



Who Told
You That?

CROSS OF **CHRIST**
BOISE

Cross of Christ Lutheran Church

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Last Judgment Sunday

November 6-7, 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

Opening Song

“Come, People of the Risen King”

On the screens

Welcomed into the Family of God

Pastor: In peace, we come before our God.

The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

God is the Creator of all. He carefully knit us together in our mother’s womb. We are fearfully and wonderfully made. The reason we don’t always experience this wonder is because sin has so corrupted our lives. When we come before God, he invites us to be honest about the brokenness in our lives. When we confess our sins, he promises to hear us. And we can boldly ask for forgiveness because of Jesus.

Good and just God, I confess my sins. I have failed to live as your child throughout my life. My thoughts, words, and actions reveal so many things that deserved your punishment. I am sorry. I thank you for giving your Son for me, and I trust in him as I ask you to take my sins away.

God our Father has heard your prayer and he loves to forgive. Because Jesus lived a perfect life for you and took your punishment at the cross, your guilt is removed forever. God calls you his holy child. Settle in with Jesus and his family. You are home in the family of God.

Amen!

Saturday Evening Prayer

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, that you have graciously kept me this day. Forgive me all my sins, and graciously keep me this night. Into your hands I commend my body and soul and all things. Let your holy angel be with me, that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Sunday Morning Prayer

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, that you have kept me this night from all harm and danger. Keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please you. Into your hands I commend my body and soul and all things. Let your holy angel be with me, that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.

God's Word

Galatians 3:26-29

²⁶ So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, ²⁷ for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸ There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

God's Word

1 Corinthians 11:8-12

⁸ For man did not come from woman, but woman from man; ⁹ neither was man created for woman, but woman for man. ¹⁰ It is for this reason that a woman ought to have authority over her own head, because of the angels.

¹¹ Nevertheless, in the Lord woman is not independent of man, nor is man independent of woman. ¹² For as woman came from man, so also man is born of woman. But everything comes from God.

Children's Message

Song

"Lord, You Call Us as Your People"

On the screens

Message from God's Word

Genesis 1:26-31; 2:7,18-23

²⁶ Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground."

²⁷ So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

²⁸ God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground."

²⁹ Then God said, "I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food.

³⁰ And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds in the sky and all the creatures that move along the ground—everything that has the breath of life in it—I give every green plant for food." And it was so.

³¹ God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day. . .

⁷ The LORD God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being. . .

¹⁸ The LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him."

¹⁹ Now the LORD God had formed out of the ground all the wild animals and all the birds in the sky. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name.

²⁰ So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds in the sky and all the wild animals.

But for Adam no suitable helper was found. ²¹ So the LORD God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man's ribs and then closed up the place with flesh. ²² Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man.

²³ The man said, "This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called 'woman,' for she was taken out of man."

Are Men and Women the Same or Different?

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.

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

"A Christian's Daily Prayer"

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

“In Christ Alone”

On the screens

Silent Prayer

God, you made me to be your own and gave your Son for me. Help me to see your good purposes for my life and to live as your forgiven child. 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 7, 2021

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

Nov 7-Nov 14	Boise	Nampa
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 w/Communion (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	9:00am - Rake Up Boise 6:30pm - Evening Worship	9:00am - Rake Up 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)

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

- Thursday, Nov 11, 6:30 pm, Boise campus (with childcare)
- 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.

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!

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:

Rake Up Nampa

Saturday, November 13, 9:00 am; bring gloves and a rake if you can. Meet-up location in Nampa is TBA based on pending address assignments from the city. All ages welcome! Please RSVP to Pastor Wetzel to participate (kurt.wetzel@cocidaho.org / 208-996-2202).

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 Snyder (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 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.

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).

Thanksgiving Worship

All are invited to gather at **9:00 am on Thanksgiving Day, November 25, on the Boise campus**, to formally and joyfully thank our generous God for all his goodness! No Sunday school or Bible classes.

Short-Term Choir Invitation

The Cross of Christ adult choir will sing for the Christmas Day worship service (10:00 am, Boise campus), with six rehearsals prior. Want to try it out? You're invited! All skill and experience levels welcome. Rehearsals are Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 pm on the Boise campus, with two in November (10th & 17th) and four in December (the four weeks leading up to Christmas). RSVP to director Kristen Koepsell (kristen.koepsell@cocidaho.org) or just show up this week!

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.

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 series and be sure to tell your family, friends, and neighbors about it, too!

Congregational Open Forum Meeting

Next 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 sent to members this week.

***“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	41	21	62
Men’s Bible Study	5		5
Kids’ Sunday School/Confirmation	33/12		45
Cross Connections (online & individual)	12		12
Last Weekend’s Worship	221	47	268

<i>General Fund Offerings Planned FY 21-22</i>	\$739,167
General Fund Offerings Planned FYTD	\$255,866
General Fund Offerings FYTD	\$230,367
Total Offerings Last Week (All Funds)	\$10,369

Serving	Nov 6-Nov 7		Nov 13-Nov 14	
	Nampa	Boise	Nampa	Boise
Music	A. Lange	K. Koepsell	K. Koepsell	A. Lange
AV Tech	J. Malnes, S. Tews	L. Boesch, J. Kennedy, G. Light, C. Spackman- Whitworth, M. Hartman	J. Malnes, S. Tews, G. Light	K. Koepsell, J. Geary, A. Becker, E. Christianson, 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	J. Harris	G. Bafus, B. Turley, G. Walden	n/a	TBA
Open & Close	Malnes	W. Ehlke, E. Christianson, L. Manglos	Olsoe	R. Ochoa, J. Breckon, L. Shaw
Coffee	Guthmiller, Wetzel	C. Berrier, D. McLain	Guthmiller, Wetzel	C. Berrier, D. McLain
Flowers	n/a	Nordick	n/a	DeWall
Church Cleaners	n/a	Tracy, Caudill	n/a	Studer, C&H Sullivan
Bulletin Folders	Prigges, Foreman		Kimmel, Whitlach, Ritger	
Tellers	Turley, Walden, Morford		Rule, Cadwell, Morgan	