



CROSS OF **CHRIST**
BOISE

Cross of Christ Lutheran Church

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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 worshipping 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 fellowship 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. More information is also available online at cocidaho.org.



CROSS OF CHRIST
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Opening Song

“As with Gladness Men of Old”

Hymn #83:1-2,4

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

Congregation: Amen.

Surely we were sinful from birth, sinful from the time our mothers conceived us (Psalm 51:5).

But we were washed, we were sanctified, we were justified in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God (1 Corinthians 6:11).

As baptized children of God, we confess our sins.

Holy and merciful Father, I have struggled with sin since birth. In my thoughts, words, and actions, I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. Thank you for sending Jesus to this earth as my Substitute. Forgive and restore me again today at the cross of Christ.

Christ loves us. He gave himself up for us to make us holy, cleansing us by the washing with water through the Word, and to present us to himself as a radiant Church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless (Ephesians 5:25-27). Therefore, you are forgiven for all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen!

Song of Praise

“10,000 Reasons”

On screens

Message from God's Word

Acts 16:25-34

²⁵ About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them. ²⁶ Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. At once all the prison doors flew open, and everyone's chains came loose. ²⁷ The jailer woke up, and when he saw the prison doors open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself because he thought the prisoners had escaped. ²⁸ But Paul shouted, "Don't harm yourself! We are all here!"

²⁹ The jailer called for lights, rushed in and fell trembling before Paul and Silas. ³⁰ He then brought them out and asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"

³¹ They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household." ³² Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all the others in his house. ³³ At that hour of the night the jailer took them and washed their wounds; then immediately he and all his household were baptized. ³⁴ The jailer brought them into his house and set a meal before them; he was filled with joy because he had come to believe in God—he and his whole household.

What Do I Have to Do?

Song

"Christ Begins"

On screens

God's Word

Isaiah 49:1-6

¹ Listen to me, you islands;
hear this, you distant nations:
Before I was born the LORD called me;
from my mother's womb he has spoken my name.
² He made my mouth like a sharpened sword,
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;
he made me into a polished arrow
and concealed me in his quiver.
³ He said to me, "You are my servant,
Israel, in whom I will display my splendor."
⁴ But I said, "I have labored in vain;
I have spent my strength for nothing at all.
Yet what is due me is in the LORD's hand,
and my reward is with my God."
⁵ And now the LORD says—
he who formed me in the womb to be his servant
to bring Jacob back to him
and gather Israel to himself,
for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD
and my God has been my strength—
⁶ he says:
"It is too small a thing for you to be my servant
to restore the tribes of Jacob
and bring back those of Israel I have kept.
I will also make you a light for the Gentiles,
that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth."

God's Word

Mark 1:4-11

⁴ And so John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵ The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River. ⁶ John wore clothing made of camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷ And this was his message: "After me comes the one more powerful than I, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. ⁸ I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

⁹ At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰ Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹ And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

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 #332:1-2, 4

Offerings

If you would like to give an offering to support our ministry, offering plates are available in the lobby. You can also give online at cocidaho.org/give or contact the church office (secretary@cocidaho.org or 208-375-3992) to schedule a time to bring your offering to church.

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

January 10, 2021

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

Jan 10-Jan 17	Boise	Nampa
Sunday	8:30am - Early Worship 9:45 - Family Bible Study 11:00am - Late Worship	8:45am - Family Bible Study (JaK*s Place) 9:30am - Worship (JaK*s Place)
Monday	6:00 pm - Council Meeting	
Tuesday		
Wednesday	6:30 am - Men's Bible Study 7:00 pm - CrossTrainers	
Thursday		
Friday		
Saturday	6:30pm - Evening Worship w/Communion	10:30 am - Second Site Ministry Meeting (online) 12:00 pm - Grocery Outreach
Next Sunday	8:30am - Early Worship w/ Communion 11:00am - Late Worship w/Communion	8:45am - Family Bible Study (JaK*s Place) 9:30am - Worship w/Communion (JaK*s Place)

Stay Close to God through His Word

- *Family Bible study*: Sundays, 9:45 am, at Boise. Resumes this Sunday, January 10. "Hope to Share" – encouragement, tools, and a scriptural foundation for sharing your hope in Jesus with others.
- *Family Bible study*: Sundays, 8:45 am, at JaK*s Place in Nampa. Also "Hope to Share."

- *Video Bible study*: The book of Acts, new “episode” posted weekly at cocidaho.org/online-bible-study and shared in the worship email, beginning this Sunday, January 10.
- *Men’s Bible study*: Wednesdays, 6:30-7:15 am. Resumes this week, January 13, with a study of Ecclesiastes.
- *CrossTrainers*, for high school students: Wednesdays, 7:00-8:30 pm, in the gym at Boise. Resumes this week, January 13.
- *Growth Groups*: various days/times, starting the week of January 17. These small group Bible studies meet at church, in members’ homes, or online to apply the previous Sunday’s message and connect with fellow Christians. Sign up for a group at tinyurl.com/GGWinter2021 or on the Boise bulletin board.
- **Cross Connections**: Tuesdays online or Thursdays at the Nampa Ministry Center, both at 6:30 pm, beginning Jan 26 and 28. Connect to God, purpose, and community. A refresher of core Christian truths AND an excellent opportunity to invite someone you know who doesn’t know Jesus very well or at all! Please register for the session you wish to attend, at cocidaho.org/connect/cross-connections.



