



**The New Testament
in 90 Days**

**CROSS OF CHRIST
BOISE**

Cross of Christ Lutheran Church

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Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

June 19-20, 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
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Opening Song

“Love Is the Gracious Gift”

Hymn #505:1–4

Welcomed into God’s Family

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.

God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and honest hearts. Together we confess our sins and find a Father’s welcome because of Jesus:

Holy and merciful Father, I confess my many sins. Often I have loved what I should not, and neglected to love what and whom I should. I continually am tempted to wander from your side in my thoughts, words, and actions. Yet, you have not withheld your love from me, and you have not left me to the punishment my sins deserve. Help me to never forget the faithful love you first showed me through the saving work of your Son. Let me see your mercy today, found at Jesus’ cross.

God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Through the body and blood given by Jesus in this sacrifice, we enjoy a covenant of grace with our Lord. This is a covenant for the forgiveness of our sins, and so we know our Lord will not leave us or forsake us. Live in peace! You are welcomed home into the family of our mighty God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Amen!

Prayer

Almighty God, in your bountiful goodness keep us safe from every evil of body and soul. Make us ready, with cheerful hearts, to do whatever pleases you; 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

Genesis 2:18-24

¹⁸ The LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him."

¹⁹ Now the LORD God had formed out of the ground all the wild animals and all the birds in the sky. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name.

²⁰ So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds in the sky and all the wild animals.

But for Adam no suitable helper was found. ²¹ So the LORD God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man's ribs and then closed up the place with flesh. ²² Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man.

²³ The man said,

"This is now bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh;
she shall be called 'woman,'
for she was taken out of man."

²⁴ That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh.

God's Word

Ephesians 5:21-6:4

²¹ Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

²² Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands as you do to the Lord. ²³ For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior. ²⁴ Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything.

²⁵ Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her ²⁶ to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, ²⁷ and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without

stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. ²⁸ In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. ²⁹ After all, no one ever hated their own body, but they feed and care for their body, just as Christ does the church— ³⁰ for we are members of his body. ³¹ “For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.” ³² This is a profound mystery—but I am talking about Christ and the church. ³³ However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. ² “Honor your father and mother”—which is the first commandment with a promise— ³ “so that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth.”

⁴ Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.

Children’s Message

Song

“Borning Cry”

On the screens

Message from God’s Word

Mark 10:2-16

² Some Pharisees came and tested him by asking, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?”

³ “What did Moses command you?” he replied.

⁴ They said, “Moses permitted a man to write a certificate of divorce and send her away.”

⁵ “It was because your hearts were hard that Moses wrote you this law,” Jesus replied. ⁶ “But at the beginning of creation God ‘made them male and female.’

⁷ ‘For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his

wife, ⁸ and the two will become one flesh.⁹ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. ⁹ Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.”

¹⁰ When they were in the house again, the disciples asked Jesus about this. ¹¹ He answered, “Anyone who divorces his wife and marries another woman commits adultery against her. ¹² And if she divorces her husband and marries another man, she commits adultery.”

¹³ People were bringing little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them. ¹⁴ When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. ¹⁵ Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.” ¹⁶ And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them.

What is a Covenant Home?

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.

Song During Communion

“Praise the One”

#Hymn 353:1-3

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

“For Christian Homes, O Lord, We Pray”

Hymn #500:1,2,3

Summer Cross Connections: This Week!

Cross of Christ is here to help anyone connect to God, purpose, and community in meaningful ways. Cross Connections, our basic Christian instruction course, is the perfect way to build your faith and an easy way to invite a friend or family member to learn more. The summer session is conveniently held online, *Tuesdays at 6:30pm, starting this week, June 22*. Sign up today at cocidaho.org and invite a friend to join you!

Masks Now Optional at Sunday School

As we have been following West Ada School District’s policies, masks will now be optional at Sunday school in Boise, for students and adult staff.

Camp Christos in August

Less than two weeks to the registration deadline, June 30! Camp is Sunday - Friday, August 1-6, at Camp Elkanah near La Grande, OR, for kids age 9-16. Registration & all sorts of other details online at tinyurl.com/CampChristos.

Are you 17 or older and have that week available to volunteer at Camp? Contact Kristen Koepsell (kristen.koepsell@cocidaho.org) for more info and/or to volunteer!

Cross of Christ Weekly Newsletter

June 20, 2021

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

June 20-June 26	Boise	Nampa
Today	8:30am - Early Worship w/ Communion 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 6:00pm - Council Meeting	
Tuesday	6:30pm - Cross Connections	
Wednesday		
Thursday	7:00pm - GriefShare	
Friday		
Saturday	6:30pm - Evening Worship	
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NT90 Challenge: Are You In?

The NT90 Challenge -- reading through the New Testament in 90 days -- will connect us to God and to each other. We officially began this challenge on June 7, but we would still love for you to commit to this endeavor and jump in if you haven't yet! It takes only about 12-20 minutes of daily reading.

Elements of the Challenge:

- **Read the entire New Testament in 90 days**, together as a church family.
- **Weekly sermons** will PREVIEW a portion of the next week’s readings.
- **Sunday Bible studies** will REVIEW a portion of the previous week’s readings.
- The **printed booklet** of readings includes questions for your consideration.
- The **Bible app** provides further opportunity to engage in different ways.

