



The New Testament
in 90 Days

CROSS OF **CHRIST**
BOISE

Cross of Christ Lutheran Church

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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.



CROSS OF CHRIST
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Opening Song “Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”
Hymn #340:1-3,5

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.

Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. In one moment I use my tongue to praise you. In another, I use it to tear someone down. Lord, I know this should not be. Yet, you have loved me anyway. May I live and speak as one filled with the peace that comes alone from the cross of Christ.

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 powerfully speaks forgiveness into every part of our lives. Therefore, listen to those words of forgiveness now: You are forgiven 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.

Amen.

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

Mark 8:27-35

²⁷ Jesus and his disciples went on to the villages around Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked them, "Who do people say I am?"

²⁸ They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets."

²⁹ "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?"

Peter answered, "You are the Messiah."

³⁰ Jesus warned them not to tell anyone about him.

³¹ He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. ³² He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.

³³ But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. "Get behind me, Satan!" he said. "You do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns."

³⁴ Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵ For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it."

God's Word

Jeremiah 38:1-13

¹ Shephatiah son of Mattan, Gedaliah son of Pashhur, Jehukal son of Shelemiah, and Pashhur son of Malkijah heard what Jeremiah was telling all the people when he said, ² “This is what the LORD says: ‘Whoever stays in this city will die by the sword, famine or plague, but whoever goes over to the Babylonians will live. They will escape with their lives; they will live.’ ³ And this is what the LORD says: ‘This city will certainly be given into the hands of the army of the king of Babylon, who will capture it.’”

⁴ Then the officials said to the king, “This man should be put to death. He is discouraging the soldiers who are left in this city, as well as all the people, by the things he is saying to them. This man is not seeking the good of these people but their ruin.”

⁵ “He is in your hands,” King Zedekiah answered. “The king can do nothing to oppose you.”

⁶ So they took Jeremiah and put him into the cistern of Malkijah, the king's son, which was in the courtyard of the guard. They lowered Jeremiah by ropes into the cistern; it had no water in it, only mud, and Jeremiah sank down into the mud.

⁷ But Ebed-Melek, a Cushite, an official in the royal palace, heard that they had put Jeremiah into the cistern. While the king was sitting in the Benjamin Gate, ⁸ Ebed-Melek went out of the palace and said to him, ⁹ “My lord the king, these men have acted wickedly in all they have done to Jeremiah the prophet. They have thrown him into a cistern, where he will starve to death when there is no longer any bread in the city.”

¹⁰ Then the king commanded Ebed-Melek the Cushite, “Take thirty men from here with you and lift Jeremiah the prophet out of the cistern before he dies.”

¹¹ So Ebed-Melek took the men with him and went to a room under the treasury in the palace. He took some old rags and worn-out clothes from there and let them down with ropes to Jeremiah in the cistern. ¹² Ebed-Melek the Cushite said to Jeremiah, “Put these old rags and worn-out clothes under your arms to pad the ropes.” Jeremiah did so, ¹³ and they pulled him up with the ropes and lifted him out of the cistern. And Jeremiah remained in the courtyard of the guard.

Children's Message

Song

“Jesus, You Have Called Us”

On screens

Message from God's Word

James 3:1-12

Not many of you should become teachers, my fellow believers, because you know that we who teach will be judged more strictly. ²We all stumble in many ways. Anyone who is never at fault in what they say is perfect, able to keep their whole body in check.

³When we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we can turn the whole animal. ⁴Or take ships as an example. Although they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are steered by a very small rudder wherever the pilot wants to go. ⁵Likewise, the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark. ⁶The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole body, sets the whole course of one's life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell.

⁷All kinds of animals, birds, reptiles and sea creatures are being tamed and have been tamed by mankind, ⁸but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison.

⁹With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse human beings, who have been made in God's likeness. ¹⁰Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this should not be. ¹¹Can both fresh water and salt water flow from the same spring? ¹²My brothers and sisters, can a fig tree bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Neither can a salt spring produce fresh water.

Mature Words

Song

“Jesus, Your Boundless Love to Me”

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

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 Master of the Loving Heart”

Hymn #491:1-4

Silent Prayer

May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer. *Psalm 19:14*

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.

