



CROSS OF CHRIST
BOISE

Cross of Christ Lutheran Church & Preschool

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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 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 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

“Blessed Jesus, at Your Word”

Hymn #221:1-3

Welcomed into the Family of God

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

Congregation: Amen.

Jesus’ sweet and holy teachings reveal the depth of his love. The only reason we can come before him today and be welcomed into his family is because he came first to take away our sin. By confessing our sins together, let’s remember how much Jesus overcame for us so we can be welcomed home.

Holy and merciful God, I confess my sins. I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. Though I have failed, I thank you for never giving up on me. Forgive me. Restore me. Receive me once again as you child.

God has heard your prayers, and he will not send you away. Because of Jesus’ perfect life, death, and resurrection, you are forgiven. Your sins are removed forever. You are God’s precious child. Let him lead and direct your life by his goodness and wisdom. Follow him as you daily say, “Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.

Amen!

Prayer

Almighty God, you gave your one and only Son to be the light of the world. Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ’s glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and believed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

God's Word

2 Thessalonians 2:13-17

¹³ But we ought always to thank God for you, brothers and sisters loved by the Lord, because God chose you as firstfruits to be saved through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and through belief in the truth. ¹⁴ He called you to this through our gospel, that you might share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

¹⁵ So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the teachings we passed on to you, whether by word of mouth or by letter.

¹⁶ May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, ¹⁷ encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word.

God's Word

1 Samuel 3:1-10

¹ The boy Samuel ministered before the LORD under Eli. In those days the word of the LORD was rare; there were not many visions.

² One night Eli, whose eyes were becoming so weak that he could barely see, was lying down in his usual place. ³ The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the house of the LORD, where the ark of God was. ⁴ Then the LORD called Samuel.

Samuel answered, "Here I am." ⁵ And he ran to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me."

But Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down." So he went and lay down.

⁶ Again the LORD called, "Samuel!" And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me."

"My son," Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down."

⁷ Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD: The word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him.

⁸ A third time the LORD called, "Samuel!" And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me."

Then Eli realized that the LORD was calling the boy. ⁹ So Eli told Samuel, "Go and lie down, and if he calls you, say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

¹⁰ The LORD came and stood there, calling as at the other times, “Samuel! Samuel!”

Then Samuel said, “Speak, for your servant is listening.”

Song

“Speak, O Lord”

On the screens

God’s Word

John 1:43-51

⁴³ The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip, he said to him, “Follow me.”

⁴⁴ Philip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of Bethsaida. ⁴⁵ Philip found Nathanael and told him, “We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.”

⁴⁶ “Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?” Nathanael asked.

“Come and see,” said Philip.

⁴⁷ When Jesus saw Nathanael approaching, he said of him, “Here truly is an Israelite in whom there is no deceit.”

⁴⁸ “How do you know me?” Nathanael asked.

Jesus answered, “I saw you while you were still under the fig tree before Philip called you.”

⁴⁹ Then Nathanael declared, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the king of Israel.”

⁵⁰ Jesus said, “You believe because I told you I saw you under the fig tree. You will see greater things than that.” ⁵¹ He then added, “Very truly I tell you, you will see ‘heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending on’ the Son of Man.”

Come and See Greater Things

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.

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 Song

**"Come, Follow Me,
the Savior Spoke"**

Hymn #453

Blessing

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

Amen!

Closing Song

"To God Be the Glory"

Hymn #399:1,3

Cross of Christ Weekly Newsletter

January 17, 2021

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

Jan 17-Jan 24	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		
Wednesday	6:30 am - Men's Bible Study 7:00 pm - CrossTrainers	
Thursday		
Friday		
Saturday	6:30pm - Evening Worship, Installation of Pastor Greg Hein	
Next Sunday	8:30am - Early Worship, Installation of Pastor Greg Hein 9:45am - Family Bible Study 11:00am - Late Worship, Installation of Pastor Greg Hein 1:00pm - Voters' Meeting	8:45am - Family Bible Study (JaK*s Place) 9:30am - Worship (JaK*s Place), Installation of Pastor Greg Hein

Quarterly Voters' Meeting January 24

All members are encouraged to attend, learn, and share, on Sunday, January 24, 1:00 pm at Boise. Agenda will include updates on the Nampa building project and other ministry activity. *Virtual access will be available to members; watch for an email with the link.* Voting members are especially encouraged to participate as we honor God with careful planning for the future.

