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CROSS OF CHRIST
BOISE

Cross of Christ Lutheran Church

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Saints Triumphant Sunday

November 13-14, 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

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

Congregation: Amen.

Song

“Jesus Sinners Does Receive”

Hymn #304:1,4

Confession and Forgiveness

Our God invites us to come into his holy presence openly and honestly. There is no need to hide any part of us because all of who we are is seen by him. Therefore, let us come before our Lord as we are, acknowledging our sinfulness and trusting in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I do not always put you first in my life. Instead, I often put my personal comfort before the needs of others, and my love for the things of this world ahead of my love for you. Yet you have not hidden your face from me. You rescued me through the cross of Christ. May I daily live in the peace of your unfailing love.

God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. He eagerly gives us a seat at his eternal table of blessings and calls us his holy saints because we have been washed clean through the blood of Christ. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Settle in with Jesus and his family, equally loved and accepted.

Amen!

Song

“Jesus Sinners Does Receive”

Hymn #304:6,7

Prayer

Almighty God and Savior, you have set the final day and hour when we shall be delivered from this world of sin and death. Keep us ever watchful for the coming of your Son that we may sit with him and all your holy ones at the marriage feast in heaven; 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

Daniel 12:1-3

“At that time Michael, the great prince who protects your people, will arise. There will be a time of distress such as has not happened from the beginning of nations until then. But at that time your people—everyone whose name is found written in the book—will be delivered. ² Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt. ³ Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.”

God's Word

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

¹³ Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. ¹⁴ For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. ¹⁵ According to the Lord's word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁶ For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷ After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. ¹⁸ Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Children's Message

Song

“God Whose Giving Knows No Ending”

On screens

Message from God’s Word

Matthew 25:1-13

¹ “At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. ² Five of them were foolish and five were wise. ³ The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them. ⁴ The wise ones, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps. ⁵ The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep.

⁶ “At midnight the cry rang out: ‘Here’s the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!’

⁷ “Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps. ⁸ The foolish ones said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out.’

⁹ “‘No,’ they replied, ‘there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.’

¹⁰ “But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut.

¹¹ “Later the others also came. ‘Lord, Lord,’ they said, ‘open the door for us!’

¹² “But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I don’t know you.’

¹³ “Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.”

Reflecting on Time Well Spent

Song

“Brothers, Sisters, Let Us Gladly”

Hymn #484

Statement of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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.

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.

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

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

"Immanuel's Land"

On screens

Silent Prayer

O Lord, we eagerly await the return of our Savior. As you kept your promise to come first as a humble sacrifice, we know you will keep your promise to come again in glory to bring all your saints home to be together by your side. May we spend our time wisely and to your glory until that blessed day.

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

November 14, 2021

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

Nov 14-Nov 21	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 1:00pm - Congregational Open Forum	8:45am - Family Bible Study (JaK*s Place) 9:30am - Worship (JaK*s Place)
Monday	6:00pm - Council Meeting	
Tuesday	6:30pm - Cross Connections	
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	9:30am - Cards for Health Care Professionals 10:30am - Grocery Outreach 6:30pm - Evening Worship w/Communion	9:00am - Second Site Ministry Meeting
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Congregational Open Forum Meeting – THIS SUNDAY

This 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 has been emailed to Cross of Christ members.

New Worship Series: REFLECT

Many people talk about the need to “reflect” this time of year. This holiday season is indeed a great opportunity to reflect on the blessings given to us and to not take for granted all that we have. But where do those blessings come from? Do we have them simply for our own benefit? Let’s spend time together over the next few weeks, through Thanksgiving Day, not only reflecting on how God has blessed us but also to consider how we can reflect those blessings onto others.

Final Chance 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. **These upcoming options are the final sessions:**

- Wednesday, Nov 17, 6:30 pm – Nampa (Wetzel Home)
- Wednesday, Nov 17, 6:30 pm, Boise campus

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.

Second Site Ministry Meeting

Saturday, November 20, 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).

November Service Opportunities!

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

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 gather 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 (**9:30 am on the Boise campus**) 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 to!

November Grocery Outreach: Boise

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! 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.)

Donations can be brought to the Boise campus that morning or dropped off the week prior (8:30am-3:30 pm Mon-Fri; call the office at 208-375-3992 to come at a different time). *Please RSVP to Pastor Wetzel (kurt.wetzel@cocidaho.org) to donate or participate in the delivery.*

Thanksgiving Worship

All are invited to gather at **9:00 am on Thanksgiving Day, November 25, on the Boise campus**, to thank our generous God formally and joyfully for all his goodness! (No Sunday school or Bible classes.) This service will also be livestreamed at cocidaho.org/livestream.

Christmas Flowers

To honor Jesus' birth by beautifying the Boise chapel for Christmas, sign up on the Events bulletin board to purchase various flowering plants (\$6.50-\$13.50 each). **Last day to request a plant is Monday, November 29.** Thank you in advance for making God's house so beautiful; after the last service on Christmas Eve or Day, take your plants home to enjoy! Contact Dick or Kay Guthmiller with any questions (208-850-8809).

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	52/10	22	84
Men's Bible Study	6		6
Kids' Sunday School/Confirmation	26	12	38
Cross Connections (online & individual)	13		13
Last Weekend's Worship	221	55	276

General Fund Offerings Planned FY 21-22	\$739,167
General Fund Offerings Planned FYTD	\$270,080
General Fund Offerings FYTD	\$245,200
Total Offerings Last Week (All Funds)	\$15,986

Serving	Nov 13-Nov 14		Nov 20-Nov 21	
	Nampa	Boise	Nampa	Boise
Music	K. Koepsell	A. Lange	R. Dodd	K. Koepsell
AV Tech	J. Malnes, S. Tews, G. Light	K. Koepsell, A. Becker, B. Berrier, E. Christianson, J. Meier	J. Malnes, S. Tews, G. Light	L. Boesch, J. Geary, E. Christianson, M. Hartman, J. Meier
Altar Care	K. Guthmiller, C. Harris	D. McLain, K. Adams	K. Guthmiller, C. Harris	D. McLain, K. Adams
Set-Up	Guthmiller, Harris, Olsoe	n/a	Guthmiller, Harris, Olsoe	n/a
Ushers	n/a	B. Walters, R. Hibbs, R. Seely	J. Harris	B. Walters, TBA
Open & Close	Olsoe	R. Ochoa, L. Shaw	Malnes	B. Masters, M. Johnson, KC Broyles
Coffee	Guthmiller, Wetzel	C. Berrier, D. McLain	Guthmiller, Wetzel	C. Berrier, D. McLain
Flowers	n/a	DeWall	n/a	Loring
Church Cleaners	n/a	Studer, C&H Sullivan	n/a	Admin, Tessmer
Bulletin Folders	Kimmel, Whitlach		Ritger, Ford, Ashley	
Tellers	Rule, Cadwell, Morgan		Harris, Walden, Morford	