
Cross of Christ Lutheran Church

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Third Sunday of Easter

April 30-May 1, 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 often 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

Welcomed into God's Family

with "Blessed Jesus,
at Your Word"

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

Congregation: Amen.

(♩) **Blessed Jesus, at your Word**
We are gathered all to hear you.
Let our hearts and souls be stirred
Now to seek and love and fear you,
By your teachings, sweet and holy,
Drawn from earth to love you solely.
All our knowledge, sense, and sight
Lie in deepest darkness shrouded
Till your Spirit breaks our night
With the beams of truth unclouded.
You alone to God can win us;
You must work all good within us.

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. Continue to receive me as your child.

(♩) **Gracious Savior, good and kind,**
Light from Light, from God proceeding,
Open now our heart and mind;
Help us by your Spirit's pleading.
Hear the cry your people raises;
Hear and bless our prayers and praises.

God has heard your prayers, and he will not send you away. Instead, he shows you Jesus and all he's done to rescue you. 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!

**(♩) Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Praise to you and adoration!
Grant that we your Word may trust,
Confident of our salvation,
While we here below must wander,
Till we sing your praises yonder.**

God's Word

Acts 9:1-22

¹ Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples. He went to the high priest ² and asked him for letters to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he found any there who belonged to the Way, whether men or women, he might take them as prisoners to Jerusalem.

³ As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴ He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?"

⁵ "Who are you, Lord?" Saul asked.

"I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting," he replied. ⁶ "Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do."

⁷ The men traveling with Saul stood there speechless; they heard the sound but did not see anyone. ⁸ Saul got up from the ground, but when he opened his eyes he could see nothing. So they led him by the hand into Damascus.

⁹ For three days he was blind, and did not eat or drink anything.

¹⁰ In Damascus there was a disciple named Ananias. The Lord called to him in a vision, "Ananias!"

"Yes, Lord," he answered.

¹¹ The Lord told him, "Go to the house of Judas on Straight Street and ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul, for he is praying. ¹² In a vision he has seen a man named Ananias come and place his hands on him to restore his sight."

¹³ "Lord," Ananias answered, "I have heard many reports about this man and all the harm he has done to your holy people in Jerusalem. ¹⁴ And he has come here with authority from the chief priests to arrest all who call on your name."

¹⁵ But the Lord said to Ananias, “Go! This man is my chosen instrument to proclaim my name to the Gentiles and their kings and to the people of Israel. ¹⁶ I will show him how much he must suffer for my name.”

¹⁷ Then Ananias went to the house and entered it. Placing his hands on Saul, he said, “Brother Saul, the Lord—Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you were coming here—has sent me so that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” ¹⁸ Immediately, something like scales fell from Saul’s eyes, and he could see again. He got up and was baptized, ¹⁹ and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

Saul spent several days with the disciples in Damascus. ²⁰ At once he began to preach in the synagogues that Jesus is the Son of God. ²¹ All those who heard him were astonished and asked, “Isn’t he the man who raised havoc in Jerusalem among those who call on this name? And hasn’t he come here to take them as prisoners to the chief priests?” ²² Yet Saul grew more and more powerful and baffled the Jews living in Damascus by proving that Jesus is the Messiah.

God’s Word

John 21:1-14

¹ Afterward Jesus appeared again to his disciples, by the Sea of Galilee. It happened this way: ² Simon Peter, Thomas (also known as Didymus), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together. ³ “I’m going out to fish,” Simon Peter told them, and they said, “We’ll go with you.” So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

⁴ Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus. ⁵ He called out to them, “Friends, haven’t you any fish?” “No,” they answered. ⁶ He said, “Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some.” When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish.

⁷ Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” As soon as Simon Peter heard him say, “It is the Lord,” he wrapped his outer garment around him (for he had taken it off) and jumped into the water. ⁸ The other disciples followed in the boat, towing the net full of fish, for they were not far

from shore, about a hundred yards. ⁹ When they landed, they saw a fire of burning coals there with fish on it, and some bread.

¹⁰ Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish you have just caught.” ¹¹ So Simon Peter climbed back into the boat and dragged the net ashore. It was full of large fish, 153, but even with so many the net was not torn. ¹² Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” None of the disciples dared ask him, “Who are you?” They knew it was the Lord. ¹³ Jesus came, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. ¹⁴ This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead.

Children’s Message

Song

“There Is a Higher Throne”

On the screens

Message from God’s Word

Revelation 5:11-14

¹¹ Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders. ¹² In a loud voice they were saying:

“Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain,
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength
and honor and glory and praise!”

¹³ Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, saying:

“To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb
be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!”

¹⁴ The four living creatures said, “Amen,” and the elders fell down and worshiped.

See with Confidence

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.

Distribution Song

"Here, O My Lord, I See You"

Hymn #315

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

"Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won"

Hymn #145:1-2,4

Silent Prayer

My Lord and my God, you are worthy of all glory, praise, and honor. I thank you for the gift of faith through which I can look on you with confidence. You have revealed your love and goodness to me through the work of Christ. May I look on myself and my neighbor with the same grace you use to look upon me.

