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all things God works  
for the good of those  
who love him, who  
have been called  
according to his  
purpose.

ROMANS 8:28

**CROSS OF CHRIST**

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# Cross of Christ Lutheran Church & Preschool

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Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

February 6-7, 2021

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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](http://cocidaho.org).



**CROSS OF CHRIST**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

## Opening Song

## “Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

*Hymn 451*

### We Come Before Our God

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

**Congregation: Amen.**

(♩) **The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning;  
It's time to sing your song again.  
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,  
Let me be singing when the evening comes.  
Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul,  
Worship his holy name.  
Sing like never before, O my soul.  
I'll worship your holy name.**

Bless the Lord, for he saves his people! Coming before him today is a privilege we enjoy as sinners who have been redeemed into his holy family. The more we confess our sins and find his free forgiveness, the more we'll find ourselves worshipping his holy name.

**Father in heaven, I acknowledge my brokenness, my sin, and my need for you. In countless ways, I have sinned against you and failed to live as your child. Thank you for your continued love. Thank you for Jesus, my Savior. By your goodness, you worked his cross for my good. Thank you.**

(♩) **You're rich in love, and you're slow to anger,  
Your name is great, and your heart is kind;  
For all your goodness I will keep on singing,  
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.  
Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul,  
Worship his holy name.  
Sing like never before, O my soul.  
I'll worship your holy name.**

Jesus suffered and died in your place, and now your guilt is removed forever. Jesus' resurrection proves that your status before God is "forgiven". By trusting in Jesus, you are God's holy child—now, ten thousand years from now, and forevermore! May God fill you with his peace and empower you to live according to his will.

**Amen!**

**(♫) And on that day when my strength is failing,  
The end draws near and my time has come;  
Still my soul will sing your praise unending,  
Ten thousand years and then forevermore!**

**Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul,  
Worship his holy name.**

**Sing like never before, O my soul.**

**I'll worship your holy name.**

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**I'll worship your holy name.**

## God's Word

## Isaiah 40:21-31

<sup>21</sup> Do you not know?

Have you not heard?

Has it not been told you from the beginning?

Have you not understood since the earth was founded?

<sup>22</sup> He sits enthroned above the circle of the earth,  
and its people are like grasshoppers.

He stretches out the heavens like a canopy,  
and spreads them out like a tent to live in.

<sup>23</sup> He brings princes to naught  
and reduces the rulers of this world to nothing.

<sup>24</sup> No sooner are they planted,  
no sooner are they sown,  
no sooner do they take root in the ground,  
than he blows on them and they wither,  
and a whirlwind sweeps them away like chaff.

<sup>25</sup> “To whom will you compare me?  
Or who is my equal?” says the Holy One.

<sup>26</sup> Lift up your eyes and look to the heavens:  
Who created all these?  
He who brings out the starry host one by one  
and calls forth each of them by name.  
Because of his great power and mighty strength,  
not one of them is missing.

<sup>27</sup> Why do you complain, Jacob?  
Why do you say, Israel,  
“My way is hidden from the Lord;  
my cause is disregarded by my God”?

<sup>28</sup> Do you not know?  
Have you not heard?  
The Lord is the everlasting God,  
the Creator of the ends of the earth.  
He will not grow tired or weary,  
and his understanding no one can fathom.

<sup>29</sup> He gives strength to the weary  
and increases the power of the weak.

<sup>30</sup> Even youths grow tired and weary,  
and young men stumble and fall;

<sup>31</sup> but those who hope in the Lord  
will renew their strength.  
They will soar on wings like eagles;  
they will run and not grow weary,  
they will walk and not be faint.

## God's Word

Mark 1:29-39

<sup>29</sup> As soon as they left the synagogue, they went with James and John to the home of Simon and Andrew. <sup>30</sup> Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they immediately told Jesus about her. <sup>31</sup> So he went to her, took her hand and helped her up. The fever left her and she began to wait on them.

<sup>32</sup> That evening after sunset the people brought to Jesus all the sick and demon-possessed. <sup>33</sup> The whole town gathered at the door, <sup>34</sup> and Jesus healed many who had various diseases. He also drove out many demons, but he would not let the demons speak because they knew who he was.

<sup>35</sup> Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed. <sup>36</sup> Simon and his companions went to look for him, <sup>37</sup> and when they found him, they exclaimed: "Everyone is looking for you!"

<sup>38</sup> Jesus replied, "Let us go somewhere else—to the nearby villages—so I can preach there also. That is why I have come." <sup>39</sup> So he traveled throughout Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and driving out demons.

## God's Word

Romans 8:28-30

<sup>28</sup> And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. <sup>29</sup> For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. <sup>30</sup> And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.

