



CROSS OF CHRIST
BOISE

Cross of Christ Lutheran Church

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Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 2-3, 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 “Rock of Ages”

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

Congregation: Amen.

(♩) **Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in thee;
Let the water and the blood
From thy riven side which flowed
Be of sin the double cure:
Cleanse me from its guilt and pow’r.**

As we come before God in worship, we recognize our need for cure and cleansing of our souls. When we gather for worship, we confess our sins because we know our Father in heaven will hear us. We confess our sins because we know how grievous the offenses are. And we confess our sins because we have a Savior who takes them to cross.

Holy and merciful Father in heaven, I acknowledge my many sins. From birth, I have disobeyed you and failed to live as your child. Though my sins deserved punishment, I thank you for giving your Son for me. I trust in him as I ask for your mercy and forgiveness.

(♩) **Not the labors of my hands
Can fulfill thy law's demands.
Could my zeal no respite know,
Could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone;
Thou must save and thou alone.**

In his great love, God alone took the punishment for sin upon himself. Jesus’ perfect life, innocent death, and powerful resurrection to life have done it all. By believing in Jesus, God’s Son, you are forgiven. All guilt is forever removed. God welcomes you home in his family and calls you his holy child. May he continually strengthen and empower you to live as his child!

Amen!

**(♩) While I draw this fleeting breath,
When mine eyelids close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown,
See thee on thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in thee!**

Prayer

Gracious and merciful Lord, look with favor on your people while we live our lives as foreigners and exiles on earth. Protect us from evil and fill us with your love to serve and bless the communities where you have sent us; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

God's Word

John 17:13-23

¹³ "I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them. ¹⁴ I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. ¹⁵ My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶ They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. ¹⁷ Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸ As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹ For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified.

²⁰ "My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, ²¹ that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²² I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one— ²³ I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me."

God's Word

1 Peter 3:8-18

⁸ Finally, all of you, be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble. ⁹ Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult. On the contrary, repay evil with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing. ¹⁰ For,

“Whoever would love life
and see good days
must keep their tongue from evil
and their lips from deceitful speech.

¹¹ They must turn from evil and do good;
they must seek peace and pursue it.

¹² For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous
and his ears are attentive to their prayer,
but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.”

¹³ Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good? ¹⁴ But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. “Do not fear their threats; do not be frightened.” ¹⁵ But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, ¹⁶ keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander. ¹⁷ For it is better, if it is God's will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil. ¹⁸ For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God.

Children's Message

Song

“By Faith”
On the screens

Message from God's Word

Jeremiah 29:4-14

⁴This is what the LORD Almighty, the God of Israel, says to all those I carried into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: ⁵“Build houses and settle down; plant gardens and eat what they produce. ⁶Marry and have sons and daughters; find wives for your sons and give your daughters in marriage, so that they too may have sons and daughters. Increase in number there; do not decrease.

⁷Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the LORD for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper.”

⁸Yes, this is what the LORD Almighty, the God of Israel, says: “Do not let the prophets and diviners among you deceive you. Do not listen to the dreams you encourage them to have. ⁹They are prophesying lies to you in my name. I have not sent them,” declares the LORD.

¹⁰This is what the LORD says: “When seventy years are completed for Babylon, I will come to you and fulfill my good promise to bring you back to this place.

¹¹For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. ¹²Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. ¹³You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. ¹⁴I will be found by you,” declares the LORD, “and will bring you back from captivity. I will gather you from all the nations and places where I have banished you,” declares the LORD, “and will bring you back to the place from which I carried you into exile.”

Bringing Hope to Babylon

Statement of Faith 3rd Article of the Apostles' Creed with Martin Luther's Explanation

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

What does this mean?

I believe that I cannot by my own thinking or choosing believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to him.

But the Holy Spirit has called me by the gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way he calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

In this Christian church he daily and fully forgives all sins to me and all believers.

On the Last Day he will raise me and all the dead and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.

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, and grant us your peace. Amen.

Distribution Song

"Let It Be Said of Us"

On the screens

Prayer

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this Holy Supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, 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 Peoples Praise You”

On the screens

Silent Prayer

God, you know the plans you have for me. As you work all things for my good, make me also your vessel of hope and peace in this world. May others see Christ in me. 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

October 3, 2021

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

Oct 3-Oct 10	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	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 7:00pm - CrossTrainers	
Thursday	7:00pm - GriefShare	
	6:30pm - Cross Connections Online	
Friday		
Saturday	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!

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!*

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: 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!

God's Blessing to our New Confirmand

This weekend we joyfully welcome Isabelle DeWall into our family of faith. May God guide us as we grow in our faith and welcome Isabelle into our communicant membership.

October Sunday School Offering

Sunday School Offerings Sunday school offerings for the month of October will be non-perishable food items for the Idaho Foodbank. If you'd like to donate, bring your food items with you to Sunday school and place them in the receptacle.

Monetary offerings brought to Sunday school in October will continue to be given to Branch Lutheran Schools in Haiti, which was designated as the recipient of September Sunday school offerings.

Women's Bible Study

Our new 4-week session of women's bible study begins THIS Week, based on the book *Sexpectations* by Pastor Mike Novotny. Choose which session works best for you: Monday mornings at 10:00am or Tuesday evenings at 6:30pm.

Fall Cleaning Coming Soon to a Church Near You

Make sure to mark your calendar for **October 16, 9 am – 12 pm**, for Fall Cleanup Day at CoC! Fresh donuts and coffee will greet you as you peruse the tasks to be done!

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).

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!

***“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	\$184,792
General Fund Offerings FYTD	\$163,284
Total Offerings Last Week (All Funds)	\$9,300

People in God’s Word this past week	Boise	Nampa	Total
Sunday Morning Adult/Teen Bible Study	37/7	18	62
Men’s Bible Study	6		6
Kids’ Sunday School/Confirmation	26/13		39
Cross Connections (online & individual)	19		19
Growth Groups	29		29
Last Weekend’s Worship	186 +25 (Retreat)	37	248

Serving	Oct 2-Oct 3		Oct 9-Oct 10	
	Nampa	Boise	Nampa	Boise
Music	S. Wetzel	A. Lange	J. Lowry	K. Koepsell
AV Tech	J. Malnes, S. Tews,	L. Boesch, K. Koepsell G. Light, M. Hartman, J. Meier	J. Malnes, S. Tew, G. Light	A. Becker, E. Christianson, TBA
Altar Care	K. Guthmiller, C. Harris	T. Yaka, A. Tweedy	K. Guthmiller, C. Harris	T. Yaka, A. Tweedy
Set-Up	Guthmiller, Harris, Olsoe	n/a	Guthmiller, Harris, Olsoe	n/a
Ushers	J. Harris	G. Bafus, J. Berrier, C. Berrier, Grant Walden	n/a	G. Bafus, J. Berrier, C. Berrier
Open & Close	Olsoe	M. Brown, J. Breckon, H. Geary	Malnes	R. Ochoa, M. Johnson, TBA
Coffee	Guthmiller, Wetzel	R. Ritger, K. Struthers	Guthmiller, Wetzel	R. Ritger, K. Struthers
Flowers	n/a	Whitaker	n/a	Tiffany
Church Cleaners	n/a	K&T Ready, J&D Ready	n/a	D&L Rule, Admin
Bulletin Folders	Bafus, Guthmiller		Prigges, Tweedy, Foreman	
Lawn Crew	Team Perna		R. Ochoa, N. Tessmer	
Tellers	TBA		TBA	