



Who Told
You That?

CROSS OF CHRIST

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

“Jesus Calls Us O’er the Tumult”

Hymn 463:1, 3-4

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.

We have come into the presence of God, who made us to be his children and to live under his perfect design. Tragically, we have failed to live as we should. But still, God invites us to come, remembering that he is our King and our God. Together we confess our sins and place our trust in Christ for pardon and acceptance.

Holy and just God, maker of heaven and earth, I confess to you my many faults. I have been sinful from birth and failed to live as I should. My sins deserved unending punishment. I am sorry, and I thank you for sending Jesus. I trust in him alone as I ask for your mercy.

God, our Father, has heard your prayer. Because of his great love, he does not send you away. Jesus’ perfect life, innocent death in your place, and resurrection to life have taken away your sins and removed your guilt forever. You are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. God has made you his heir and a citizen of heaven. Settle in with Jesus and his family, welcomed home as God’s holy child!

Amen!

Response of Praise

“Jesus Calls Us O’er the Tumult”

Hymn 463:5

God's Word

John 8:31-42

³¹ To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. ³² Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

³³ They answered him, "We are Abraham's descendants and have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say that we shall be set free?"

³⁴ Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, everyone who sins is a slave to sin.

³⁵ Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. ³⁶ So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed. ³⁷ I know that you are Abraham's descendants. Yet you are looking for a way to kill me, because you have no room for my word. ³⁸ I am telling you what I have seen in the Father's presence, and you are doing what you have heard from your father."

³⁹ "Abraham is our father," they answered.

"If you were Abraham's children," said Jesus, "then you would do what Abraham did. ⁴⁰ As it is, you are looking for a way to kill me, a man who has told you the truth that I heard from God. Abraham did not do such things.

⁴¹ You are doing the works of your own father."

"We are not illegitimate children," they protested. "The only Father we have is God himself."

⁴² Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love me, for I have come here from God. I have not come on my own; God sent me."

God's Word

Philippians 3:17-4:1

¹⁷ Join together in following my example, brothers and sisters, and just as you have us as a model, keep your eyes on those who live as we do. ¹⁸ For, as I have often told you before and now tell you again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. ¹⁹ Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is set on earthly things. ²⁰ But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body. ¹ Therefore, my brothers and sisters, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, dear friends!

Children's Message

Song

“The Church’s One Foundation”

Hymn 538:1-3, 5

Message from God’s Word

Psalm 33:12-15

¹² Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD,
the people he chose for his inheritance.

¹³ From heaven the LORD looks down
and sees all mankind;

¹⁴ from his dwelling place he watches
all who live on earth—

¹⁵ he who forms the hearts of all,
who considers everything they do.

God Loves Us, So We Can't Lose

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 Song “The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

Hymn 375

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’m But a Stranger Here”

Hymn 417:1, 4

Silent Prayer

God, bless us and keep us ever mindful of our heavenly citizenship. Lead us to place our trust, not in any government, but in you alone, for you are the God who loves us and saves us. Amen.

Offerings

If you would like to give an offering to support gospel ministry at Cross of Christ, the offering plates are available in the lobby. You can also give online at coidaho.org/give or contact the church office (secretary@coidaho.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.

Welcome New Members!

This Sunday, our family of faith praises our gracious God as we welcome new members Ken & Nancy Reglin and Carol Biggs into our midst. May God guide us as we grow in our faith and share Jesus with our community together. Please go out of your way to introduce yourself to these new friends in Jesus.

Fully Masked Service: Saturday Evenings

The currently scheduled Saturday evening service at Cross of Christ Boise campus has become a fully masked service for the time being. 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!

Cross of Christ Weekly Newsletter

October 17, 2021

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

Oct 17-Oct 24	Boise	Nampa
Sunday	8:30am - Early Worship w/Communion 9:45am - Adult Bible Study (Chapel) Teen Class (Conf Rm) Kids' Sunday School (Gym & Classrooms) Confirmation 11:00am - Late Worship w/Communion	8:45am - Family Bible Study (JaK*s Place) 9:30am - Worship w/Communion (JaK*s Place)
Monday	10:00am - Women's Bible Study	
Tuesday	6:30pm - Cross Connections 6:30pm - Women's Bible Study	
Wednesday	6:30am - Men's Bible Study 6:30pm - Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm - CrossTrainers	
Thursday	7:00pm - GriefShare	
	6:30pm - Cross Connections Online	
Friday		
Saturday	6:30pm - Evening Worship	
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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. **Register for a session online at cocidaho.org/ministry-evaluation**. You can also find that direct link in the weekly member emails. After registering, 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!

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.

Current Worship Series: Who told you *that* about Christianity?

Let's tackle misconceptions about our faith during our new worship series. We'll do this as we analyze some sayings and "truisms" that are sometimes attributed to Christians...or are even said by Christians themselves. Don't miss out on this great new series and be sure to tell your family, friends, and neighbors about it, too!

Fall Festival is On!!

Sunday, October 31, 12:30-2:30

- Food! Games! Fun!
- Food Truck (ChiliTime)
- Costume Parade @ 1:30 followed by Trunk or Treat

Please RSVP online at tinyurl.com/cocfallfest2021 or on the Boise lobby bulletin board, to help us plan for Trunk or Treat!

*"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	\$213,221
General Fund Offerings FYTD	\$199,135
Total Offerings Last Week (All Funds)	\$12,214

People in God's Word this past week	Boise	Nampa	Total
Sunday Morning Adult/Teen Bible Study	24/8	23	55
Men's Bible Study/Women's Bible Study	5/6		11
Kids' Sunday School/Confirmation	18/8		26
Cross Connections (online & individual)	11		11
Growth Groups	22		22
Last Weekend's Worship	152	57	209

Serving	Oct 16-Oct 17		Oct 23-Oct 24	
	Nampa	Boise	Nampa	Boise
Music	J. Hein	A. Lange	S. Wetzel	K. Koepsell
AV Tech	J. Malnes, S. Tews, G. Light	L. Boesch, E. Christianson, M. Hartman	J. Malnes, S. Tews, G. Light	L. Boesch, A. Becker, E. Christianson, J. Meier
Altar Care	K. Guthmiller, C. Harris	T. Yaka	K. Guthmiller, C. Harris	T. Yaka
Set-Up	Guthmiller, Harris, Olsoe	n/a	Guthmiller, Harris, Olsoe	n/a
Ushers	J. Harris	J. Berrier, C. Berrier, H. Geary, B. Turley	n/a	B. Walters, J. Berrier, C. Berrier, TBA
Open & Close	Olsoe	W. Ehlke, L. Shaw, KC Broyles	Malnes	E. Christianson, B. Turley, R. Lange
Coffee	Guthmiller, Wetzel	R. Ritger	Guthmiller, Wetzel	R. Ritger
Flowers	n/a	Loring	n/a	Robbins, DeWall
Church Cleaners	n/a	Fall Cleaning	n/a	Seely, Seibel
Bulletin Folders	Kimmel, Ritger		Ritger, Ford, Ashley	
Lawn Crew	J. Harris, P. Jossis		C. DeWall, L. Dold	
Tellers	Turley, Morgan, Harris		Rule, Walden, Cadwell	