



CROSS OF CHRIST

Cross of Christ Lutheran Church

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Pentecost

May 22-23, 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

“Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest”

Hymn 177:1-2,6 (tune Hymn 133)

Welcomed into the Family of God

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

Congregation: Amen.

The cause of darkness and death in this world resides in our very hearts. We confess with King David, “I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.... Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me.” (Psalm 51:3,5)

(♩) **Holy Spirit, Love divine, Cleanse this guilty heart of mine;
In your mercy pity me; From sin’s bondage set me free.**

Trusting in God’s mercy, we pray, “Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.” (Psalm 51:10-12)

(♩) **Holy Spirit, Joy divine, Cheer this saddened heart of mine;
Fill me with your heav’nly peace; Let it grow and still increase.**

Through the power of Christ’s death and resurrection, you have peace with God. Your sins are forgiven: “You were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.” (1 Corinthians 6:11)

(♩) **Holy Spirit, Pow’r divine, Dwell within this heart of mine;
Cast down ev’ry idol throne; Reign supreme and reign alone.**

The truth of forgiveness in Christ changes us for eternity and right now: “Your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God. You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies.” (1 Corinthians 6:19-20)

Holy Spirit, God and Lord, rekindle in us the fire of your love, that in a true and living faith we may tell abroad the glory of our Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Father, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

God's Word

John 14:25-27

²⁵ “All this I have spoken while still with you. ²⁶ But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.”

God's Word

Acts 2:1-21

¹ When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place.

² Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³ They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

⁵ Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. ⁶ When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken.

⁷ Utterly amazed, they asked: “Aren’t all these who are speaking Galileans?”

⁸ Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language?

⁹ Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome ¹¹ (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!” ¹² Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, “What does this mean?”

¹³ Some, however, made fun of them and said, “They have had too much wine.”

¹⁴ Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: “Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. ¹⁵ These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It’s only nine in the morning! ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ “In the last days, God says,
I will pour out my Spirit on all people.
Your sons and daughters will prophesy,
your young men will see visions,
your old men will dream dreams.
¹⁸ Even on my servants, both men and women,
I will pour out my Spirit in those days,
and they will prophesy.
¹⁹ I will show wonders in the heavens above
and signs on the earth below,
blood and fire and billows of smoke.
²⁰ The sun will be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood
before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.
²¹ And everyone who calls
on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

Children’s Message

Song

“King of Kings”

On screens

Message from God’s Word

Ezekiel 37:1-14

¹ The hand of the LORD was on me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the LORD and set me in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ² He led me back and forth among them, and I saw a great many bones on the floor of the valley, bones that were very dry. ³ He asked me, “Son of man, can these bones live?”

I said, “Sovereign LORD, you alone know.”

⁴ Then he said to me, “Prophecy to these bones and say to them, ‘Dry bones, hear the word of the LORD! ⁵ This is what the Sovereign LORD says to these bones: I will make breath enter you, and you will come to life. ⁶ I will attach tendons to you and make flesh come upon you and cover you with skin; I will put breath in you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the LORD.’”

⁷ So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I was prophesying, there was a noise, a rattling sound, and the bones came together, bone to bone. ⁸ I looked, and tendons and flesh appeared on them and skin covered them, but there was no breath in them.

⁹ Then he said to me, “Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, son of man, and say to it, ‘This is what the Sovereign LORD says: Come, breath, from the four winds and breathe into these slain, that they may live.’” ¹⁰ So I prophesied as he commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet—a vast army.

¹¹ Then he said to me: “Son of man, these bones are the people of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up and our hope is gone; we are cut off.’ ¹² Therefore prophecy and say to them: ‘This is what the Sovereign LORD says: My people, I am going to open your graves and bring you up from them; I will bring you back to the land of Israel. ¹³ Then you, my people, will know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and bring you up from them. ¹⁴ I will put my Spirit in you and you will live, and I will settle you in your own land. Then you will know that I the LORD have spoken, and I have done it, declares the LORD.’”

The Powerful Holy Wind

Song

“Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God”

Hymn 272

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.

Baptism of Liam Studer

(11:00 am service)

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

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

"There Is a Balm in Gilead"

Hymn 564

Cross of Christ Weekly Newsletter

May 23, 2021

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

| May 23-May 30 | Boise | Nampa |
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| Today | 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) |
| Monday | 10:00am - Women's Bible Study | |
| Tuesday | | |
| Wednesday | 6:30am - Men's Bible Study 7:00pm - CrossTrainers (High School Students) | |
| Thursday | 7:00pm - GriefShare | |
| Friday | | |
| Saturday | 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 Our 2021 High School Graduates

Libby Breckon - Centennial High School

Tristen Boesch - Idaho Connections Online School

Aiden Broyles - Meridian Medical Arts Charter High School

Brenna Inman - Centennial High School

Changes in COVID Precautions

As per local and CDC guidelines, face coverings are recommended indoors at Cross of Christ venues for non-fully-vaccinated individuals. Please continue to observe physical distancing and personal sanitization/hygiene per CDC guidelines. High-touch surfaces will continue to be disinfected after each worship service. Visit cocardaho.org/in-person-worship/ for further details.

