



CROSS OF CHRIST
BOISE

Cross of Christ Lutheran Church

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Epiphany 3

January 23-24, 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 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

Welcome to Cross of Christ

Opening Song

“May the Peoples Praise You”

On screens

God’s Family Celebrates

(with Psalm 100)

Pastor: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness;

Congregation: Come before him with joyful songs, know that the Lord is God.

It is he who made us and we are his;

We are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

We worship in the name of God the Father,

Who wonderfully created us, graciously protects us, and generously provides for our every need;

We worship in the name of God the Son,

Who, because of our sinfulness, came to earth to pay our punishment, and in undeserved love has forgiven all of our sins, delivered us from eternal death and freed us from the power of the devil;

We worship in the name of God the Holy Spirit,

Who has made us members of God’s family through faith, who keeps our faith alive by his gospel, and who empowers us to live God-pleasing lives, for his glory and for our good;

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise.

Give thanks to him and praise his name.

For the LORD is good and his love endures forever;

His faithfulness continues through all generations.

Song of Praise

“May the Peoples Praise You”

On screens

Prayer

Almighty God, you sent your Son to proclaim your kingdom and to teach with authority. We praise you for using your gospel to call believers to serve and follow you. We further rejoice that you have established the holy ministry and call pastors to shepherd your flock. Help all your people to be faithful in their callings that your good news may heal the afflicted, bind up the brokenhearted, and proclaim liberty to the captive; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

God's Word

Mark 1:14-20

¹⁴ After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. ¹⁵ "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!"

¹⁶ As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. ¹⁷ "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people." ¹⁸ At once they left their nets and followed him.

¹⁹ When he had gone a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John in a boat, preparing their nets. ²⁰ Without delay he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.

Song

"Speak, O Savior; I Am Listening"

Hymn #283:1,3,4

Message from God's Word

Ephesians 3:7-9, 20-21

⁷ I became a servant of this gospel by the gift of God's grace given me through the working of his power. ⁸ Although I am less than the least of all the Lord's people, this grace was given me: to preach to the Gentiles the boundless riches of Christ, ⁹ and to make plain to everyone the administration of this mystery...

²⁰ Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

Gospel Ministry... Is All About God's Grace!

Song

"Here I Am, Lord"

On the screens

The Installation of Pastor Greg Hein

Christian Life Pastor at Cross of Christ

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.

God's Word

1 Kings 19:19-21

¹⁹ So Elijah went from there and found Elisha son of Shaphat. He was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen, and he himself was driving the twelfth pair. Elijah went up to him and threw his cloak around him. ²⁰ Elisha then left his oxen and ran after Elijah. "Let me kiss my father and mother goodbye," he said, "and then I will come with you."

"Go back," Elijah replied. "What have I done to you?"

²¹ So Elisha left him and went back. He took his yoke of oxen and slaughtered them. He burned the plowing equipment to cook the meat and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out to follow Elijah and became his servant.

God's Word

1 Corinthians 2:1-5

¹ And so it was with me, brothers and sisters. When I came to you, I did not come with eloquence or human wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God. ² For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. ³ I came to you in weakness with great fear and trembling. ⁴ My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, ⁵ so that your faith might not rest on human wisdom, but on God's power.

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

"We All Are One in Mission"

Hymn #566

Pastor Greg Hein

Pastor Greg Hein grew up in Milwaukee, WI, where he was blessed to be encouraged by family and friends to pursue the pastoral ministry. This led to him attending Martin Luther College (MLC) in New Ulm, MN, to begin the ministry training curriculum of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS). At MLC Greg found immense joy in knowing his God better through his studies as he earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in 2009. It was also at MLC that Greg met the joy of his life, his wife Julie (who grew up in the Madison, WI, area), and they were married in July of 2010.

Greg then completed the ministry training curriculum of the WELS by graduating from Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in Mequon, WI, with his Masters of Divinity. During his seminary training, he spent a year as a pastoral intern at Lord of Life Lutheran Church in Thornton, CO. Following Seminary graduation, Greg was assigned to plant a new mission church in Gilbert, AZ. There he served at Peace Lutheran Church until he accepted the call to Cross of Christ at the end of 2020.

Greg and Julie are blessed with two children: Evelyn (7.5) and Leo (5.5). The whole family is excited and thankful to be here in Boise. As a family they love exploring the outdoors, cuddling up with their favorite movies, and enjoying a wide spectrum of music. You'll likely bump into them on a hiking trail, catch them at a cozy coffee shop, or you'll spot Greg perusing the local record stores. The Heins look forward to getting to know you and to knowing better along with you the life-changing peace of Christ's cross.

