

Powerless Religion

**POWERFUL
GOSPEL**

CROSS OF CHRIST
BOISE

Cross of Christ Lutheran Church

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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

Welcomed into the Family of God with “Confession”

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

Congregation: Amen.

Children of God, let us humbly come before our Creator and acknowledge our many sins to him.

Moment for private confession

(♪) I confess to you, O Lord, that I have sinned.
I confess to you, O Lord, all my sin within.
I have failed to live for you in the things I say and do,
And have fallen short of living in your love.

Lord, have mercy on me.
Lord, have mercy, set me free.
Oh, forgive me, Lord, I pray, and take my sin away,
By the cross and empty grave for my soul.

**(♪) I confess to you, O Lord, that I have sinned.
I confess to you, O Lord, all my sin within.
I have placed myself above, and have hurt the ones I love,
And I know that only you can set me free.

Lord, have mercy on me.
Lord, have mercy, set me free.
Oh, forgive me, Lord, I pray, and take my sin away,
By the cross and empty grave for my soul.**

(♪) Take us back to the water; wash away our sins.
Welcome us, O Father, back to your home again.
Bless your sons and daughters,
And let the feast begin, let it begin!

**(♪) Lord, have mercy on me.
Lord, have mercy, set me free.
Oh, forgive me, Lord, I pray, and take my sin away,
By the cross and empty grave for my soul.**

The Almighty God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—has forgiven all your sins. By your baptism, you are born again and made a dear child of your Father in heaven. God strengthen you to live in the grace of your baptism all the days of your life. Peace be with you!

Amen!

(♫) You take us back to the water. You wash away our sins.

You welcome us, O Father, back to your home again.

You bless your sons and daughters.

Now let the feast begin, let it begin!

Lord, your mercy covers me.

Lord, your mercy has set me free.

You've forgiven me today, and my sins are washed away,

By the cross and empty grave for my soul.

Lord, your mercy covers me.

Lord, your mercy has set me free.

You've forgiven me today, and my sins are washed away,

By the cross and empty grave for my soul.

Prayer

Heavenly Father, by your amazing grace you have washed our sins away in baptism and adopted us into your holy family. Help us to delight more and more in our true and deepest identity, rooted in the freedom we have as heirs of heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

God's Word

Joshua 6:22-25

²² Joshua said to the two men who had spied out the land, "Go into the prostitute's house and bring her out and all who belong to her, in accordance with your oath to her." ²³ So the young men who had done the spying went in and brought out Rahab, her father and mother, her brothers and sisters and all who belonged to her. They brought out her entire family and put them in a place outside the camp of Israel.

²⁴ Then they burned the whole city and everything in it, but they put the silver and gold and the articles of bronze and iron into the treasury of the LORD's house. ²⁵ But Joshua spared Rahab the prostitute, with her family and all who belonged to her, because she hid the men Joshua had sent as spies to Jericho—and she lives among the Israelites to this day.

God's Word

John 8:31-36

³¹ To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. ³² Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

³³ They answered him, "We are Abraham's descendants and have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say that we shall be set free?"

³⁴ Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, everyone who sins is a slave to sin.

³⁵ Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. ³⁶ So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."

Children's Message

Song

"By Faith"
On the screens

Message from God's Word

Galatians 3:23-29

²³ Before the coming of this faith, we were held in custody under the law, locked up until the faith that was to come would be revealed. ²⁴ So the law was our guardian until Christ came that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵ Now that this faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian.

²⁶ So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, ²⁷ for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸ There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

Identified in the Promise

Song

"Amazing Grace"

Hymn #379

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

“To God Be the Glory”

Hymn #399:1,3

Silent Prayer

God and Lord, you have made us one in Christ Jesus. Lead us to view each other and ourselves with such dignity. Fill us with the joy that comes from being heirs of the promise, now and forever. 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 26, 2022

Jun 26-Jul 3	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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Ministry Planning and Discussion: Boise Campus

Next week Sunday, July 3, 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.

Time Change: Saturday Evening Worship

On Saturday, July 30th, our Saturday evening worship will start at a new time: 5:00pm. We pray this time better enables those who cannot otherwise attend a Sunday morning service to gather around the Means of Grace for strengthening and with other people for mutual encouragement. Please contact Pastor Hein if you have any questions: greg.hein@cocidaho.org.

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!

Paint to Make a Difference - July 16

The city of Nampa is seeking volunteers to assist with Brush Up Nampa, a community-wide event to paint and touch up homes for senior citizens and residents with disabilities. Supplies are provided and only minimal experience is needed. If you're available on Saturday, July 16, and would like to make use of this opportunity to extend Christian love in a tangible way, contact Pastor Wetzel (208-996-2202; kurt.wetzel@cocidaho.org) for more information.

Sisters in Christ Ladies' Retreat 2022: Registration OPEN! 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! To register: Visit cocidaho.org/retreat



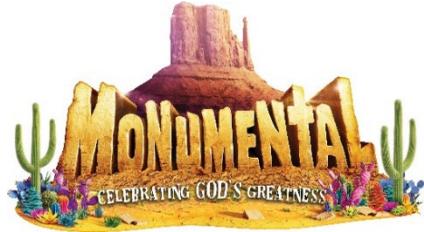
Summer Bible Reading Plan: Next Step!

Join us for our next summer Bible reading plan starting Saturday, July 2nd! Our new 60 day plan will guide us through part of the wisdom literature of the Old Testament (Job, Proverbs, and Ecclesiastes). These books of the bible are known for their practical applications to living out our faith in everyday life. 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.

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).

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	\$724,952
General Fund Offerings FYTD	\$712,609
Total Offerings Last Weekend (All Funds)	\$14,787

People in God's Word this past week	Boise	Nampa	Total
Sunday Morning Adult/Teen Bible Study	32	24	56
Kids' Sunday School	21		21
Cross Connections	4+6		10
Last Weekend's Worship	81+82+30	57	250
Livestream Views	6		

Serving	June 26		July 3	
	Nampa	Boise	Nampa	Boise
Music	S. Wetzel, K. Olsoe, J. Olsoe	A. Lange, C. Masters, Pastor Snyder	R. Dodd	J. Hein L. Neujahr
AV Tech	J. Malnes, S. Tews, G. Light	E. Christianson, A. Becker, M. Hartman, J. Meier	J. Malnes, S. Tews, G. Light	A. Becker, TBA
Altar Care	K. Guthmiller, C. Harris	Yaka, Russow	K. Guthmiller, C. Harris	Yaka, Russow
Set-Up	Harris, Hopkins, O'Doherty	n/a	Harris, Hopkins, O'Doherty	n/a
Ushers	n/a	K. Benedick, R. Hibbs, B. Turley, S. Turley	J. Harris	J. Breckon, TBA
Open & Close	Light	W. Ehlke, L. Shaw, L. Manglos	Malnes	J. Breckon, B. Masters, H. Geary
Coffee	Guthmiller	B. Robbins, R. Ritger	Guthmiller, Wetzel	B. Robbins, R. Ritger
Flowers	n/a	Hudson	n/a	Seely
Lawn Crew	n/a	Team Meier	n/a	R. Ochoa, M. Johnson
Bulletin Folders	Kimmel, Whitlach		Ritger, Ford, Ashley	
Tellers	Turley, Walden, Hudson		TBA	