



CROSS OF **CHRIST**
BOISE

Cross of Christ Lutheran Church

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First Sunday after Epiphany

January 8-9, 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

“The Gospel Song”

On the screens

Review of Baptism

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

Congregation: Amen.

Our Savior Jesus Christ commanded baptism when he said: “Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” All of us are born into this world with a deep need for baptism. From our parents we inherit a sinful nature; we are without true fear of God and true faith in God and are condemned to eternal death. But Jesus took away our sin by giving his life on the cross. At our baptism he clothes us with the robe of his righteousness and gives us a new life. Our sinful nature need not control us any longer. We recall what baptism means for our daily lives as we speak these words:

Baptism means that the sinful nature in us should be drowned by daily sorrow and repentance, and that all its evil deeds and desires be put to death. It also means that a new person should daily arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.

As we contemplate the gift of baptism, let us also confess our sins before our heavenly Father:

Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I do not always put you first in my life. Instead, I often put my personal comfort before the needs of others, and my love for the things of this world ahead of my love for you. Yet you have not hidden your face from me. You rescued me through the cross of Christ. May I daily live in the peace of your unfailing love.

God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Settle in with Jesus and his family, equally loved and accepted.

Amen!

Prayer

Father in heaven, at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Keep us who are baptized into Christ faithful in our calling as your children and make us heirs with him of everlasting life; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

God's Word

Titus 3:4-7

⁴When the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, ⁵he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, ⁶whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.

God's Word

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

¹⁵The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Messiah. ¹⁶John answered them all, "I baptize you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire." . . .

²¹When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened ²²and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

Children's Message

Song “Christ, Your Footprints through the Desert”

On the screens

Message from God’s Word

1 Samuel 16:1-13

¹ The LORD said to Samuel, “How long will you mourn for Saul, since I have rejected him as king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and be on your way; I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem. I have chosen one of his sons to be king.”

² But Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears about it, he will kill me.”

The LORD said, “Take a heifer with you and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.’” ³ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what to do. You are to anoint for me the one I indicate.”

⁴ Samuel did what the LORD said. When he arrived at Bethlehem, the elders of the town trembled when they met him. They asked, “Do you come in peace?”

⁵ Samuel replied, “Yes, in peace; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD. Consecrate yourselves and come to the sacrifice with me.” Then he consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

⁶ When they arrived, Samuel saw Eliab and thought, “Surely the LORD’s anointed stands here before the LORD.”

⁷ But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The LORD does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.”

⁸ Then Jesse called Abinadab and had him pass in front of Samuel. But Samuel said, “The LORD has not chosen this one either.” ⁹ Jesse then had Shammah pass by, but Samuel said, “Nor has the LORD chosen this one.”

¹⁰ Jesse had seven of his sons pass before Samuel, but Samuel said to him, “The LORD has not chosen these.” ¹¹ So he asked Jesse, “Are these all the sons you have?”

“There is still the youngest,” Jesse answered. “He is tending the sheep.”

Samuel said, “Send for him; we will not sit down until he arrives.”

¹² So he sent for him and had him brought in. He was glowing with health and had a fine appearance and handsome features.

Then the LORD said, “Rise and anoint him; this is the one.”

¹³ So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the LORD came powerfully upon David. Samuel then went to Ramah.

Upside Down Choice

Song

“Christ Begins”

On the screens

Statement of Faith

**Affirmation of Baptism
with The Apostles’ Creed**

Holy Baptism is the precious means of grace by which our Father in heaven connects us with Christ in his life, death, and resurrection. The apostle Paul says: “Don’t you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. If we have been united with him like this in his death, we will certainly also be united with him in his resurrection. For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin—because anyone who has died has been freed from sin. Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.” (Romans 6:3-11) In Holy Baptism, God takes away our sins and gives new life in Christ our Lord. We now confess the gift of faith in God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Do you believe in God, the Father almighty?

Yes, I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son?

Yes, 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.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

Yes, 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.

Do you intend to continue in this faith, to be diligent in the use of Word and sacrament and in faith and action remain true to God — Father, Son, and Holy Spirit — as long as you live?

Yes, and I ask God to help me.

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with his grace to 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

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 “Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

Hymn #332:1-3

Silent Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank you for loving me as your own dear child. Help me to see myself with the same love and acceptance you have already given me.
Amen.

Cross of Christ Weekly Newsletter

January 9, 2022

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

Second Site Ministry Meeting

Saturday, January 15, 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).

Jan 9-Jan 16	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	8:45am - Family Bible Study (JaK*s Place) 9:30am – Worship (JaK*s Place)
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday	6:30am – Men’s Bible Study 6:30pm – Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm – CrossTrainers	
Thursday		
Friday		
Saturday	6:30pm - Evening Worship w/Communion	9:00am – North Nampa Ministry Meeting 10:30am – Grocery Outreach
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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).

GriefShare Support Group

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 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.

Stay Close to God through His Word

- *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. Resumes this week, January 12, 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!
- *Growth Groups*: various days/times/locations, starting the week of January 16. 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.
- *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.



New Worship Series Beginning Today

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. Beginning the weekend of January 9, 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!

January Grocery Outreach: Nampa

Saturday, January 15, 10:30 am starting from the Wetzel home. 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.)

Please RSVP to Pastor Wetzel (kurt.wetzel@cocidaho.org) to donate or participate in the delivery.

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.

***"I am the Vine, you are the branches.
If you remain in me and I in you,
you will bear much fruit!"***

General Fund Offerings Planned FY 21-22	\$739,167
General Fund Offerings Planned FYTD	\$383,798
General Fund Offerings FYTD	\$357,586
Total Offerings Last Weekend (All Funds)	\$10,586

People in God's Word this past week	Boise	Nampa	Total
Sunday Morning Adult/Teen Bible Study	22/7	14	43
Kids' Sunday School/Confirmation	20/4		24
Cross Connections (online & individual)			
Last Weekend's Worship	140	48	188

Serving	Jan 9		Jan 16	
	Nampa	Boise	Nampa	Boise
Music	R. Dodd	A. Lange	J. Hein	K. Koepsell
AV Tech	J. Malnes, S. Tews, G. Light	K. Koepsell, E. Christianson, B. Berrier, J. Meier	J. Malnes, S. Tews, G. Light	E. Christianson, TBD
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	G. Bafus, B. Turley, S. Turley	n/a	TBD
Open & Close	Light	W. Ehlke, L. Shaw, L. Manglos	Malnes	J. Breckon, B. Masters, H. Geary
Coffee	Guthmiller, Wetzel	B. Robbins, R. Ritger	Guthmiller, Wetzel	B. Robbins, R. Ritger
Flowers	n/a	TBD	n/a	Ready
Church Cleaners	n/a	Admin, Whitlach/Gravett	n/a	Walden/Buxton
Bulletin Folders	Kimmel, Whitlach		Ritger, Ford, Ashley	
Tellers	Turley, Walden, Morford		Harris, Cadwell, Morgan	