



The New Testament
in 90 Days

CROSS OF **CHRIST**
BOISE

Cross of Christ Lutheran Church

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Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 24-25, 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

Welcomed into the Family of God

Pastor: May 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.

Our God invites us to come into his presence openly and honestly. There is no need to hide any part of us, because all of who we are is seen by him. Therefore, let us come before our Lord as we are, acknowledging our sinfulness and trusting in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**(♩) I confess to you, O Lord, that I have sinned.
I confess to you, O Lord, all my sin within.
I have placed myself above, and have hurt the ones I love,
And I know that only you can set me free.**

**Lord, have mercy on me.
Lord, have mercy, set me free.
Oh, forgive me, Lord, I pray and take my sin away,
By the cross and empty grave for my soul.**

(spoken)

Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I often chase the desires of my flesh and avoid the call to love you and others above myself. Yet, you have loved me anyway. May I live in the daylight of your grace, which only belongs to me through the cross of Christ.

**(♩) Take us back to the water. Wash away our sins.
Welcome us, O Father, back to your home again.
Bless your sons and daughters,
And let the feast begin, let it begin!
Lord, have mercy on me.
Lord, have mercy, set me free.
Oh, forgive me, Lord, I pray and take my sin away,
By the cross and empty grave for my soul.**

God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. He eagerly welcomes us home into his family of grace and clothes us with the righteousness of Christ himself. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Settle in with Jesus and his family, equally loved and accepted.

(♩) You take us back to the water. You wash away our sins.

You welcome us, O Father, back to your home again.

You bless your sons and daughters.

Now let the feast begin, let it begin!

Lord, your mercy covers me.

Lord, your mercy has set me free.

You've forgiven me today, and my sins are washed away

By the cross and empty grave for my soul.

Prayer

Lord God, forgive the wrongdoing of your people and be gentle with us in our weakness. Deliver us from the bondage of our sin and direct us to the path of righteousness; 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

Deuteronomy 6:1-9

These are the commands, decrees and laws the LORD your God directed me to teach you to observe in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to possess, ²so that you, your children and their children after them may fear the LORD your God as long as you live by keeping all his decrees and commands that I give you, and so that you may enjoy long life. ³Hear, Israel, and be careful to obey so that it may go well with you and that you may increase greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, just as the LORD, the God of your ancestors, promised you.

⁴ Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. ⁵ Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. ⁶ These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. ⁷ Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. ⁸ Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. ⁹ Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.

God's Word

Matthew 12:28-34

²⁸ One of the teachers of the law came and heard them debating. Noticing that Jesus had given them a good answer, he asked him, "Of all the commandments, which is the most important?"

²⁹ "The most important one," answered Jesus, "is this: 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. ³⁰ Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' ³¹ The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these."

³² "Well said, teacher," the man replied. "You are right in saying that God is one and there is no other but him. ³³ To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself is more important than all burnt offerings and sacrifices."

³⁴ When Jesus saw that he had answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." And from then on no one dared ask him any more questions.

Children's Message

Song

"Though I May Speak with Bravest Fire"

Hymn #498: 1-3

Message from God's Word

Romans 13:8-14

Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law. ⁹ The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery," "You shall not murder," "You shall not steal," "You shall not covet," and whatever other command there may be, are summed up in this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰ Love does no harm to a neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.

¹¹ And do this, understanding the present time: The hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. ¹² The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. ¹³ Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. ¹⁴ Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh.

Clothed with Christ

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

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

“O God of Mercy, God of Might”

Hymn #499: 1-4,6; tune Hymn #387

Cross of Christ Weekly Newsletter

July 25, 2021

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

July 25-Aug 1	Boise	Nampa
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		
Tuesday	6:00pm - Cross Connections (online)	
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday		
Saturday	6:30pm - Evening Worship w/Communion	
Sunday (Camp Christos through Friday)	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)

National Night Out in Nampa!

Tuesday, August 3, 5:00 pm - dusk at Orah Brandt Park (7999 Cherry Ln). Make plans to come on out for food trucks, fire & police representatives, music, games, and more! Invite friends!

Drivers Needed

Lots of campers & volunteers from Cross of Christ are heading to Camp Christos next week – and we could use a little help hauling people & gear! Could you support camp in one of the following ways? Contact Kristen Koepsell (kristen.koepsell@cocidaho.org / 208-922-8422) ASAP!

Note that Camp Christos is located near La Grande, OR, approx. 195 miles from the Boise campus, at least a 3-hour drive.

- Sunday, August 1: Drive your own truck to haul Cross of Christ trailer full of gear to Camp Christos. Must be half-ton truck or bigger, depart Cross of Christ between 12-1pm, gas paid for.

