



UPSIDE DOWN
BLESSINGS

CROSS OF CHRIST
BOISE

Cross of Christ Lutheran Church

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Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

February 12-13, 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

“If God Himself Be for Me”

Hymn #419:1-3; alternate tune

Welcomed into the Family of God

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

Congregation: Amen.

Being welcomed into God’s family doesn’t require that we first try to please God or prove ourselves to him. The reality of sin had made it impossible for any of us to stand in God’s presence. Yet he invites us to come before him and worship him because he has adopted us into his family purely by grace. In Christ alone our hope is found as we confess our sins and find our Father’s forgiveness.

Holy and merciful Father in heaven, I acknowledge my brokenness and sin. My thoughts, words, and actions reveal how I have not lived as your child. Though my sins deserved your punishment, I thank you for your grace. I praise you for sending Jesus. Trusting in him, I ask for your forgiveness.

God forgives sins—all of them! By sending Jesus to live perfectly in our place, die on the cross, and come back to life, he has removed your guilt forever. Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord. How blessed you are that you are forgiven, loved, and accepted by God! By his grace, you are welcomed home in his family!

Amen!

Prayer

God of power and might, you know that we live in the midst of many great dangers, and in our weakness we cannot stand on our own. Give us strength and protection to support us in all peril, and carry us through all temptations; 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

2 Corinthians 12:7-10

⁷ Therefore, in order to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. ⁸ Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. ⁹ But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. ¹⁰ That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

God's Word

Luke 6:17-26

¹⁷ He went down with them and stood on a level place. A large crowd of his disciples was there and a great number of people from all over Judea, from Jerusalem, and from the coastal region around Tyre and Sidon, ¹⁸ who had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. Those troubled by impure spirits were cured, ¹⁹ and the people all tried to touch him, because power was coming from him and healing them all.

²⁰ Looking at his disciples, he said:

"Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹ Blessed are you who hunger now,
for you will be satisfied.

Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

²² Blessed are you when people hate you,
when they exclude you and insult you
and reject your name as evil,
because of the Son of Man.

²³ "Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in heaven. For that is how their ancestors treated the prophets.

²⁴ "But woe to you who are rich,
for you have already received your comfort.

²⁵ Woe to you who are well fed now,

Song

“In Christ Alone”

On the screens

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

May the love of the Lord Jesus draw us to himself.

May the power of the Lord Jesus make us strong to do his will.

May the peace of the Lord Jesus fill our lives.

Amen!

Closing Song

“It Is Well with My Soul”

On the screens

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.

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

February 13, 2022

Feb 13-Feb 20	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	10:00am - Women's Bible Study	
Tuesday	6:30pm - Cross Connections	
Wednesday	6:30am - Men's Bible Study 7:00pm - CrossTrainers 6:30pm - Adult Choir Rehearsal	
Thursday	6:30 pm - Cross Connections (online)	
	7:00pm - GriefShare	
Friday		
Saturday	6:30pm - Evening Worship w/Communion	
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Worship Livestream Archive

Cross of Christ continues to livestream the 8:30 am worship service from the Boise campus – and the recording of this livestream is available for replay on our YouTube channel as soon as the livestream has finished! To access the archives, go to cocidaho.org/livestream; below the video preview, click or tap the “archive of previous worship services” link. This will take you directly to our YouTube channel where you can select the service you’d like to worship with.

Women’s Bible Study on Mondays

Ladies, we’re just one week in to an eight-week study of God’s Wisdom in the Book of Proverbs; all are welcome any time, including friends! This study meets Mondays at 10:00 am on the Boise campus.

North Nampa Ministry Meeting

Saturday, February 26, 9:00am at the Wetzel home in Nampa, with breakfast. All are welcome as we evaluate, discuss, and plan ministry in our North Nampa community, particularly as we get closer and closer to moving into our new building! Please RSVP to Pastor Wetzel (kurt.wetzel@cocidaho.org).

Sisters in Christ Glass Fusion Event

Friday, February 25, 6:00-8:30 pm, at Fusions Glass Studio in Eagle (fusions-idaho.com). All women, middle school age and older, are welcome to this fun and creative event. Invite a friend or two! This is a private event so only our group will be in attendance; capacity is limited to 30. Reserve your spot now!

It is pay as you go, so it can be as cheap or expensive as you’d like. Pay only for the product you choose to create! Feel free to bring your own food and drink.

Sign up on the Boise lobby bulletin board or at tinyurl.com/SICglassfusion22! Contact Kirsten Evans (kristeria@gmail.com) for more information.

