



GOD'S LOVE IN OUR LIVES

CROSS OF CHRIST
BOISE

Cross of Christ Lutheran Church

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Ascension & New Member Confirmation

May 15-16, 2021

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 includes a children's message with little ones in mind. 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 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. More information is also available online at cocidaho.org.



CROSS OF CHRIST
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Opening Song

“Rejoice, the Lord Is King”

On the screens

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.

How good it is when we can join together as the family of God and worship him with gladness! The ultimate source of joy for God’s people is the forgiveness of sins found at Jesus’ cross. As we confess our sins together, let’s remember how costly the payment was and how freely Jesus offered himself to overcome the wrath our sins deserved.

Holy and merciful Father in heaven, I acknowledge all my sins. In thoughts, words, and actions, I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. My sins deserved punishment, both now and in eternity. I am sorry for my sins. I trust in Jesus, who rules at your right hand and intercedes for me. As I come before you today, wash away my sins and take away my guilt.

God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy on us. In his great love, he sent Jesus to be the sacrifice that makes us right with God—now and forever. By his death and resurrection, your guilt is removed and your sins are forgiven. By believing in Jesus, you are adopted into God’s holy family. Live in freedom and in joy. Let the Scriptures guide you while you work and live as God’s child.

Amen!

Prayer

Almighty God, your Son our Savior was taken up in glory and intercedes for us at your right hand. Through your living and abiding Word, give us hearts to know him and faith to follow where he has gone; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

God's Word

John 17:11-19

¹¹ "I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one. ¹² While I was with them, I protected them and kept them safe by that name you gave me. None has been lost except the one doomed to destruction so that Scripture would be fulfilled.

¹³ "I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them. ¹⁴ I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. ¹⁵ My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶ They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. ¹⁷ Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸ As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹ For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified."

God's Word

Acts 1:1-11

¹ In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach ² until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. ³ After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. ⁴ On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. ⁵ For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

⁶ Then they gathered around him and asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?"

⁷ He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

⁹ After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

¹⁰ They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. ¹¹ “Men of Galilee,” they said, “why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.”

Children’s Message

Song

“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”

Hymn #169:1,3

Message from God’s Word

1 John 4:13-21

¹³ This is how we know that we live in him and he in us: He has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴ And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. ¹⁵ If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in them and they in God. ¹⁶ And so we know and rely on the love God has for us.

God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them. ¹⁷ This is how love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment: In this world we are like Jesus. ¹⁸ There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.

¹⁹ We love because he first loved us. ²⁰ Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen. ²¹ And he has given us this command: Anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister.

God’s Love in Our Lives

New Member Welcome

Sunday, 8:30 AM

Erin Gravett
Jim Hudson
Lee Neujahr
Shawn & Marian Swanberg

Youth Confirmation

Sunday, 11:00 AM

Payton Adams - 1 Corinthians 13:4-13
Brock Berrier - Lamentations 3:22-23
Tyler Dodd - Jeremiah 29:11
Aaron Ellis - Ephesians 2:8
Jaycen Geary - Romans 7:18-19
Mark Meier - Romans 5:8
Cash Spackman - Matthew 7:7-8
Noah Trentz - John 15:5

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 life everlasting. Amen.

Meditation on the Lord's Prayer

Written by the youth confirmands.

O God the Father, who is everywhere in heaven and earth,

thank you for creating us and all people, and adopting us into your family through Jesus Christ, your Son.

Honor and thanks be to you, God the almighty, whose many names we treasure and keep holy.

May what we teach and do give an impression of you, that you are holy and perfect and full of love.

Rule in our hearts as well as others.

God, you know what is best and we ask you to do what you know is best.

Help us to trust it, even when it's not what we want, and help us do what you want, too.

Help us to realize you give us our basic daily needs and so much more without our asking, even to all who do not believe, and to receive it with thanksgiving.

God, our relationship with you is based on your forgiveness for us.

Please forgive our many sins we have committed, and after you have forgiven us help us to forgive those who sin against us, that our relationships with them may also be ones of forgiveness.

God, we know you never cause anyone to sin or want us to sin.

Help us to stand up to temptation, that it may strengthen our faith and be used for our good.

Finally, take us away from this sinful world and bring us to heaven with you forever and ever and ever and ever and ever and ever.

We ask you all this with complete confidence that you hear us, and will do what is best for Jesus' sake. 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.

