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# Cross of Christ Lutheran Church

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Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 21-22, 2022

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## 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](http://cocidaho.org).



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## Opening Song

## “I Know that My Redeemer Lives”

*Hymn #152:1,7-8*

## Confession and Forgiveness

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

**Congregation: Amen.**

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.  
*(1 John 1:8)*

**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins, and purify us from all unrighteousness. *(1 John 1:9)***

Then let us confess our sin to the Lord.

**Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart. I deserved your punishment both now and forever. But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death. Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

God, our gracious Father, has forgiven all our sin. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his innocent suffering and death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

**Amen.**

## God's Word

## Acts 14:8-22

<sup>8</sup> In Lystra there sat a man who was lame. He had been that way from birth and had never walked. <sup>9</sup> He listened to Paul as he was speaking. Paul looked directly at him, saw that he had faith to be healed <sup>10</sup> and called out, "Stand up on your feet!" At that, the man jumped up and began to walk.

<sup>11</sup> When the crowd saw what Paul had done, they shouted in the Lycaonian language, "The gods have come down to us in human form!" <sup>12</sup> Barnabas they called Zeus, and Paul they called Hermes because he was the chief speaker. <sup>13</sup> The priest of Zeus, whose temple was just outside the city, brought bulls and wreaths to the city gates because he and the crowd wanted to offer sacrifices to them.

<sup>14</sup> But when the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard of this, they tore their clothes and rushed out into the crowd, shouting: <sup>15</sup> "Friends, why are you doing this? We too are only human, like you. We are bringing you good news, telling you to turn from these worthless things to the living God, who made the heavens and the earth and the sea and everything in them. <sup>16</sup> In the past, he let all nations go their own way. <sup>17</sup> Yet he has not left himself without testimony: He has shown kindness by giving you rain from heaven and crops in their seasons; he provides you with plenty of food and fills your hearts with joy." <sup>18</sup> Even with these words, they had difficulty keeping the crowd from sacrificing to them.

<sup>19</sup> Then some Jews came from Antioch and Iconium and won the crowd over. They stoned Paul and dragged him outside the city, thinking he was dead.

<sup>20</sup> But after the disciples had gathered around him, he got up and went back into the city. The next day he and Barnabas left for Derbe.

<sup>21</sup> They preached the gospel in that city and won a large number of disciples. Then they returned to Lystra, Iconium and Antioch, <sup>22</sup> strengthening the disciples and encouraging them to remain true to the faith. "We must go through many hardships to enter the kingdom of God," they said.

## God's Word

## Revelation 21:21-27

<sup>21</sup> The twelve gates were twelve pearls, each gate made of a single pearl. The great street of the city was of gold, as pure as transparent glass.

<sup>22</sup> I did not see a temple in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. <sup>23</sup> The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp. <sup>24</sup> The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their splendor into it. <sup>25</sup> On no day will its gates ever be shut, for there will be no night there.

<sup>26</sup> The glory and honor of the nations will be brought into it. <sup>27</sup> Nothing impure will ever enter it, nor will anyone who does what is shameful or deceitful, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life.

## Song

## “Dear Christians One and All Rejoice”

*Hymn #377:1,4-5*

## Children's Message

## Message from God's Word

John 16:16-24

<sup>16</sup> Jesus went on to say, "In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me."

<sup>17</sup> At this, some of his disciples said to one another, "What does he mean by saying, 'In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me,' and 'Because I am going to the Father'?" <sup>18</sup> They kept asking, "What does he mean by 'a little while'? We don't understand what he is saying."

<sup>19</sup> Jesus saw that they wanted to ask him about this, so he said to them, "Are you asking one another what I meant when I said, 'In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me'?" <sup>20</sup> Very truly I tell you, you will weep and mourn while the world rejoices. You will grieve, but your grief will turn to joy. <sup>21</sup> A woman giving birth to a child has pain because her time has come; but when her baby is born she forgets the anguish because of her joy that a child is born into the world. <sup>22</sup> So with you: Now is your time of grief, but I will see you again and you will rejoice, and no one will take away your joy. <sup>23</sup> In that day you will no longer ask me anything. Very truly I tell you, my Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. <sup>24</sup> Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete."

### Rejoice with Confidence

Song

**"Dear Christians One and All Rejoice"**

*Hymn #377:7-8*

## 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

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

**"Jesus Lives, the Victory's Won"**

*Hymn #145:2,5*

## Silent Prayer

Heavenly Father, every good and perfect gift comes from you. Inspire us to think things that are true and long for things that are good, that we may always live according to your will. Amen.

