



Who Told
You That?

CROSS OF **CHRIST**
BOISE

Cross of Christ Lutheran Church

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Reformation Sunday

October 30-31, 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

Reformation: 504th Anniversary

On October 31, 1517, Dr. Martin Luther nailed 95 theses (statements he wished to defend in a public debate) to the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Saxony, Germany. His theses challenged the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church, which had become misled by a dangerous emphasis on unscriptural traditions and man-made laws during the Dark Ages of medieval Europe.

As an Augustinian monk, a Roman Catholic priest, and a professor of theology, Dr. Martin Luther wanted to reform the many abuses he saw in the medieval church and return to the Holy Bible as the only source of true teaching. This desire for reform led to the formation of a new visible church (the Lutheran church). Thankfully, through this reformation, God has preserved the truth that our salvation was won for us completely by our Savior Jesus Christ. The exclamation, “Sola gratia! Sola fide! Sola Scriptura! Solus Christus! (By grace alone! By faith alone! By Scripture alone! In Christ Alone!)” became the rallying cry for the proclamation of the gospel.

Today we celebrate the 504th anniversary of the beginning of the Reformation. Soli Deo gloria! (To God alone be glory!)

Song

“A Mighty Fortress”
Hymn #201:1

A Dialogue of Repentance and Forgiveness

Selected sections of Martin Luther's 95 Theses with supporting Bible verses

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

Congregation: Amen.

When our Lord and Master Jesus Christ said, “Repent,” he willed the entire life of believers to be one of repentance. (*Thesis 1*)

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. (*Psalms 51:1-2*)

Any truly repentant Christian has a right to full remission of penalty and guilt, even without indulgence letters. *(Thesis 36)*

There is no difference, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified freely by his grace, through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. God presented him as a sacrifice of atonement, through faith in his blood. *(Romans 3:22b-25a)*

The true treasure of the church is the most holy gospel of the glory and grace of God. *(Thesis 62)*

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. *(Romans 5:1)*

Christians should be exhorted to be diligent in following Christ, their Head, through penalties, death, and hell, and thus be confident of entering into heaven through many tribulations rather than through the false security of peace. *(Theses 94 & 95)*

And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm, and steadfast. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.
(1 Peter 5:10-11)

Song

“A Mighty Fortress”

Hymn #201:2

Prayer

Gracious Lord, our refuge and strength, pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your Word, protect and comfort them in all temptations, defend them against all their enemies, and bestow on the Church your saving peace; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

God's Word

Mark 13:5-11

⁵ Jesus said to them: "Watch out that no one deceives you. ⁶ Many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am he,' and will deceive many. ⁷ When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. ⁸ Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places, and famines. These are the beginning of birth pains.

⁹ "You must be on your guard. You will be handed over to the local councils and flogged in the synagogues. On account of me you will stand before governors and kings as witnesses to them. ¹⁰ And the gospel must first be preached to all nations. ¹¹ Whenever you are arrested and brought to trial, do not worry beforehand about what to say. Just say whatever is given you at the time, for it is not you speaking, but the Holy Spirit."

God's Word

Revelation 14:6-7

⁶ Then I saw another angel flying in midair, and he had the eternal gospel to proclaim to those who live on the earth—to every nation, tribe, language and people. ⁷ He said in a loud voice, "Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come. Worship him who made the heavens, the earth, the sea and the springs of water."

Children's Message

Song

"Psalm 46"

On screens

Message from God's Word

2 Samuel 12:1-10,13

¹The LORD sent Nathan to David. When he came to him, he said, "There were two men in a certain town, one rich and the other poor. ²The rich man had a very large number of sheep and cattle, ³but the poor man had nothing except one little ewe lamb he had bought. He raised it, and it grew up with him and his children. It shared his food, drank from his cup and even slept in his arms. It was like a daughter to him.

⁴"Now a traveler came to the rich man, but the rich man refrained from taking one of his own sheep or cattle to prepare a meal for the traveler who had come to him. Instead, he took the ewe lamb that belonged to the poor man and prepared it for the one who had come to him."

⁵David burned with anger against the man and said to Nathan, "As surely as the LORD lives, the man who did this must die! ⁶He must pay for that lamb four times over, because he did such a thing and had no pity."

⁷Then Nathan said to David, "You are the man! This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: 'I anointed you king over Israel, and I delivered you from the hand of Saul. ⁸I gave your master's house to you, and your master's wives into your arms. I gave you all Israel and Judah. And if all this had been too little, I would have given you even more. ⁹Why did you despise the word of the LORD by doing what is evil in his eyes? You struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword and took his wife to be your own. You killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. ¹⁰Now, therefore, the sword will never depart from your house, because you despised me and took the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your own.'

¹³Then David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the LORD."

Nathan replied, "The LORD has taken away your sin. You are not going to die."

