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SUMMARY

CROSS OF CHRIST
BOISE

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7th Sunday after Epiphany

February 19-20, 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

Welcome to Cross of Christ

Opening Song

“Oh, How Good It Is”

On screens

We Gather before Our Holy and Gracious God

Pastor: We make our beginning in the name of the Father and of the Son (+)
and of the Holy Spirit

Congregation: Amen.

Christian friends, let us draw near with true hearts and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

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. *John 20:21-23*

Amen.

In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

**(♫) God loved the world so that he gave His only Son the lost to save
That all who would in him believe, Should everlasting life receive.**

**Be of good cheer, for God’s own Son, Forgives the sins that you have done.
You’re justified by Jesus’ blood; Baptized, you are a child of God.**

**Glory to God the Father, Son, And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To you, O bless-ed Trinity, Be praise now and eternally!**

Prayer

Gracious Father, keep your family, the Church, always faithful to you, that we may lean on the hope of your promises and be strong in the power of your love; 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

Genesis 45:3-8a, 15

³ Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph! Is my father still living?" But his brothers were not able to answer him, because they were terrified at his presence.

⁴ Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come close to me." When they had done so, he said, "I am your brother Joseph, the one you sold into Egypt! ⁵ And now, do not be distressed and do not be angry with yourselves for selling me here, because it was to save lives that God sent me ahead of you. ⁶ For two years now there has been famine in the land, and for the next five years there will be no plowing and reaping. ⁷ But God sent me ahead of you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to save your lives by a great deliverance.

⁸ "So then, it was not you who sent me here, but God..."

¹⁵ And he kissed all his brothers and wept over them. Afterward his brothers talked with him.

God's Word

Luke 6:27-38

²⁷ "But to you who are listening I say: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸ bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you.

²⁹ If someone slaps you on one cheek, turn to them the other also. If someone takes your coat, do not withhold your shirt from them. ³⁰ Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back.

³¹ Do to others as you would have them do to you.

³² "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. ³³ And if you do good to those who are good to you, what

credit is that to you? Even sinners do that. ³⁴ And if you lend to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, expecting to be repaid in full. ³⁵ But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. ³⁶ Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

³⁷ “Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. ³⁸ Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.”

Children’s Message

Song

“Jesus, Your Boundless Love to Me”

On screens

Message from God’s Word

2 Corinthians 1:18-22

¹⁸ But as surely as God is faithful, our message to you is not “Yes” and “No.” ¹⁹ For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who was preached among you by us – by me and Silas and Timothy – was not “Yes” and “No,” but in him it has always been “Yes.” ²⁰ For no matter how many promises God has made, they are “Yes” in Christ. And so through him the “Amen” is spoken by us to the glory of God. ²¹ Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. He anointed us, ²² set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.

God Does Not Send Us Mixed Messages

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.

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.

Communion Distribution

"Behold the Lamb"

On screens

"I Am Jesus' Little Lamb"

Hymn #432

Blessing

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 of Thanksgiving

“Jesus, Thank You”

On 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.

Cross of Christ Weekly Newsletter

February 20, 2022

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! 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.

This is a private event so only our group will be in attendance; capacity is limited to 30. **If you're able, please RSVP no later than Thursday, February 24.** Sign up at [tinyurl.com/SiCglassfusion22!](https://tinyurl.com/SiCglassfusion22) Contact Kirsten Evans (kristeria@gmail.com) for more information.

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).

Feb 20-Feb 27	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	10:00am - Women's Bible Study 6:00pm - Church Council Meeting	
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		
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Meditations Devotional

The March-May Meditations is available for you on the tables in the lobby. This daily devotional provides food for your faith and encouragement for life. Please take one for yourself and a friend.

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.

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

also livestreamed at cocidaho.org/livestream

(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 worshiping our Savior can be our top priority. Contact Rock Brown (907-301-3276) with questions.

**Cross of Christ Preschool Registration Open to All
New this year: full-day options available!**

Registration info and forms can be picked up in the church office or found online at cocidah.org/preschool. Submit your registration as soon as possible to assure a spot in your preferred class! 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 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!

Professional Christian Counseling at Cross of Christ



Christian Family Solutions provides professional Christian counseling services at Cross of Christ. Openings are available in-person on the Boise campus or via secure video connection from the privacy of your own home through their Telehealth program. Contact Amanda Cadwell, LPC, DCC (acadwell@wlcfs.org, 208-293-9744) for more information.

To schedule an appointment, call 1-800-438-1772, email cfc@wlcfs.org, or visit www.ChristianFamilySolutions.org and click "Request Appointment" on the top of the homepage.

*"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	\$469,087
General Fund Offerings FYTD	\$470,040
Total Offerings Last Weekend (All Funds)	\$10,417

People in God's Word this past week	Boise	Nampa	Total
Sunday Morning Adult/Teen Bible Study	31/7	20	58
Kids' Sunday School/Confirmation	19/8		27
Cross Connections	6+6		12
Growth Groups	3+11+6+5+5		30
Women's Bible Study	10		10
Men's Bible Study	7		7
Last Weekend's Worship	199	47	246
Sunday Morning Livestream Views			16

Serving	Feb 20		Feb 27	
	Nampa	Boise	Nampa	Boise
Music	L. Becker, B. Snyder	A. Lange, M. Evans, K. Koepsell	A. Lange, Wetzels, Parsons, Tracys	K. Koepsell, R. Dodd, R. Evans, C. Trull
AV Tech	G. Light, J. Malnes, S. Tews	J. Meier, A. Becker, J. Geary, M. Hartman	J. Malnes, S. Tews, G. Light	E. Christianson, A. Becker, J. Geary
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	J. Harris	G. Bafus, J. Berrier, C. Berrier, B. Turley, S. Turley	n/a	J. Berrier, C. Berrier, R. Seely
Open & Close	Light	M. Brown, L. Shaw, KC Broyles	Malnes	R. Ochoa, B. Masters, R. Lange
Coffee	Guthmiller, Wetzel	C. Berrier, D. McLain	Guthmiller, Wetzel	C. Berrier, D. McLain
Flowers	n/a	Loring	n/a	Becker
Bulletin Folders	Bafus, Guthmiller, Ritger		Prigges, Tweedy, Foreman	
Tellers	Rule, Morgan, Morford		Turley, Walden, Cadwell	