### Called to Joy

## 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

### "When Peace Like a River"

*On screens*

### Blessing

Brothers and sisters, go in peace.  
Live in harmony with one another.  
Serve the Lord with gladness.

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

### "Immovable Our Hope Remains"

*On screens*

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## 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](http://cocidaho.org/give) or contact the church office ([secretary@cocidaho.org](mailto:secretary@cocidaho.org) or 208-375-3992) to schedule a time to bring your offering to church.*

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### Boise Campus & Preschool

11655 W McMillan Rd  
Boise, ID 83713

### Nampa Midweek Ministry Center

5680 E Franklin Rd, Suite 120  
Nampa, ID 83687

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## 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.*

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# Cross of Christ Weekly Newsletter

## February 7, 2021

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

<b>Feb 7-14</b>	<b>Boise</b>	<b>Nampa</b>
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	10:00am - Women's Bible Study 4:45pm - Sisters in Christ Leadership Team Mtng	
Tuesday	6:30pm - Cross Connections (online)	
Wednesday	6:30 am - Men's Bible Study 7:00 pm - CrossTrainers	
Thursday		6:30pm - Cross Connections
Friday		
Saturday	1:00pm - Grocery Outreach 6:30pm - Evening Worship	9:00am - Second Site Ministry Meeting
Next Sunday	8:30am - Early Worship 9:45am - Adult Bible Study 11:00am - Late Worship	8:45am - Family Bible Study (JaK*s Place) 9:30am - Worship (JaK*s Place)

### **Stage Three Ministry Adjustments**

As we are now in Stage 3 per the governor's latest order, please note the following changes:

- Coffee is available Sunday mornings at both worship locations.
- Name tags are available in the lobby at Boise; please consider wearing one!
- Crayons and activity sheets for kids are also available in the lobby at Boise.
- Sunday School for kids age 2-6th grade will <likely> resume on the Boise campus on Sunday, February 14, pending confirmation of the needed volunteers.
  - 9:45 - 10:45 am
  - All ages will meet & learn together in the gym.
  - Kids and teachers need to wear masks; we'll check temperatures on the way into the gym.
  - Parents of kids age 2 - Kindergarten, please pick your kids up from the gym at the end of the hour. Kids 1st-6th grade will be released on their own.

The following will be maintained:

- Wearing of face coverings.
- Availability of hand sanitizer.
- Disinfecting surfaces after each service.
- Physical distancing & minimizing contact between worshipers.
- Offering plates are available in the lobby at Boise and at the entrance in Nampa.

### **Cross Connections Class**

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!

We are two weeks into this class, yet it's not at all too late to jump in! You can still register for either session at [cocidaho.org/connect/cross-connections](http://cocidaho.org/connect/cross-connections).

- Tuesdays online, 6:30 pm
- Thursdays at the Nampa Ministry Center, 6:30 pm



## **Thank you from the Hein Family!**

We are deeply humbled and thankful for the generous demonstration of kindness and love which you showed us through the recent pantry drive. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for this overwhelming display of support as we make our new home here in Idaho along with you, our new church family.

It is an honor and a privilege to begin serving our almighty Lord alongside you. We pray that we may be a blessing to you in the years to come, just as you all are already a wonderful blessing to us!

In Christ's love,

Pastor Greg, Julie, Evelyn, and Leo

## **Women's Bible Study**

We started last week but you can jump in at any time! All are welcome for "God So Loved the World," exploring core truths of our faith. The study meets Mondays, 10:00-11:00 am in the lobby at Boise, February 1 - March 22. Contact Cindy Harris ([icharris2011@gmail.com](mailto:icharris2011@gmail.com)) with any questions.

## **Cross of Christ Preschool Early Registration!**

Early registration for the 2021-2022 school year is open!

- 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](http://cocidaho.org/preschool).
- Please return your registration forms as soon as possible 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](mailto:registrar@cocboise.org)).



## **North Nampa Ministry Meeting, February 13**

Saturday, February 13, 9:00 am, at the Nampa Ministry Center (5680 E Franklin Rd, Suite 120). All are invited, whether you've been involved with second site ministry so far or not! We'll discuss, evaluate, and plan how we continue to reach our community with the good news of Jesus, particularly as we take steps toward transitioning into our new building in Nampa!

## **Grocery Outreach in Boise Next Saturday, Feb 13**

WHAT is it? Cross of Christ collects & delivers free groceries to members of our community who could use a little extra assistance and encouragement.

WHEN is it? **Saturday, February 13, at 1:00 pm.** Grocery donations can be delivered to the Boise campus any time the week prior or the day-of. The time commitment for delivering the groceries depends on how many groceries are donated!

WHERE is it? This month in Boise; we'll meet at the Boise campus at go from there.

WHO can participate? Anyone! Delivery is done in pairs and instructions & guidance are provided.

