



**CROSS** OF **CHRIST**

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# Cross of Christ Lutheran Church

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Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 4-5, 2021

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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](http://cocidaho.org).



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## Opening Song

“Just as I Am, without One Plea”

*Hymn 397:1, 3, 5-6*

## Welcomed into the Family of God

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

**Congregation: Amen.**

We have come into the presence of God as we gather for worship. He is a holy and just God. However, we have not lived like we should as God’s children. Rejoicing in the risen King comes from confessing our sins and finding forgiveness at the cross of Christ.

**Holy and merciful Father in heaven, I have been sinful from birth. I confess my many sins. My disobedience deserved your punishment forever. But I trust in Christ. Only because of your boundless grace, I ask you to forgive me and restore me today.**

God, who is our Father in heaven, has shown great mercy to us. By giving his Son, Jesus, to be the perfect substitute, he has removed your sin and guilt forever. In the name of Jesus, you are forgiven of all your sins. Settle in with Jesus and his family as a forgiven child of God!

**Amen!**

## Song of Praise

“To God Be the Glory”

*Hymn 399:1-2*

## God's Word

## Mark 10:46-52

<sup>46</sup> Then they came to Jericho. As Jesus and his disciples, together with a large crowd, were leaving the city, a blind man, Bartimaeus (which means "son of Timaeus"), was sitting by the roadside begging. <sup>47</sup> When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"

<sup>48</sup> Many rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"

<sup>49</sup> Jesus stopped and said, "Call him."

So they called to the blind man, "Cheer up! On your feet! He's calling you."

<sup>50</sup> Throwing his cloak aside, he jumped to his feet and came to Jesus.

<sup>51</sup> "What do you want me to do for you?" Jesus asked him.

The blind man said, "Rabbi, I want to see."

<sup>52</sup> "Go," said Jesus, "your faith has healed you." Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus along the road.

## God's Word

## Acts 2:22-32

<sup>22</sup> "Fellow Israelites, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know. <sup>23</sup> This man was handed over to you by God's deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. <sup>24</sup> But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him. <sup>25</sup> David said about him:

"I saw the Lord always before me.

Because he is at my right hand,

I will not be shaken.

<sup>26</sup> Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices;  
my body also will rest in hope,

<sup>27</sup> because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead,  
you will not let your holy one see decay.

<sup>28</sup> You have made known to me the paths of life;  
you will fill me with joy in your presence.'

<sup>29</sup> "Fellow Israelites, I can tell you confidently that the patriarch David died and was buried, and his tomb is here to this day. <sup>30</sup> But he was a prophet and knew that God had promised him on oath that he would place one of his descendants on his throne. <sup>31</sup> Seeing what was to come, he spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, that he was not abandoned to the realm of the dead, nor did his body see decay. <sup>32</sup> God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it."

## Children's Message

Song

**"My God, My Father, Make Me Strong"**

*Hymn 468:1, 4*

**Message from God's Word**

**Exodus 4:1-17**

<sup>1</sup> Moses answered, "What if they do not believe me or listen to me and say, 'The LORD did not appear to you'?"

<sup>2</sup> Then the LORD said to him, "What is that in your hand?"

"A staff," he replied.

<sup>3</sup> The LORD said, "Throw it on the ground."

Moses threw it on the ground and it became a snake, and he ran from it.

<sup>4</sup> Then the LORD said to him, "Reach out your hand and take it by the tail." So Moses reached out and took hold of the snake and it turned back into a staff in his hand. <sup>5</sup> "This," said the LORD, "is so that they may believe that the LORD, the God of their fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob—has appeared to you."

<sup>6</sup> Then the LORD said, "Put your hand inside your cloak." So Moses put his hand into his cloak, and when he took it out, the skin was leprous—it had become as white as snow.

<sup>7</sup> “Now put it back into your cloak,” he said. So Moses put his hand back into his cloak, and when he took it out, it was restored, like the rest of his flesh.

<sup>8</sup> Then the LORD said, “If they do not believe you or pay attention to the first sign, they may believe the second. <sup>9</sup> But if they do not believe these two signs or listen to you, take some water from the Nile and pour it on the dry ground. The water you take from the river will become blood on the ground.”

<sup>10</sup> Moses said to the LORD, “Pardon your servant, Lord. I have never been eloquent, neither in the past nor since you have spoken to your servant. I am slow of speech and tongue.”

<sup>11</sup> The LORD said to him, “Who gave human beings their mouths? Who makes them deaf or mute? Who gives them sight or makes them blind? Is it not I, the LORD? <sup>12</sup> Now go; I will help you speak and will teach you what to say.”

<sup>13</sup> But Moses said, “Pardon your servant, Lord. Please send someone else.”

<sup>14</sup> Then the LORD’s anger burned against Moses and he said, “What about your brother, Aaron the Levite? I know he can speak well. He is already on his way to meet you, and he will be glad to see you. <sup>15</sup> You shall speak to him and put words in his mouth; I will help both of you speak and will teach you what to do.

<sup>16</sup> He will speak to the people for you, and it will be as if he were your mouth and as if you were God to him. <sup>17</sup> But take this staff in your hand so you can perform the signs with it.”

