



CROSS OF **CHRIST**
BOISE

Cross of Christ Lutheran Church

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First Sunday in Advent

November 27-28, 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 “My Soul in Stillness Waits”

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

Congregation: Amen.

(♩) For you, O Lord, my soul in stillness waits,
Truly my hope is in you.

O Lord of Light, our only hope of glory,
Your radiance shine in all who look to you.
Come, light the hearts of all in dark and shadow.

**(♩) For you, O Lord, my soul in stillness waits,
Truly my hope is in you.**

We have come into the presence of God. He invites us to come before him as we are. When we are weary, when we are broken, or when we are carrying heavy burdens, he gladly receives us with open arms to lighten our hearts with his forgiveness. So by his invitation, we pray together:

Holy and merciful Father, I confess my sins. In countless ways I have disobeyed you and failed to live as your child. My sin is a burden too heavy to carry. Thank you for sending your Son, Jesus. I look to his cross as I ask for your forgiveness.

(♩) O Spring of Joy, rain down upon our spirits.
Our thirsty hearts are yearning for your Word.
Come, make us whole, be comfort to our hearts.

**(♩) For you, O Lord, my soul in stillness waits,
Truly my hope is in you.**

In his Word, God assures us of his justice and love. At the cross, every sin was paid for. All guilt has been removed. Because of Jesus' perfect life, innocent death, and resurrection, you are still forgiven. Settle in with Jesus and his family as God's holy child.

Amen!

(♩) O Root of Life, implant your truth within us,
And in your advent draw us all to you,
Our hope reborn in dying and in rising.

(♩) **For you, O Lord, my soul in stillness waits,
Truly my hope is in you.**

Prayer

Lord, we were made to be with you, and our hearts long for what only you can give. As we remember your Son's first coming on Christmas and as we long for his glorious return, be for us the God of all comfort and quiet our hearts with the hope we find in your Son, Jesus; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

God's Word

Romans 15:12-13

¹² And again, Isaiah says,

“The Root of Jesse will spring up,
one who will arise to rule over the nations;
in him the Gentiles will hope.”

¹³ May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

God's Word

Matthew 11:28-30

²⁸ “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.
²⁹ Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

Children's Message

Song

“Comfort, Comfort All My People”

Hymn #11:1-3

Message from God’s Word

Isaiah 40:1-11

¹ Comfort, comfort my people,
says your God.
² Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
and proclaim to her
that her hard service has been
completed,
that her sin has been paid for,
that she has received from the LORD’s
hand
double for all her sins.
³ A voice of one calling:
“In the wilderness prepare
the way for the LORD;
make straight in the desert
a highway for our God.
⁴ Every valley shall be raised up,
every mountain and hill made low;
the rough ground shall become level,
the rugged places a plain.
⁵ And the glory of the LORD will be
revealed,
and all people will see it together.
For the mouth of the LORD has
spoken.”
⁶ A voice says, “Cry out.”
And I said, “What shall I cry?”
“All people are like grass,
and all their faithfulness is like the
flowers of the field.

⁷ The grass withers and the flowers
fall,
because the breath of
the LORD blows on them.
Surely the people are grass.
⁸ The grass withers and the
flowers fall,
but the word of our God
endures forever.”
⁹ You who bring good news to Zion,
go up on a high mountain.
You who bring good news to
Jerusalem,
lift up your voice with a shout,
lift it up, do not be afraid;
say to the towns of Judah,
“Here is your God!”
¹⁰ See, the Sovereign LORD comes
with power,
and he rules with a mighty arm.
See, his reward is with him,
and his recompense accompanies
him.
¹¹ He tends his flock like a shepherd:
He gathers the lambs in his arms
and carries them close to his heart;
he gently leads those that have
young.

When All Hope Seems Lost

Song

“Hear the God of Love and Comfort”

On the screens

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

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

“May the Peoples Praise You”

On the screens

Silent Prayer

Come, O long-expected Jesus,
Born to set your people free;
From our sins and fears release us
By your death on Calvary.
Israel’s Strength and Consolation,
Hope to all the earth impart,
Dear Desire of ev’ry nation,
Joy of ev’ry longing heart. 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

November 28, 2021

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

Nov 21-Nov 28	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	8:45am - Family Bible Study (JaK*s Place) 9:30am - Worship (JaK*s Place)
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday	6:30pm - Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm - CrossTrainers	
Thursday	7:00pm - GriefShare	
Friday		
Saturday	11:00am - Victory Celebration of Roy Schreiber 6:30pm - Evening Worship w/ Communion	
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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).

Current Worship Series: Hidden Christmas

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 this weekend, 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!

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

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.

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 to have the link emailed directly to you.)

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 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!

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.

Christmas Worship

in Boise

Christmas Eve:

2:00, 4:00, & 6:00 pm

all services livestreamed

Christmas Day:

10:00 am (+ livestream)

no Saturday evening service

Sunday, December 26:

8:30 (+ livestream) & 11:00 am

no Bible studies or Sunday School

in Nampa (at JaK*s Place)

Christmas Eve:

3:00 pm

Sunday, December 26:

9:30 am

Family Bible study at 8:45 am

***“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	30/6	23	59
Kids’ Sunday School/Confirmation	28/7		35
Cross Connections (online & individual)		5	5
Last Weekend’s Worship	186	72	258

<i>General Fund Offerings Planned FY 21-22</i>	<i>\$739,167</i>
<i>General Fund Offerings Planned FYTD</i>	<i>\$298,509</i>
<i>General Fund Offerings FYTD</i>	<i>\$266,790</i>
<i>Total Offerings Last Week (All Funds)</i>	<i>\$10,136</i>

Serving	Nov 27-Nov 28		Dec 4-5	
	Nampa	Boise	Nampa	Boise
Music	S. Wetzel	L. Becker	S. Wetzel	K. Koepsell
AV Tech	J. Malnes, S. Tews, G. Light	A. Becker, E. Christianson, J. Geary, TBA	J. Malnes, S. Tews, G. Light	TBD
Altar Care	K. Guthmiller, C. Harris	D. McLain, K. Adams		K. Guthmiller, K. Struthers
Set-Up	Guthmiller, Harris, Olsoe	n/a	Guthmiller, Harris, Olsoe	n/a
Ushers	n/a	K. Benedick, TBA	n/a	TBD
Open & Close	Olsoe	M. Brown, L. Shaw, R. Lange	D. Malnes	R. Ochoa, B. Masters, L. Manglos
Coffee	Guthmiller, Wetzel	C. Berrier, D. McLain	Guthmiller, Wetzel	R. Ritger, K. Struthers
Flowers	n/a	Seibel	n/a	M. Banner/Ehlke
Church Cleaners	n/a	J&J Trentz, K. Tiffany	n/a	Trull, Turley
Bulletin Folders	Bafus, Guthmiller, Ritger		Prigge, Tweedy, Foreman	
Tellers	Turley, Harris, Rule		TBD	