Because no children are vaccinated, we will continue to follow West Ada School District guidelines and require masks for Sunday school students & staff on the Boise campus, through the end of the modified calendar school year or until the School District policy changes, whichever comes first.

Rummage Sale to Benefit Idaho Food Bank

Our sister congregation, Peace in Jesus Lutheran Church (1253 N Cole Rd, Boise), is holding a rummage sale Saturday, May 29, starting at 8am, with all proceeds going to the Idaho Food Bank. You can help support this endeavor by heading over to find some treasures for yourself, or by contributing items to sell!

Donated items can be dropped off at Peace in Jesus before Friday, May 28 (address above); **please call ahead** (208-426-8611) **to ensure someone will be available to receive your donation.** Please only drop off items when someone is available. Questions can be directed to Ella Kramer (ekramer103@gmail.com).

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!

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! Turn the page for instructions on how to participate.

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 2a: **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.

Step 2b: If you included your email address on the NT90 sign-up, you will receive further instructions through email: how to join the Cross of Christ group for the reading plan, use the resources in the app, etc.

Step 3: **Or pick up the reading plan printed booklet** from the Boise lobby or JaK*s Place entryway (on Sundays).

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

New Pastor Installation

All are invited to celebrate with our other Treasure Valley sister church, Messiah Lutheran in Nampa, at the installation service of their new pastor, Rev. Justin Gran, on Sunday, June 6, 2:30 pm, at Messiah (534 W. Iowa Ave, Nampa). The service will be followed by a meal and fellowship, including a bounce house and yard games. Come welcome Pastor Gran and his family to Idaho!

Camp Christos Registration Is Open!

Sunday - Friday, August 1-6, at Camp Elkanah near La Grande, OR, for kids age 9-16. *Camp capacity is limited, so register soon to secure your spot; campers will be confirmed in first-received order.* Registration & all sorts of other details online at tinyurl.com/CampChristos. Registration deadline is June 30; registrations over capacity or received after June 30 will be put on a wait list.

Vacation Bible School

ROCKY RAILWAY, on the Boise campus, Monday - Thursday, July 12-15, 9am-12pm. Jesus' power pulls us through! For kids age 3 through entering 6th grade, registration available soon. Youth entering 7th grade through adults can volunteer! Contact Kristen Koepsell (kristen.koepsell@cocidaho.org) for details on volunteering.

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

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| General Fund Offerings Planned FY 20-21 | \$708,200 |
| General Fund Offerings Planned FYTD | \$626,485 |
| General Fund Offerings FYTD | \$612,736 |
| Total Offerings Last Week (All Funds) | \$14,067 |

| Serving | May 22-23 | | May 30-31 | |
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| | Nampa | Boise | Nampa | Boise |
| Music | J. Hein | A. Lange | S. Wetzel | K. Koepsell |
| AV Tech | J. Malnes, S. Tews, G. Light | E. Christianson, C. Kennedy, J. Kennedy, C. Voll | J. Malnes, S. Tews, G. Light | E. Christianson, A. Becker, J. Geary, C&M Webber |
| Altar Care | K. Guthmiller, C. Harris | McLain, Adams | K. Guthmiller, C. Harris | McLain, Adams |
| Set-Up | Guthmiller, Harris, Olsoe | n/a | Guthmiller, Harris, Olsoe | n/a |
| Ushers | n/a | K. Benedick, R. Hibbs, B. Turley | J. Harris | TBA, C&B Berrier |
| Coffee | Guthmiller, Wetzel | Robbins, McLain | Guthmiller, Wetzel | Robbins, McLain |
| Sanitizing | D. Tews, J. Light | Evans, Berrier | D. Tews, J. Light | C. Hibbs, TBA |
| Flowers | n/a | TBA | n/a | TBA |
| Church Cleaners | n/a | Admin, P&A Johnston | n/a | C&R Jorgensen, B&K Walters |
| Tellers | Turley, Walden, Harris | | Turley, Morgan, Cadwell | |
| Bulletin Folders | Prigges, Tweedy, Foreman | | Kimmel, Patrick, Whitlach | |
| Lawn Crew | M. Johnson/N.Tessmer | | J. Harris/P. Jossis | |

| People in God's Word this past week | Boise | Nampa | Total |
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| Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study | 38 | 23 | 61 |
| Teen Class | 17 | | 17 |
| Kids' Sunday School | 27 | | 27 |
| Men's Bible Study | 6 | | 6 |
| Women's Bible Study | 8 | | 8 |
| Cross Connections Class | 2 | 4 | 6 |
| Growth Groups | | | 36 |
| CrossTrainers | 8 | | 8 |
| Last Weekend's Worship | 222 | 47 | 269 |

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.

Boise Campus & Preschool
 11655 W McMillan Rd
 Boise, ID 83713

Nampa Midweek Ministry Center
 5680 E Franklin Rd, Suite 120
 Nampa, ID 8368

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.