



CROSS OF **CHRIST**
BOISE

Cross of Christ Lutheran Church

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Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 18-19, 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 with “Blessed Jesus, at Your Word”

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

Congregation: Amen.

(♩) **Blessed Jesus, at your Word
We are gathered all to hear you.
Let our hearts and souls be stirred
Now to seek and love and fear you,
By your teachings, sweet and holy,
Drawn from earth to love you solely.**

Jesus’ sweet and holy teachings reveal the depth of his love. The only reason we can come before him today and be welcomed into his family is because he came first to take away our sins. By confessing our sins together, let’s remember how much Jesus overcame for us so we can be welcomed home.

Holy and merciful God, I confess my sins. I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. Though I have failed, I thank you for never giving up on me. Forgive me. Restore me. Receive me once again as your child.

(♩) **All our knowledge, sense, and sight
Lie in deepest darkness shrouded
Till your Spirit breaks our night
With the beams of truth unclouded.
You alone to God can win us;
You must work all good within us.**

God has heard your prayers, and he will not send you away. Because of Jesus’ perfect life, death, and resurrection, you are forgiven. Your sins are removed forever. You are God’s precious child. Let him lead and direct your life by his goodness and wisdom. May we all, with grateful and forgiven hearts, say, “As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord!”

Amen!

**(♩) Gracious Savior, good and kind,
Light from Light, from God proceeding,
Open now our heart and mind;
Help us by your Spirit's pleading.
Hear the cry your people raises;
Hear and bless our prayers and praises.**

Prayer

God, our Father, send your Spirit among us that we may always put you first in our homes and in our lives. So work in our hearts that we may serve you as Lord of lords and lead one another to put our trust in your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

God's Word

Luke 7:1-10

¹ When Jesus had finished saying all this to the people who were listening, he entered Capernaum. ² There a centurion's servant, whom his master valued highly, was sick and about to die. ³ The centurion heard of Jesus and sent some elders of the Jews to him, asking him to come and heal his servant. ⁴ When they came to Jesus, they pleaded earnestly with him, "This man deserves to have you do this, ⁵ because he loves our nation and has built our synagogue." ⁶ So Jesus went with them.

He was not far from the house when the centurion sent friends to say to him: "Lord, don't trouble yourself, for I do not deserve to have you come under my roof. ⁷ That is why I did not even consider myself worthy to come to you. But say the word, and my servant will be healed. ⁸ For I myself am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. I tell this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and that one, 'Come,' and he comes. I say to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it."

⁹ When Jesus heard this, he was amazed at him, and turning to the crowd following him, he said, "I tell you, I have not found such great faith even in Israel." ¹⁰ Then the men who had been sent returned to the house and found the servant well.

God's Word

Colossians 3:12-21

¹² Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. ¹³ Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. ¹⁴ And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

¹⁵ Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

¹⁸ Wives, submit yourselves to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.

¹⁹ Husbands, love your wives and do not be harsh with them.

²⁰ Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord.

²¹ Fathers, do not embitter your children, or they will become discouraged.

Children's Message

Song

"Jesus, Your Boundless Love to Me"

Hymn #479:1-3; alternate tune

Message from God's Word

Joshua 24:12-18

¹² “I sent the hornet ahead of you, which drove them out before you—also the two Amorite kings. You did not do it with your own sword and bow. ¹³ So I gave you a land on which you did not toil and cities you did not build; and you live in them and eat from vineyards and olive groves that you did not plant.’

¹⁴ “Now fear the LORD and serve him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your ancestors worshiped beyond the Euphrates River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. ¹⁵ But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.”

¹⁶ Then the people answered, “Far be it from us to forsake the LORD to serve other gods! ¹⁷ It was the LORD our God himself who brought us and our parents up out of Egypt, from that land of slavery, and performed those great signs before our eyes. He protected us on our entire journey and among all the nations through which we traveled. ¹⁸ And the LORD drove out before us all the nations, including the Amorites, who lived in the land. We too will serve the LORD, because he is our God.”

The Starting Point for Healthy Home Relationships

Statement of Faith 1st Article of the Apostles' Creed with Martin Luther's Explanation

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

What does this mean?

I believe that God created me and all that exists, and that he gave me my body and soul, eyes, ears and all my members, my mind and all my abilities.

And I believe that God still preserves me by richly and daily providing clothing and shoes, food and drink, property and home, spouse and

children, land, cattle, and all I own, and all I need to keep my body and life. God also preserves me by defending me against all danger, guarding and protecting me from all evil. All this God does only because he is my good and merciful Father in heaven, and not because I have earned or deserved it. For all this I ought to thank and praise, to serve and obey him.

This is most certainly true.

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.

The Lord's Supper

God's Word speaks of the spiritual blessings of this Sacrament (Mt. 26:28) and warns against the spiritual dangers of being unprepared for this holy meal (1 Cor. 11:27-29). Because we deeply care about you and don't want to see anyone's faith harmed, we ask that if you have not studied with us or spoken with our pastors first, that you refrain from joining in the Sacrament today. We are not judging your love for Jesus but rather displaying loving caution for all involved. Please feel free to ask one of our pastors if you have questions. We are eager to listen and share over an open Bible.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

**(♩) O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.**

**O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.**

**O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us your peace.**

Amen.