Who Told You *That* Sin Can't Be Forgiven?

Song

"Jesus, Thank You"

On screens

Statement of Faith *Te Deum* - “We Praise You, O God”

We praise you, O God, we acclaim you as Lord; all creation worships you, Father everlasting. To you all angels, all powers of heaven, cherubim and seraphim sing in endless praise: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of heavenly hosts, heaven and earth are full of your glory. The glorious company of apostles praise you. The noble fellowship of prophets praise you. The white-robed army of martyrs praise you. Throughout the world the holy Church acclaim you: Father of majesty unbounded, your glorious, true, and only Son, and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.

You, Christ, are the King of glory, the eternal Son of the Father. When you became man to set us free, you humbled yourself to be born of a virgin. You overcame the sting of death and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. You sit at the right hand of God in the glory of the Father. We believe that you will come to be our judge.

Come then, Lord, and help your people, bought with the price of your own blood, and bring us with your saints to glory everlasting! Amen.

The Lord’s Prayer

This responsive version comes from the Deutsche Messe, written by Martin Luther

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,

Here we pray that God our Father in heaven would look with mercy on all his children on earth. We ask him to give us grace that we might proclaim his Word faithfully and live our lives according to his will, for then we show that his name is precious to us. We also pray that he would keep us from any teaching and living which would dishonor his name.

Your kingdom come,

We pray that his kingdom and the rule of his grace might come to us and grow in us each day; that all who are still captives in Satan’s kingdom might be brought to know Jesus Christ, his Son, so that the Christian Church might grow and prosper.

Your will be done on earth as in heaven.

We pray that the Holy Spirit would strengthen us to do and accept God's will in life and death, in good times and in bad, and that we might have power to put down our own sinful will and its desires.

Give us today our daily bread.

We pray that our Father would also give us our daily bread, preserve us from greed and selfish desires, and help us to trust that he will provide for all our needs.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

We ask that God would forgive our sins as we forgive those who sin against us so that our hearts may rest and rejoice in a good conscience before him, and that no sin may ever frighten or alarm us.

Lead us not into temptation.

We pray here that God would protect us from all temptations and help us by his Spirit to put down our sinful flesh, to despise the world and its vices, and to overcome the devil and all his trickery.

But deliver us from evil.

And finally we pray that God would deliver us from all evils of body and soul now and forever.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever.

Amen.

All those who sincerely desire these things will say from their hearts "Amen," trusting without doubt that their prayers are answered in heaven, as Christ has promised: "Whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you will receive it, and it will be yours."

Blessing

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Amen!

Closing Song

“A Mighty Fortress”

Hymn #201: 3-4

Silent Prayer

Gracious Lord, I thank you for giving me the gift of your gospel. Through it I know that all my sin is forgiven. Please bury this truth deep in my heart and let me rest in the power of your grace. 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 31, 2021

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

Oct 31-Nov 7	Boise	Nampa
Sunday 	8:30am - Early Worship 9:45am - Adult Bible Study (Chapel) Teen Class (Conf Rm) Kids' Sunday School (Gym & Classrooms) Confirmation 11:00am - Late Worship 12:30 - Fall Festival	8:45am - Family Bible Study (JaK*s Place) 9:30am - Worship (JaK*s Place)
Monday		
Tuesday	6:30pm - Cross Connections	
Wednesday	6:30am - Men's Bible Study 7:00pm - CrossTrainers	
Thursday	7:00pm - GriefShare	
	6:30pm - Cross Connections Online	
Friday		
Saturday	6:30pm - Evening Worship w/Communion	
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**Daylight Saving Time ends NEXT SUNDAY, Nov. 7, at 2:00 am!
Don't forget to set your clocks back an hour.**

Fall Festival this Sunday!

Sunday, October 31, 12:30-2:30pm, on the Boise campus. All are welcome!

- Food Truck (ChiliTime)
- Games for the kids
- Costume Parade @ 1:30 followed by Trunk or Treat

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 all adult members.

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. Upcoming options:

- Monday, Nov 1, 6:30 pm, Boise campus (with childcare)
- Wednesday, Nov 3, 10:00 am, Boise campus
- Saturday, Nov 6, 9:30 am, online

If the online sign up does not work for you, 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!

Boise Mall Shooting

Were you or someone you know affected by the recent shooting at Boise Towne Square Mall? Please contact the church office or one of our pastors if you need counseling or support. Our hearts break when we see evil and tragedy in this world, but we bring our prayers to our mighty God with confidence. We pray on behalf of those injured in the shootings and for the families of those who died. May they be comforted in their mourning, may peace be brought to our community, and may we all be filled with hope looking ahead to the day of Christ's return when all things will be made right.

