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CROSS OF CHRIST

Cross of Christ Lutheran Church

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Seventh Sunday of Easter (Ascension)

May 28-29, 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

Opening Song

“Come, Oh, Come, Let Us Sing”

On screens

The Ascension Dialogue

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

Congregation: Amen.

God has ascended amid shouts of joy! (*Psalms 47:5*)

Let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. (*Psalms 95:1*)

Why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven. (*Acts 1:11*)

We believe and are sure that he is the Christ, the Son of the living God.
(see *John 6:69*)

Since you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. (*Colossians 3:1-2*)

Our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, for here we do not have an enduring city, but we are looking for the city that is to come. (*Philippians 3:20 & Hebrews 13:14*)

When Christ, who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. (*Colossians 3:4*)

Never again will we hunger; never again will we thirst. The sun will not beat upon us, nor any scorching heat. For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be our shepherd; he will lead us to springs of living water. And God will wipe away every tear from our eyes. (*Revelation 7:16-17*)

Song of Praise

“You Are God; We Praise You”

On screens

God's Word

Luke 24:44-53

⁴⁴ He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms."

⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. ⁴⁶ He told them, "This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷ and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

⁵⁰ When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. ⁵¹ While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven. ⁵² Then they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. ⁵³ And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God.

God's Word

Revelation 19:11-16

¹¹ I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and wages war. ¹² His eyes are like blazing fire, and on his head are many crowns. He has a name written on him that no one knows but he himself. ¹³ He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of God. ¹⁴ The armies of heaven were following him, riding on white horses and dressed in fine linen, white and clean. ¹⁵ Coming out of his mouth is a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations. "He will rule them with an iron scepter." He treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God Almighty. ¹⁶ On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written:

KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

Song

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

Hymn #341

Children's Message

Message from God's Word

Acts 1:1-11

¹ In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach ² until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. ³ After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. ⁴ On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. ⁵ For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

⁶ Then they gathered around him and asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?"

⁷ He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

⁹ After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

¹⁰ They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. ¹¹ "Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."

Go with Confidence

Confession of Faith

"We Believe"

On screens

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.

Prayer for Grace

Sunday services

Blessing

The Lord bless and keep you.

(♩) Amen.

The Lord's face ever shine upon you.

(♩) Amen.

The Lord grant you peace for all your days.

(♩) Amen!

Closing Song

"May the Peoples Praise You"

On screens

Silent Prayer

Lord Jesus, King of glory, you ascended far above the heavens and rule the nations at God's right hand. Though you rule above, never leave us here on earth. Instead, give us the Spirit of truth that, at your command and by your power, we may be your witnesses in all the world; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Cross of Christ Weekly Newsletter

May 29, 2022

May 29-Jun 5	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) 11:00am – Worship	8:45am - Family Bible Study (JaK*s Place) 9:30am – Worship (JaK*s Place)
Monday		
Tuesday	9:00am – Red Cross Blood Drive	
Wednesday	6:30am – Men’s Bible Study 6:30pm – Adult Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm – Cross Connections	
Thursday	5:00pm – Summer Kick-Off!	
Friday		
Saturday	6:30pm - Evening Worship w/Communion	
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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!

Red Cross Blood Drive at Boise

This 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!

Summer Kick-Off Celebration

This 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!

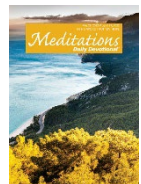
Come eat good food, enjoy the outdoors, and hang out with awesome people as we celebrate the start of summer. *Bring lawn chairs and/or picnic blankets for lawn seating.* And invite your local friends and family. It's going to be a great time!

Could you contribute one of the following to help make this party a success? Let us know here: tinyurl.com/June2KickOff. Talk to Kristen Koepsell with questions (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.)

Meditations Devotional

The Jun-Sept Meditations is available for you on the tables in the lobby. This daily devotion provides food for your faith and encouragement for life. Please feel free to take one for yourself and one for a friend!



Summer Bible Reading Plan

Join our summer Bible reading plan starting on June 1 as we spend 31 days in the Psalms and then another 60 days in the wisdom literature of the Old Testament (Job, Proverbs, and Ecclesiastes). For now, see your most recent Cross of Christ Friday news email for instructions on how to join the group reading plan through the YouVersion Bible App or contact secretary@cocidaho.org. If you'd like to grab a printed schedule of the plan, find it in the Boise campus lobby or near the entrance at JaK*s Place on Sunday morning.

Ministry Planning and Discussion: Boise Campus

Next week Sunday, June 5, we'll use the adult Bible class hour (9:45am-10:45am) to discuss ministry opportunities, plans, and guiding principles at the Boise campus. We'd love for you to participate in these discussions with your questions, input, and ideas. These ministry discussions will be held on the first Sundays of every month during the adult Bible class hour for the foreseeable future.

