



CROSS OF CHRIST
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Cross of Christ Lutheran Church

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Second Sunday in Advent

December 4-5, 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.



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COME, LORD JESUS

Opening Song

“What Child Is This?”

Hymn #67

Welcome into the Family of God

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

Congregation: And also with you.

When we gather for worship, God invites us to come before him in peace. Having peace with God is critical because sin had destroyed our relationship with him. Yet, in peace, we may come before the Lord and acknowledge our sins as we trust in Emmanuel, God with us, for our forgiveness.

Holy and merciful Father in heaven, I confess my sins. In countless ways, my moral failures have hurt our relationship. My sin had separated me from you and deserved your wrath. I thank you for sending Jesus to be my Savior. I trust in him for pardon and forgiveness.

God our Father has taken away your sin once and for all. He sent his Son, Jesus, to live among us. By his perfect life, innocent death, and resurrection to life, all guilt is removed. You are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Be at peace with God as you settle in with Jesus and his family.

Amen!

In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

Song of Praise

“Glory to God in the Highest”

On screens

Prayer

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Almighty and eternal God, you govern all things in heaven and on earth. In your mercy hear our prayers and grant us your peace all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

God's Word

Genesis 3:15, 4:1

¹⁵ “And I will put enmity
between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and hers;
he will crush your head,
and you will strike his heel.” . . .

¹ Adam made love to his wife Eve, and she became pregnant and gave birth to Cain. She said, “With the help of the LORD I have brought forth a man.”

God's Word

Hebrews 2:11-12

¹¹ Both the one who makes people holy and those who are made holy are of the same family. So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters.

¹² He says,

“I will declare your name to my brothers and sisters;
in the assembly I will sing your praises.”

Children's Message

Song

“Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord”

Hymn #28:1, 4, 6

Message from God's Word

Matthew 1:1, 3, 5-6, 16-17

¹This is the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah the son of David, the son of Abraham: . . .

³Judah the father of Perez and Zerah, whose mother was Tamar,
Perez the father of Hezron,
Hezron the father of Ram, . . .

⁵Salmon the father of Boaz, whose mother was Rahab,
Boaz the father of Obed, whose mother was Ruth,
Obed the father of Jesse,

⁶and Jesse the father of King David.

David was the father of Solomon, whose mother had been Uriah's wife, . . .

¹⁶and Jacob the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary, and Mary was the mother of Jesus who is called the Messiah.

¹⁷Thus there were fourteen generations in all from Abraham to David, fourteen from David to the exile to Babylon, and fourteen from the exile to the Messiah.

The Mothers of Jesus

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

After the prayer spoken by the pastor, we join to pray the Lord's Prayer:

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.

Words of Institution

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."

Song of Praise

"Holy Lamb of God"

On screens

Distribution Song

"Peace Came to Earth"

On screens

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

His mercy endures forever.

Song of Peace

"Song of Simeon"

Sung by the vocalist

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

“Where Shepherds Lately Knel”

Hymn #54:1, 3-4

Cross of Christ Weekly Newsletter

December 5, 2021

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!

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 this 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.)

Dec 5-Dec 12	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 (JaK*s Place) w/Communion
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday	6:30pm – Adult Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm – Preschool Christmas Service 7:00pm – CrossTrainers	
Thursday	6:30pm – Preschool Christmas Service 7:00pm - GriefShare	
Friday		
Saturday	10:00am – Sunday School Christmas Rehearsal 6:30pm – Evening Worship	
Sunday	8:30am – Early Worship 9:45am – Adult Bible Study (Chapel) Teen Class (Conf Rm) Kids’ Sunday School (Gym & Classrooms) 11:00am – Children’s Christmas Service 5:00pm – Ladies’ Christmas Party	8:45am - Family Bible Study (JaK*s Place) 9:30am - Worship (JaK*s Place)

Daily Devotions & Advent Devotions

Two devotion booklets are available to you, for free, on the ushers' cart by the lobby mailboxes: the December-February Meditations and "We Have Seen His Glory", an Advent devotion booklet provided by Martin Luther College (our church body's called worker training school). Take one or both home today!

Christmas Cookies Needed

Would you be willing to provide Christmas cookies for our annual Cross of Christ Preschool Christmas Services? These will be held this week Wednesday, December 8, and Thursday, December 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!"

The annual Sisters in Christ Christmas Party will be held **next 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!

The Advent Wreath

The Advent wreath is a countdown to Jesus, the Light of the World. Each week we're one week closer to the coming of Christ. The wreath is a circle made of evergreen boughs to symbolize eternal life. The blue of the Advent candles is the color of the sky, to which we look for Christ's return. The symbolism and meaning of the Advent wreath is one of beauty in simplicity: The Light of the World has come and will come again. This wreath helps us focus on that as we celebrate our Savior and our eternal life.

Christmas Worship

The darkness is real in this world. It can surround us even during the season that's supposed to be the most wonderful time of the year. But there's a light that can scatter the darkness. We'd love to share the good news of this light with your family, friends, and neighbors this Christmas. Please be sure to grab invite cards in the church lobby and use them to help others see the light of Christ this year!

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

Saturday Evening Services Mask Update

We are removing the mask requirement for our Saturday evening services effective Saturday, December 4. Instead, there is simply a mask recommendation. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we continue to navigate the best ways to serve our community!

Worship Live Stream

The Sunday 8:30 am worship service is livestreamed 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	45/6	23	74
Kids’ Sunday School/Confirmation	31/11		42
CrossTrainers	9		9
Cross Connections (online & individual)			
Last Weekend’s Worship	206	53	259

General Fund Offerings Planned FY 21-22	\$739,167
General Fund Offerings Planned FYTD	\$312,725
General Fund Offerings FYTD	\$276,897
Total Offerings Last Week (All Funds)	\$10,574

Serving	Dec 4-5		Dec 11-12	
	Nampa	Boise	Nampa	Boise
Music	S. Wetzel	K. Koepsell	J. Lowry	K. Koepsell / A. Lange
AV Tech	J. Malnes, S. Tews	G. Light, M. Hartman, J. Meier, TBD	J. Malnes, S. Tews, G. Light	A. Becker, M. Hartman, TBD
Altar Care	K. Guthmiller, C. Harris	K. Guthmiller, K. Struthers		K. Guthmiller, K. Struthers
Set-Up	Guthmiller, Harris, Olsoe	n/a	Guthmiller, Harris, Olsoe	n/a
Ushers	J. Harris	G. Bafus, B. Turley, R. Seely	n/a	G. Bafus, B. Turley, TBD
Open & Close	D. Malnes	R. Ochoa, B. Masters, L. Manglos	Olsoe	W. Ehlke, J. Kennedy, H. Geary
Coffee	Guthmiller, Wetzel	R. Ritger, K. Struthers	Guthmiller, Wetzel	R. Ritger, K. Struthers
Flowers	n/a	M. Banner / Ehlke	n/a	DeWall
Church Cleaners	n/a	Trull, Turley	n/a	Admin, M. Walters
Bulletin Folders	Prigge, Tweedy, Foreman		Kimmel, Whitlach	
Tellers	Turley, Walden, Cadwell		Rule, Walden, Morgan	