⁴² For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³ I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.’

⁴⁴ “They also will answer, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?’

⁴⁵ “He will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.’

⁴⁶ “Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.”

Song

“Just and Righteous”

on the screens

Message from God's Word

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

¹ Now, brothers and sisters, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, ² for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³ While people are saying, "Peace and safety," destruction will come on them suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.

⁴ But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief. ⁵ You are all children of the light and children of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness. ⁶ So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be awake and sober. ⁷ For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, get drunk at night. ⁸ But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet. ⁹ For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁰ He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him. ¹¹ Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

Why the Final Judgment Matters

Song

"Immanuel's Land"
on the screens

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

"Jerusalem the Golden"

on the screens

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.

Boise Campus & Preschool
11655 W McMillan Rd
Boise, ID 83713

Nampa Midweek Ministry Center
5680 E Franklin Rd, Suite 120
Nampa, ID 83687

Special Voters' Meeting, Sunday, November 8, 1:00 pm at Boise

"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."

What an awesome privilege we have to serve God and grow his Church through our North Nampa second site. *This Sunday, November 8, at 1:00 pm on the Boise campus, we will hold a special Voter's Meeting to discuss the exciting opportunity for and your church Council's recommendation on the proposed Birch Lane property purchase. We will share updated financial information and a conceptual floor plan layout, and then discuss next steps, including specific funding needs.*

Virtual attendance and participation are available for this meeting. An email with a Zoom meeting link and basic instructions will be sent to all members Saturday afternoon, November 7.

The Council requests your consideration to attend this significant Voters' Meeting. This Sunday's decision is highly important for Cross of Christ and we value all member input and discussion ahead of a vote on whether to move forward with the property purchase.

- Brent Masters, Congregational President

Cross of Christ Weekly Newsletter

November 8, 2020

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

Nov 8-Nov 15	Boise	Nampa
Sunday	8:30am - Early Worship 9:45am - Family Bible Study 11:00am - Late Worship 1:00pm – Congregational Voter’s Meeting	8:45am - Family Bible Study (JaK*s Place) 9:30am - Worship (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	9:30am - Teens & Parents Rake-Up 6:30pm - Evening Worship	9:30am – Rake-Up Nampa
Next 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)

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.

Let's Rake Leaves!

In both our communities, **Saturday, November 14, at 9:30 am.**

BOISE: *Teens and parents of teens.*

- Meet at the Boise campus.
- Let Pastor Brad know that you'll participate (208-996-0862 or brad.snyder@cocidaho.org).
- If you need to join up later than 9:30, text Pastor Brad day-of to find us!
- Bring gloves & rakes if you have them.
- Lunch will be provided!

Everyone Else: If you can put these folks to work raking your yard, contact the church office (208-375-3992 or secretary@cocidaho.org) and we'll put you on the list!

NAMPA: *All ages invited to participate.*

- Meet at the Wetzel home (16805 N Hopkinson Way, Nampa).
- Let Pastor Wetzel know that you'll participate (208-996-2202 or kurt.wetzel@cocidaho.org).
- Bring gloves & rakes if you have them.
- All are welcome to meet up at JaK*s Place for lunch afterward!

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

If you want to ATTEND, HELP with event set-up or take-down, or DONATE a prize for this fun, family-friendly event, sign yourself up online at tinyurl.com/cocturkeybingo or on the Boise bulletin board! **Attendance 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.)*

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).

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 done using, please contact them at dLmaLnes6@gmail.com.

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!"

Worship Options

Online worship resources (sermon video, worship folder, and music) 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 on social media by 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	30	30	60
Cross Connections Class	8	6	14
Men’s Bible Study	7		7
Growth Groups			30
Worship	(Sat) 22 + 76 + 74 = 172	53	225

Serving	November 7-November 8		November 14-November 15	
	Nampa	Boise	Nampa	Boise
Music	R. Dodd	M. Walters	Koepsell	Lange
AV Tech	J. Malnes, S. Tews, G. Light	J. Kennedy, C. Voll, M. Hartman	J. Malnes, S. Tews, G. Light	E. Christianson, A. Becker, J. Kennedy
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	n/a	Bafus, R. Hibbs, A. Broyles	J. Harris	Benedick, Brown, Adams, Berrier, Seely, Walden
Post-worship Cleaners	D. Tews, J. Light	O'Mallon, Hibbs, McLain	D. Tews, J. Light	Benedick, Berrier
Coffee	Guthmiller, O'Doherty	Robbins, McLain	Guthmiller, O'Doherty	Robbins, McLain
Flowers	n/a	Watkins	n/a	M. Walters
Church Cleaners	n/a	Berrier, C. Barone	n/a	P&A Becker, Boesch
Tellers	Turley, Cadwell, Morgan		Rule, Walden, Morgan	
Bulletin Folders	Prigge, Tweedy, Foreman		Kimmel, Patrick, Whitlach	

<i>General Fund Offerings Planned FY 20-21</i>	\$708,200
General Fund Offerings Planned FYTD	\$245,146
General Fund Offerings FYTD	\$210,931
Total Offerings Last Week (All Funds)	\$12,964