Offerings

If you would like to give an offering to support gospel ministry at Cross of Christ, the offering plate is available near the door. 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.

Cross of Christ Weekly Newsletter

May 1, 2022

May 1-May 8	Boise	Nampa
Sunday	8:30am – Worship w/Communion (also livestreamed at cocidahoho.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 12:30pm – Ladies’ Plant Swap	8:45am - Family Bible Study (JaK*s Place) 9:30am – Worship w/Communion (JaK*s Place)
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday	6:30am – Men’s Bible Study 6:30pm – Adult Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm – Cross Connections 7:00pm - CrossTrainers	
Thursday		
Friday		
Saturday	6:30pm - Evening Worship w/Communion	
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Current Worship Series: CONFIDENCE

Last weekend, we began a new worship series called *Confidence*, which will help us see what a life lived with *confidence in Christ* looks like. We hope you, your family, and your friends can be here for this valuable new series!

Growth Groups

These small group Bible studies meet at church and in members' homes to take a closer look at the previous Sunday's message and to get to know each other better. Grow together with fellow believers in Growth Group at Cross of Christ! **This session just began last week, so not too late to jump in!** Sign up on the lobby bulletin board at Boise or online at tinyurl.com/ggspring2022 for a day and location that works for you.

Sunday Adult Bible Class: New Series (began April 24)

We call ourselves Christians because Jesus Christ is the center of our faith and of our life. Yet, how much of your perception of Jesus is actually based on the Bible? For many of us, the Jesus we pray to, the Jesus we get mad at, and the Jesus we tell others about is based more on cultural understandings of Jesus than on how Jesus has revealed himself to us through his Word. Therefore, we're going to spend the next several weeks working through a Bible class called *Will the Real Jesus Please Stand Up*. Please join us on Sunday mornings in between worship services, from 9:45–10:45, for this great dive into God's Word!

Hiring in Nampa! Part-time Administrative Assistant

Cross of Christ will be hiring for a 6-hour/week position at our Nampa campus (6134 Birch Ln). As we gear up for all the ministry opportunities in our new building, you can be there for the excitement! If you enjoy serving coffee, organizing, making phone calls, and helping with the weekly needs to serve Christ and his church, let's be in touch! Contact the main office (secretary@cocidaho.org) for a job description and to schedule a sit-down. **Application deadline is this Wednesday, May 4.**

Ladies' Spring Plant Swap – This Sunday, May 1

Sisters in Christ is hosting a plant swap on the Boise campus this Sunday, May 1, 12:30-1:30 pm. Bring a plant to give away and take a new one home -- but if you don't have one to share, that's all right, just come, and bring a friend! **If you're able, please RSVP beforehand at tinyurl.com/sicplantswap or on the Boise bulletin board. But if not, just come!** Since it's May Day, you'll also get to plant a lower in a cup and create a cute "note on a stick" to give away. All supplies provided. Direct questions to Becky Sobolewski (charlieandbecky@hotmail.com).

Cross Connections Class

In-person on the Boise campus: **Wednesdays, 6:30 pm (starting this week, May 4)**. Cross Connections is a 10-week course where we lay out the message of Jesus and the Bible in a simple, easy-to-follow format, to give you everything you need to connect to God, purpose, and community. After attending Cross Connections, you will have certainty about your relationship with God and the good news found at the cross of Christ! **Sign up today by registering online at cocidaho.org or calling 208-375-3992.**



Prayer Ministry

Prayer is a gift from God, and he invites us to come before him with all requests, including prayers for our brothers and sisters in Christ. Cross of Christ uses a prayer chain to share prayer requests with those committed to lifting up members at our church in prayer during times of difficulty as well as times of joy. If you would like to receive email updates on specific ways to pray for your church family, please contact Pastor Hein (greg.hein@cocidaho.org) with that request.

May Is Mental Health Awareness Month

When we pray for help in our emotional or spiritual distress, God's answer may come in the form of a Christian mental health professional who offers Christ-centered counsel. Christian Family Solutions is a trusted resource for Christ-centered mental health care. This is an organization affiliated with our national church body, the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS). CFS has 110 mental health professionals on staff who offer outpatient counseling, plus more intensive treatment programs for those with a higher level of need. To learn more or to find helpful mental health resources, visit ChristianFamilySolutions.org.

Short-term Adult Choir Invitation

You're invited to participate as the Adult Choir sings for both services on Sunday, June 5. We'll have five rehearsals leading up to that Sunday: Wednesdays, May 4 - June 1, 6:30-7:30 pm. All levels of experience and ability are welcome! If you simply want to try it out or enjoy choir but can't commit to a full "season," this is the perfect opportunity for you. RSVP (or direct questions) to Kristen Koepsell (kristen.koepsell@cocidaho.org).

Calling All Heroes!

