



The New Testament
in 90 Days

CROSS OF **CHRIST**

Cross of Christ Lutheran Church

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August 28-29, 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

“In Christ Alone”

On the screens

Welcomed into the Family of God

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

Congregation: Amen.

In Christ alone we find our hope because he is the only one who could defeat our greatest enemies and overcome our sin. We worship him today as he welcomes us home in God’s family. When we take this time to confess our sins together, we come honestly before our God. We stand as equals, for all have sinned. And forgiveness is offered freely to all of us because Jesus is the Savior of the world.

Father in heaven, I acknowledge my many sins. Since birth, I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, my speech, and the things I do. My disobedience is rebellion against your good design for my life. I am sorry for my sins. I thank and praise you for giving your Son to crush Satan’s head. I ask for your forgiveness, as I put my trust in Christ alone.

God our Father has shown us great mercy. Because he sent Jesus to live perfectly, suffer, die, and come back to life, the punishment for all sin has been paid. Because of Jesus, you are freely forgiven. Your guilt is removed now and forever. By trusting in Jesus, God calls you his holy child. Live as God’s holy child. Welcome home in his family!

Amen!

Prayer

O God, the strength of all who trust in you, mercifully hear our prayers. Be gracious to us in our weakness and give us strength to keep your commandments in all we say and do; 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 3:8-15

⁸ Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹ But the LORD God called to the man, "Where are you?"

¹⁰ He answered, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid."

¹¹ And he said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?"

¹² The man said, "The woman you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it."

¹³ Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?"

The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

¹⁴ So the LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this,

"Cursed are you above all livestock
and all wild animals!

You will crawl on your belly
and you will eat dust
all the days of your life.

¹⁵ And I will put enmity
between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and hers;
he will crush your head,
and you will strike his heel."

God's Word

Mark 3:20-35

²⁰ Then Jesus entered a house, and again a crowd gathered, so that he and his disciples were not even able to eat. ²¹ When his family heard about this, they went to take charge of him, for they said, "He is out of his mind."

²² And the teachers of the law who came down from Jerusalem said, "He is possessed by Beelzebul! By the prince of demons he is driving out demons."

²³ So Jesus called them over to him and began to speak to them in parables: "How can Satan drive out Satan? ²⁴ If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. ²⁵ If a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand. ²⁶ And if Satan opposes himself and is divided, he cannot stand; his end has come. ²⁷ In fact, no one can enter a strong man's house without first tying him up. Then he can plunder the strong man's house. ²⁸ Truly I tell you, people can be forgiven all their sins and every slander they utter, ²⁹ but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven; they are guilty of an eternal sin."

³⁰ He said this because they were saying, "He has an impure spirit."

³¹ Then Jesus' mother and brothers arrived. Standing outside, they sent someone in to call him. ³² A crowd was sitting around him, and they told him, "Your mother and brothers are outside looking for you."

³³ "Who are my mother and my brothers?" he asked.

³⁴ Then he looked at those seated in a circle around him and said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! ³⁵ Whoever does God's will is my brother and sister and mother."

Children's Message

Song

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

Hymn #201

Message from God's Word

Revelation 20:1-6

¹ And I saw an angel coming down out of heaven, having the key to the Abyss and holding in his hand a great chain. ² He seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil, or Satan, and bound him for a thousand years. ³ He threw him into the Abyss, and locked and sealed it over him, to keep him from deceiving the nations anymore until the thousand years were ended. After that, he must be set free for a short time.

⁴ I saw thrones on which were seated those who had been given authority to judge. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony about Jesus and because of the word of God. They had not worshiped the beast or its image and had not received its mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ a thousand years. ⁵ (The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended.) This is the first resurrection. ⁶ Blessed and holy are those who share in the first resurrection. The second death has no power over them, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with him for a thousand years.

Who Wins in the End?

Song

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

Hymn #370:1,3,5

Statement of Faith

“We Praise You, O God”

We praise you, O God, we acclaim you as Lord; all creation worships you, Father everlasting. To you all angels, all powers of heaven, cherubim and seraphim sing in endless praise: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of heavenly hosts, heaven and earth are full of your glory. The glorious company of apostles praise you. The noble fellowship of prophets praise you. The white-robed army of martyrs praise you. Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you: Father of majesty unbounded, your glorious, true, and only Son, and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.

