

Settle For Nothing

BUT THE BEST

CROSS OF CHRIST

Cross of Christ Lutheran Church

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First Sunday after Pentecost

June 11-12, 2022

Settle in with Jesus and his family. Welcome home.

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 worshipping 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

Deuteronomy 4:1-9

Now, Israel, hear the decrees and laws I am about to teach you. Follow them so that you may live and may go in and take possession of the land the LORD, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. ² Do not add to what I command you and do not subtract from it, but keep the commands of the LORD your God that I give you.

³ You saw with your own eyes what the LORD did at Baal Peor. The LORD your God destroyed from among you everyone who followed the Baal of Peor, ⁴ but all of you who held fast to the LORD your God are still alive today.

⁵ See, I have taught you decrees and laws as the LORD my God commanded me, so that you may follow them in the land you are entering to take possession of it. ⁶ Observe them carefully, for this will show your wisdom and understanding to the nations, who will hear about all these decrees and say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people." ⁷ What other nation is so great as to have their gods near them the way the LORD our God is near us whenever we pray to him? ⁸ And what other nation is so great as to have such righteous decrees and laws as this body of laws I am setting before you today?

⁹ Only be careful, and watch yourselves closely so that you do not forget the things your eyes have seen or let them fade from your heart as long as you live. Teach them to your children and to their children after them.

God's Word

Matthew 7:13-20

¹³ “Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. ¹⁴ But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.

¹⁵ “Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves. ¹⁶ By their fruit you will recognize them. Do people pick grapes from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? ¹⁷ Likewise, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. ¹⁸ A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit. ¹⁹ Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. ²⁰ Thus, by their fruit you will recognize them.”

Song

“Speak O Lord”

On screens

Children's Message

Message from God's Word

Galatians 1:1-10

Paul, an apostle—sent not from men nor by a man, but by Jesus Christ and God the Father, who raised him from the dead—² and all the brothers and sisters with me,

To the churches in Galatia: ³ Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, ⁴ who gave himself for our sins to rescue us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, ⁵ to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

⁶ I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting the one who called you to live in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel—⁷ which is really no gospel at all. Evidently some people are throwing you into confusion and are trying to pervert the gospel of Christ. ⁸ But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach a gospel other than the one we preached to you, let them be under God's curse! ⁹ As we have already said, so now I say again: If anybody is preaching to you a gospel other than what you accepted, let them be under God's curse!

¹⁰ Am I now trying to win the approval of human beings, or of God? Or am I trying to please people? If I were still trying to please people, I would not be a servant of Christ.

Settle for Nothing but The Best

Song of Response

“The Gospel Song”

On 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

Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

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

“God’s Word Is Our Great Heritage”

Hymn #293

Silent Prayer

Almighty God, thank you for the precious gift of your gospel. May it ever be the light of my life. Preserve me from any temptation that might distract me from this good news that alone saves me. Amen.

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 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

June 12, 2022

Jun 12-Jun 19	Boise	Nampa
Sunday	8:30am – Worship (also livestreamed at cocidaho.org/livestream) 9:45am – Adult/Teen Bible Study (Chapel) Kids’ Sunday School (Gym & Classrooms) 11:00am – Worship	8:45am - Family Bible Study (JaK*s Place) 9:30am – Worship (JaK*s Place)
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday	6:30pm – Cross Connections	
Thursday		
Friday		
Saturday	6:30pm - Evening Worship w/Communion	
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New Worship Series Begins: Powerless Religion, Powerful Gospel

What do we desire from a religion? What do we expect religion to be like? As we analyze these questions, we'll see how *the Gospel of Jesus surpasses any man-made philosophy or method we encounter in this world* (including the ones we create within ourselves). The Gospel is so much better than religion! This is why we'll spend the next five weeks working through the biblical book of Galatians. Here we'll see how the Gospel is God's greatest gift to us and has power unlike anything else. Bring your family, friends, and neighbors for this important new series!

Vacation Bible School Registration Open!

VBS at Cross of Christ provides our kids with a fun opportunity for summer spiritual growth. By exploring God's awesomeness, kids form a rock-solid faith!

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

Register for MONUMENTAL VBS at tinyurl.com/cocvbs2022 and invite friends who don't know Jesus! Registration questions: Stefanie (secretary@cocidaho.org). Program questions: Pastor Snyder (brad.snyder@cocidaho.org).

Nampa Building Update: Time to move the furniture in!

As the finishing work progresses at our new church building at 6134 Birch Ln in Nampa, we're getting ready to move everything in! On **Saturday, June 18 at 8:30am**, we'll move all the tables, chairs, shelves, and equipment we've been storing at the Boise campus and offsite into the new building and begin assembling. If you'd like to assist (loading at one campus and/or unloading at the other) or have a truck/trailer you'd be willing to bring to assist, please contact Pastor Wetzel (kurt.wetzel@cocidaho.org or 208-996-2202). Lunch will be provided at the new campus in Nampa. Stay tuned for more info from the contractor on occupancy date and our first service in the new building!

