



CROSS OF **CHRIST**
BOISE

Cross of Christ Lutheran Church

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Second Sunday after Epiphany

January 15-16, 2022

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

“Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”

Hymn #82:1-2, 5

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

Congregation: Amen.

As baptized children of God, we confess our sins.

Holy God, gracious Father, I was sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I deserved your punishment both now and forever. But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death. Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me.

God saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit and united us to the death and resurrection of Jesus. Every day God forgives your sins, removes your guilt, and strengthens you to defeat Satan’s power. His promise is for you and your children, and he will never forsake you. Your sins are forgiven. You are clothed with Christ. You are at peace with God now and forever.

Amen.

Song of Praise

“Praise to the Lord the Almighty”

Hymn #234:1, 4

God’s Word

Isaiah 62:1-5

¹ For Zion’s sake I will not keep silent,
for Jerusalem’s sake I will not remain quiet,
till her vindication shines out like the dawn,
her salvation like a blazing torch.

² The nations will see your vindication,
and all kings your glory;
you will be called by a new name
that the mouth of the LORD will bestow.

³ You will be a crown of splendor in the LORD’s hand,
a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

⁴ No longer will they call you Deserted,

or name your land Desolate.
But you will be called Hephzibah,
and your land Beulah;
for the LORD will take delight in you,
and your land will be married.

⁵As a young man marries a young woman,
so will your Builder marry you;
as a bridegroom rejoices over his bride,
so will your God rejoice over you.

God's Word

John 2:1-11

¹On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, ²and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine."

⁴"Woman, why do you involve me?" Jesus replied. "My hour has not yet come."

⁵His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

⁶Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons.

⁷Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water"; so they filled them to the brim.

⁸Then he told them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet."

They did so, ⁹and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside ¹⁰and said, "Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now."

¹¹What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

Children's Message

Song

“Christ Begins”

On the screens

Message from God’s Word

Ephesians 3:14-21

¹⁴ For this reason I kneel before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. ¹⁶ I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, ¹⁸ may have power, together with all the Lord’s holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, ¹⁹ and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

²⁰ Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

Upside Down Fulfillment

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.

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."

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

“What is This Bread”

On the screens

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

“10,000 Reasons”

On the screens

Silent Prayer

Almighty God, you gave your one and only Son to be the light of the world.
Motivate us by his love and help us show it to others, that he may be known,
worshiped, and believed to the ends of the earth. Amen.

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

January 16, 2022

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

Jan 16-Jan 23	Boise	Nampa
Sunday	8:30am – Worship w/Communion (also livestreamed at cocidaho.org/livestream) 9:45am – Adult Bible Study (Chapel) Teen Class (Conf Rm) Kids’ Sunday School (Gym & Classrooms) Confirmation Class (Rm 5) 11:00am – Worship w/Communion	8:45am - Family Bible Study (JaK*s Place) 9:30am – Worship w/Communion (JaK*s Place)
Monday	6:30pm - Church Council Meeting	
Tuesday		
Wednesday	6:30am – Men’s Bible Study 6:30pm – Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm – CrossTrainers	
Thursday	7:00pm - GriefShare	
Friday		
Saturday	6:30pm - Evening Worship	
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Stay Close to God through His Word

- *Growth Groups*: various days/times/locations, **starting this week!** These small group Bible studies meet at church, in members' homes, or online to apply the previous Sunday's message and connect with fellow Christians. Sign up for a group at tinyurl.com/GGWinter2022 or on the Boise bulletin board.
- *Adult Bible study*: Sundays, 9:45 am, at Boise, "Genesis." We continue through the first book of the Bible before finishing it this month.
- *Family Bible study*: Sundays, 8:45 am, at JaK*s Place in Nampa, "Genesis."
- *Teen Bible study*: Sundays, 9:45 am, at Boise, "Genesis."
- *Men's Bible study*: Wednesdays at Boise, 6:30-7:15 am. Continuing a study of the book of Isaiah.
- *CrossTrainers*, for high school students: Wednesdays, 7:00-9:00 pm, in the gym at Boise. Food, faith, and friends!
- *Cross Connections*:
In-person on the Boise campus: Tuesdays @ 6:30 pm (starting Jan 25) or online via Zoom: Thursdays @ 6:30 pm (starting Jan 27). Connect to God, purpose, and community. A refresher of core Christian truths AND an excellent opportunity to invite someone you know who doesn't know Jesus very well or at all! Please register for either session at cocidaho.org/cross-connections.



GriefShare Support Group Begins This Week

GriefShare is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. Built around a 13-week video curriculum, GriefShare is Christian support group for anyone recovering from the loss of a loved one to death.