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## Offerings

*If you would like to give an offering to support gospel ministry at Cross of Christ, the offering plates are available in the lobby. You can also give online at [cocidaho.org/give](http://cocidaho.org/give) or contact the church office ([secretary@cocidaho.org](mailto:secretary@cocidaho.org) or 208-375-3992) to schedule a time to drop your offering off during the week.*

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## 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.*

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# Cross of Christ Weekly Newsletter

## May 22, 2022

May 22-29	Boise	Nampa
Sunday	8:30am – Worship (also livestreamed at <a href="http://cocidaho.org/livestream">cocidaho.org/livestream</a> ) 9:45am – Adult Bible Study (Chapel) Teen Class (Conf Rm) Kids’ Sunday School (Gym & Classrooms) 11:00am – Worship 1:00pm – Congregational Open Forum 2:30pm – Sisters in Christ Spring Fling	8:45am - Family Bible Study (JaK*s Place) 9:30am – Worship (JaK*s Place)
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday	6:30am – Men’s Bible Study 9:00am – Preschool Graduation 6:30pm – Adult Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm – Cross Connections 7:00pm – CrossTrainers	
Thursday		
Friday		
Saturday	6:30pm - Evening Worship	9:00am - Nampa Ministry Meeting 10:30 am - Grocery Outreach
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## **Current Worship Series: CONFIDENCE**

We're currently enjoying a 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 series!

## **Congregational Open Forum THIS SUNDAY**

Sunday, May 22, 1:00 pm on the Boise campus (virtual access has been 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 – see you there! Voting members of the congregation are particularly encouraged to attend to participate in the official business decisions needed.

## **Council Nominations**

At the May 22 Open Forum / Quarterly Voters' Meeting (1:00 pm at Boise) we will hold annual elections for open church Council positions.

Incumbent Hans Geary has served his first 3-year term, while Dave Malnes, Jonathan Olsoe, and Lucas Shaw will be vacating their positions. That means four "at large" Council positions are up for election this year.

Our Nominating Committee (Brent Masters, John Harris, Conrad Seibel, and Pastor Hein) met to study God's Word on the topic of "leaders in the church" before prayerfully drafting this year's list of current nominees. The following men have prayerfully considered and accepted their nominations for the "at large" positions: Hans Geary (incumbent), Chris Trull, Seth Tews, Lee Neujahr, and Ty Stavenau. Per Cross of Christ Bylaws, nominations are now closed.

Questions may be directed to Pastor Hein ([greg.hein@cocidaho.org](mailto:greg.hein@cocidaho.org)) or any member of the Nominating Committee.

## **Second Site Ministry Meeting**

Saturday, May 28, 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](mailto:kurt.wetzel@cocidaho.org)).

### **Sisters in Christ Spring Fling: This Sunday (note time change: 2:30pm)**

“Encourage one another and build each other up.” (1 Thessalonians 5:11) Come and spend some quality time with your Sisters in Christ for encouragement, fellowship, and fun! We’ll also have the opportunity to reveal our Secret Sisters from this past year. Light snacks and drinks will be provided. If you’re able, please RSVP online at [tinyurl.com/SICSpringFling22](http://tinyurl.com/SICSpringFling22) or on the Boise lobby bulletin board - but even if you forget, please come anyway!

Who: Any Cross of Christ women (middle school age or older)

Theme: “Encouraging One Another”

Where: Boise Campus

When: Sunday, May 22, 2:30-4:30 pm

### **March Grocery Outreach: Nampa**

Saturday, May 28, 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](mailto:kurt.wetzel@cocidaho.org)) to donate or participate in the delivery.

### **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](http://redcrossblood.org) and under “Find a Blood Drive” enter COCLUTHERAN. Walk-ins are welcome, too!

## **God's Blessings to Our 2022 High School Graduates**

Brynna Allen – Centennial High School

Rebecca Cogswell – Eagle High School

Alexis Ellis – Gem Prep Online

Jamie Geary – Centennial High School

Kohl Guthmiller-Cluff

Samuel Turley – The Ambrose School

Chloe Whitaker – Meridian High School

## **Summer Kick-Off Celebration**

Thursday, June 2, on the Boise campus, 5:00-7:00(ish) pm. Mainly outdoors on the back field. Music, food trucks (Tacos Y Tortas El Paco and Scotty's Hot Dogs), bounce house, and yard games!

Come eat good food, enjoy the outdoors, and hang out with awesome people as we celebrate the start of summer. Bring lawn chairs and/or picnic blankets for lawn seating. And invite your local friends and family. It's going to be a great time!

*Could you contribute one of the following* to help make this party a success? Let us know here: [tinyurl.com/June2KickOff](https://tinyurl.com/June2KickOff). Talk to Kristen Koepsell with questions ([kristen.koepsell@cocidaho.org](mailto:kristen.koepsell@cocidaho.org))

- Set-up help (4-5pm, move tables & chairs outside, set up canopies)
- Loan of a pop-up canopy/shade tent
- Loan of yard games (bean bags, ladder toss, bocce ball, spike ball, giant Jenga, badminton, what else???)
- Take-down/clean-up help (7-8pm, put away tables & chairs, take down canopies, dump trash, etc.)