Call Received

Pastor Wetzel has received a Call to serve as pastor of Peace Lutheran Church in Gilbert, AZ. Please keep him and his family in your prayers as he considers where best he can serve God’s kingdom.

North Nampa Ministry Meeting Online

This coming Saturday, January 16, 10:30 am virtually via Zoom. All are invited, whether you’ve been involved with second site ministry so far or not; *contact Pastor Wetzel (kurt.wetzel@cocidaho.org) for the meeting link*. We’ll discuss, evaluate, and plan how we continue to reach our community with the good news of Jesus, particularly on the brink of purchasing our own building in Nampa!

Grocery Outreach in Nampa this Month

This coming Saturday, January 16, 12:00 pm. Deliver free groceries to members of our community who could use a bit of support and encouragement! We’ll meet at the North Nampa Ministry Center (5680 E Franklin Road) and go from there. 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.

Contact Pastor Wetzel (kurt.wetzel@cocidaho.org) to volunteer to DONATE or DELIVER groceries. One set of groceries includes:

- Loaf of bread
- Small jar of peanut butter & jelly, or few cans of tuna
- Fresh fruit or veggies (bananas or baby carrots)
- Granola bars or other snack
- Small dessert/treat (like a bag of candy)

Quarterly Voters' Meeting January 24

All communicant members are invited & encouraged to attend, learn and share, on Sunday, January 24, 1:00 pm at Boise. Voting members are especially encouraged to participate as we honor God with careful planning for the future.

Second Site Building Purchase Update

We're getting close! Appraisal and survey reports are expected this week and, assuming no issues are identified, we will close the purchase transaction on the Birch Lane property on January 25. A floorplan has been finalized and we're in the process of obtaining construction bids for the interior construction. Additionally, early prioritization work is being conducted for the necessary equipment and furnishings.

As of January 7, our Building Fund has grown to \$300K in donations and pledges. Thanks to our church family for both the prayers and financial support for the Cross of Christ North Nampa mission. To God be the glory! You can give directly to the building fund at any time, by check or at cocidaho.org/give.

One Way to Serve: Meal Coordinator

Helping Hands is a branch of Sisters in Christ that (among other things) provides meals for church members in situations like surgery, illness, or welcoming a new baby. We thank outgoing coordinator Sara Manglos for her service and open the opportunity for your consideration.

The Meal Coordinator participates in the email prayer chain and stays in contact with the pastors to be aware of families who could use meals; contacts families to offer meals; contacts Helping Hands volunteers to provide meals when needed; and coordinates the schedule & delivery of the meals (as needed).

This volunteer position would be ideal for someone who enjoys connecting with individuals, has a heart for providing encouragement & support, and can provide some level of organization of people & schedules.

If that sounds like you, or you'd like a little more detail, contact Andrea Becker (becker_family_3546@msn.com).

Offering Envelopes 2021

Anyone who prefers paper donations to online donations may pick up a new box of offering envelopes in the Boise lobby (on the cart near the mailboxes) or in the entryway at JaK*s Place (on Sunday mornings). We will also happily take distanced requests by email/phone to put a box in your individual mailbox (secretary@cocidaho.org / 208-375-3992).

Altar Flowers for 2021

To purchase the flowers on our Savior's altar at Boise in 2021, record your name on the flower calendar in the lobby on your desired Sunday, or email the church office (secretary@cocidaho.org). Cost is \$33 per Sunday; designate your payment by marking it on your offering envelope, check, or online gift. If two families share the Sunday, two arrangements each costing \$33 will be made. After the 11:00 am service you can then take your flowers home to enjoy, returning the vase when the flowers are spent. Direct questions to Kay Guthmiller (208-850-8806).

*“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	n/a	17	17
Cross Connections Class		2	2
Last Week's Worship	(Sat) 47 + 49 + 66 = 162	46	208

Serving	January 9-10		January 16- 17	
	Nampa	Boise	Nampa	Boise
Music	R. Dodd	Walters, Koepsell	K. Koepsell	M. Walters
AV Tech	J. Malnes, S. Tews, G. Light	E. Christianson, A. Becker, C. Voll	J. Malnes, S. Tews, G. Light	E. Christianson, C. Kennedy, A. Becker, M. Hartman
Altar Care	K. Guthmiller, C. Harris	Yaka, Tweedy	K. Guthmiller, C. Harris	Yaka, Tweedy
Set-Up & Open / Close	Guthmiller, Harris, Olsoe D. Malnes	M. Brown, B. Masters, E. Christianson	Guthmiller, Harris, Olsoe	H. Geary, J. Breckon, KC Broyles
Ushers	n/a	T. Stavenau, D. Rule	J. Harris	M. Brown, J & B Breckon
Sanitizing	D. Tews, J. Light	DeWall, Rule	D. Tews, J. Light	Breckon
Flowers	n/a	TBA	n/a	Dold
Church Cleaners	n/a	Cogswell, Admin	n/a	R. Christianson, Confalone
Tellers	Harris, Walden, Cadwell		Harris, Morford, Morgan	
Bulletin Folders	Kimmel, Patrick, Whitlach		Ritger, Ford, Ashley	

<i>General Fund Offerings Planned FY 20-21</i>	\$708,200
General Fund Offerings Planned FYTD	\$367,719
General Fund Offerings FYTD	\$327,152
Total Offerings Last Week (All Funds)	\$32,236