This group meets weekly to help you face the challenges of grief and move from mourning to joy. Cross of Christ's winter/spring session will meet **Thursdays @ 7:00 pm, starting this week, January 20, in-person on the Boise campus. Register at cocidaho.org/connect/griefshare/**. The \$20 registration fee covers the cost of class materials. Find more info about the program at griefshare.org.

Current Worship Series

Have you ever had your world turned upside down? It can often be for the worse when things don't go the way we expect them to. *But what if your world was turned upside down for the better?* What if everything about the pain, oppression, and destructive cycles of this world didn't have to be the norm?

This is the gospel that Jesus brought into our sinful world during his ministry: the good news of *turning the world upside down with his grace and mercy*. Now, as his disciples, he calls on us to live opposite to our culture and show that we are part of his upside-down kingdom. We're going to spend the next several weeks looking at what makes God's kingdom and those who live in it so different from the world around us. We hope you, your friends, and your family can join us for this great new series!

WELS International Youth Rally: Info Meeting January 30

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. Check it out at wels.net/serving-you/christian-life/discipleship/youth-rally/.

Teens & parents are invited to a no-commitment info meeting with Pastor Brad, **Sunday, January 30, in the Boise chapel, following the 11:00 am worship service**. We'll talk about what the rally is like, why it's awesome, costs, travel options, and more.

Weekly Email Announcements Have a New Look!

Beginning Friday, January 28, Cross of Christ will switch to a new third-party email provider, the service by which we can easily send emails to large numbers of people. If you're currently receiving emails from Cross of Christ, you don't have to do anything to continue receiving them. However, it is possible that emails sent via this new provider may initially arrive in your junk or spam folders, or email folders other than your main inbox. If you're a congregation member, on Friday, January 28, watch for the regular weekly CrossLinks (news email), and if you don't see it in your inbox, check all your other folders!

Cross of Christ Preschool Early Registration

Early registration for the 2022-2023 school year begins February 1!

- Early registration is available for Cross of Christ members, returning students, and siblings of current students.
- Registration packets can be picked up in the office or found online at cocidaho.org/preschool.



Please return your registration forms as soon as possible (on/after February 1) to assure a spot in your preferred class! Open registration for the general public begins February 15. Direct questions to Jan Perna (208-949-0851 / registrar@cocboise.org).

Congregational Open Forum February 13

Sunday, February 13, 1:00 pm on the Boise campus (virtual access will be made available to members). An info session to help you know what's going on at Cross of Christ and participate in ministry decisions. All are welcome; voting members of the congregation are particularly encouraged to attend to participate in the official business decisions needed.

Offering Envelopes 2022

For anyone who prefers paper donations to online donations, boxes of offering envelopes are available to you on the ushers' cart in the lobby. If you'd like a box placed directly in your church mailbox, call or email the church office to let us know (208-375-3992 / secretary@cocidaho.org).

*"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	29/10	19	58
Kids' Sunday School/Confirmation	31/8		39
Cross Connections (online & individual)	10		10
Men's Bible Study	5		5
Last Weekend's Worship	196	51	247

General Fund Offerings Planned FY 21-22	\$739,167
General Fund Offerings Planned FYTD	\$398,013
General Fund Offerings FYTD	\$387,462
Total Offerings Last Weekend (All Funds)	\$25,920

Serving	Jan 16		Jan 23	
	Nampa	Boise	Nampa	Boise
Music	J. Hein	K. Koepsell, Melody Studer, Malia Studer	K. Koepsell	A. Lange
AV Tech	J. Malnes, G. Light	E. Christianson, TBD	J. Malnes, S. Tews, G. Light	A. Becker, E. Christianson, J. Meier
Altar Care	K. Guthmiller	Yaka	K. Guthmiller, C. Harris	Yaka
Set-Up	Guthmiller, O'Doherty	n/a	Guthmiller, Harris, O'Doherty	n/a
Ushers	TBD	B. Walters, B. Adams, H. Geary, R. Seely	n/a	B. Walters, B. Adams
Open & Close	Malnes	J. Breckon, B. Masters, H. Geary	Olsoe	M. Brown, B. Masters, KC Broyles
Coffee	Guthmiller, Wetzel	B. Robbins, R. Ritger	Guthmiller, Wetzel	B. Robbins, R. Ritger
Flowers	n/a	Ready	n/a	Yaka
Church Cleaners	n/a	Walden/Buxton	n/a	Whitaker/ Sobolewski
Bulletin Folders	Ritger, Ford, Ashley		Bafus, Guthmiller, Ritger	
Tellers	Harris, Cadwell, Morgan		Turley, Walden, Morford	