From Gotham to Tatooine, and everywhere in between! ComicCon returns to Cross of Christ, Saturday May 21, 9am-1pm, on the Boise campus. Join us for games, trivia, meet and greet with Treasure Valley Avengers, drawing workshop, and a Dungeons and Dragons one shot (limited attendance), costume contest, and more.

Have some comic books or related memorabilia that you don't pay attention to anymore? Donate it to our swapmeet tables and browse for your own fun new finds! Anything from books and puzzles, to costumes and gently worn t-shirts!

For questions or to volunteer contact Mandy Watkins (210-425-3270 / amanda.watkins99@yahoo.com).

Upcoming Congregational Open Forum

Sunday, May 22, 1:00 pm on the Boise campus (virtual access will be made available to members). All members are encouraged to attend, ask questions, and offer input as we give thanks for the ministry opportunities God has already given us and what hope to see in the future. Examples of topics at this next meeting: Nampa building update, preschool changes, and budget allocations for the coming fiscal year.

This ministry is your ministry, so we hope to see you there. Voting members of the congregation are particularly encouraged to attend to participate in the official business decisions needed.

Red Cross Blood Drive at Boise: Tuesday, May 31, 9am-3pm in the gym

With vacations, outdoor activities, and school breaks, summer is a challenging time to collect enough blood donations to meet patient needs The Red Cross asks those who feel healthy to make it a summer full of life by donating blood. Your donation helps ensure blood is available for patients who rely on lifesaving transfusions.

So come on in to give the gift that truly keeps on giving! To make an appointment, go to redcrossblood.org and under "Find a Blood Drive" enter COCLUTHERAN. Walk-ins are welcome, too!

Vacation Bible School

Monday-Thursday, July 11-14, 9am-12pm, on the Boise campus. For kids age three through 6th grade. Vacation Bible School provides our kids with a fun and exciting opportunity for spiritual growth during the summer at Cross of Christ. By exploring God's awesomeness, kids form a rock-solid faith for the road ahead. Mark your calendars for July 11-14.

It's not too early to invite your friends and neighbors too! It's also not too early to volunteer to lead a station, to lead a group of kids around to the different stations, decorate, run the AV for the week, or to assist with any of these needs. Talk to Pastor Snyder with questions (brad.snyder@cocidaho.org) and watch for sign-ups soon!

Register for Camp Christos!

Registration is OPEN for Camp Christos. Camp Christos, the summer camp in La Grande, OR, that Cross of Christ is heavily involved in with other churches from Idaho, Oregon, and Washington, will be held the week of August 7-12. The camp is for kids ages 9 through 16.

Volunteers (ages 17 and up) are needed for counselors (in cabins with campers), activity leaders, crafts leaders and helpers, and kitchen help (we'd love to have enough kitchen help that everyone can take just one of three shifts during the day).

Get more information and register as a camper or as a volunteer at tinyurl.com/campchristos.

General Fund Offerings Planned FY 21-22	\$739,167
General Fund Offerings Planned FYTD	\$611,234
General Fund Offerings FYTD	\$616,083
Total Offerings Last Weekend (All Funds)	\$10,408

People in God's Word this past week	Boise	Nampa	Total
Sunday Morning Adult/Teen Bible Study	33/11	18	62
Kids' Sunday School/Confirmation	22/9		31
Cross Connections	4		4
Women's Bible Study	7		7
Men's Bible Study	6		6
CrossTrainers	9		9
Growth Groups	2+6+5		13
Last Weekend's Worship	29+67+135	57	288
Livestream Views	11		

Serving	May 1		May 8	
	Nampa	Boise	Nampa	Boise
Music	K. Koepsell	A. Lange, K. Christianson	J. Lowry	K. Koepsell, S. Caudill, T. Dodd, S. Spackman-Whitworth, C. Spackman-Whitworth
AV Tech	J. Malnes, S. Tews	A. Becker, E. Christianson, G. Light	J. Malnes, S. Tews, G. Light	G. Light, A. Becker, TBA
Altar Care	K. Guthmiller, C. Harris	D. McLain	K. Guthmiller, C. Harris	D. McLain
Set-Up	Harris, Hopkins, O'Doherty	n/a	Harris, Hopkins, O'Doherty	n/a
Ushers	J. Harris	K. Benedick, B. Whitaker, TBA	n/a	TBA
Open & Close	Malnes	W. Ehlke, J. Breckon, L. Manglos	Olsoe	G. Light, M. Johnson, H. Geary
Coffee	Guthmiller, Wetzel	C. Berrier, D. McLain	Guthmiller, Wetzel	C. Berrier, D. McLain
Flowers	n/a	Watkins	n/a	M. Ehlke
Lawn Crew	n/a	E. Uhlenhoff	n/a	Team Burke
Bulletin Folders	Kimmel, Ritger		Ritger, Ford, Ashley	
Tellers	Turley, Walden, Morford		Harris, Walden, Turley	