Nampa Building Permit Update

Good news! After months of waiting, we've received the building permit from the city of Nampa to commence work on our new church on Birch Lane. We thank God for bringing us to this next step and eagerly await the progress pictures as the construction project begins!

Second Site Ministry Meeting

Saturday, November 13, 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).

Congregational Open Forum Meeting

Sunday, November 14, 1:00 pm on the Boise campus. All members are encouraged to attend, ask questions, and offer input as we take a look at second site status and updates on various other areas of ministry; voting members are particularly encouraged to participate. Virtual access will be available.

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!

November Service Opportunities!

As this is a season of giving thanks, we reflect our thanks to our God by showing love to others. Here are a few ways to do that this coming month:

Rake Up Boise!

Meet at the Boise campus 9:00 am, Saturday, November 13; bring gloves and a rake if you can! We'll gather around God's Word and then put our faith into action by serving others. Lunch is provided! **Anyone can join in!** Please RSVP on the Boise bulletin board or to Pastor Brad (brad.snyder@cocidaho.org / 208-996-0862).

Cards for Health Care Professionals

Our local community's healthcare professionals have been working through incredibly challenging conditions for almost two years now. We'd love to offer them our encouragement and thanks for all that they do. Therefore, our congregation's youth will meet on Saturday, November 20, to put together notes and cards to be delivered to our local hospitals (details to come). Adults, you are welcome to participate as well! You can join the group making & writing cards on the 20th, or make & write your own cards at home. Please deliver any cards you personally make to either of our campuses by Thanksgiving Day. The more cards we have, the more hospitals our teens can deliver them to!

November Grocery Outreach: Boise

Put your faith & love into action! Saturday, November 20, 10:30 am starting from the Boise campus. Donate and/or deliver free groceries to members of our community in need of a bit of encouragement & help! *Please RSVP to Pastor Wetzel (kurt.wetzel@cocidaho.org) to donate or participate in the delivery.* One set of groceries includes the following; please donate in sets (bread is generously donated by Franz Bakery):

- 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.)

WELS International Youth Rally – Save the Date

The 2022 WELS International Youth Rally will be held at the University of Tennessee - Knoxville, June 28-July 1. This is a unique opportunity for spiritual growth! Teens finishing 8th-12th grades (entering high school through graduating high school) will get to hang out with over 2,000 peers who share their faith, listen to speakers with stories of faith and hope from around the world, experience lifting up their voices with thousands, and attend a variety of workshops with a biblical perspective on timely teen topics. If you have questions about the Rally at this point, contact Pastor Brad (brad.snyder@cocidaho.org).

Worship Live Stream

Cross of Christ is now live streaming the 8:30 am worship service from the Boise campus, at cocidaho.org/livestream. Live streaming provides a way to worship with your church family, 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.

*“I am the Vine, you are the branches.
If you remain in me and I in you,
you will bear much fruit!”*

People in God’s Word this past week	Boise	Nampa	Total
Sunday Morning Adult/Teen Bible Study	35/10	19	67
Men’s Bible Study/Women’s Bible Study	5/8		13
Kids’ Sunday School/Confirmation	21	10	31
Cross Connections (online & individual)	14		14
Growth Groups	20		20
Last Weekend’s Worship	175	54	229

<i>General Fund Offerings Planned FY 21-22</i>	\$739,167
General Fund Offerings Planned FYTD	\$241,651
General Fund Offerings FYTD	\$220,177
Total Offerings Last Week (All Funds)	\$12,360

Serving	Oct 30-Oct 31		Nov 6-Nov 7	
	Nampa	Boise	Nampa	Boise
Music	S. Wetzel	A. Lange	A. Lange	K. Koepsell
AV Tech	J. Malnes, S. Tews	A. Becker, E. Christianson, M. Hartman, TBA	J. Malnes, S. Tews, G. Light	L. Boesch, G. Light, C. Spackman- Whitworth, M. Hartman
Altar Care	K. Guthmiller, C. Harris	T. Yaka	K. Guthmiller, C. Harris	D. McLain, K. Adams
Set-Up	Guthmiller, Harris, Olsoe	n/a	Guthmiller, Harris, Olsoe	n/a
Ushers	n/a	K. Benedick, J. Berrier, C. Berrier, H. Geary, B. Turley	n/a	TBA
Open & Close	Olsoe	M. Brown, J. Kennedy, H. Geary	Malnes	R. Ochoa, E. Christiason, L. Manglos
Coffee	Guthmiller, Wetzel	R. Ritger	Guthmiller, Wetzel	B. Robbins, D. McLain
Flowers	n/a	Banner, Ehlke	n/a	Nordick
Church Cleaners	n/a	Admin	n/a	Tracy, Caudill
Bulletin Folders	Bafus, Guthmiller		Prigges, Tweedy, Foreman	
Tellers	Harris, Morgan, Turley		Turley, Walden, Morford	