### **Wowed and Called**

## Statement of Faith

## The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. 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.**

## 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, and grant us your peace. Amen.**

Distribution      "Dear Lord, to Your True Servants Give"

*Hymn 542:1, 3*

## Blessing

Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

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

"I Am Trusting You, Lord Jesus"

*Hymn 446:1, 4-5*

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## 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](http://cocidaho.org/give) or contact the church office ([secretary@cocidaho.org](mailto:secretary@cocidaho.org) or 208-375-3992) to schedule a time to drop your offering off during the week.*

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## 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.*

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# Cross of Christ Weekly Newsletter

## September 5, 2021

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

<b>Sept 5-Sept 12</b>	<b>Boise</b>	<b>Nampa</b>
Sunday	8:30am - Early Worship w/ Holy Communion 9:45am - Adult Bible Study (Chapel) Teen Class (Conf Rm) Kids' Sunday School (Gym) 11:00am - Late Worship w/ Holy Communion	8:45am - Family Bible Study (JaK*s Place) 9:30am - Worship w/Communion (JaK*s Place)
Monday		
Tuesday	Two-Day Preschool Starts! 6:30pm - Sunday School Staff Kick-Off Meeting	
Wednesday	Three-Day Preschool Starts! 6:30pm - Adult Choir	
Thursday	7:00pm - GriefShare	
Friday	6:30pm - Sisters in Christ Fall Kick-Off	
Saturday	10:00am - Christian Victory Celebration for Dale Strain 6:30pm - Evening Worship	
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## GriefShare Support Group Begins This Week



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 this week, September 9, in-person on the Boise campus.** Register at [cocardaho.org](http://cocardaho.org); there is a \$20 registration fee to cover the cost of class materials. Find more info about the program at [griefshare.org](http://griefshare.org).

## 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, **starts this Sunday, 9/5**
- *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
- *CrossTrainers* (high school students), Wednesdays at 7:00 pm, starts 9/15.
- *Cross Connections Class*, see announcement & registration link below – starts 9/14 at Boise and 9/16 online
- *Sunday morning adult study*: The Book of Genesis, starts 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](http://cocidaho.org)!

## **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](http://tinyurl.com/GGFall2021) or on the Boise bulletin board. This session starts the week of September 19 and runs through the end of October.

## **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](http://tinyurl.com/sickickoff2021).

## **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!

## **Sunday School “New Year” Begins Next Sunday!**

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 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. (More on that in the next announcement, or by contacting Pastor Snyder, [brad.snyder@cocidaho.org](mailto:brad.snyder@cocidaho.org)).

**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](https://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 questions about any aspect of Sunday school, contact Pastor Snyder ([brad.snyder@cocidaho.org](mailto:brad.snyder@cocidaho.org), 208-996-0862).

Many thanks to the volunteers who have served at Sunday school in various capacities over the last nine months, as we used a different approach to continue making it available! We appreciate you: Andrea Becker, Casi Berrier, Laurie Boesch, Kelli Broyles, Kim Christianson, Tonya Hibbs, Julie Hein, Pat & Annette Johnston, Rylie Jorgensen, Brookelyn Kiehl, Andrea Lange, Sara Manglos, Jill Snyder, Carrie Steinbrenner, Heidi Sullivan, Kandi Walters, and Amanda Watkins.

## **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](mailto: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](http://cocidaho.org/retreat) for information about the retreat and to register. **Registration deadline is September 15.**

## **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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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	\$127,933
General Fund Offerings FYTD	\$110,932
Total Offerings Last Week (All Funds)	\$15,964

<b>People in God's Word this past week</b>	<b>Boise</b>	<b>Nampa</b>	<b>Total</b>
Sunday Morning Adult/Teen Bible Study	28	30	58
Kids' Sunday School	17		17
Cross Connections (online & individual)		5	5
Last Weekend's Worship	207	83	290

Serving	Sept 4-Sept 5		Sept 11-Sept 12	
	Nampa	Boise	Nampa	Boise
Music	R. Dodd	J. Hein, K. Koepsell	J. Hein	K. Koepsell
AV Tech	J. Malnes, S. Tews	K. Koepsell, C. Kennedy, G. Light, J. Meier	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	G. Bafus, R. Hibbs, B. Adams, L. Manglos, B. Turley	n/a	B. Walters, R. Hibbs, B. Turley, A. Broyles
Open & Close	Olsoe	M. Brown, L. Shaw, L. Manglos	Malnes	R. Ochoa, B. Masters, H. Geary
Coffee	Guthmiller, Wetzel	R. Ritger, K. Struthers	Guthmiller, Wetzel	R. Ritger, K. Struthers
Flowers	n/a	Tweedy	n/a	Loring
Church Cleaners	n/a	Nordick, R&L Ochoa	n/a	M&T Burke, O'Mallon
Bulletin Folders	Bafus, Guthmiller		Prigges, Tweedy, Foreman	
Lawn Crew	R. Ochoa, B. Whitaker		Team Meier	
Tellers	Rule, Morgan, Turley		Harris, Morford, Walden	