Stay Close to God through His Word

- *Family Bible study*: “Hope to Share” – encouragement, tools, and a scriptural foundation for sharing your hope in Jesus with others.
 - Nampa: Sundays at 8:45 am, at JaK*s Place
 - Boise: Sundays at 9:45 am
- *Video Bible study*: The book of Acts, new “episode” posted weekly at cocidaho.org/online-bible-study and shared in the worship email.
- *Men’s Bible study*: Wednesdays, 6:30-7:15, study the book of Ecclesiastes.
- *CrossTrainers*, for high school students: Wednesdays, 7:00-8:30 pm, at Boise.
- *Growth Groups*: various days/times, **starting this coming week!** 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:**
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 either session at cocidaho.org/connect/cross-connections.
 - Tuesdays online, 6:30 pm, starting January 26.
 - Thursdays at the Nampa Ministry Center, 6:30 pm, starting January 28.



Pastor Hein & Family Arrive!

By the time you read this, Pastor Hein, Julie, Evelyn, and Leo will have arrived in Boise! We’d love to stock the pantry in their new home. To contribute, sign up for something here (tinyurl.com/heinspantry) and/or contribute other items you may think of; then bring the items to the kitchen at Boise by 12pm on Sunday, Jan. 31. Thank you for welcoming our new pastor and his family in this tangible way! Direct questions to Kandi Walters (kandwalt@aol.com).

Pastor Hein will be installed as pastor of Cross of Christ in worship next weekend, January 23-24, at all services in both locations.

Offering Envelopes 2021

New boxes of offering envelopes can be found in the Boise lobby (on the cart near the mailboxes) or in the entryway at JaK*s Place (Sunday mornings). If we can assist by putting one in your church mailbox, let us know (secretary@cocidaho.org)!

Second Site Building Purchase Update

Getting closer! Our Survey and Appraisal reports were received this past week. Currently everything supports closing the purchase transaction of the property on January 22. The architectural drawings are in process. Once those are completed, we'll submit the project for two or three construction bids (we have a preliminary bid from the conceptual drawing but will need an official bid based on the construction drawings). So, we have several exciting milestones over the next six weeks, with hopes of being able to communicate a construction start date by March 1.

As of January 14, our Building Fund has grown to \$312K in donations and pledges. On behalf of many who have been working feverishly to move this project along, many thanks for the church family support for this project. It has been humbling to see God's hand in making this opportunity become a reality for our North-Nampa Mission. (You can give directly to the building fund at any time, by check or at cocidaho.org/give.)

Cross of Christ Preschool Early Registration

Early registration for the 2021-2022 school year begins February 1!

- Early registration is available for Cross of Christ members, returning students, and siblings of current students.
- Registration packets can be picked up in the office or found online at cocidaho.org/preschool.
- Please return your registration forms as soon as possible (on/after February 1) to assure a spot in your preferred class!
- Open registration for the general public begins February 15.
- Direct questions to Jan Perna (208-949-0851 / registrar@cocboise.org).



Sisters in Christ Updates

- Rather than keep the funds budgeted for the Christmas party that we couldn't have, the Sisters in Christ Leadership Team decided to bless a local women's organization. A gift of \$250 was given to Stanton Healthcare in Boise, which provides pregnancy testing & counseling services, maternity support, and more.
- Amanda Watkins has agreed to serve as Meal Coordinator for Helping Hands. Thank you, Amanda! If you have need of some meals or are willing to contribute a meal, reach out to Amanda at amanda.watkins99@yahoo.com.

Serving	January 16-17		January 23-24	
	Nampa	Boise	Nampa	Boise
Music	K. Koepsell	M. Walters	S. Wetzel	K. Koepsell
AV Tech	J. Malnes, S. Tews, G. Light	E. Christianson, C. Kennedy, A. Becker, M. Hartman	J. Malnes, S. Tews, G. Light	J. Kennedy C. Voll, TBA
Altar Care	K. Guthmiller, C. Harris	Yaka, Tweedy	K. Guthmiller, C. Harris	Yaka, Tweedy
Set-Up & Open / Close	Guthmiller, Harris, Olsoe	H. Geary, J. Breckon, R. Lange	Guthmiller, Harris, Olsoe, D. Malnes	M. Brown, B. Masters, KC Broyles
Ushers	J. Harris	M. Brown, J & B Breckon, L. Manglos, A. Broyles	n/a	Thompson, Breckon, Turley
Sanitizing	D. Tews, J. Light	Breckon, Manglos	D. Tews, J. Light	Evans, Breckon
Flowers	n/a	Dold	n/a	TBA
Church Cleaners	n/a	R. Christianson, Confalone	n/a	Admin
Tellers	Harris, Morford, Morgan		Turley, Walden, Cadwell	
Bulletin Folders	Ritger, Ford, Ashley		Bafus, Guthmiller	

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.

***“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	25	20	45
Cross Connections Class		2	2
Men’s Bible Study	4		4
Last Week’s Worship	(Sat) 37 + 45 + 82 = 164	39	203

General Fund Offerings Planned FY 20-21	\$708,200
General Fund Offerings Planned FYTD	\$381,338
General Fund Offerings FYTD	\$342,710
Total Offerings Last Week (All Funds)	\$15,992

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