Song during Communion

"Take My Life and Let It Be"

Hymn #469

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

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

Hymn #341:1,3,4

Cross of Christ Weekly Newsletter

May 16, 2021

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

May 16-May 23	Boise	Nampa
Today	8:30am - Early Worship w/Communion 9:45am - Adult Bible Study (Chapel) Teen Class (Conference Rm) Confirmation Class (Rm 5) Kids' Sunday School (Gym) 11:00am - Late Worship w/Communion 1:00pm - Voters' Meeting	8:45am - Family Bible Study (JaK*s Place) 9:30am - Worship w/Communion (JaK*s Place)
Monday	10:00am - Women's Bible Study	
Tuesday		
Wednesday	6:30am - Men's Bible Study 10:00am - Preschool Graduation 7:00pm - CrossTrainers (High School Students)	
Thursday	7:00pm - GriefShare	
Friday		
Saturday	9:00am - Youth ComiCon 6:30pm - Evening Worship	
Sunday	8:30am - Early Worship 9:45am - Adult Bible Study (Chapel) Teen Class (Conference Rm) Kids' Sunday School (Gym) 11:00am - Late Worship	8:45am - Family Bible Study (JaK*s Place) 9:30am - Worship (JaK*s Place)

God's Blessings to Confirmands & New Members

Adult Confirmation: This weekend we joyfully welcome **Erin Gravett, Jim Hudson, Lee Neujahr, and Shawn & Marian Swanberg** into our family of faith.

Youth Confirmation: We are also thrilled to see these eight young men and women confirm their faith in Jesus as they join us in growing in Christ and “glowing” with Christ. Each student has chosen a passage from God’s Word that is special to them as their confirmation verse.

Payton Adams: (1 Corinthians 13:4-13) ⁴ Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. ⁵ It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. ⁶ Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. ⁷ It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. ⁸ Love never fails.... ¹³ And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

Brock Berrier: (Lamentations 3:22-23)²² Because of the Lord’s great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. ²³ They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

Tyler Dodd: (Jeremiah 29:11) ¹¹ “For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”

Aaron Ellis: (Ephesians 2:8) ⁸ For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God.

Jaycen Geary: (Romans 7:18-19) ¹⁸ For I know that good itself does not dwell in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. ¹⁹ For I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing.

Mark Meier: (Romans 5:8) ⁸ But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Cash Spackman: (Matthew 7:7-8) ⁷ “Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. ⁸For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.”

Noah Trentz: (John 15:5) ⁵ “I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.”

Congregational Voters' Meeting This Sunday, May 16, 1:00 pm at Boise

All members are encouraged to attend, ask questions, and offer input as we consider ministry planning and the upcoming budget year. Voting members are particularly encouraged to participate, as we hold annual elections for open Council positions. Info for virtual access has been distributed to members via email.

Council Nominations

At this Sunday's Quarterly Voters' Meeting we'll hold annual elections for open church Council positions.

Incumbents Brent Masters and John Kennedy have each served their first 3-year term, while K.C. Broyles has completed his second 3-year term and must constitutionally vacate his position. That means the position of president and two "at large" Council positions are up for election this year.

Our Nominating Committee (John Kennedy, Jon Breckon, John Harris, Conrad Seibel, Warren Ehlke, and Pastor Hein) met to study God's Word on the topic of "leaders in the church" before prayerfully drafting this year's list of current nominees. The following men have prayerfully considered and accepted their nominations: Brent Masters (incumb) and Eric Christianson for the president ballot; John Kennedy (incumb), Ty Stavenau, and Lucas Shaw for the "at large" positions.

Per our Bylaws, nominations are now closed. "Nominations shall not be open to the floor at the election meeting." (ByLaws Art. IX, Sec. 4)

Questions may be directed to Pastor Hein (greg.hein@cocidaho.org) or any member of the Nominating Committee.

Red Cross Blood Drive at Boise

Tuesday, June 1, 9am-3pm in the gym on the Boise campus. Give the gift that truly keeps on giving! To make an appointment, go to redcrossblood.org and under "Find a Blood Drive" enter COCLUTHERAN. Walk-ins are welcome, too!

Calling All Comic Book Fans!

ComicCon is coming to Cross of Christ! Saturday, May 22, 9am-12pm -- a fun-filled event for all the comic book, superhero, fandom-loving folks out there!

We really do need to know how many people plan to attend! **Please RSVP online here:** tinyurl.com/CrossOfChristComicCon21. This event is designed for kids & teens but adults are welcome, too. (Younger children should be accompanied by an adult.)

- Games & trivia contests
- Make-a-mask station
- Draw Your Own Superhero art workshop (pre-registration required) -- and have your art made into a custom t-shirt!!
- Meet & Greet with Captain America (*not Chris Evans*)
- Costume contest; costumes are highly encouraged but not necessary.
- Snack bar (using tickets)
- Swap meet table. Win tickets throughout the event to trade for cool stuff! Looking to trade out some of your own toys or collectibles? Bring a gently used item or two to the table and trade it in for more tickets!