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 24, 2021

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

Jan 24-Jan 31	Boise	Nampa
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
Monday		
Tuesday	6:30pm - Cross Connections	
Wednesday	6:30 am - Men's Bible Study 7:00 pm - CrossTrainers	
Thursday		6:30pm - Cross Connections
Friday		
Saturday	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)

Quarterly Voters' Meeting This Sunday, January 24

All members are encouraged to attend, learn, and share, this Sunday, January 24, 1:00 pm at Boise. Agenda will include updates on the Nampa building purchase and other ministry activity. Virtual access is available to members; if you are interested but did not see the email, contact Kristen Koepsell (kristen.koepsell@cocidaho.org). Voting members are especially encouraged to participate as we honor God with careful planning for the future.

Pastor Hein Installed Today

All thanks and praise to God as we officially welcome and install Pastor Greg Hein as Christian Life Pastor at Cross of Christ!

We would love to stock the Heins' pantry. Thanks to your generosity, the initial list has been completely provided! If you'd like to still contribute, check out the list (tinyurl.com/heinspantry) and then sign up to provide something <not> on the list. Bring the items to the kitchen at Boise by noon on Sunday, January 31. Thank you for welcoming our new pastor and his family in a very tangible way! Questions can be directed to Kandi Walters (kandwalt@aol.com).

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.
- **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.
- *Women's Bible Study*: "For God So Loved the World," core truths of our faith! Mondays, 10:00-11:00 am at Boise, February 1 - March 22. Please RSVP here (tinyurl.com/CoCWBSFeb21) or on the Boise bulletin board so that we can choose the best space for the number of women attending. Contact person: Cindy Harris (ijharris2011@gmail.com).



Second Site Building Purchase Update

Unless we've experienced an unforeseen circumstance this past Friday, *Cross of Christ* is now grateful owners of a North Nampa Mission home, at 6134 Birch Lane, Nampa, ID, 83687. **To God be the glory!**

Our work continues... Meetings continue with the architectural firm (LKV Architects) to finalize the construction drawings. Based on a tentative timeline from LKV, we're expecting construction bids March to early April, estimated construction start in mid-April, and potential construction completion of late June. We will keep the church family updated as the schedule becomes more definite. Subcommittee work is also starting for facility equipment, furnishings, and interior décor.

God has generously moved the hearts of his people to give to this project. As previously shared, we met and exceeded our goal for the Building Fund (do note that we started our fundraising for this specific project with ~\$30K already in the Building Fund). We celebrate God's blessing for our North Nampa Mission home and look forward to continuing to execute his command to "baptize all nations" and growing the family for God's kingdom.

As before, we continue to welcome contributions to our Building Fund for any Cross of Christ future project. You can give directly to that 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).



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 requests by email/phone to put a box in your individual mailbox (secretary@cocidaho.org / 208-375-3992).

Sisters in Christ Updates

- We were unable to hold a Christmas party this year due to COVID restrictions. Rather than keep the funds budgeted for that event for ourselves, 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, resource referrals, 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.

Spring Plant Swap

Ladies, think ahead to the beauty of spring! Sisters in Christ will host a plant swap in the gym at Boise on Sunday, April 25, 12:30-1:30 pm. Bring one to give away, take a new one home!

- store-bought or home-grown
- any kind! flower, vegetable, house plant, succulent, bulbs or seeds, etc.
- use an inexpensive pot
- If you have a green thumb (or a spider plant that's taking over!) feel free to bring more than one to share.

Questions can be directed to Becky Sobolewski (charlieandbecky@hotmail.com) or Andrea Becker (becker_family_3546@msn.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	35	21	56
Cross Connections Class	3	2	5
Men’s Bible Study	4		4
Growth Groups			60
Last Week’s Worship	(Sat) 39 + 66 + 60 = 165	48	213

Serving	January 23-24		January 30-31	
	Nampa	Boise	Nampa	Boise
Music	S. Wetzel	K. Koepsell	K. Koepsell	A. Lange
AV Tech	J. Malnes, S. Tews	J. Kennedy, C. Voll, G. Light	J. Malnes, S. Tews, G. Light	E. Christianson, 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, Malnes	M. Brown, B. Masters, KC Broyles	Guthmiller, Harris, Olsoe	E. Christianson, J. Kennedy R. Lange
Ushers	n/a	Thompson, Breckon, Turley	n/a	Bafus, Breckon, A. Broyles
Sanitizing	D. Tews, J. Light	Evans, Breckon	D. Tews, J. Light	DeWall, Struthers
Flowers	n/a	Watkins	n/a	TBA
Church Cleaners	n/a	Admin	n/a	Admin
Tellers	Turley, Walden, Cadwell		Rule, Harris, Morford	
Bulletin Folders	Bafus, Guthmiller		Prigges, Tweedy, Foreman	

<i>General Fund Offerings Planned FY 20-21</i>	\$708,200
General Fund Offerings Planned FYTD	\$394,958
General Fund Offerings FYTD	\$353,096
Total Offerings Last Week (All Funds)	\$123,359