

Powerless Religion

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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
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Opening Song

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

Hymn #125

Welcomed into the Family of God

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

God is faithful. So his children can know what to expect from their Father in heaven. When we come before him, we must be honest about the sad realities of our sin. Even as we confess our failings, we know what to expect—a Father’s welcome because of Jesus.

God and Father, I am so thankful that I can come to you now, knowing that you hear my prayer. All my life, I have so often wandered from you, disobeyed your good commands, and sinned in my thoughts, words, and actions. I am sorry. But you still love me. You still forgive me. Thank you for Jesus. Because of him, I know you’ll never give up on me.

Because God is faithful, he keeps his promises to save you and remove your sins as far as the east is from the west. Jesus’ life and death in your place have taken the punishment. His resurrection to life is proof that all is done. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit you are forgiven, loved, and welcomed home in God’s family! May he fill you with his powerful love to help you live as his child.

Amen!

Prayer

Great God and Lord, strengthen your people and send us your Spirit that we may never grow weary in doing good. Lead us to recognize and make the most of every opportunity to love our neighbor; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

God's Word

Ruth 2:5-18

⁵ Boaz asked the overseer of his harvesters, "Who does that young woman belong to?"

⁶ The overseer replied, "She is the Moabite who came back from Moab with Naomi. ⁷ She said, 'Please let me glean and gather among the sheaves behind the harvesters.' She came into the field and has remained here from morning till now, except for a short rest in the shelter."

⁸ So Boaz said to Ruth, "My daughter, listen to me. Don't go and glean in another field and don't go away from here. Stay here with the women who work for me. ⁹ Watch the field where the men are harvesting, and follow along after the women. I have told the men not to lay a hand on you. And whenever you are thirsty, go and get a drink from the water jars the men have filled."

¹⁰ At this, she bowed down with her face to the ground. She asked him, "Why have I found such favor in your eyes that you notice me—a foreigner?"

¹¹ Boaz replied, "I've been told all about what you have done for your mother-in-law since the death of your husband—how you left your father and mother and your homeland and came to live with a people you did not know before.

¹² May the LORD repay you for what you have done. May you be richly rewarded by the LORD, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge."

¹³ "May I continue to find favor in your eyes, my lord," she said. "You have put me at ease by speaking kindly to your servant—though I do not have the standing of one of your servants."

¹⁴ At mealtime Boaz said to her, "Come over here. Have some bread and dip it in the wine vinegar."

When she sat down with the harvesters, he offered her some roasted grain. She ate all she wanted and had some left over. ¹⁵ As she got up to glean, Boaz gave orders to his men, "Let her gather among the sheaves and don't reprimand her. ¹⁶ Even pull out some stalks for her from the bundles and leave them for her to pick up, and don't rebuke her."

¹⁷ So Ruth gleaned in the field until evening. Then she threshed the barley she had gathered, and it amounted to about an ephah. ¹⁸ She carried it back to town, and her mother-in-law saw how much she had gathered. Ruth also brought out and gave her what she had left over after she had eaten enough.

God's Word

Luke 10:25-37

²⁵ On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

²⁶ "What is written in the Law?" he replied. "How do you read it?"

²⁷ He answered, "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind'; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'"

²⁸ "You have answered correctly," Jesus replied. "Do this and you will live."

²⁹ But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

³⁰ In reply Jesus said: "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. ³¹ A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. ³² So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. ³⁴ He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. ³⁵ The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said, 'and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.'

³⁶ "Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?"

³⁷ The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him."

Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."

Children's Message

Song

"Lord, You I Love with All My Heart"

On the screens

Message from God's Word

Galatians 6:1-10,14-16

¹ Brothers and sisters, if someone is caught in a sin, you who live by the Spirit should restore that person gently. But watch yourselves, or you also may be tempted. ² Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. ³ If anyone thinks they are something when they are not, they deceive themselves. ⁴ Each one should test their own actions. Then they can take pride in themselves alone, without comparing themselves to someone else, ⁵ for each one should carry their own load. ⁶ Nevertheless, the one who receives instruction in the word should share all good things with their instructor.

⁷ Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. ⁸ Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. ⁹ Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. ¹⁰ Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers. . . .

¹⁴ May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. ¹⁵ Neither circumcision nor uncircumcision means anything; what counts is the new creation. ¹⁶ Peace and mercy to all who follow this rule—to the Israel of God.

Powerful Love

Song

“Jesus, Your Boundless Love to Me”

Hymn #479:1-3; alternate tune

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.

Holy Baptism

Brody Robert Miller

Sunday, 8:30 a.m. service

Installation of Church Council Member

Ty Stavenau

Sunday, 11:00 a.m. service

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

May God the Father shield and protect you as he watches over your life.
May Jesus, the Son, sustain you with his faithful love.
May the Holy Spirit dwell within and fill you with his peace.

