



The New Testament  
in 90 Days

**CROSS** OF **CHRIST**  
BOISE

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# Cross of Christ Lutheran Church

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Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

June 26-27, 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 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](http://cocidaho.org).



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LUTHERAN CHURCH

## Opening Song

## “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

*Hymn 234:1,2,4*

### Welcomed into the Family of God

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

**Congregation: Amen.**

When we gather in this place, we come before a holy God who is our Father. He delights in providing for our every need. While he gives us food to eat and places to live, he knows that our greatest need comes from our sins. Our sins had separated us from him and deserved just punishment forever. As we come before him, let’s remember how he meets our greatest needs at the cross of Christ.

**Holy and merciful Father in heaven, in countless ways I have sinned against you. My thoughts, speech, and deeds reveal how far I have fallen short of living in your goodness. I thank and praise you that you did not leave me in my brokenness. Thank you for Jesus. I trust in him as I ask for your forgiveness.**

When he sent his one and only Son to this world, God demonstrated his great love for us. Jesus’ perfect life, death, and resurrection have taken your sin and guilt away forever. In his mercy, God met your greatest need by punishing Jesus for your sins. You are forgiven. Because of Jesus, you can come near to God and be welcomed home in his family. God fill you with his power to believe the good news and to live as his child!

**Amen!**

## Prayer

Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of all creation, who gives bread to all the earth! Your ears are always open to the prayers of your humble servants, who come to you in Jesus' name. Teach us always to ask according to your will that we may never fail to obtain the blessings you have promised; 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

## 2 Kings 4:42-44

<sup>42</sup> A man came from Baal Shalishah, bringing the man of God twenty loaves of barley bread baked from the first ripe grain, along with some heads of new grain. "Give it to the people to eat," Elisha said.

<sup>43</sup> "How can I set this before a hundred men?" his servant asked.

But Elisha answered, "Give it to the people to eat. For this is what the LORD says: 'They will eat and have some left over.'" <sup>44</sup> Then he set it before them, and they ate and had some left over, according to the word of the LORD.

## God's Word

## 2 Corinthians 9:8-11

<sup>8</sup> And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. <sup>9</sup> As it is written: "They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor; their righteousness endures forever."

<sup>10</sup> Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. <sup>11</sup> You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

## Children's Message

Song

“Now Thank We All Our God”

*Hymn 610*

Message from God's Word

Luke 9:10-17

<sup>10</sup> When the apostles returned, they reported to Jesus what they had done. Then he took them with him and they withdrew by themselves to a town called Bethsaida, <sup>11</sup> but the crowds learned about it and followed him. He welcomed them and spoke to them about the kingdom of God, and healed those who needed healing.

<sup>12</sup> Late in the afternoon the Twelve came to him and said, “Send the crowd away so they can go to the surrounding villages and countryside and find food and lodging, because we are in a remote place here.”

<sup>13</sup> He replied, “You give them something to eat.”

They answered, “We have only five loaves of bread and two fish—unless we go and buy food for all this crowd.” <sup>14</sup> (About five thousand men were there.)

But he said to his disciples, “Have them sit down in groups of about fifty each.” <sup>15</sup> The disciples did so, and everyone sat down. <sup>16</sup> Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke them. Then he gave them to the disciples to distribute to the people. <sup>17</sup> They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over.

**Jesus Provides for That Too**

Song

“We Give You Thanks”

*On the 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

Lord of heaven and earth, you made all things beautiful. You have provided green forests and refreshing streams. You have arranged the orderly procession of day and night for our work and rest.

**Thank you for the mountains and the prairies, the roaring sea, and the gentle breeze.**

Thank you for roofs that shelter us, for clothing that protects us, and for food and drink. Thank you for our work, for projects that are done well, and for the approval of supervisors and teachers. Thank you for all who serve at night to make our days more pleasant.

**Thank you for associates at work, for the encouragement of others, and for the joys of friendship.**

Thank you for our cities and countryside, for farms and factories, for streets and highways, and for all of life that flows so swiftly before us.

**Thank you for children at play, their boundless energy, and their shouts of joy and laughter.**

Thank you for morning greetings, for the smiles on the faces of those we love, and for the happiness you give us in each chapter of our lives.

**Thank you for Christian parents, for their affection and their care.**

Most of all, we thank you for your Son, Jesus Christ: for his coming to us in the Word and in the sacraments, for our forgiveness in him, and for hearing our prayers in his name. Receive our gifts and offerings as our sacrifices of praise.

