



CROSS OF **CHRIST**
BOISE

Cross of Christ Lutheran Church

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16th Sunday after Pentecost

September 11-12, 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.



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Welcomed into the Family of God

Pastor: 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.

Dear friends, we have gathered before our holy triune God. He created us to be his own and to live under his perfect design. Sin ruined that design and destroyed the relationship between God and humanity. As we confess our sins, let's place our trust in Jesus Christ—God, the perfect Man—to be welcomed home in God's family.

Holy and merciful Father in heaven, I often fear my relationship with you, because I know I fail the relationships you have given me in so many ways. Though my sins had separated me from you, I know you gave your Son for me. By the power of your Spirit, I trust in him for pardon and forgiveness. Receive me and renew me again today because of your boundless love displayed in Jesus at the cross.

Your holy and merciful Father has taken away your sins and removed your guilt forever. Though the struggle with sin continues, he looks on you every day in love because of the perfect life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. On behalf of God himself, I am privileged to tell you: You are welcomed home in God's family and your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit!

Amen!

Prayer

Almighty God and Father, dwelling in majesty and mystery, filling and renewing all creation by your eternal Spirit, and manifesting your saving grace through our Lord Jesus Christ: in mercy cleanse our hearts and lips that, free from doubt and fear, we may ever worship you, one true immortal God, with your Son and the Holy Spirit, living and reigning, now and forever.

Amen.

Song of Thanks

“You Are God, We Praise You”

Prayer

Almighty God and Father, dwelling in majesty and mystery, filling and renewing all creation by your eternal Spirit, and manifesting your saving grace through our Lord Jesus Christ: in mercy cleanse our hearts and lips that, free from doubt and fear, we may ever worship you, one true immortal God, with your Son and the Holy Spirit, living and reigning, now and forever.

Amen.

God's Word

John 16:12-15

¹² "I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. ¹³ But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. ¹⁴ He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you. ¹⁵ All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will receive from me what he will make known to you."

God's Word 1 John 5:5-12

⁵ Who is it that overcomes the world? Only the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.

⁶ This is the one who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ. He did not come by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. ⁷ For there are three that testify:⁸ the Spirit, the water and the blood; and the three are in agreement.⁹ We accept human testimony, but God's testimony is greater because it is the testimony of God, which he has given about his Son. ¹⁰ Whoever believes in the Son of God accepts this testimony. Whoever does not believe God has made him out to be a liar, because they have not believed the testimony God has given about his Son. ¹¹ And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.¹² Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

Children's Message

Song

“May We Your Precepts, Lord, Fulfill”

Hymn #458: 1-3

Message from God's Word

Numbers 6:22-27

²² The LORD said to Moses, ²³ “Tell Aaron and his sons, ‘This is how you are to bless the Israelites. Say to them:

²⁴ ““The LORD bless you
and keep you;

²⁵ the LORD make his face shine on you
and be gracious to you;

²⁶ the LORD turn his face toward you
and give you peace.””

²⁷ “So they will put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them.”

Blessed to See God Smile

Statement of Faith

“All Praise to Him”

On screens

Installation of Sunday School Teachers

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

"May the Peace of God"

On Screens

Silent Prayer

Lord, thank you for choosing to bless me. I know you look down on me with a smile because of the work Jesus completed as my Savior. Fill me with the peace that comes alone from you. Amen.

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

September 12, 2021

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, 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.

Sept 12-Sept 19	Boise	Nampa
Sunday	8:30am - Early Worship 9:45am - Adult Bible Study (Chapel) Teen Class (Conf Rm) Kids' Sunday School (Gym & Classrooms) 11:00am - Late Worship	8:45am - Family Bible Study (JaK*s Place) 9:30am - Worship (JaK*s Place)
Monday	6:00pm - Church Council Mtg.	
Tuesday	6:00pm - Preschool Back-to- School Night 6:30pm - Cross Connections	
Wednesday	6:30am - Men's Bible Study 6:30pm - Adult Choir 7:00pm - CrossTrainers	
Thursday	7:00pm - GriefShare	
	6:30pm - Cross Connections Online	
Friday	3:00pm - Victory Celebration for Joe Ball	
Saturday	6:30pm - Evening Worship w/Communion	
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New Worship Series: Real-ationships

This worship series begins TODAY! 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!