## **Nampa Campus Update**

Progress is coming along nicely at our new building at 6134 Birch Ln in Nampa. While most of the construction will be finished later this month, there has been a shipment delay with the electrical panel, pushing back the initially planned occupancy date. Once the shipments come in, we'll have a better idea of when we can have our first service in this new building. In the meantime, we're thanking God for this wonderful new church building (our second Cross of Christ location!) and know that his timing is always best.

## **May Is Mental Health Awareness Month**

Are you seeking mental health care that is integrated with the healing power of the Gospel? **Christian Family Solutions** offers Christian counseling and excellent treatment options through telehealth. This is an organization affiliated with our national church body, the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS). Visit the CFS website: [ChristianFamilySolutions.org](http://ChristianFamilySolutions.org) or call 800-438-1772. If you need further help connecting with CFS, please contact Pastor Hein ([greg.hein@cocidaho.org](mailto:greg.hein@cocidaho.org)) for assistance.

## **Vacation Bible School**

Vacation Bible School at Cross of Christ provides our kids with a fun and exciting opportunity for spiritual growth during the summer. By exploring God's awesomeness, kids form a rock-solid faith for the road ahead. Mark your calendars -- it's not too early to invite your friends and neighbors!

- Monday-Thursday, July 11-14
- 9am-12pm
- on the Boise campus
- for kids age three through 6th grade

Talk to Pastor Snyder with questions ([brad.snyder@cocidaho.org](mailto:brad.snyder@cocidaho.org)) and watch for student registration soon!

## **VBS = Volunteers Being (Super) Servants!**

VBS is July 11-14, 8am-12pm on the Boise campus. Could you be one of the helpful many to make it a success?

Here are some ways you could contribute and help kids connect to Jesus! Sign up at [tinyurl.com/CoCVBSVols2022](http://tinyurl.com/CoCVBSVols2022) or contact Kristen Koepsell directly ([kristen.koepsell@cocidaho.org](mailto:kristen.koepsell@cocidaho.org)).

- **Crew Leader** (17 & older, please): Take responsibility for one group of kids all week and shepherd them around to the activity stations.
- **Crew Assistant** (any age): Assist the crew leaders however needed.
- **Assistant for** Games, Snack, Bible Adventure, or Imagination Station (science-y fun!)
- **Childcare:** Babysit children of volunteers (younger than 3 years).
- **Check-in** (Monday only)
- **Set-up:** Sunday afternoon, July 10
- **Take-down & clean-up:** Thursday, July 14, 11am-1pm

**Camp Christos 2022: MARVELous God**

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](http://tinyurl.com/campchristos). Questions? Talk to Pastor Snyder ([brad.snyder@cocidaho.org](mailto:brad.snyder@cocidaho.org)).

General Fund Offerings Planned FY 21-22	\$739,167
General Fund Offerings Planned FYTD	\$653,879
General Fund Offerings FYTD	\$657,305
Total Offerings Last Weekend (All Funds)	\$9,582

People in God's Word this past week	Boise	Nampa	Total
Sunday Morning Adult/Teen Bible Study	40	17	57
Kids' Sunday School/Confirmation	25		25
Cross Connections	11+4		15
Men's Bible Study	4		4
CrossTrainers	13		13
Growth Groups	2+10+6+5+7		30
Last Weekend's Worship	47+119+33	69	268
Livestream Views	6		

Serving	May 22		May 29	
	Nampa	Boise	Nampa	Boise
Music	K. Koepsell	A. Lange, K. Gruenhagen-Townsend, M. Dobi, A. Biondi	R. Dodd	K. Koepsell, M. Evans, L. Neujahr, B. Evans, S. DeWall
AV Tech	J. Malnes, S. Tews, G. Light	K. Koepsell, E. Christianson, A. Becker	J. Malnes, S. Tews, G. Light	A. Becker, E. Christianson, B. Berrier, J. Meier
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	n/a	B. Adams, Team Geary	n/a	K. Benedick, B. Adams, B. Turley, S. Turley
Open & Close	Malnes	R. Ochoa, B. Masters, R. Lange	Olsoe	W. Ehlke, B. Masters, L. Manglos
Coffee	Guthmiller, Wetzel	C. Berrier, D. McLain	Guthmiller, Wetzel	C. Berrier, D. McLain
Flowers	n/a	available	n/a	available
Lawn Crew	n/a	B. Turley, N. Tessmer	n/a	J. Harris, M. Boltz
Bulletin Folders	Prigges, Tweedy, Foreman		Kimmel, Whitlach	
Tellers	Turley, Rule, Hudson		Harris, Turley, Rule	