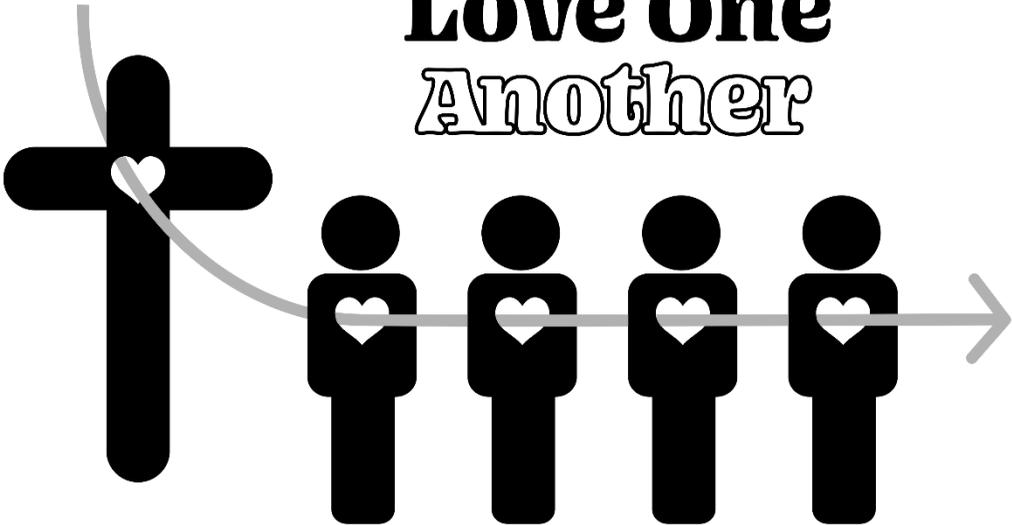


**Love One
Another**



SEEING GOD AS HE IS

CROSS OF CHRIST

Cross of Christ Lutheran Church

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Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 8-9, 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

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

Hymn 234:1,2,4,5

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.

Just and merciful Father in heaven, I thank and praise you for your goodness to me. In countless ways, I have sinned against you and failed to live as your child. Too often I have failed to love what you love, and have chosen to love what you despise. I am sorry for my sins, and I trust in Jesus. Thank you for showing me love first by sending your Son to be the Savior I needed.

God has loved us and sent his one and only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Because of Jesus’ perfect life, death, and resurrection, you are forgiven. Your guilt has been removed forever. Live in gratitude and joy. God strengthen you to live according to his will.

Amen!

Prayer

Father of lights, every good and perfect gift comes from you. Inspire us to think those things that are true and long for those things that are good, that we may always make our petitions according to your gracious will; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

God's Word

John 15:9-17

⁹ “As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commands and remain in his love. ¹¹ I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. ¹² My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. ¹³ Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command. ¹⁵ I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master’s business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶ You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. ¹⁷ This is my command: Love each other.”

God's Word

Acts 9:36-42

³⁶ In Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha (in Greek her name is Dorcas); she was always doing good and helping the poor. ³⁷ About that time she became sick and died, and her body was washed and placed in an upstairs room. ³⁸ Lydda was near Joppa; so when the disciples heard that Peter was in Lydda, they sent two men to him and urged him, “Please come at once!”

³⁹ Peter went with them, and when he arrived he was taken upstairs to the room. All the widows stood around him, crying and showing him the robes and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was still with them.

⁴⁰ Peter sent them all out of the room; then he got down on his knees and prayed. Turning toward the dead woman, he said, “Tabitha, get up.” She opened her eyes, and seeing Peter she sat up. ⁴¹ He took her by the hand and helped her to her feet. Then he called for the believers, especially the widows, and presented her to them alive. ⁴² This became known all over Joppa, and many people believed in the Lord.

Children's Message

Song

“Jesus, Your Boundless Love to Me”

On screens

Message from God’s Word

1 John 4:1-11

¹ Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world. ² This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God: Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, ³ but every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you have heard is coming and even now is already in the world.