Growing in Faith this Fall

Check out the details of these studies in the Cross of Christ Chronicle, available in the Friday email, in the lobby at Boise, or in the entryway at Nampa. All studies are on the Boise campus unless otherwise indicated.

- *Sunday morning teen class* (9:45 am): Three Words that Will Change Your Life
- *Sunday morning Sunday school* (9:45 am), **new classes start this Sunday 9/12**, see announcement & registration link below
- *Men's Bible study: The Book of Isaiah*, Wednesdays at 6:30 am, **starts this Wednesday 9/15**
- *CrossTrainers* (high school students), Wednesdays at 7:00 pm, **starts this Wednesday 9/15**
- *Cross Connections Class*, see announcement & registration link below – **starts this week 9/14 at Boise and 9/16 online**
- *Sunday morning adult study: The Book of Genesis*, **starts next Sunday 9/19**
 - Nampa, 8:45 am
 - Boise, 9:45 am
- *Growth Groups: sermon text study*, various days & times starting the week of 9/19, see announcement & sign-up link below
- *Women's Bible study: Sexpectations*, based on the book by Pastor Mike Novotny, Monday mornings & Tuesday evenings, starts in October (exact times & dates TBA)

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!

Sunday School “New Year” Begins This Sunday!

Sunday school is open to kids age 2 through 8th grade; 7th-8th graders will enjoy a combination Bible history and confirmation class.

*Parents, **if you expect to send your kids to Sunday school at any time 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 for at least the next two Sundays, Sept 12 and 19.* (The opt-out option remains on the registration form for future use.) If you have questions about any aspect of Sunday school, contact Pastor Snyder (brad.snyder@cocidaho.org, 208-996-0862).

Many thanks to the dozens of volunteers who will be serving our kids on the Boise campus this year!

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 starts the week of September 19 and runs through the end of October.

Youth Confirmation Class

Confirmation class also begins this Sunday, September 12. Confirmation class is designed to help teach basic doctrinal truths to junior high students and prepare them for God-pleasing reception of the Lord's Supper.

Confirmation class will consist of weekly Sunday classes, 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. **Registration deadline is this Wednesday September 15.**

Call Received

On Thursday, September 2, our staff minister Kristen Koepsell received a Divine Call to serve as worship coordinator and music teacher at Divine Savior Church & Academy near Austin, TX. As she now considers two calls, here at Cross of Christ and to Divine Savior, please pray for Miss K as she considers where best she may serve in God's kingdom. Feel free to speak with her if you have any questions or would like to share your thoughts; she welcomes your input (208-922-8422 / kristen.koepsell@cocidaho.org).

Worship Live Stream

Starting this Sunday, September 12, Cross of Christ will live stream the 8:30 am worship service from the Boise campus, at cocidaho.org/livestream.

In order to provide an online way to worship along with your church family, we are now providing a live stream each Sunday morning. It's our prayer that even if health concerns or distance make it difficult to gather in person, you can still gather with the body of Christ online to be encouraged in your faith.

The live stream page will also be linked on the cocidaho.org home page. Service recordings will continue to be archived at cocidaho.org/worship-resources and emailed to members on Mondays.

Ministry Evaluation Opportunities

The leadership of Cross of Christ would like to hear from YOU about the state of ministry for our multi-site church family. As we look at shaping our long-range ministry goals and strategies, we'd like to first evaluate the way we're currently conducting every aspect of our multi-site ministry. A wide variety of perspectives will surely be a blessing during this evaluation, and so we'd like to enable the participation of our adult members in the following ways:

Ministry evaluation discussions will be conducted throughout October and November in small groups of twelve. A sign up for these groups will be emailed to the congregation this coming Wednesday, the 15th. Discussion opportunities will be held on the Boise campus, within Growth Groups, and online. Some sessions will include childcare. *Watch for that email and plan to participate in one of these important discussions as we seek to glorify God in the best ways possible now and for generations to come!*

Fall Festival: Save the Date!

