



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, How Good It Is”

On screens

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, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

Lord of life, I confess that apart from you I was 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,

I deserved to be cast away from your presence forever.

O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, you are welcomed home in his family. God give you strength to live according to his will.

Amen!

Prayer

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

God's Word

Psalm 133

¹ How good and pleasant it is
when God's people live together in unity!
² It is like precious oil poured on the head,
running down on the beard,
running down on Aaron's beard,
down on the collar of his robe.
³ It is as if the dew of Hermon
were falling on Mount Zion.
For there the LORD bestows his blessing,
even life forevermore.

God's Word

John 13:1-17

It was just before the Passover Festival. Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.

² The evening meal was in progress, and the devil had already prompted Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus. ³ Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; ⁴ so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. ⁵ After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

⁶ He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?"

⁷ Jesus replied, "You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand."

⁸ "No," said Peter, "you shall never wash my feet."

Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no part with me."

⁹ “Then, Lord,” Simon Peter replied, “not just my feet but my hands and my head as well!”

¹⁰ Jesus answered, “Those who have had a bath need only to wash their feet; their whole body is clean. And you are clean, though not every one of you.” ¹¹ For he knew who was going to betray him, and that was why he said not every one was clean.

¹² When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. “Do you understand what I have done for you?” he asked them. ¹³ “You call me ‘Teacher’ and ‘Lord,’ and rightly so, for that is what I am. ¹⁴ Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another’s feet. ¹⁵ I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. ¹⁶ Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. ¹⁷ Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.

Children’s Message

Song

“Proof of Love” On Screens

Message from God's Word

Philippians 2:1-11

Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion,² then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind.³ Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves,⁴ not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

⁵ In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

⁶ Who, being in very nature God,
did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own
advantage;

⁷ rather, he made himself nothing
by taking the very nature of a servant,
being made in human likeness.

⁸ And being found in appearance as a man,
he humbled himself
by becoming obedient to death—
even death on a cross!

⁹ Therefore God exalted him to the highest place
and gave him the name that is above every name,

¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

¹¹ and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

What Is a Church Family?

Statement of Faith 2nd Article of the Apostles’ Creed

with Martin Luther’s Explanation

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s 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.

What does this mean?

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord.

He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with his holy, precious blood and with his innocent suffering and death.

All this he did that I should be his own, and live under him in his kingdom, and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as he has risen from death and lives and rules eternally.

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.

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

“10,000 Reasons”

On Screens

Silent Prayer

Merciful Father, thank you for making me part of your family. It's by your grace that I'm welcomed home by your side. May I treat the rest of your family, my family, with the same grace that you showed me so that they too may always remain with you. In Jesus' name I pray, amen.

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 26, 2021

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

Sept 26-Oct 3	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	6:30pm - Council Ministry Evaluation	
Tuesday	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		
Saturday	6:30pm - Evening Worship w/Communion	9:00am - North Nampa Ministry Meeting 10:30am - Grocery Outreach
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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 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!

Fully Masked Service: Saturday Evenings

The currently scheduled Saturday evening service at Cross of Christ Boise campus will become a fully masked service beginning on Saturday, September 25th. We ask that anyone who attends these Saturday evening services to wear a mask for the entirety of their time within our facility, even during worship. This policy will be under continual review as we observe usage of the service and community health recommendations.

It's our prayer that this opportunity provides an environment where attendees will know exactly what to expect in terms of indoor mask usage. Please consider reaching out to someone who has perhaps been hoping for a fully masked service and invite them to come along!

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.

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).

North Nampa Ministry Meeting

Saturday, October 2, 9:00 am at the Wetzel home, with breakfast. All are welcome to discuss, evaluate, and plan ministry activities in our Nampa community! Please RSVP to Pastor Wetzel (kurt.wetzel@cocidaho.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.

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 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 into 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 [cocidaho.org!](http://cocidaho.org)

September Grocery Outreach: Nampa

Saturday, October 2, 10:30 am starting from the Wetzel home in Nampa. Call or email Pastor Wetzel (208-996-2202 / kurt.wetzel@cocidahorg) to DONATE and/or DELIVER free groceries to members of our community who could use a bit of assistance and encouragement!

One set of groceries includes the following. When donating groceries, please donate in sets.

- small jars of peanut butter and jelly OR a few cans of tuna
- fresh veggies OR fruit (bananas, apples, & baby carrots work well)
- snack item (granola bars, crackers, etc.)
- dessert/treat (small bag of candy, cookies, etc.)

(Bread is generously donated by Franz Bakery in Nampa!)

Groceries can be dropped off at the Boise campus during the week prior, or at the Wetzels' Saturday morning, Weekday Boise office hours are 8:30am - 3:30pm; contact the office if you need to come at a different time (secretary@cocidaho.org / 208-375-3992).

*“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	\$170,577
General Fund Offerings FYTD	\$154,087
Total Offerings Last Week (All Funds)	\$9,543

People in God's Word this past week	Boise	Nampa	Total
Sunday Morning Adult/Teen Bible Study	46/8	28	82
Men's Bible Study	5		5
Kids' Sunday School/Confirmation	29/14		43
Cross Connections (online & individual)		16	16
Growth Groups		26	26
Last Weekend's Worship	163	60	223

Serving	Sept 25-Sept 26		Oct 2-Oct 3	
	Nampa	Boise	Nampa	Boise
Music	K. Wetzel, H. Wetzel	Dodd, Lowry, Evans, Trull, Neujahr	S. Wetzel	A. Lange
AV Tech	J. Malnes, S. Tews, G. Light	L. Boesch, J. Geary, A. Becker, E. Christianson, M. Hartman	J. Malnes, S. Tew, G. Light	TBA
Altar Care	K. Guthmiller, C. Harris	K. Guthmiller	K. Guthmiller, C. Harris	T. Yaka, A. Tweedy

Set-Up	Guthmiller, Harris, Olsoe	n/a	Guthmiller, Harris, Olsoe	n/a
Ushers	n/a	B. Walters, R. Hibbs, D. Rule, B. Turley, S. Turley	n/a	TBA
Open & Close	Malnes	L. Shaw, E. Christianson, KC Broyles	Olsoe	M. Brown, J. Breckon, H. Geary
Coffee	Guthmiller, Wetzel	R. Ritger, K. Struthers	Guthmiller, Wetzel	R. Ritger, K. Struthers
Flowers	n/a	n/a	n/a	Whitaker
Church Cleaners	n/a	Admin, Rathje	n/a	K&T Ready, J&D Ready
Bulletin Folders	Ritger, Ford, Ashley		Bafus, Guthmiller	
Lawn Crew	M. Johnson, M. Burke		Team Perna	
Tellers	Rule, Morgan, Morford		TBA	