*HOW can I participate?* Donate groceries, deliver groceries, or both! Register here to participate in this month's Outreach: [tinyurl.com/CoCGOFeb21](https://tinyurl.com/CoCGOFeb21). Please donate groceries in sets; each set should include:

- a loaf of bread
- small jars of peanut butter & jelly, OR a few cans/packets of tuna
- fresh veggies OR fruit (bananas, apples, & baby carrots work well)
- snack item (granola bars, crackers, etc.)
- dessert/treat (small bag of candy or cookies)

## **Date Night Sponsored by Sisters in Christ**

Grab your significant other for a date night at Fusions Glass Studio in Eagle: Friday, February 19, 6:00-8:30pm. Space is limited! [RSVP here](#) or on the bulletin board at Boise. Direct questions to Kirsten Evans ([kristeria@gmail.com](mailto:kristeria@gmail.com)).

Get ready to create your very own glass projects! All supplies will be provided by the Studio. No experience necessary. Cost of each glass project ranges from \$6-50 depending on size. Social distancing measures observed.

## **Family Snow Tubing!**

- Sunday, February 28, 2:15 - 3:45 pm
- at Eagle Island State Park
- \$15 per ticket (kids 2 & under free) (payable day-of, cash or check to Cross of Christ)
- \$5 per car for state park entry (or Idaho State Parks Pass); pay at park entrance
- Reserve your tickets online [HERE](#) or on the bulletin board at Boise by Monday, February 22.

## 2020 Giving Statements

Member 2020 giving statements are available to you in your church mailbox on the Boise campus. Contact the church office ([secretary@cocidaho.org](mailto:secretary@cocidaho.org) / 208-375-3992) if you'd like us to mail it to your home address. Visitor giving statements will be mailed if an address is available.

## Camp Christos 2021

Camp Christos, the sleep-away Bible camp led by WELS congregations of Idaho and eastern Washington, is being planned for August 1-6 this summer!

- Camp Christos (located near La Grande, OR) welcomes kids ages 9-16. Save the date and watch for further info & registration in the months to come.
- Youth age 17-19 can volunteer as junior staff; adults age 20 & older are needed for senior staff. Staff roles include cabin counselors, cooks & kitchen help, and activity leaders & helpers (everything from hikes to crafts to group games & sports). For further info or to volunteer, contact Kristen Koepsell ([kristen.koepsell@cocidaho.org](mailto:kristen.koepsell@cocidaho.org)).

*“I am the Vine, you are the branches.  
If you remain in me and I in you,  
you will bear much fruit!”*

<b>People in God's Word this past week</b>	<b>Boise</b>	<b>Nampa</b>	<b>Total</b>
Sunday Family Bible Study	30	24	54
Cross Connections Class	11	9	20
Men's Bible Study	4		4
Women's Bible Study	10		10
CrossTrainers (High School)	10		10
Growth Groups			50
Last Week's Worship	(Sat) 59 + 59 + 55 = 173	49	222

Serving	February 6-7		February 13-14	
	Nampa	Boise	Nampa	Boise
Music	S. Wetzel	A. Lange	S. Wetzel	K. Koepsell
AV Tech	J. Malnes, S. Tews, G. Light	E. Christianson, A. Becker, V. Watkins, K. Koepsell	J. Malnes, S. Tews, G. Light	E. Christianson, J. Kennedy, C. Voll, TBA
Altar Care	K. Guthmiller, C. Harris	McLain, Adams	K. Guthmiller, C. Harris	McLain, Adams
Set-Up & Open / Close	Guthmiller, Harris, Olsoe, D. Malnes	H. Geary, B. Masters, KC Broyles	Guthmiller, Harris, Olsoe	M. Brown, J. Kennedy, E. Christianson
Ushers	J. Harris	M. Brown, T. Stavenau, R. Hibbs, J. Berrier, R. Seely, L. Manglos	n/a	G. Bafus, R. Hibbs, R. Seely
Coffee	Guthmiller, Wetzel	TBA	Guthmiller, Wetzel	TBA
Sanitizing	D. Tews, J. Light	O'Mallon, Hibbs, McLain	D. Tews, J. Light	O'Mallon, Hibbs, McLain
Flowers	n/a	Ready	n/a	Giumento
Church Cleaners	n/a	Dobi, Admin	n/a	Dodd, Admin
Tellers	Harris, Walden, Morford		Rule, Morgan, Harris	
Bulletin Folders	Kimmel, Patrick, Whitlach		Ritger, Ford, Ashley	

<i>General Fund Offerings Planned FY 20-21</i>	<b>\$708,200</b>
General Fund Offerings Planned FYTD	<b>\$422,196</b>
General Fund Offerings FYTD	<b>\$370,224</b>
Total Offerings Last Week (All Funds)	<b>\$8,352</b>