⁴ You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world. ⁵ They are from the world and therefore speak from the viewpoint of the world, and the world listens to them. ⁶ We are from God, and whoever knows God listens to us; but whoever is not from God does not listen to us. This is how we recognize the Spirit of truth and the spirit of falsehood.

⁷ Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸ Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹ This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. ¹⁰ This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹ Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

Seeing God as He Is

Song of Praise

“Christ Our Hope in Life and Death”

On screens

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.

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

"Oh, How Good It Is"

On screens

Cross of Christ Weekly Newsletter

May 9, 2021

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

May 9-May 16	Boise	Nampa
Today	8:30am - Early Worship 9:45am - Adult Bible Study (Chapel) Teen Class (Conference Rm) Confirmation Class (Rm 5) 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	6:30pm - Confirmation Student Showcase	
Saturday	6:30pm - Evening Worship w/Communion	
Sunday	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)

Confirmation Showcase, this Friday at Boise

This Friday, May 14, 6:30-7:30pm in the gym at Boise, with light refreshments. The Showcase is this year's youth confirmands' opportunity to *show what they believe* and have learned over the last several years, and YOUR opportunity to *show your support* and encouragement for them as new members of our congregation. All are welcome to attend and participate, by listening to what these young adults have to say about their faith!

Congregational Voters' Meeting, 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 the annual elections for open Council positions.

Council Nominations

At the May 16 Quarterly Voters' Meeting (1:00 pm at Boise) we will 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, if a voting member would like to suggest another name for nomination, they must do so by submitting that name to the Nominating Committee **prior to the set deadline: Wednesday, May 12**. "Nominations shall not be open to the floor at the election meeting." (ByLaws Art. IX, Sec. 4)

Additional names for nomination and/or questions may be directed to Pastor Hein (greg.hein@cocidaho.org) or any member of the Nominating Committee.

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!

- Games & trivia contests
- Make-a-mask station
- Draw Your Own Superhero art workshop (pre-registration required)
- 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!

This event is designed for kids & teens but adults are welcome, too. (Younger children should be accompanied by an adult.) **Please RSVP online here:** tinyurl.com/CrossOfChristComicCon21. You'll be asked to note the ages of folks attending; this simply helps us plan & adapt the activities the best we can!

A few adults & teens are also needed to volunteer! You can volunteer via the registration form or contact Amanda directly. Questions can be directed to Amanda Watkins (amanda.watkins99@yahoo.com).

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 simple needs like opening the door for a parent with their hands full 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!

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!

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!

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!



*“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	\$599,246
General Fund Offerings FYTD	\$583,684
Total Offerings Last Week (All Funds)	\$11,588

Serving	May 8-9		May 15-16	
	Nampa	Boise	Nampa	Boise
Music	A. Lange	M. Walters	S. Wetzel	K. Koepsell
AV Tech	J. Malnes, S. Tews, G. Light	C. Kennedy, C. Voll, C. Webber	J. Malnes, S. Tews, G. Light	C. Voll, A. Becker, M. Webber, E. Christianson,
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	G. Bafus, R. Hibbs, B. Turley	J. Harris	G. Thompson, R. Hibbs, D. Rule, B. Turley, A. Broyles
Coffee	Guthmiller, Wetzel	Robbins, McLain	Guthmiller, Wetzel	Robbins, McLain
Sanitizing	D. Tews, J. Light	O'Mallon, Struthers	D. Tews, J. Light	TBA
Flowers	n/a	G. Thompson	n/a	Becker
Church Cleaners	n/a	Inman, Geary	n/a	Admin, M&J Johnson
Tellers	Rule, Morgan, Cadwell		Rule, Walden, Morford	
Bulletin Folders	Ritger, Ford, Ashley		Bafus, Guthmiller, Ritger	
Lawn Crew	Ochoa, M. Burke		Team Perna	

People in God's Word this past week	Boise	Nampa	Total
Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study	37	23	60
Teen Class <i>(will be reported next week)</i>			
Kids' Sunday School	22		22
Men's Bible Study	6		6
Cross Connections Class	2	4	6
Growth Groups			35
CrossTrainers	6		6
Last Weekend's Worship	224	46	270

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.