Distribution Song

“Just As I Am, without One Plea”

Hymn #397:1-3,4-6

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

“Jesus, Thank You”

On the screens

Offerings

If you would like to give an offering to support gospel ministry at Cross of Christ, the offering plate is available near the door. 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 19, 2021

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

Sept 19-Sept 26	Boise	Nampa
Sunday	8:30am - Early Worship w/Communion 9:45am - Adult Bible Study (Chapel) Teen Class (Conf Rm) Kids' Sunday School (Gym & Classrooms) 11:00am - Late Worship w/Communion	8:45am - Family Bible Study (JaK*s Place) 9:30am - Worship w/Communion (JaK*s Place)
Monday	Growth Groups begin this week	
Tuesday	6:30pm - Cross Connections	
Wednesday	6:30am - Men's Bible Study 6:30pm - Adult Choir 7:00pm - CrossTrainers	
Thursday	6:30pm - Kingdom Workers' Meet-Up 7:00pm - GriefShare	
	6:30pm - Cross Connections Online	
Friday	Women's Retreat, McCall, through Sunday	
Saturday	11:00am - Victory Celebration for Jean Nowatzki 6:30pm - Evening Worship	
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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!

Current Worship Series: Real-ationships

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 current 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. Invite family, friends, and fellow church members you haven't seen in a long time to enjoy this important series along with you!

Worship Live Stream

Cross of Christ is now live streaming 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.

Learn About Global Ministry through Kingdom Workers

Kingdom Workers is a Christian non-profit, affiliated with our church body, that mobilizes believers to meet the physical and spiritual needs of communities around the world. Their ministry initiatives include rural health services in Nigeria, mentoring teens in trades in the US, village school libraries in Indonesia, special needs assessment & support in Grenada, and foster family support in the US – just to name a few!

You're invited to meet up with other mission-minded folks and learn more about this dynamic ministry *this Thursday, September 23, 6:30-8:00 pm on the Boise campus*. Be encouraged in hearing how God's Word and God's love are changing lives all over the globe!

Check them out at kingdomworkers.com and direct questions about the meet-up to Kristen Koepsell (kristen.koepsell@cocidaho.org).

How to Participate in Ministry Evaluation Sessions

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. What are you really thankful for at Cross of Christ? What have you been hoping to see done differently? 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. **An online sign-up for these groups is now available at cocidaho.org/ministry-evaluation**. You can also find the direct link in the member email sent Thursday, Sept 16. After registering for a session, you'll be sent an evaluation form to fill out ahead of your scheduled meeting.

If the online sign up does not work for you, please contact the church office for assistance (secretary@cocidaho.org). Additionally, if this schedule is a barrier for your participation, please also contact the church office or Pastor Hein directly (greg.hein@cocidaho.org) in order to determine possible solutions.

This ministry is your ministry, so 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 Growth Groups Start This Week!

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. This session starts this coming week and runs through the end of October. Still time to register for a group at tinyurl.com/GGFall2021 or on the Boise bulletin board!

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).

Sunday School

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 this Sunday, September 19*. We'll stay in touch with parents as things change. (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).

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!

Cross Connections Class

Cross Connections (our Bible Information Class) is underway! It's not too late to jump in to this perfect course for connecting 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**
- **Online via Zoom: Thursdays @ 6:30 pm**

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 cocidah.org!

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 / rubitger@gmail.com) to ask questions or to volunteer.

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 cocidah.org; there is a \$20 registration fee to cover the cost of class materials. Find more info about the program at griefshare.org.

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	\$156,362
General Fund Offerings FYTD	\$144,658
Total Offerings Last Week (All Funds)	\$14,877

People in God's Word this past week	Boise	Nampa	Total
Sunday Morning Adult/Teen Bible Study	51	22	73
Men's Bible Study	5		5
Kids' Sunday School	53		53
Cross Connections (online & individual)		6	6
Last Weekend's Worship	224	52	276

Serving	Sept 18-19		Sept 25-Sept 26	
	Nampa	Boise	Nampa	Boise
Music	K. Koepsell	A. Lange	K. Wetzel, H. Wetzel	Dodd, Lowry, Evans, Trull, Neujahr
AV Tech	J. Malnes, S. Tews, G. Light	A. Becker, C. Kennedy, L. Boesch, E. Christianson, J. Meier, J. Geary	J. Malnes, S. Tew, G. Light	L. Boesch, J. Geary, A. Becker, E. Christianson, M. Hartman
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	J. Harris	T. Stavenau, R. Hibbs, D. Rule, H. Geary, G. Walden	n/a	B. Walters, R. Hibbs, TBA
Open & Close	Olsoe	R. Lange	Malnes	L. Shaw, E. Christianson, KC Broyles
Coffee	Guthmiller, Wetzel	R. Ritger, K. Struthers	Guthmiller, Wetzel	R. Ritger, K. Struthers
Flowers	n/a	T&C Masters	n/a	T&C Masters
Church Cleaners	n/a	Admin, Orbeck	n/a	Admin, Rathje
Bulletin Folders	Kimmel, Patrick, Whitlach		Ritger, Ford, Ashley	
Lawn Crew	J. Trentz, P. Becker		M. Johnson, N. Tessmer	
Tellers	Turley, Cadwell, Walden		Rule, Morgan, Morford	