- Friday, August 6: Pick up 15-passenger van from Boise airport, drive van to arrive at Camp Christos by 11:00 am, drive van full of (tired) kids back to the Boise campus, return van to airport, gas paid for.

- Friday, August 6: Drive your own truck to Camp Christos by 10:00 am, haul Cross of Christ trailer full of gear back to Boise campus. Must be half-ton truck or bigger, gas paid for.

Just a Few More Food Items for Camp Christos Needed

We are still in need of a few more items for our kids and teens at Camp Christos coming up in just 1 WEEK! A list of the food donations needed can be found on the lobby bulletin board at Boise or online here: tinyurl.com/campchristos2021. If you have already signed up to donate, please see that these items are **delivered to the Boise campus kitchen by noon on Friday, July 30**. Thank you for your generous support!

Cross of Christ Gear - Deadline Extended!

Did you miss it before? The deadline to purchase some Cross-of-Christ-branded apparel & gear has been extended through August 1! Check out the links in the Friday e-newsletter for viewing & ordering items. You will pay online when you order. Items will be shipped to Cross of Christ after August 1. You'll be notified when your order is ready for pick-up at Cross of Christ Boise. Questions, issues, or haven't seen the email? Contact Alyssa Becker (secretary@cocidaho.org).

Youth Confirmation Class

Confirmation class begins September 12. Confirmation class is designed to help parents of our congregation educate their junior high children in basic doctrinal truths and prepare them for God-pleasing reception of the Lord's Supper.

We have had to rethink how we do confirmation class at Cross of Christ, because prioritizing multi-site ministry that fosters unity and a feeling of one congregation across two locations means that on most Sundays we have two pastors in Nampa during the Boise education hour.

Confirmation class will consist of weekly classes at both locations, homework lessons that allow for parental involvement, online quizzes, and some long-term assignments. **If you have a child 7th grade or older and would like to begin Confirmation class, contact Pastor Snyder** to arrange a meeting at church or at your home to get started (208-996-0862, brad.snyder@cocboise.org).

Cross of Christ Preschool has openings for the 2021/2022 school year! There are spots available in the following classes:

- 4/5- year-old, Mon/Wed/Fri mornings, 9:00-11:30 am
- 3/4/5- year-old, Tues/Thurs afternoons, 1:00-3:30 pm
- 3/4/5- year-old, Mon/Wed/Fri afternoons, 1:00-3:30 pm

SHARE this info with friends & acquaintances!

REGISTER online at cocidaho.org/preschool or get a packet from the office.

CONTACT Jan Perna (208-949-0851 or registrar@cocboise.org) with questions.

*“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 21-22	\$739,167
General Fund Offerings Planned FYTD	\$42,644
General Fund Offerings FYTD	\$34,053
Total Offerings Last Week (All Funds)	\$12,461

People in God's Word this past week	Boise	Nampa	Total
Sunday Morning Adult/Teen Bible Study	35	16	51
Kids' Sunday School	18		18
Cross Connections Class (online)	10		10
Last Weekend's Worship	201	43	244

Serving	July 24-25		July 31-Aug 1	
	Nampa	Boise	Nampa	Boise
Music	K. Koepsell	A. Lange	K. Koepsell	M. Walters
AV Tech	J. Malnes, S. Tews, G. Light	E. Christianson, C. Mitten, J. Meier, TBA	J. Malnes, G. Light	J. Kennedy, TBA
Altar Care	K. Guthmiller, C. Harris	T. Yaka, A. Tweedy	K. Guthmiller, C. Harris	D. McLain, K. Adams
Set-Up	Guthmiller, Harris, Olsoe	n/a	Guthmiller, Harris, Olsoe	n/a
Ushers	n/a	K. Benedick, R. Hibbs, J&N Trentz	J. Harris	B. Turley, TBA
Coffee	Guthmiller, Wetzel	R. Ritger	Guthmiller, Wetzel	B. Robbins, D. McLain
Sanitizing	D. Tews, J. Light	Benedick, Hibbs	D. Tews, J. Light	n/a
Flowers	n/a	Rule	n/a	n/a
Church Cleaners	n/a	Admin, J. Morgan	n/a	Meier, McLain
Tellers	Rule, Walden, Cadwell		TBA	
Bulletin Folders	Kimmel, Patrick, Whitlach		Ritger, Ford, Ashley	
Lawn Crew	R. Lange, M. Burke		Team Perna	

Offerings

If you would like to give an offering to support gospel ministry at Cross of Christ, 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 drop your offering off during the week.

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.