Congregational Forum Recap

Thank you to everyone who participated in last Sunday's congregational forum and voters' meeting. Two big items addressed were the budget for the coming fiscal year and elections for the church council. The budget was unanimously accepted and the following gentlemen were elected to serve: Hans Geary, Seth Tews, Justin Malnes, and Ty Stavenau. The official minutes of the meeting will be made available to the congregation soon. Please read these upon their publication, to review the many ministry reports given at the meeting.

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!

VOLUNTEER as: crew leader, crew assistant, games/snack/Bible/science assistant, childcare, check-in (Mon only), set-up/decorating (Sun July 10), or take-down/clean-up (Thurs July 14, 11-1). Sign up for any of those (or find a little more info) at tinyurl.com/CoCVBSVols2022.

SHARE: Let us *borrow* southwestern or desert-themed décor and items! **Drop items off in Room 5 on the Boise campus at any time. EACH item to be returned MUST be labeled with your name!**

- Wagon wheels, animal skulls (clean), weathered boards
- Striped or rustic blankets

- Clay jars/pots, natural-color baskets
- Cactus-themed anything
- Potted grasses, succulents, palm-type plants
- Small dome tent, camp chair, mountain bike, hiking backpack
- Brown or tan tarps
- Southwestern stuffed/toy animals: coyote, donkey, lizard, snake, roadrunner, armadillo, hawk, hare/rabbit, tarantula, mountain lion, ???

Or donate:

- Yellow, green, light blue, or brown disposable tablecloths
- Clean, sturdy cardboard boxes (medium/large)
- Clean paper grocery bags (can be wrinkled/folded)

Talk to Kristen Koepsell with ANY questions about volunteering or contributing (208-922-8422 / kristen.koepsell@cocidaho.org).

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-12pmm on the Boise campus. For kids age three through entering 6th grade. Registration will be available in a couple of weeks! Talk to Pastor Snyder with questions (brad.snyder@cocidaho.org).

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. Connect with Pastor Snyder with questions or to get more details! (brad.snyder@cocidaho.org).



**Sisters in Christ Ladies' Retreat 2022: Save the Date!
Friday, September 23 – Sunday, September 25**

Join us for a peaceful and joyful opportunity for fellowship, relaxation (both physical and spiritual), and study of God's Word as we gather for our two-day ladies' retreat in beautiful Sun Valley, ID!

Worship Livestream Archives

Did you know? The full-service Sunday morning worship livestream can be watched any time after the fact! The easiest way to access the livestream archives is to visit cocidaho.org/livestream, scroll down a bit, and (below the preview for the next service), click on the "archive of previous worship services" link. That will take you to Cross of Christ's YouTube channel, where you can find last Sunday's service and all previous livestreams. (While you're there, subscribe to the channel and click the bell icon to be notified when a new video is posted!)

<i>General Fund Offerings Planned FY 21-22</i>	\$739,167
General Fund Offerings Planned FYTD	\$668,093
General Fund Offerings FYTD	\$665,893
Total Offerings Last Weekend (All Funds)	\$8,708

People in God's Word this past week	Boise	Nampa	Total
Sunday Morning Adult/Teen Bible Study	32/7	21	60
Kids' Sunday School	21		21
Cross Connections	10+4		
Men's Bible Study	7		7
CrossTrainers	14		14
Growth Groups	5+7+13+6+2+7		40
Last Weekend's Worship	27+87+80	49	
Livestream Views	7		

Serving	May 29		June 5	
	Nampa	Boise	Nampa	Boise
Music	R. Dodd	K. Koepsell, M. Evans, L. Neujahr, B. Evans, S. DeWall	J. Lowry	A. Lange, Adult Choir, M. Studer
AV Tech	J. Malnes, S. Tews, G. Light	A. Becker, E. Christianson, B. Berrier, J. Meier	J. Malnes, S. Tews, G. Light	K. Koepsell, A. Becker, M. Hartman
Altar Care	K. Guthmiller, C. Harris	D. McLain	K. Guthmiller, C. Harris	K. Struthers
Set-Up	Harris, Hopkins, O'Doherty	n/a	Harris, Hopkins, O'Doherty	n/a
Ushers	n/a	K. Benedick, B. Adams, B. Turley, S. Turley	n/a	K. Benedick, B. Adams, B. Turley, S. Turley
Open & Close	Olsoe	W. Ehlke, B. Masters, KC Broyles	Light	M. Johnson, E. Christianson, H. Geary
Coffee	Guthmiller, Wetzel	C. Berrier, D. McLain	Guthmiller, Wetzel	R. Ritger, K. Struthers
Flowers	n/a	available	n/a	available
Lawn Crew	n/a	J. Harris, M. Boltz	n/a	C. DeWall, D. Rule
Bulletin Folders	Ritger, Whitlach		Ritger, Ford, Ashley	
Tellers	Harris, Turley, Rule		TBA	