Summer Bible Reading Plan

Jump in with Cross of Christ's summer Bible reading plan! It started June 1 with the Psalms (31 days), then will continue the wisdom literature of the Old Testament (Job, Proverbs, and Ecclesiastes, 60 days). The direct link to join the Psalms plan on the YouVersion Bible app is in the most recent Cross of Christ Friday news email or contact secretary@cocidaho.org to have it emailed directly to you. If you'd like to use a printed schedule of the plan, find it in the Boise campus lobby or near the entrance at JaK*s Place on Sunday morning.

VBS = Volunteers Being (Super) Servants!

VBS is July 11-14, 9am-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!

VOLUNTEER as:

- *Crew Assistant* (2-5 needed): accompany a group of kids through the activities and help the Crew & Activity Leaders in whatever way needed
- *Snack assistants* (1-2 needed): prep & serve snacks each day
- *Childcare* (1 needed): babysit volunteers' kids younger than 3
- *Set-up/decorating* (4-5 needed): Sun, July 10, starting at 12:30 pm (help for an hour or as long as you can, max 3-4 hours)
- *Take-down/clean-up* (3-4 needed): Thurs, July 14, 11am-1pm

Sign up for any of these at tinyurl.com/CoCVBSVols2022.

SHARE: Let us borrow southwestern or desert-themed décor and items! We're particularly looking for the following:

- Small dome tent, camp chair, mountain bike, hiking backpack
- Striped or rustic blankets
- Brown or tan tarps

Let Kristen Koepsell know if you can loan out any of those items, and talk to her with ANY questions about volunteering or contributing (208-922-8422 / kristen.koepsell@cocidaho.org).

Camp Christos 2022: MARVELous God

How about a week of fun, faith, and friends in the great outdoors? That's what Camp Christos is all about! This summer Bible camp, which Cross of Christ is heavily involved in with other churches from Idaho, Oregon, and Washington, is held near La Grande, OR, and this year is the week of **August 7-12** (Sunday evening – Friday noon). Camp is for **kids ages 9 through 16**. (Campers entering 9th grade and older can participate in an optional overnight survival course!)

“Too old” to be a camper? Never too old for camp! Volunteers age 17 and up are needed for junior (17-19) & senior (20+) counselors (in cabins with campers); activity leaders & helpers (crafts, games, outdoor activities); and particularly kitchen help. (We'd love to have enough kitchen help that everyone can take just one of three shifts each day!)

Get more info and register at tinyurl.com/campchristos. **Registration deadline is June 30!** Talk to Pastor Snyder (brad.snyder@cocidaho.org) with questions about volunteering or camp in general.

General Fund Offerings Planned FY 21-22	\$739,167
General Fund Offerings Planned FYTD	\$682,308
General Fund Offerings FYTD	\$674,183
Total Offerings Last Weekend (All Funds)	\$8,362

People in God's Word this past week	Boise	Nampa	Total
Sunday Morning Adult/Teen Bible Study	34	20	54
Kids' Sunday School	23		23
Cross Connections	5		5
Last Weekend's Worship	82+83+35	47	247
Livestream Views	5		

Serving	June 12		June 19	
	Nampa	Boise	Nampa	Boise
Music	J. Hein, C. Harris, D. Tews	K. Koepsell	J. Lowry	J. Hein, A. Lange, K. Christianson
AV Tech	J. Malnes, S. Tews	A. Becker, B. Berrier, J. Meier	J. Malnes, S. Tews, G. Light	A. Becker, E. Christianson, C. Kennedy
Altar Care	K. Guthmiller, C. Harris	Yaka, McLain	K. Guthmiller, C. Harris	Yaka, McLain
Set-Up	Harris, Hopkins, O'Doherty	n/a	Harris, Hopkins, O'Doherty	n/a
Ushers	n/a	G. Bafus, Team Whitaker	n/a	TBA
Open & Close	Malnes	M. Brown, J. Breckon, KC Broyles	Olsoe	R. Ochoa, M. Johnson, R. Lange
Coffee	Guthmiller	B. Robbins, R. Ritger	Guthmiller, Wetzel	B. Robbins, R. Ritger
Flowers	n/a	Dobi	n/a	available
Lawn Crew	n/a	Team Geary	n/a	B. Whitaker, R. Lange
Bulletin Folders	Bafus, Ritger		Prigges, Tweedy, Foreman	
Tellers	Harris, Turley, Morford		Harris, Walden, Hudson	