

Powerless Religion

**POWERFUL
GOSPEL**

CROSS OF CHRIST

Cross of Christ Lutheran Church

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Second Sunday after Pentecost

June 18-19, 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 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

Confession with “How Deep the Father’s Love for Us”

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

Congregation: Amen.

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.
(Psalm 32:1)

Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them. (Psalm 32:2)

(♪) **How deep the Father’s love for us, how vast beyond all measure,
That he should give his only Son to make a wretch his treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss; the Father turns his face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.**

God has given us his commands to show us how to live well, to avoid what is harmful, and to bring us blessing. Though God’s will for us is always good, we so often disregard God’s ways and fall short of living according to God’s perfect design. So we confess our sins to God and trust only in Christ for rescue from our sin’s ramifications.

Just and loving Father, I acknowledge my brokenness and sin. In countless ways, I have sinned against you and failed to live as your child. Thank you for sending Jesus as my Savior. By his saving power, create in me a pure heart. Forgive me and restore to me the joy of your salvation.

(♪) **Behold the Man upon a cross, my sin upon his shoulders.
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held him there until it was accomplished:
His dying breath has brought me life. I know that it is finished.**

In amazing love, God sent his Son to this world to endure the wrath our sins deserve. Jesus’ perfect life, death, and resurrection have set you free. Your sins have been crucified with Christ and he now lives in you. By his power, he leads you to stand firm in the gospel—the good news of your salvation. Settle in with Jesus and his family, welcomed home as God’s holy child!

(♪) **I will not boast in anything: no gifts, no power, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, his death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from his reward? I cannot give an answer,
But this I know with all my heart: his wounds have paid my ransom.**

God's Word

Psalm 51:10-19

- ¹⁰ Create in me a pure heart, O God,
and renew a steadfast spirit within me.
- ¹¹ Do not cast me from your presence
or take your Holy Spirit from me.
- ¹² Restore to me the joy of your salvation
and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.
- ¹³ Then I will teach transgressors your ways,
so that sinners will turn back to you.
- ¹⁴ Deliver me from the guilt of bloodshed, O God,
you who are God my Savior,
and my tongue will sing of your righteousness.
- ¹⁵ Open my lips, Lord,
and my mouth will declare your praise.
- ¹⁶ You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it;
you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings.
- ¹⁷ My sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart
you, God, will not despise.
- ¹⁸ May it please you to prosper Zion,
to build up the walls of Jerusalem.
- ¹⁹ Then you will delight in the sacrifices of the righteous,
in burnt offerings offered whole;
then bulls will be offered on your altar.

God's Word

Luke 19:1-10

Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. ² A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. ³ He wanted to see who Jesus was, but because he was short he could not see over the crowd. ⁴ So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way.

⁵ When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today." ⁶ So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly.

⁷ All the people saw this and began to mutter, "He has gone to be the guest of a sinner."

⁸ But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount."

⁹ Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰ For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

Song

"Salvation unto Us Has Come"

On screens

Children's Message

Message from God's Word

Galatians 2:11-21

¹¹ When Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned. ¹² For before certain men came from James, he used to eat with the Gentiles. But when they arrived, he began to draw back and separate himself from the Gentiles because he was afraid of those who belonged to the circumcision group. ¹³ The other Jews joined him in his hypocrisy, so that by their hypocrisy even Barnabas was led astray.

¹⁴ When I saw that they were not acting in line with the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas in front of them all, "You are a Jew, yet you live like a Gentile and not like a Jew. How is it, then, that you force Gentiles to follow Jewish customs?"

¹⁵ "We who are Jews by birth and not sinful Gentiles ¹⁶ know that a person is not justified by the works of the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ. So we, too, have put our faith in Christ Jesus that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law, because by the works of the law no one will be justified.

¹⁷ "But if, in seeking to be justified in Christ, we Jews find ourselves also among the sinners, doesn't that mean that Christ promotes sin? Absolutely not! ¹⁸ If I rebuild what I destroyed, then I really would be a lawbreaker.

¹⁹ "For through the law I died to the law so that I might live for God. ²⁰ I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. ²¹ I do not set aside the grace of God, for if righteousness could be gained through the law, Christ died for nothing!"

Standing Firm in Gospel Life

Song of Response

“All I Have Is Christ”

On screens

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 truly 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.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

Distribution

**"Draw Near and Take
the Body of the Lord"**

On screens

Prayer

O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day.

Amen.

