

**REFLECT**  
**BELIEVE**

**CROSS OF CHRIST**

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# Cross of Christ Lutheran Church

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Christ the King Sunday

November 20-21, 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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LUTHERAN CHURCH

## Opening Song

## “Beautiful Savior”

*Hymn #369:1-2*

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

**Congregation: Amen.**

## 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. Through his sacrifice, he has generously gifted to us eternity without sin. 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. You are at home. Settle in with Jesus and his family.

**Amen!**

## God's Word

## Daniel 7:13-14

<sup>13</sup> “In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence. <sup>14</sup> He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all nations and peoples of every language worshiped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed.

## God's Word

## Philippians 4:10-20

<sup>10</sup> I rejoiced greatly in the Lord that at last you renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you were concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. <sup>11</sup> I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. <sup>12</sup> I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. <sup>13</sup> I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

<sup>14</sup> Yet it was good of you to share in my troubles. <sup>15</sup> Moreover, as you Philippians know, in the early days of your acquaintance with the gospel, when I set out from Macedonia, not one church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving, except you only; <sup>16</sup> for even when I was in Thessalonica, you sent me aid more than once when I was in need. <sup>17</sup> Not that I desire your gifts; what I desire is that more be credited to your account. <sup>18</sup> I have received full payment and have more than enough. I am amply supplied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent. They are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God. <sup>19</sup> And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.

<sup>20</sup> To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

## Children's Message

Song

“Lord Open Now My Heart to Hear”

*Hymn #282:1-2*

Message from God’s Word

Mark 12:41-44

<sup>41</sup> Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. <sup>42</sup> But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a few cents.

<sup>43</sup> Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. <sup>44</sup> They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on.”

**Giving Means Sacrifice**

Song

“My Worth Is Not in What I Own”

*On screens*

## 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.

The Lord be with you.

## **And also with you.**

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

**"Draw Near and Take  
the Body of the Lord"**

*On 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

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

**“Lord, You I Love with All My Heart”**

*On screens*

## Silent Prayer

Lord Jesus, Christ the King, by your generous sacrifice you have broken the power of the evil one. Fill our hearts with generosity and willingness to sacrifice as we look with hope to that day when every creature in heaven and earth will acclaim you King of kings and Lord of lords to your unending praise and glory; forever and ever. Amen.

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# Cross of Christ Weekly Newsletter

## November 21, 2021

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

### **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).



<b>Nov 21-Nov 28</b>	<b>Boise</b>	<b>Nampa</b>
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 (JaK*s Place)
Monday	<i>no Preschool this week</i>	
Tuesday	6:30pm - Cross Connections	
Wednesday		
Thursday	9:00am - Thanksgiving Worship	
Friday		
Saturday	6:30pm - Evening Worship	
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### **Current 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.

### **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 [cocidah.org/livestream](http://cocidah.org/livestream).

## **Pajama Drive**

Cross of Christ Preschool is hosting a pajama drive to help children facing instability. To share Jesus' love in this way, drop off a new pair of PJs in the designated basket in the lobby at Boise, or give to Pastor Wetzel in Nampa to deliver to Boise. **Pajamas needed in any size, newborn to adult** (complete set with top and matching bottom, or a onesie). For each pair of PJs, Scholastic Books will provide a new kid's book as a reminder of how important a bedtime story can be. Good nights sure help make good days! **Last day to donate is Thursday, December 2.**



**Pajama Program**  
Good Nights Are Good Days

## **Individual Ministry Evaluation Forms**

Would you like to provide feedback for the Cross of Christ ministry evaluations, but you missed the discussion groups? You are welcome to fill out the ministry evaluation form to share your input individually. **Please submit your responses by Sunday, December 5.**

- Boise: Pick up a paper copy from the lobby usher cart (with the worship folders) and deliver to the church office.
- Nampa: Pick up a paper copy near the door at JaK\*s (by the worship folders) and give to Pastor Wetzel.
- Online: Use the digital form linked in the most recent Friday news email. (Email [secretary@cocidaho.org](mailto:secretary@cocidaho.org) to have the link emailed directly to you.)