Community Support Opportunity

You’re invited to participate with Cross of Christ Preschool in showing love and support to new moms and babies through Stanton Healthcare in Meridian. Stanton provides 18 months of quality care and support to moms and babies at no charge. We are collecting diapers and wipes for them! They are most in need of size 4-6 diapers. Donations are being collected in the lobby at Boise; last day to contribute is Monday, February 28. You can learn more about Stanton at stantonhealthcare.org.

Cross of Christ Preschool Early Registration

Early registration for the '22-'23 school year is currently open to Cross of Christ members, returning students, and siblings of current students. **New this year: full-day options available!**

A registration packet can be picked up in the office or call the office at 208-375-3992 for the early registration online link.

Return your registration forms as soon as possible 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).

Latest Congregational Directory

The latest Cross of Christ member directory is available for viewing and downloading at cocidaho.org/resources/member-resources/. You can request a printed copy on the lobby bulletin board at Boise or by contacting the office (secretary@cocidaho.org / 208-375-3992). If you need to update any of your information in the directory, please contact the office as well!

Midweek Worship for Lent, at Boise

For six Wednesday evenings during Lent we'll gather for fellowship and encouragement as we ponder key words and moments from the account of Jesus' passion that demonstrate the thorough completeness of his saving work for us, the breadth and depth of his love for us, and the strength of his union with us.

Wednesdays on the Boise Campus

March 2 - April 6

Worship begins at 6:30 pm

(Soup supper in the gym 5:00-6:15 pm)



Ash Wednesday, March 2: Passover

March 9: Sifting

March 16: Bound

March 23: Legality

March 30: Remorse

April 6: Whole

Soup Suppers During the Season of Lent

Lenten midweek worship services will be held March 2 - April 6, at 6:30 pm each Wednesday, on the Boise campus. Dinner is provided at church 5:00-6:15 pm, to make it easier for everyone to worship our Savior during this special season!

Please consider providing a soup, salad, dessert, or serving/clean-up assistance.

See the bulletin board in the Boise lobby or sign up online at tinyurl.com/LentSoupSuppers2022. This is a valuable service to our church family, so that worshipping our Savior can be our top priority. Contact Rock Brown (907-301-3276) with questions.

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 us to live opposite to our culture and show that we are part of his upside-down kingdom. Through the end of February, we'll continue 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 series!

Generous Donor

Cross of Christ was blessed with a large donation in late December (check dated 12/22/21). It arrived from a brokerage account with no indication of the account holder. If you are this donor and would like this to be included in your 2021 Giving Statement from Cross of Christ, please contact Treasurer Eric Christianson (208-631-7977 or epchristi@gmail.com). Thank you for your generosity!

***"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	\$454,872
General Fund Offerings FYTD	\$459,860
Total Offerings Last Weekend (All Funds)	\$19,986

People in God's Word this past week	Boise	Nampa	Total
Sunday Morning Adult/Teen Bible Study	36/8	23	59
Kids' Sunday School/Confirmation	18/9		27
Cross Connections	(no classes this week)		
Growth Groups	6+7+10		23
Women's Bible Study	9		9
Men's Bible Study	n/a		n/a
Last Weekend's Worship	178	55	233

Serving	Feb 13		Feb 20	
	Nampa	Boise	Nampa	Boise
Music	S. Wetzel, C. Harris, D. Tews	K. Koepsell, K. Christianson	L. Becker, B. Snyder	A. Lange, M. Evans, K. Koepsell
AV Tech	G. Light, J. Malnes, S. Tews	J. Meier, G. Light, A. Becker, B. Berrier, J. Geary	J. Malnes, S. Tews, G. Light	J. Meier, A. Becker, J. Geary M. Hartman
Altar Care	K. Guthmiller, C. Harris	D. McLain, K. Adams	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	G. Bafus, J. Berrier, C. Berrier, H. Geary	J. Harris	TBA
Open & Close	Olsoe	G. Light, M. Johnson, R. Lange	Light	M. Brown, L. Shaw, KC Broyles
Coffee	Guthmiller, Wetzel	C. Berrier, D. McLain	Guthmiller, Wetzel	C. Berrier, D. McLain
Flowers	n/a	Tiffany	n/a	Loring
Bulletin Folders	Ritger, Ford, Ashley		Bafus, Guthmiller	
Tellers	Harris, Walden, Cadwell		Rule, Morgan, Morford	