Five more adults & teens are also needed to volunteer! You can volunteer via the registration form or contact Amanda Watkins (amanda.watkins99@yahoo.com) directly. She can also answer any questions about the event.

Summer Kid Ministry Updates

Vacation Bible School: ROCKY RAILWAY, on the Boise campus, Monday - Thursday, July 12-15, 9am-12pm. Jesus' power pulls us through!

Camp Christos: Sunday - Friday, August 1-6, at Camp Elkanah near La Grande, OR, for kids age 9-16. Camp Elkanah has confirmed that they are hosting overnight camps this summer! There may be some restrictions and/or new guidelines to follow; we will communicate these as we receive them. In the meantime, put it on your summer calendar and watch for registration info!



Are You Up for The Challenge?

“Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ” (2 Peter 3:18). We want each of us to be closer to God and we want each of us to be closer to each other. How do we do that? With the Word!

The NT90 Challenge – reading through the New Testament in 90 days – will connect us to God and to each other. *Everyone at Cross of Christ is challenged to commit to this endeavor!* It takes only about 12-20 minutes of reading the Bible each day to complete the entire New Testament in one summer, June-August.

Worship services during that time will preview the next week’s readings; weekly Bible studies will review the prior week’s readings!

The challenge begins with worship on Saturday, June 5 and Sunday, June 6, and the first day of reading on Monday, June 7.

Step 1: **Register** on the Boise bulletin board or online at tinyurl.com/NT90CrossOfChrist21 and **commit** to completing the challenge this summer with your church family!

Step 2: **Download** the YouVersion Bible app to be ready for June 7. Using the app for the reading plan will allow you to access our pastors’ daily comments, share your own comments or questions, and read/respond to the comments & questions of others. The reading plan will be available in booklet form as well.

Step 3: **Watch** for further details on how to access and participate in the plan!

Couple Ways to Put Love into Action

Love in action doesn’t have to be big and flashy; it can be quiet and simple, too. How about...

- Sanitizing door handles & light switches after services to ensure the cleanest possible environment on our campus?
- Being “on-duty” during a service as an usher, to meet needs like opening the door for someone or directing individuals to the Lord’s Supper?
- Using your focus to advance the worship slides, allowing others to fully participate in the service?
- Learning how to make or put away Sunday morning coffee, providing many with a little bit of happiness in a cup?

Could you love your church family like that? Talk to Kristen Koepsell (kristen.koepsell@cocidaho.org) about these or other opportunities to try out the “love in action” concepts we’ve been learning about from 1 John!

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

General Fund Offerings Planned FY 20-21	\$708,200
General Fund Offerings Planned FYTD	\$612,865
General Fund Offerings FYTD	\$598,976
Total Offerings Last Week (All Funds)	\$15,629

People in God’s Word this past week	Boise	Nampa	Total
Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study	31	23	54
Teen Class	6		6
Kids’ Sunday School	17		17
Men’s Bible Study	6		6
Women’s Bible Study	5		5
Cross Connections Class	4	2	6
Growth Groups			34
CrossTrainers	5		5
Last Weekend’s Worship	215	57	272

Serving	May 15-16		May 22-23	
	Nampa	Boise	Nampa	Boise
Music	S. Wetzel	K. Koepsell	J. Hein	A. Lange
AV Tech	J. Malnes, S. Tews, G. Light	J. Kennedy, C. Voll, A. Becker, M. Webber, E. Christianson	J. Malnes, S. Tews, G. Light	J. Kennedy, E. Christianson, C. Voll
Altar Care	C. Harris, K. Guthmiller	McLain, Adams	C. Harris, K. Guthmiller	McLain, Adams
Set-Up	Guthmiller, Harris, Olsoe	J. Harris	Guthmiller, Harris, Olsoe	n/a
Ushers	J. Harris	G. Thompson, K. Benedick, R. Hibbs, D. Rule, B. Turley, A. Broyles	n/a	K. Benedick, R. Hibbs, B. Turley
Coffee	Guthmiller, Wetzel	Robbins, McLain	Guthmiller, Wetzel	Robbins, McLain
Sanitizing	D. Tews, J. Light	DeWall, TBA	D. Tews, J. Light	Evans, TBA
Flowers	n/a	Becker	n/a	TBA
Church Cleaners	n/a	Admin, M&J Johnson	n/a	Admin, P&A Johnston
Tellers	Rule, Walden, Morford		Turley, Walden, Harris	
Bulletin Folders	Bafus, Guthmiller, Ritger		Prigges, Tweedy, Foreman	
Lawn Crew	Team Perna		M. Johnson/N. Tessmer	

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.

Boise Campus & Preschool

11655 W McMillan Rd
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Nampa Midweek Ministry Center

5680 E Franklin Rd, Suite 120
Nampa, ID 8368

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 the office.