Sunday, October 31, 12:30 - 2:30 pm on the Boise campus

Lots of fun activities planned! Everyone is welcome, so be sure to invite your friends! More information to come!

Usher Volunteers Needed

URGENT: Can you be someone who regularly offers help to others at worship? Then it sounds like you can be an usher!

The role of usher provides incredibly important services to our worship environment as *ushers keep the lobby and worship experience organized, welcoming, and safe*. We are very much in need of volunteers at our Boise campus to provide these services. Please email Ty Stavenau (Head Usher) at tystavenau@gmail.com if you are willing to serve as an usher for the Boise site, or simply to get more information on what serving as an usher entails.

Remember, this is a service opportunity for men and women, young and old, long-time members and new. An online, flexible sign-up calendar also makes this an ideal way to serve within a schedule that fits for you. The more volunteers involved, the easier it is for us to support our many worship services throughout the year, and so we greatly appreciate you prayerfully considering serving in this way!

Calling All Coffee Lovers...

Do you appreciate having coffee available to you on Sunday mornings? Consider being part of making that happen!

If you normally attend early service, come a bit earlier and get the coffee brewing. If you normally attend late service, hang around a bit longer and get everything put away for next week. All training is provided; it's an easy but valuable role!

Volunteers typically serve for a month at a time, yet if you need a different schedule, let's figure it out! Contact Ruby Ritger (208-921-2803 / rubyritger@gmail.com) to ask questions or to volunteer.

New Hymnal Resource Available Soon

Cross of Christ's larger church body, the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod, is publishing a new hymnal this fall – a book designed not just for compiling worship songs, but also for personal and family use, with many different devotional resources included. Take a look and learn more about it at christianworship.com, or pick up a preview booklet from the lobby at Boise or the entryway at Nampa.

You can order a hymnal for yourself – or several for gifts! – at online.nph.net. (Note that they are listed as “out of stock” simply because they're still in the preorder phase.) Cross of Christ will begin making use of the new hymnal's resources later this fall as they become available.

*“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	\$142,148
General Fund Offerings FYTD	\$129,967
Total Offerings Last Week (All Funds)	\$19,171

People in God’s Word this past week	Boise	Nampa	Total
Sunday Morning Adult/Teen Bible Study	n/a	15	
Kids’ Sunday School	17		17
Cross Connections (online & individual)		5	
Last Weekend’s Worship	177	36	213

Serving	Sept 11-Sept 12		Sept 18-Sept 19	
	Nampa	Boise	Nampa	Boise
Music	J. Hein	K. Koepsell	A. Lange	K. Koepsell
AV Tech	J. Malnes, S. Tews, G. Light	L. Boesch, J. Geary, A. Becker, C. Mitten	J. Malnes, S. Tew, G. Light	A. Becker, C. Kennedy, L. Boesch, E. Christianson, J. Meier, J. Geary
Altar Care	K. Guthmiller, C. Harris	K. Guthmiller	K. Guthmiller, C. Harris	K. Guthmiller
Set-Up	Guthmiller, Harris, Olsoe	n/a	Guthmiller, Harris, Olsoe	n/a
Ushers	n/a	B. Walters, R. Hibbs, B. Turley, A. Broyles	J. Harris	B. Walters, T. Stavenau, R. Hibbs, H. Geary, G. Walden
Open & Close	Malnes	R. Ochoa, B. Masters, H. Geary	Ehlke	TBA, R. Lange, J. Olsoe
Coffee	Guthmiller, Wetzel	R. Ritger, K. Struthers	Guthmiller, Wetzel	R. Ritger, K. Struthers
Flowers	n/a	Loring	n/a	T&C Masters
Church Cleaners	n/a	M&T Burke, Admin	n/a	Admin, Orbeck
Bulletin Folders	Prigges, Tweedy, Foreman		Kimmel, Patrick, Whitlach	
Lawn Crew	Team Meier		J. Trentz, P. Becker	
Tellers	Harris, Morford, Walden		Turley, Cadwell, Walden	