Amen!

Closing Song

“Oh, How Good It Is”

On the screens

Silent Prayer

God of love, fill me with your grace. As I see how you have loved me, teach me to love the people around 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

July 10, 2022

Jul 10-Jul 17	Boise	Nampa
Sunday	8:30am – Worship (also livestreamed at cocidaho.org/livestream) 9:45am – Adult/Teen Bible Class (Chapel) Kids’ Sunday School (Gym & Classrooms) 11:00am – Worship 12:30pm – VBS set-up & decorating	8:45am - Family Bible Study (JaK*s Place) 9:30am – Worship (JaK*s Place)
Monday	9:00am – Vacation Bible School	
Tuesday	9:00am – Vacation Bible School	
Wednesday	9:00am – Vacation Bible School 6:30pm – Cross Connections	
Thursday	9:00am – Vacation Bible School	
Friday		
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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're spending five weeks working through the biblical book of Galatians. Here we see how the Gospel is God's greatest gift to us and has power unlike anything else.

Paint to Make a Difference: This Saturday, 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.

New Adult Bible Class! – Boise Campus

Have you ever wondered why God speaks to us through so many stories in the Bible? The narratives in the Bible are so much more than stories because they're about real people and real situations. For the remainder of the summer our Sunday adult bible classes (9:45-10:45) on the Boise campus will look at different Bible stories to see what we learn about who God is, what he's done for us, and how we live for him. Parents, make extra sure you come as we'll look at the same stories that your kids are studying in Sunday School!

Pray for Vacation Bible School!

This week on the Boise campus we embark on a monumental adventure into God's great love – through some pretty cool Bible stories that will teach and encourage us with God's love and power! Would you pray for the kids attending and the teens & adults serving? Ask God to bless each activity with effectiveness, fun, and a clear message of the gospel, and each individual with a great week and strengthened trust in him!

Time Change: Saturday Evening Worship

On Saturday, July 30, our Saturday evening worship on the Boise campus 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.

Camp Christos Volunteer Opportunities

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, the week of **August 7-12** (Sunday evening – Friday noon).

A few more volunteers are needed:

- camp nurse Wed-Fri (contact Pastor Snyder to get more info),
- junior (17-19) & senior (20+) MALE counselors (in cabins with campers),
- activity leaders & helpers (crafts, games, outdoor activities), and
- kitchen staff (we'd love to have enough kitchen help that everyone can take just one of three shifts each day!).

Could this be you? Contact Pastor Snyder (brad.snyder@cocidaho.org).

National Night Out with Cross of Christ!

Save the date: Tuesday, August 2. So much cool stuff in the works! Make plans to come on out for this community event and to invite everyone you know to come along with you.

- 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm at Orah Brandt Park in Nampa
- 5:30-7:30 pm on the Boise campus

Sounds like something you'd like to help out with? (Planning, set-up, acquiring supplies, hosting the church "booth," supervising kid activities, greeting guests, take-down & clean-up, etc.) Talk to Pastor Wetzel for the Nampa event (kurt.wetzel@cocidaho.org) and Pastor Hein for the Boise event (greg.hein@cocidaho.org).

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! For details and to register, visit cocidaho.org/retreat



<i>General Fund Offerings Planned FY 22-23</i>	\$781,660
General Fund Offerings Planned FYTD	\$15,032
General Fund Offerings FYTD	\$4,792
Total Offerings Last Weekend (All Funds)	\$11,700

People in God's Word this past week	Boise	Nampa	Total
Sunday Morning Adult/Teen Bible Study	23	25	48
Kids' Sunday School	18		18
Cross Connections	5+6		11
Last Weekend's Worship	81+75+19	52	227
Livestream Views	5		

Serving	July 10		July 17	
	Nampa	Boise	Nampa	Boise
Music	J. Hein, C. Harris, D. Tews	K. Koepsell	J. Lowry	K. Koepsell
AV Tech	J. Malnes, S. Tews, G. Light	A. Becker, B. Berrier, M. Hartman, G. Light	J. Malnes, S. Tews, G. Light	E. Christianson, C. Kennedy, J. Meier
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	J. Breckon, Ty Stavenau, TBA	J. Harris	B. Turley, TBA
Open & Close	J. Olsoe	M. Brown, B. Masters, KC Broyles	G. Light	R. Ochoa, E. Christianson, R. Lange
Coffee	Guthmiller	B. Robbins, R. Ritger	Guthmiller, Wetzel	B. Robbins, R. Ritger
Flowers	n/a	McLain	n/a	Watkins
Lawn Crew	n/a	Team Burke	n/a	R. Dodd, J. Trentz
Bulletin Folders	Bafus, Guthmiller, Ritger		Prigges, Tweedy, Foreman	
Tellers	Rule, Walden, Hudson		Harris, Rule, Morford	