



**CROSS** OF **CHRIST**  
BOISE

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# Cross of Christ Lutheran Church

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Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 22-23, 2022

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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

## “Blessed Jesus, at Your Word”

*Hymn #221:1-3*

## Welcomed into the Family of God

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

**Congregation: Amen.**

Jesus’ sweet and holy teachings reveal the depth of his love. The only reason we can come before him is because he came first to take away our sins. By confessing our sins together, let’s remember how much Jesus overcame for us so we could be welcomed home in his family.

**Holy and merciful God, I confess my sins. I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. Though I have failed, I thank you for never giving up on me. Trusting in Jesus, I pray: Forgive me. Restore me. Receive me once again as your child.**

God has heard your prayers, and he will not send you away. Instead, he tells you good news of freedom and the Lord’s favor. Because of Jesus’ perfect life, death, and resurrection, your sins are removed forever. You are forgiven and God calls you his child. May he strengthen you to live as his child!

**Amen!**

## Prayer

Almighty God, you sent your Son to proclaim your kingdom and to teach with authority. Anoint us with the power of your Spirit that we, too, may bring good news to the afflicted, bind up the brokenhearted, and proclaim liberty to the captive; 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

## Isaiah 61:1-6

<sup>1</sup> The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me,  
because the LORD has anointed me  
to proclaim good news to the poor.  
He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,  
to proclaim freedom for the captives  
and release from darkness for the prisoners,  
<sup>2</sup> to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor  
and the day of vengeance of our God,  
to comfort all who mourn,  
<sup>3</sup> and provide for those who grieve in Zion—  
to bestow on them a crown of beauty  
instead of ashes,  
the oil of joy  
instead of mourning,  
and a garment of praise  
instead of a spirit of despair.  
They will be called oaks of righteousness,  
a planting of the LORD  
for the display of his splendor.

<sup>4</sup> They will rebuild the ancient ruins  
and restore the places long devastated;  
they will renew the ruined cities  
that have been devastated for generations.

<sup>5</sup> Strangers will shepherd your flocks;  
foreigners will work your fields and vineyards.

<sup>6</sup> And you will be called priests of the LORD,  
you will be named ministers of our God.  
You will feed on the wealth of nations,  
and in their riches you will boast.

## God's Word

## Acts 4:23-31

<sup>23</sup> On their release, Peter and John went back to their own people and reported all that the chief priests and the elders had said to them. <sup>24</sup> When they heard this, they raised their voices together in prayer to God. "Sovereign Lord," they said, "you made the heavens and the earth and the sea, and everything in them. <sup>25</sup> You spoke by the Holy Spirit through the mouth of your servant, our father David:

"Why do the nations rage  
and the peoples plot in vain?

<sup>26</sup> The kings of the earth rise up  
and the rulers band together  
against the Lord  
and against his anointed one.'

<sup>27</sup> Indeed Herod and Pontius Pilate met together with the Gentiles and the people of Israel in this city to conspire against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed. <sup>28</sup> They did what your power and will had decided beforehand should happen. <sup>29</sup> Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness. <sup>30</sup> Stretch out your hand to heal and perform signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus."

<sup>31</sup> After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.

## Children's Message

## Song

**"By Faith"**  
*On the screens*

## Message from God's Word

Luke 4:16-30

<sup>16</sup> He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. He stood up to read,  
<sup>17</sup> and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written:

<sup>18</sup> "The Spirit of the Lord is on me,  
because he has anointed me  
to proclaim good news to the poor.  
He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners  
and recovery of sight for the blind,  
to set the oppressed free,  
<sup>19</sup> to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

<sup>20</sup> Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. <sup>21</sup> He began by saying to them, "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."

<sup>22</sup> All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his lips. "Isn't this Joseph's son?" they asked.

<sup>23</sup> Jesus said to them, "Surely you will quote this proverb to me: 'Physician, heal yourself!' And you will tell me, 'Do here in your hometown what we have heard that you did in Capernaum.'"

<sup>24</sup> "Truly I tell you," he continued, "no prophet is accepted in his hometown. <sup>25</sup> I assure you that there were many widows in Israel in Elijah's time, when the sky was shut for three and a half years and there was a severe famine throughout the land. <sup>26</sup> Yet Elijah was not sent to any of them, but to a widow in Zarephath in the region of Sidon. <sup>27</sup> And there were many in Israel with leprosy in the time of Elisha the prophet, yet not one of them was cleansed—only Naaman the Syrian."

<sup>28</sup> All the people in the synagogue were furious when they heard this. <sup>29</sup> They got up, drove him out of the town, and took him to the brow of the hill on which the town was built, in order to throw him off the cliff. <sup>30</sup> But he walked right through the crowd and went on his way.

## Upside Down Expectations

## Song

## “The Church’s One Foundation”

*Hymn #538:1,3,5*

### 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 almighty and merciful Lord—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—bless us and keep us.

**Amen!**

## Closing Song

## “Amazing Grace”

Hymn #379

## Silent Prayer

Grant, O Lord, that the lips which here have sung your praise  
may continue to glorify you in the world;  
that the ears which have heard you speak  
may be open always to your Word, and closed to hatred and discord;  
that the tongues which have confessed your name  
may always speak the truth without fear;  
that all of us who have worshiped together today  
may be united in true love for each other as you have loved us in Jesus.  
Amen.