How to Participate:

- **Make your commitment** by signing up on the bulletin board at Boise or online here (tinyurl.com/NT90CrossOfChrist21).
- **Pick up a booklet** from the lobby at Boise or in the entryway at JaK*s Place on Sunday mornings, or contact the office to pick one up at another time.
- And/or **get set up with the YouVersion Bible app** and connected to our online group. Those instructions/links have been emailed to Cross of Christ members; if you need assistance, please contact the office!

Special Note Regarding Bible App

The assigned readings in the digital plan on the YouVersion Bible app do not precisely sync with our printed booklet’s schedule. Therefore, the chapters “assigned” in the app will not align with what is discussed on Sundays (sermon or Bible class). We apologize for this oversight, but the app can still be a useful tool.

There are a few ways you could continue making use of the app to assist you as you read through the New Testament this summer:

- 1) Ignore the *assigned* readings listed in the app and use the app to read on the printed booklet’s schedule. Stop as the booklet says to stop and comment as you go.
- 2) Continue the reading plan on the app as it is and enjoy it for what it is.
- 3) Abandon the app and simply use the booklet along with your physical Bible. Our pastors will continue to make comments on the app, and you could use the app just to check on those comments.

If you have any questions, let any of our staff know. Again, we’re sorry for the inconvenience. We pray that, one way or another, you continue your commitment to this beneficial time in God's Word!

Next Playgroup in the Park: June 30

It was so much fun, we’re doing it again! Join us at Optimist Park (16680 11th Ave N Ext), Wednesday, June 30, 10:30 am to noon, as we connect with families and enjoy the June sunshine. It's the perfect event to invite a family to. It's also a great way to meet new people and tell them about our growing ministry in the valley. To help with planning, please register at cocidaho.org.

Cross of Christ Gear

Here's your opportunity to purchase some Cross-of-Christ-branded apparel & gear! Check out the links in the Friday e-newsletter and the email that was sent June 10 for viewing & ordering items. You will pay online when you order. Ordering will close on July 11 and items will be shipped to Cross of Christ after that. You'll be notified when your order is ready for pick-up at Cross of Christ Boise. Questions, issues, or haven't seen the emails? Contact Alyssa Becker (secretary@cocidaho.org).

North Nampa Community Service Opportunity

We're pitching in to help paint the [Nampa Family Justice Center](#), Saturday, July 10, 9:30-3:00, lunch provided. Come for as much or as little time as you can! Please RSVP to Pastor Wetzel and/or contact him with questions (kurt.wetzel@cocidaho.org).

Borrow a Thermometer?

Do you own a touchless/contactless/infrared thermometer? Would you let us borrow it for the week of Camp Christos, August 1-6? Please let Miss K know (kristen.koepsell@cocidaho.org)!

Vacation Bible School in July

This year, the focus of this four-day activity is to provide an opportunity to nurture the youth of our congregation in Christian education – and in inviting their friends to come learn about Jesus, too.

SO... Sign your kids or grandkids up for four mornings of focused time with Jesus! And then... Ask your kids which friends & neighbors & cousins they want to invite – and help them do the inviting! OR...If you don't have kids in your home, share the link below with friends, neighbors, family members, co-workers, for THEIR kids.

VBS is July 12-15, 9am-12pm, on the Boise campus, for kids age 3 through incoming 6th graders. Register online at cocidaho.org/connect/vacation-bible-school-2021/

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!”

General Fund Offerings Planned FY 20-21	\$708,200
General Fund Offerings Planned FYTD	\$667,342
General Fund Offerings FYTD	\$644,610
Total Offerings Last Week (All Funds)	\$13,578

People in God's Word this past week	Boise	Nampa	Total
Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study	40	22	62
Teen Class	7		7
Kids' Sunday School	16		16
Women's Bible Study	9		9
Cross Connections Class			n/a
Last Weekend's Worship	168	49	217

Serving	June 19-20		June 26-27	
	Nampa	Boise	Nampa	Boise
Music	S. Wetzel	K. Koepsell	S. Wetzel	A. Lange
AV Tech	J. Malnes, S. Tews, G. Light	A. Becker, E. Christianson, C. Voll, J. Meier	J. Malnes, S. Tews, G. Light	J. Kennedy, C. Voll, E. Christianson, M. Hartman
Altar Care	K. Guthmiller, C. Harris	K. Guthmiller, Struthers	K. Guthmiller, C. Harris	K. Guthmiller, Struthers
Set-Up	Guthmiller, Harris, Olsoe	n/a	Guthmiller, Harris, Olsoe	n/a
Ushers	J. Harris	Benedick, Bafus, Berrier, Manglos, Walden	n/a	Walters, Breckon, Manglos
Coffee	Guthmiller, Wetzel	J. Johnson, K. Struthers	Guthmiller, Wetzel	J. Johnson, K. Struthers
Sanitizing	D. Tews, J. Light	Benedick, Becker, Manglos	D. Tews, J. Light	Breckon, Manglos
Flowers	n/a	TBA	n/a	Morgan
Church Cleaners	n/a	Manglos, Admin	n/a	Admin, Kimmel
Tellers	Turley, Walden, Morford		Harris, Cadwell, Morford	
Bulletin Folders	Prigges, Tweedy, Foreman		Kimmel, Patrick, Whitlach	
Lawn Crew	D. Rule, R. Seely		R. Lange, R. Hibbs	