## **Cards for Healthcare Professionals**

Show your thanks to our local healthcare professionals! We're still accepting encouragement cards now through the Thanksgiving Day service. The more cards we have, the more hospitals our teens can deliver to! Drop your card(s) in the basket near the door at JaK\*s Place or in the box in the lobby at Boise.

## **Christmas Cookies Needed**

Would you be willing to provide Christmas cookies for our annual Cross of Christ Preschool Christmas Services? These will be held December 8 and 9, both at 6:30 pm on the Boise campus. All are welcome to attend!

If baking is your gift, please bring your cookies to the kitchen at Boise by **noon on Wednesday, December 8, and clearly mark if any are nut and/or gluten free.**

These treats are greatly appreciated by the children and their families as we join for fellowship in the lobby after the services.

## **Ladies' Christmas Party – “A Savior is Born!”**

It's time for the annual Sisters in Christ Christmas Party, **Sunday, December 12, 5:00-7:00 pm**, on the Boise campus. All ladies middle school (6th grade) and older are invited to gather for this special evening focusing on Jesus the Son of God, who came to be the Savior of the world. Bring your daughter, sister, grandmother, neighbor, friend!

Please RSVP online at [tinyurl.com/SIC-Christmas2021](https://tinyurl.com/SIC-Christmas2021) or on the lobby bulletin board in Boise, and indicate whether you'd like to bring something sweet or savory or a beverage to share (coffee and water provided). Questions can be directed to Tuesday Yaka (208-866-3817) (as she is graciously leading this event), or any Sisters in Christ Leadership member (Becky Sobolewski, Kirsten Evans, Melody Studer, Kari Seely, or Rylie Jorgensen). Hope to see you there!

## **Advent Worship Series**

Even after you've filled your Christmas season with decorations, presents, and parties, is something still missing? Often the true joy of Christmas is hidden behind the very things we use to celebrate it. Christ was born into this world to give you a joy that goes beyond simple decorations and gifts. Let's spend this Advent season leading up to Christmas, beginning the weekend of November 28, uncovering the wonder of who Christ is and the power of what he's done. Be sure to grab some invite cards from the church lobby and help your friends, family, and neighbors uncover the wonder of Christ this season, too!

## **Worship Live Stream**

Cross of Christ is now live streaming the 8:30 am worship service from the Boise campus, at [cocidaho.org/livestream](https://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](https://cocidaho.org) home page. Service recordings will continue to be archived at [cocidaho.org/worship-resources](https://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!"***

<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	54/6	24	78
Kids' Sunday School/Confirmation	28/10		38
Men's Bible Study	6		6
Cross Connections (online & individual)	13		13
Last Weekend's Worship	171	69	240

General Fund Offerings Planned FY 21-22	\$739,167
General Fund Offerings Planned FYTD	\$284,295
General Fund Offerings FYTD	\$257,975
Total Offerings Last Week (All Funds)	\$12,871

<b>Serving</b>	<b>Nov 20-Nov 21</b>		<b>Nov 27-Nov 28</b>	
	<b>Nampa</b>	<b>Boise</b>	<b>Nampa</b>	<b>Boise</b>
Music	R. Dodd	K. Koepsell	S. Wetzel	L. Becker
AV Tech	J. Malnes, S. Tews, G. Light	B. Berrier, J. Geary, E. Christianson, M. Hartman, J. Meier	J. Malnes, S. Tews, G. Light	A. Becker, E. Christianson, J. Geary, TBA
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	J. Harris	B. Walters, TBA	n/a	K. Benedick, TBA
Open & Close	Malnes	B. Masters, M. Johnson, KC Broyles	Olsoe	M. Brown, L. Shaw, R. Lange
Coffee	Guthmiller, Wetzel	C. Berrier, D. McLain	Guthmiller, Wetzel	C. Berrier, D. McLain
Flowers	n/a	Loring	n/a	Seibel
Church Cleaners	n/a	Uhlenhoff, Tessmer	n/a	J&J Trentz, K. Tiffany
Bulletin Folders	Ritger, Ford, Ashley		Bafus, Guthmiller, Ritger	
Tellers	Harris, Walden, Morford		Turley, Harris, Rule	