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## 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](http://cocidaho.org/give) or contact the church office ([secretary@cocidaho.org](mailto:secretary@cocidaho.org) or 208-375-3992) to schedule a time to drop your offering off during the week.*

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## 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.*

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# Cross of Christ Weekly Newsletter

## January 23, 2022

Cross of Christ Lutheran Church & Preschool (WELS)  
 Church & Preschool Office - 208.375.3992 - [cocidaho.org](http://cocidaho.org)

<b>Jan 23-Jan 30</b>	<b>Boise</b>	<b>Nampa</b>
Sunday	8:30am - Worship (also livestreamed at <a href="http://cocidaho.org/livestream">cocidaho.org/livestream</a> ) 9:45am - Adult Bible Study (Chapel) Teen Class (Conf Rm) Kids' Sunday School (Gym & Classrooms) Confirmation Class (Rm 5) 11:00am - Worship	8:45am - Family Bible Study (JaK*s Place) 9:30am - Worship (JaK*s Place)
Monday		
Tuesday	6:30pm - Cross Connections	
Wednesday	6:30am - Men's Bible Study 6:30pm - Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm - CrossTrainers	
Thursday	6:30 pm - Cross Connections (online)	
	7:00pm - GriefShare	
Friday		
Saturday	6:30pm - Evening Worship	
Sunday	8:30am - Worship (also livestreamed at <a href="http://cocidaho.org/livestream">cocidaho.org/livestream</a> ) 9:45am - Adult Bible Study (Chapel) Teen Class (Conf Rm) Kids' Sunday School (Gym & Classrooms) Confirmation Class (Rm 5) 11:00am - Worship 12:15pm - Youth Rally Info Meeting	8:45am - Family Bible Study (JaK*s Place) 9:30am - Worship (JaK*s Place)

## To Know God Better

- *Cross Connections: **Beginning This Week!***

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! **Register for either session at [cocardaho.org/cross-connections](https://cocardaho.org/cross-connections).**



- *Growth Groups:* various days/times/locations. 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-ups are open for one more week:** [tinyurl.com/GGWinter2022](https://tinyurl.com/GGWinter2022) or on the Boise bulletin board.
- *Men's Bible study:* Wednesdays at Boise, 6:30-7:15 am. Continuing a study of the book of Isaiah.
- *Women's Bible study:* Mondays at Boise, 10:00 am, **beginning February 7:** God's Wisdom in the Book of Proverbs.

## Update on Our New Church in Nampa

Progress is coming along nicely on our new building at 6134 Birch Lane! The concrete floor has been poured, the walls are roughed in, electrical is being installed, and the attic insulation is in. Our amazing design committee has finalized color selections for paint, flooring, doors, and countertops. Join us in thanking God for this wonderful building from which to conduct ministry, and for the people he has given us to make it all happen! Stay tuned for further updates and details on our grand opening (God-willing, in April) and official building dedication.

## Date Change: Congregational Open Forum February 6

Sunday, February 6, 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.

## **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!

## **Weekly Email Announcements Have a New Look!**

Beginning this coming 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!

## **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/](https://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, costs, travel options, and more.

## **GriefShare Support Group Current Session**

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 current session meets **Thursdays @ 7:00 pm, in-person on the Boise campus**. This session began last week but the program is designed so you can start at any point. A \$20 registration fee covers the cost of class materials. **Register at [cocidaho.org/connect/griefshare/](https://cocidaho.org/connect/griefshare/)**. Find more info about the program itself at [griefshare.org](https://griefshare.org).

## **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](https://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](mailto:registrar@cocboise.org)).

## **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](mailto: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!”***

<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	24/6	18	48
Kids’ Sunday School/Confirmation	11/7		18
Cross Connections	6		6
Growth Groups	5 + 6 + 13 + 5		29
Men’s Bible Study	6		6
Last Weekend’s Worship	172	39	211

<i>General Fund Offerings Planned FY 21-22</i>	<b>\$739,167</b>
General Fund Offerings Planned FYTD	<b>\$412,228</b>
General Fund Offerings FYTD	<b>\$421,881</b>
Total Offerings Last Weekend (All Funds)	<b>\$34,465</b>

Serving	Jan 23		Jan 30	
	Nampa	Boise	Nampa	Boise
Music	K. Koepsell	A. Lange	S. Wetzel, K. Olsoe, J. Olsoe	K. Koepsell, S. Hibbs, E. Berrier, A. Manglos, S. Caudill, B. Breckon
AV Tech	J. Malnes, S. Tews, G. Light	G. Light, E. Christianson, J. Meier	J. Malnes, S. Tews, G. Light	E. Christianson, B. Berrier, TBA
Altar Care	K. Guthmiller, C. Harris	Yaka	K. Guthmiller, C. Harris	Yaka
Set-Up	Guthmiller, Harris, O'Doherty	n/a	Guthmiller, Harris, O'Doherty	n/a
Ushers	n/a	B. Walters, B. Adams, G. Walden	J. Harris	K. Benedick, B. Adams, C. Berrier, B. Breckon
Open & Close	Olsoe	M. Brown, B. Masters, KC Broyles	Light	R. Ochoa, E. Christianson, R. Lange
Coffee	Guthmiller, Wetzel	B. Robbins, R. Ritger	Guthmiller, Wetzel	B. Robbins, R. Ritger
Flowers	n/a	Yaka	n/a	n/a
Church Cleaners	n/a	Whitaker/ Sobolewski	n/a	Russow, Mohlke
Bulletin Folders	Bafus, Guthmiller, Ritger		Prigges, Tweedy, Foreman	
Tellers	Turley, Walden, Morford		Rule, Cadwell, Harris	