**Lead us in thankful living today and always.**

Your Son has taught us to pray:

**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

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**Amen!**

## Closing Song

**“To God Be the Glory”**

*Hymn 399:1,3*

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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 the office.*

# Cross of Christ Weekly Newsletter

## June 27, 2021

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

<b>June 27-July 4</b>	<b>Boise</b>	<b>Nampa</b>
Today	8:30am - Early Worship 9:45am - Adult & Teen Bible Study (Chapel) 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	6:30pm - Cross Connections (Online)	
Wednesday		10:30am - Playgroup in the Park (Optimist Park)
Thursday	7:00pm - GriefShare	
Friday		
Saturday	6:30pm - Evening Worship w/ Communion	
Sunday	8:30am - Early Worship w/Communion 9:45am - Adult & Teen Bible Study (Chapel) Kids' Sunday School (Gym) 11:00am - Late Worship w/Communion	8:45am - Family Bible Study (JaK*s Place) 9:30am - Worship w/Communion (JaK*s Place)



## **Summer Cross Connections: You Are Welcome**

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*. We just started last week so still a great time to jump in. Sign up today at [cocidaho.org](http://cocidaho.org) and invite a friend to join you!

## **Camp Christos Registration Deadline This Week**

*Last day to sign up is this Wednesday, June 30.* This is a firm deadline, so don't miss it! Registration & all sorts of other info online at [tinyurl.com/CampChristos](http://tinyurl.com/CampChristos).

- Sunday - Friday, August 1-6
- at Camp Elkanah near La Grande, OR
- for kids age 9-16

*If transportation might provide an obstacle to your kid(s) attending, don't let it!* Carpooling will be arranged for all Cross of Christ campers & staff, there and back.

If you're 17 or older and might have that week available to volunteer at Camp, contact Kristen Koepsell ([kristen.koepsell@cocidaho.org](mailto:kristen.koepsell@cocidaho.org)) for more info. We're particularly in need of a few more kitchen staff, cabin counselors, and games/activity leaders. It'll be a week to remember!

## **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](http://cocidaho.org).

## **North Nampa Community Service Opportunity**

We're pitching in to help paint the [Nampa Family Justice Center](http://www.nampafamilyjusticecenter.org), 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](mailto:kurt.wetzel@cocidaho.org)).

## **Cross of Christ Gear**

Through the month of June, you have the opportunity to purchase some Cross-of-Christ-branded apparel & gear! Check out the links in the Friday e-newsletter and the separate email that was sent Thursday, 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](mailto:secretary@cocidaho.org)).

## **Vacation Bible School: Register by July 4**

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 his Word!

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.

- Register online at [cocidaho.org/connect/vacation-bible-school-2021/](http://cocidaho.org/connect/vacation-bible-school-2021/)
- On the Boise campus
- Monday-Thursday, July 12-15, 9am-12pm
- For kids age 3 through entering 6th grade.
- **Please register by July 4!**

Youth entering 7th grade through adults can volunteer! Contact Kristen Koepsell ([kristen.koepsell@cocidaho.org](mailto:kristen.koepsell@cocidaho.org)) for details on volunteering.

## **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.

## **NT90 Challenge**

The NT90 Challenge – reading through the New Testament in 90 days – will connect us to God and to each other. Cross of Christ officially began this challenge on June 7, but we'd 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.

To participate: 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 download the YouVersion Bible app and contact the office (secretary@cocidaho.org) to receive the link to join our reading group there.

Do note that the schedule of reading in the app doesn't sync exactly with the schedule of reading in the booklet. But it's all in the same order and we'll all reach the end of the book of Revelation at the same time!

***“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	\$694,581
General Fund Offerings FYTD	\$666,822
Total Offerings Last Week (All Funds)	\$10,915

<b>People in God's Word this past week</b>	<b>Boise</b>	<b>Nampa</b>	<b>Total</b>
Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study	33	17	50
Teen Class <i>(joining adults for the summer)</i>			
Kids' Sunday School	12		12
Women's Bible Study	6		6
Cross Connections Class (online)			7
Last Weekend's Worship	180	45	225

Serving	June 26-27		July 3-4	
	Nampa	Boise	Nampa	Boise
Music	S. Wetzel	A. Lange	J. Hein	L. Becker, M. Walters
AV Tech	J. Malnes, S. Tews	J. Kennedy, C. Voll, E. Christianson, M. Hartman, C&M Webber	J. Malnes, S. Tews, G. Light	V. Watkins, TBA
Altar Care	K. Guthmiller, C. Harris	K. Guthmiller, Struthers	K. Guthmiller, C. Harris	T. Yaka, A. Tweedy
Set-Up	Guthmiller, Harris, Olsoe	n/a	Guthmiller, Harris, Olsoe	n/a
Ushers	n/a	Walters, Breckon, Manglos	J. Harris	T. Stavenau, G. Thompson, Hibbs, H. Geary, R. Seely
Coffee	Guthmiller, Wetzel	J. Johnson, K. Struthers	Guthmiller, Wetzel	R. Ritger
Sanitizing	D. Tews, J. Light	Breckon, Manglos	D. Tews, J. Light	L. Thompson, Hibbs, McLain
Flowers	n/a	Morgan	n/a	Struthers
Church Cleaners	n/a	Admin, Kimmel	n/a	Lange, Knoll
Tellers	Harris, Cadwell, Morford		TBA	
Bulletin Folders	Kimmel, Patrick, Whitlach		Ritger, Ford, Ashley	
Lawn Crew	R. Lange, R. Hibbs		Team Meier	