



The New Testament
in 90 Days

CROSS OF **CHRIST**
BOISE

Cross of Christ Lutheran Church

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August 7-8, 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

Welcome to Cross of Christ

Opening Song

“You Are My Vision”

on screens

Confession & Absolution

with Psalms 24 and 51

Pastor: We join together in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

The psalm-writer teaches us to Whom we are all accountable: “The earth is the LORD’s, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it;

for he founded it on the seas and established it on the waters.”

The psalm also addresses the proper attitude as we gather in worship in the presence of our holy God: “Who may ascend the mountain of the LORD? Who may stand in his holy place?

The one who has clean hands and a pure heart...”

Friends, since our hands and hearts are far from pure, let us confess our sins to the LORD, humbly asking for his mercy and forgiveness:

Soloist: Father, I’ve been sinful from the time of my conception;
 The weight of my transgression is more than I can bear.
 My conscience speaks against me; your holy will I’ve broken;
 My words and thoughts and actions prove righteous judgment fair.

All: (♪)

Kyrie

Lord have mercy; Christ have mercy.

Lord have mercy on me.

Lord have mercy; Christ have mercy.

Lord have mercy on me.

(our prayer of confession is spoken)

**Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.
For faithless worrying and selfish pride,
For sins of habit and sins of choice,
For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,
You should cast me away from your presence forever.
O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.**

Soloist: On my own I am defenseless, accused, dejected, broken;
The Holy Spirit whispers, I turn in faith to him,
With my place on Calv'ry taken; I trust his gracious pardon –
I'm clinging to his promise: Savior, wash away my sin!

All: (♩)

Kyrie

**Lord have mercy; Christ have mercy.
Lord have mercy on me.
Lord have mercy; Christ have mercy.
Lord have mercy on me.**

God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him will not perish, but have eternal life. Christ died to pay for our sins. Christ rose to declare us innocent. Christ will come again to take us home. Be at peace, you are fully forgiven and righteous, through faith in Jesus Christ!

Amen.

**(♩) From your mercy ever-flowing, I'm forgiven, always!
Thank you, Savior, for your mercy. I will give you my praise.**

(we pray)

O God, you reveal your mighty power chiefly in showing mercy and kindness. Grant us the full measure of your grace that we may obtain your promises and become partakers of your heavenly glory; 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

Matthew 5:13-16

“You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

“You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.”

Children's Message

Song

“Speak, O Lord”
on screens

Message from God's Word

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

¹ Paul, Silas and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace and peace to you.

² We always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers. ³ We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴ For we know, brothers and sisters loved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵ because our gospel came to you not simply with words but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and deep conviction. You know how we lived among you for your sake. ⁶ You became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you welcomed the message in the midst of severe suffering with the joy given by the Holy Spirit. ⁷ And so you became a model to all the believers in Macedonia and Achaia. ⁸ The Lord's message rang out from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia—your faith in God has become known everywhere. Therefore we do not

need to say anything about it, ⁹ for they themselves report what kind of reception you gave us. They tell how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, ¹⁰ and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

Christians... People Are Watching You!

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.

God's Word

Ephesians 4:31-5:4

Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God's holy people. Nor should there be obscenity, foolish talk or coarse joking, which are out of place, but rather thanksgiving.

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

"Lord, You I Love with All My Heart"

on 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 8, 2021

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

Aug 8-Aug 15	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	
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)

Quarterly Voters' Meeting – Sunday, August 29 1:00 PM



All of our Communicant Members are invited to attend, learn and share. Voting members are especially encouraged to join us as we honor our gracious God with careful planning for the future.

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 at 208-921-2803 or rubyritger@gmail.com.

Cross Connections



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Boise (in-person): Tuesdays @ 6:30 pm (starting Sept 14)

Online: Thursdays @ 6:30 pm (starting Sept 16)

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. 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!

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, 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.

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!

*"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	\$71,074
General Fund Offerings FYTD	\$58,730
Total Offerings Last Week (All Funds)	\$16,729

People in God's Word this past week	Boise	Nampa	Total
Sunday Morning Adult/Teen Bible Study	35	18	53
Kids' Sunday School	19		19
Cross Connections (online & individual)	10		10
Last Weekend's Worship	195	37	232

Serving	Aug 7-Aug 8		Aug 14-Aug 15	
	Nampa	Boise	Nampa	Boise
Music	A. Lange	K. Koepsell	S. Wetzel?	K. Koepsell
AV Tech	J. Malnes, S. Tews, G. Light	J. Kennedy, A. Becker, M. Hartman	J. Malnes, G. Light	J. Kennedy, A. Becker, M. Hartman
Altar Care	K. Guthmiller, C. Harris	D. McLain, K. Adams	K. Guthmiller, C. Harris	D. McLain, K. Adams
Set-Up	Guthmiller, Harris, Olsoe	n/a	Guthmiller, Harris, Olsoe	n/a
Ushers	n/a	G. Bafus Berrier, L. Manglos	n/a	G. Bafus, B. Turley, TBA
Coffee	Guthmiller, Wetzel	B. Robbins, D. McLain	Guthmiller, Wetzel	B. Robbins, D. McLain
Flowers	n/a	M. Walters	n/a	TBA
Church Cleaners	n/a	Admin, L&J Shaw	n/a	DeWall, C&D Miller
Bulletin Folders	Bafus, Guthmiller		Prigges, Tweedy, Foreman	
Lawn Crew	J. Harris, P. Jossis		B. Turley, L. Dold	
Tellers	Harris, Walden, Cadwell		Rule, Harris, Morgan	