



CROSS OF **CHRIST**
BOISE

Cross of Christ Lutheran Church

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Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

January 29-30, 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

“Speak, O Lord”

On the screens

Welcomed into the Family of God

with Psalm 85

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.

I will hear what the Lord proclaims:

Peace to his people.

You forgave the iniquity of your people

And covered all their sins.

Show us your unfailing love, O LORD,

And grant us your salvation.

Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

Lord of life, I confess that apart from you I was dead in sin.

For faithless worrying and selfish pride,

For sins of habit and sins of choice,

For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,

I deserved to be cast away from your presence forever.

O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, you are at home in his family. God give you strength to live according to his will.

Amen!

Prayer

Almighty God, you sent your one and only Son as the Word of life for our eyes to see and our ears to hear. Help us to believe what the Scriptures proclaim about him and do the things that are pleasing in your sight; 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

Jeremiah 1:4-10

⁴ The word of the LORD came to me, saying,

⁵ "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations."

⁶ "Alas, Sovereign LORD," I said, "I do not know how to speak; I am too young."

⁷ But the LORD said to me, "Do not say, 'I am too young.' You must go to everyone I send you to and say whatever I command you. ⁸ Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you," declares the LORD.

⁹ Then the LORD reached out his hand and touched my mouth and said to me, "I have put my words in your mouth. ¹⁰ See, today I appoint you over nations and kingdoms to uproot and tear down, to destroy and overthrow, to build and to plant."

God's Word

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

¹⁴ But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, ¹⁵ and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that the servant of God^[a] may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge: ² Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction. ³ For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. ⁴ They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. ⁵ But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry.

Children’s Message

Song

“Across the Lands”

On the screens

Message from God’s Word

Luke 4:38-44

³⁸ Jesus left the synagogue and went to the home of Simon. Now Simon’s mother-in-law was suffering from a high fever, and they asked Jesus to help her. ³⁹ So he bent over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her. She got up at once and began to wait on them.

⁴⁰ At sunset, the people brought to Jesus all who had various kinds of sickness, and laying his hands on each one, he healed them. ⁴¹ Moreover, demons came out of many people, shouting, “You are the Son of God!” But he rebuked them and would not allow them to speak, because they knew he was the Messiah.

⁴² At daybreak, Jesus went out to a solitary place. The people were looking for him and when they came to where he was, they tried to keep him from leaving them. ⁴³ But he said, “I must proclaim the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns also, because that is why I was sent.” ⁴⁴ And he kept on preaching in the synagogues of Judea.

Upside Down Agenda

Song

“Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”

Hymn #353:1,3

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.

Installation of Council Members

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

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

“May the Peoples Praise You”

On the screens

Silent Prayer

Merciful Father, thank you for sending your dear Son, our Savior, to perfectly walk in this world in our place: perfectly serving, perfectly helping, perfectly loving. May we now walk in His footsteps to serve, help, and proclaim the good news of your kingdom of grace to all people.

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

January 30, 2022

Jan 30-Feb 6	Boise	Nampa
Sunday	8:30am - Worship (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 12:15pm - Youth Rally Info Meeting	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 7:00pm - CrossTrainers <i>no Adult Choir this week</i>	
Thursday	6:30 pm - Cross Connections (online)	
	7:00pm - GriefShare	
Friday		
Saturday	6:30pm - Evening Worship w/Communion	
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Installation of Council Members This Weekend

In our worship services this weekend we will officially install our Cross of Christ Church Council members. Some are serving their second term; some were newly elected to their first term this past summer. All have been faithfully serving in their roles since then! Today we recognize, appreciate, and officially commission them for their work on our behalf.

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We also thank those who finished their terms last year, John Kennedy and KC Broyles.

To Know God Better

- *Cross Connections: **Not Too Late to Jump In!***

In-person on the Boise campus: Tuesdays @ 6:30 pm or online via Zoom: Thursdays @ 6:30 pm. 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 cocidaho.org/cross-connections.**

- *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.



WELS International Youth Rally: Info Meeting THIS SUNDAY, 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 for teens finishing 8th-12th grades (entering high school through graduating high school)! 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, **this 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.

Congregational Open Forum Next Sunday, February 6

Next 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.

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.

Weekly Email Announcements Have a New Look!

As of this past Friday, January 28, Cross of Christ has switched 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 and haven't yet checked, look for that weekly CrossLinks (news email) sent last Friday. If you don't see it in your inbox, check all your other folders!

Cross of Christ Preschool Early Registration

Early registration for the '22-'23 school year opens 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.



New this year: Full-day and flexible-scheduling options available!

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).

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.

*"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	34/7	13	54
Kids' Sunday School/Confirmation	18/12		30
Cross Connections	6+6		12
Growth Groups	7+5+5+10+7		34
Men's Bible Study	6		6
Last Weekend's Worship	164	54	218

Serving	Jan 30		Feb 6	
	Nampa	Boise	Nampa	Boise
Music	S. Wetzel, K. Olsoe, J. Olose	K. Koepsell, E. Berrier, B. Breckon, S. Caudill, S. Hibbs, A. Manglos,	J. Hein, K. Wetzel	K. Koepsell, F. Fauchaux
AV Tech	J. Malnes, S. Tews, G. Light	E. Christianson, B. Berrier, TBA	J. Malnes, S. Tews, G. Light	A. Becker, M. Hartman, J. Geary
Altar Care	K. Guthmiller, C. Harris	Yaka	K. Guthmiller, C. Harris	D. McLain, K. Adams
Set-Up	Guthmiller, Harris, O'Doherty	n/a	Guthmiller, Harris, O'Doherty	n/a
Ushers	n/a	K. Benedick, B. Adams, C. Berrier, B. Breckon, B. Turley, S. Turley	J. Harris	H. Geary, TBA
Open & Close	Light	R. Ochoa, E. Christianson, R. Lange	Malnes	W. Ehlke, J. Breckon, L. Manglos
Coffee	Guthmiller, Wetzel	B. Robbins, R. Ritger	Guthmiller, Wetzel	C. Berrier, D. McLain
Flowers	n/a	n/a	n/a	Ready
Church Cleaners	n/a	Russow/Mohlke	n/a	TBA
Bulletin Folders	Prigges, Tweedy, Foreman		Kimmel, Whitlach	
Tellers	Rule, Cadwell, Harris		TBA	

General Fund Offerings Planned FY 21-22	\$739,167
General Fund Offerings Planned FYTD	\$426,443
General Fund Offerings FYTD	\$431,938
Total Offerings Last Weekend (All Funds)	\$160,288