Cross of Christ Weekly Newsletter

August 22, 2021

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

Aug 22-Aug 29	Boise	Nampa
Sunday	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	6:30pm - Cross Connections (online)	
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday		
Saturday	6:30pm - Evening Worship	9:00am - North Nampa Ministry Meeting
Sunday	8:30am - Early Worship 9:45am - Adult & Teen Bible Study (Chapel) Kids' Sunday School (Gym) 11:00am - Late Worship 1:00pm - Voters' Meeting	8:45am - Family Bible Study (JaK*s Place) 9:30am - Worship (JaK*s Place)

Quarterly Voters' Meeting next Sunday, Aug 29, 1:00pm at Boise

All communicant members are invited to attend, learn and share. One of the highlights of the meeting will be updates on the challenges and blessings of our Nampa campus' building project. Voting members are especially encouraged to participate as we honor our gracious God with careful planning for the future.

Cross Connections Class

Cross Connections (our Bible Information Class) is the perfect course to connect to God, purpose, and community at the cross of Christ. In a simple, easy-to-follow format, we lay out the message of Jesus and the Bible to give you certainty about your relationship with God and answer life's biggest questions.



- **In-person on the Boise campus: Tuesdays @ 6:30 pm (starting Sept 14)**
- **Online via Zoom: Thursdays @ 6:30 pm (starting Sept 16)**

Cross Connections can serve as a great spiritual refresher to grow in your faith or as an introduction to Christianity and what we're all about at Cross of Christ. There's no cost and no obligation. All materials are provided. Try out the first few weeks and embark on a faith-journey you won't regret. Free childcare provided in Boise. Be sure to invite your friends and neighbors, and register today at cocidaho.org!

New Worship Series: Real-ationships

Join us for a new worship series beginning the weekend of September 12th! As we read through Scripture it's amazing to see how vital relationships are in God's grand design. Nevertheless, in a sinful world relationships are not easy. You're likely feeling this tension as we live through these divisive and isolating times. In this new series, let's come together and explore the importance of relationships in our lives as well as God's plan for using our personal relationships to share his love with the world. Be sure to invite your family, friends, and fellow church members you haven't seen in a long time to enjoy this important series along with you!



Sisters in Christ Fall Kickoff: Friday, Sept 10, 6:30pm at Boise

How sweet it is! Come join your fellow sisters in Christ for some cookie decorating fun. We will enjoy fellowship and plan future events. Ladies entering 7th grade and older are welcome. Please RSVP on the Boise lobby bulletin board or online at tinyurl.com/sickickoff2021.

GriefShare Support Group



GriefShare is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. Built around a 13-week video curriculum, GriefShare is Christian support group for anyone recovering from the loss of a loved one to death.

This group meets weekly to help you face the challenges of grief and move from mourning to joy. Cross of Christ's fall session will meet **Thursdays @ 7:00 pm, starting September 9, in-person on the Boise campus.** Register at cocidaho.org; there is a \$20 registration fee to cover the cost of class materials. Find more info about the program at griefshare.org.

Usher Volunteers Needed

URGENT: Ushers are needed for all services on the Boise campus! Please email Ty Stavenau (Head Usher) at tystavenau@gmail.com if you are willing to serve as an usher, or return to Usher duties from when you were previously on a Usher team, or to get more information on what serving as an usher entails.

This is a volunteer position and we are hoping to put consistent Usher teams in place to reduce the workload on the few Ushers who have been supporting the Boise site through 2020 and 2021 thus far.

There will be an Usher meeting and refresher training scheduled for mid to late September for all Ushers. We'll train anyone who has not ushered before at that time (as well as review for veteran Ushers), and they will be partnered with an experienced Usher to learn the ropes as they begin to serve.

There will be a bit more emphasis on campus security; security-focused training will be scheduled for October. More to come on that as we proceed into the fall.

We hope to see an increase in participation in the coming months. The more volunteers that participate, the more often all Ushers have opportunity to worship with their families!

Sunday School “New Year” Coming Up!

The new school year is starting very soon – for some has already started! – which means it’s almost time for new Sunday school classes on the Boise campus, too!