You, Christ, are the King of glory, the eternal Son of the Father. When you became man to set us free, you humbled yourself to be born of a virgin. You overcame the sting of death and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. You sit at the right hand of God in the glory of the Father. We believe that you will come to be our judge.

Come then, Lord, and help your people, bought with the price of your own blood, and bring us with your saints to glory 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 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

“Immanuel’s Land”
On the screens

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 29, 2021

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

Aug 29-Sept 5	Boise	Nampa
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)
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday		
Saturday	6:30pm - Evening Worship w/ Holy Communion	
Sunday	8:30am - Early Worship w/ Holy Communion 9:45am - Adult Bible Study (Chapel) Teen Class (Conference Room) Kids' Sunday School (Gym) 11:00am - Late Worship w/ Holy Communion	8:45am - Family Bible Study (JaK*s Place) 9:30am - Worship w/ Holy Communion (JaK*s Place)

Quarterly Voters' Meeting This Sunday, 1:00pm at Boise

All communicant members are invited to attend, learn and share. (Virtual access has been distributed to members via email.) 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.

Growing in Faith this Fall

Check out the details of these studies in the Cross of Christ Chronicle, available in the Friday email or in the Boise lobby on the usher's cart and by the office window. All studies are on the Boise campus unless otherwise indicated.

- *Sunday morning teen class* (9:45 am): Three Words that Will Change Your Life, starts 9/5
- *Sunday morning adult study*: The Book of Genesis, starts 9/12
 - Nampa, 8:45 am
 - Boise, 9:45 am
- *Sunday morning Sunday school* (9:45 am), new classes start 9/12, see announcement & registration link below
- *Men's Bible study*: The Book of Isaiah, Wednesdays at 6:30 am, starts 9/15
- *Women's Bible study*: Sexpectations, based on the book by Pastor Mike Novotny, Monday mornings & Tuesday evenings, starts in October (exact times & dates TBA)
- *CrossTrainers* (high school students), Wednesdays at 7:00 pm, starts 9/15.
- *Growth Groups*: sermon text study, various days & times starting the week of 9/19, see announcement & sign-up link below
- *Cross Connections Class*, see announcement & registration link below

Fall Growth Groups

These small group Bible studies meet at church, in members' homes, or online to apply the previous Sunday's message and connect with fellow Christians. Register for a group at tinyurl.com/GGFall2021 or on the Boise bulletin board. This session will run September-October.

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!

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.

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.

Sunday School “New Year” Coming Up!

The new school year has begun -- 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. As we continue to follow West Ada School District policies in this regard, masks for students and staff will be required, though you may opt-out your child(ren) on the registration form. 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).

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!

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 for the Boise site, 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!

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	\$113,718
General Fund Offerings FYTD	\$95,038
Total Offerings Last Week (All Funds)	\$11,144

People in God's Word this past week	Boise	Nampa	Total
Sunday Morning Adult/Teen Bible Study	44	17	61
Kids' Sunday School	24		24
Cross Connections (online & individual)	8		
Last Weekend's Worship	187	45	232

Serving	Aug 28-Aug 29		Sept 4-Sept 5	
	Nampa	Boise	Nampa	Boise
Music	A. Lange	A. Lange & L. Becker	R. Dodd	K. Koepsell
AV Tech	J. Malnes, S. Tews	A. Becker, E. Christianson, M. Hartman, J. Meier	J. Malnes, S. Tews, G. Light	TBA
Altar Care	K. Guthmiller, C. Harris	D. McLain	K. Guthmiller, C. Harris	K. Guthmiller
Set-Up	Guthmiller, Harris, Olsoe	n/a	Guthmiller, Harris, Olsoe	n/a
Ushers	n/a	Benedick, J. Berrier, B. Turley	n/a	R. Hibbs, B. Adams, L. Manglos, B. Turley
Open & Close	Olsoe	M. Johnson, R. Lange	Malnes	M. Brown, L. Shaw, L. Manglos
Coffee	Guthmiller, Wetzel	B. Robbins, D. McLain	Guthmiller, Wetzel	J. Johnson, K. Struthers
Flowers	n/a	Thompson	n/a	Tweedy
Church Cleaners	n/a	A&M Biondi, Admin	n/a	Nordick, R&L Ochoa
Bulletin Folders	Ritger, Ford, Ashley		Bafus, Guthmiller	
Lawn Crew	D. Rule, R. Seely		R. Ochoa, B. Whitaker	
Tellers	Harris, Cadwell, Morford		TBA	