Blessing

Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another and 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

“Day by Day”

On screens

Silent Prayer

God, lead me and help me to repent of my false righteousness, of all I have selfishly done in attempt to look good to the world or to you. I’m sorry that I’ve looked for security and hope and value in something other than you. Help me to see your sufficient righteousness and your constant care for me, so I can be free to stop caring so much about myself, and free to start loving and serving others. 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 19, 2022

Jun 19-Jun 26	Boise	Nampa
Sunday	8:30am – Worship w/Communion (also livestreamed at cocidaho.org/livestream) 9:45am – Adult/Teen Bible Study (Chapel) Kids’ Sunday School (Gym & Classrooms) 11:00am – Worship w/Communion	8:45am - Family Bible Study (JaK*s Place) 9:30am – Worship w/Communion (JaK*s Place)
Monday	6:00pm – Council Meeting	
Tuesday		
Wednesday	6:30pm – Cross Connections	
Thursday		
Friday		
Saturday	6:30pm - Evening Worship	
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Current Worship Series: 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!

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!

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



Register for this year's MONUMENTAL VBS at tinyurl.com/cocvbs2022 and invite your friends who don't know Jesus! Direct registration questions to Stefanie (secretary@cocidaho.org) and program questions to Pastor Snyder (brad.snyder@cocidaho.org).

Grocery items for VBS

You can support this gospel ministry just by grocery shopping! Please see the sign-up sheet on the lobby bulletin board and skim the list of snack items to see what items you might be available to donate, or sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/COCvbssnacks2022!>

If you are able to donate, please place snack items in the kitchen at Boise in the box labeled "VBS snacks" on the back counter. Please deliver items to the church kitchen no later than Sunday, July 10.

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:

- *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).

Summer Bible Reading Plan: Next Step!

We started the joyful journey on June 1st of going through the book of Psalms. Thanks for coming along with us! Starting July 2nd we'll begin our next plan: a 60 day path through the wisdom literature of the Old Testament (Job, Proverbs, and Ecclesiastes). Next weekend we'll share a link to join a group plan on the YouVersion Bible app as well as printed schedules in the Boise campus lobby or near the entrance at JaK*s Place on Sunday morning, the 26th. May God bless this time we spend together in His powerful Word!

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, in which Cross of Christ is heavily involved 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!)

We also need volunteers to drive campers to camp on Sunday 8/7 and again to get them home 8/12. If you're willing to spend some time on the road and help get kids to camp, contact Pastor Snyder.

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.

<i>General Fund Offerings Planned FY 21-22</i>	\$739,167
General Fund Offerings Planned FYTD	\$710,738
General Fund Offerings FYTD	\$698,827
Total Offerings Last Weekend (All Funds)	\$13,134

People in God's Word this past week	Boise	Nampa	Total
Sunday Morning Adult/Teen Bible Study	26	28	54
Kids' Sunday School	24		24
Cross Connections	8+2		10
Last Weekend's Worship	68+65+28	84	245
Livestream Views	6		

Serving	June 19		June 26	
	Nampa	Boise	Nampa	Boise
Music	J. Lowry	J. Hein, A. Lange, K. Christianson	S. Wetzel, K. Olsoe, J. Olsoe	A. Lange, C. Masters, Pastor Snyder
AV Tech	J. Malnes, S. Tews, G. Light	A. Becker, E. Christianson, C. Kennedy	J. Malnes, S. Tews, G. Light	E. Christianson, A. Becker, M. Hartman, J. Meier
Altar Care	K. Guthmiller, C. Harris	Yaka, McLain	K. Guthmiller, C. Harris	Yaka, Russow
Set-Up	Harris, Hopkins, O'Doherty	n/a	Harris, Hopkins, O'Doherty	n/a
Ushers	J. Harris	R. Hibbs, TBA	n/a	R. Hibbs, TBA
Open & Close	Olsoe	R. Ochoa, M. Johnson, R. Lange	Light	W. Ehlke, L. Shaw, L. Manglos
Coffee	Guthmiller	B. Robbins, R. Ritger	Guthmiller, Wetzel	B. Robbins, R. Ritger
Flowers	n/a	available	n/a	Hudson
Lawn Crew	n/a	B. Whitaker, R. Lange	n/a	Team Meier
Bulletin Folders	Prigges, Tweedy, Foreman		Kimmel, Whitlach	
Tellers	Harris, Walden, Hudson		Turley, Walden, Hudson	