On Sunday, September 12, we’ll kick off the new year by gathering in our grade-level classrooms (two years/grades per class) for more awesome Bible learning and faith building. Sunday school is open to kids age 2 through 8th grade; 7th-8th graders will enjoy a combination Bible history and Confirmation class on Sunday mornings. (More on that in the next announcement, or by contacting Pastor Snyder, brad.snyder@cocidaho.org).

Parents, if you plan to send your kids to Sunday school for this fall semester, please do register them here: tinyurl.com/CoCSundaySchoolFall21. This will help us enormously in planning & prepping for the year, particularly in making sure all classes are properly staffed!

We will continue temperature checks and hand sanitizing of all staff and students upon arrival at Sunday school. Masks for adults and youth at Sunday school are available and optional. If you have any questions about any aspect of Sunday school, you contact Pastor Snyder (brad.snyder@cocidaho.org, 208-996-0862).

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.

Confirmation class will consist of weekly Sunday 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, Mon/Wed/Fri afternoons, 1:00-3:30 pm

SHARE this info with friends & acquaintances!

CALL the church office (208-375-3992) to schedule a tour.

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.

Sisters in Christ Women's Retreat 2021

We would love to have you join us for this year's Sisters in Christ Women's Retreat, which will be held from 8pm Friday, September 24th through noon on Sunday, September 26th, at Pilgrim Cove Camp in McCall, Idaho.



This will be a peaceful and joyful opportunity for fellowship, relaxation (both physical and spiritual), and study of God's Word. The theme for the weekend is "Living in the Joy of Christ", based on Philippians 4:4, "Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!".

The cost is \$85/person (\$79/person for 62+ yrs) for two nights lodging and four meals (breakfast/lunch/dinner Saturday and breakfast on Sunday). Check out cocidaho.org/retreat for information about the retreat and to register. We hope to see you there!

Coffee Service Volunteer Still Needed

One of the ways we practice hospitality and welcome all worshipers on the Boise campus is by providing Sunday morning coffee! We're currently in need of a few more volunteers to help with this coffee service (set-up & clean-up) on Sunday mornings. Volunteers typically serve for a month at a time, 3-4 months per year. All training is provided; it's an easy but valuable role! If you're interested and willing to serve in this way, contact Ruby Ritger (208-921-2803 / rbyritger@gmail.com).

*“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	\$99,503
General Fund Offerings FYTD	\$84,000
Total Offerings Last Week (All Funds)	\$11,692

People in God’s Word this past week	Boise	Nampa	Total
Sunday Morning Adult/Teen Bible Study	35	26	61
Kids’ Sunday School	14		14
Cross Connections (online & individual)		10	10
Last Weekend’s Worship	175	76	251

Serving	Aug 21-Aug 22		Aug 28-Aug 29	
	Nampa	Boise	Nampa	Boise
Music	S. Wetzel	K. Koepsell	A. Lange	A. Lange & L. Becker
AV Tech	J. Malnes, S. Tews, G. Light	A. Becker, E. Christianson, L. Boesch	J. Malnes, S. Tews, G. Light	E. Christianson, M. Hartman, J. Meier
Altar Care	K. Guthmiller, C. Harris	D. McLain	K. Guthmiller, C. Harris	D. McLain
Set-Up	Guthmiller, Harris, Olsoe	n/a	Guthmiller, Harris, Olsoe	n/a
Ushers	n/a	T. Stavenau, J. Berrier, B. Turley	n/a	Benedick, J. Berrier, B. Turley
Open & Close	Olsoe	Ehlke, Breckon, Broyles	Malnes	Kennedy, M Johnson, Lange
Coffee	Guthmiller, Wetzel	B. Robbins, D. McLain	Guthmiller, Wetzel	B. Robbins, D. McLain
Flowers	n/a	Gruenhagen	n/a	Thompson
Church Cleaners	n/a	C&D Mitten, Jossis	n/a	A&M Biondi, Admin
Bulletin Folders	Kimmel, Patrick, Whitlach		Ritger, Ford, Ashley	
Lawn Crew	Team Geary		D. Rule, R. Seely	
Tellers	Turley, Rule, Morgan		Harris, Cadwell, Morford	