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# Cross of Christ Lutheran Church

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## Settle in with Jesus as 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](http://cocidaho.org).



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LUTHERAN CHURCH

# Welcomed into the Family of God with “Surely, It Is God Who Saves Me”

Pastor: We come together today under the protection and love of God, our Savior. When we call on his name in faith, he hears us, and he is present with his grace and power. Let us begin this time of worship in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Congregation: Amen.**

**(♩) Surely, it is God who saves me;  
I will trust in him and not be afraid.  
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense,  
And he will be my Savior!**

When we come before God, we need not be afraid. We don't need to hide. We don't need to pretend. We don't need to compare. We can come honestly, confessing our sins. Trusting in Jesus, our Savior, let us acknowledge what he overcame for us so we can find a Father's welcome.

**Just and holy Father in heaven, I confess my sins. In my thoughts, words, and actions, I have so often failed to live as your child. Though my sins deserved your unending punishment, you sent Jesus to rescue me. I thank you for your love, and I praise you for being my sure defense!**

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I will trust in him and not be afraid.  
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense,  
And he will be my Savior!**

Through the gift of faith, God connects you to the perfect life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. Because of him, all your sins are forgiven! God now sees you as his own dear child, righteous and holy in his eyes. Settle in with Jesus as his family, equally loved and accepted.

**Amen!**

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I will trust in him and not be afraid.  
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense,  
And he will be my Savior!**

## Prayer

Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of faith through your saving gospel. By your Holy Spirit strengthen our trust in you that we may live in confidence as your beloved children; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## God's Word

## Luke 12:22-34

<sup>22</sup> Then Jesus said to his disciples: "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; or about your body, what you will wear. <sup>23</sup> For life is more than food, and the body more than clothes. <sup>24</sup> Consider the ravens: They do not sow or reap, they have no storeroom or barn; yet God feeds them. And how much more valuable you are than birds! <sup>25</sup> Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to your life? <sup>26</sup> Since you cannot do this very little thing, why do you worry about the rest?"

<sup>27</sup> "Consider how the wild flowers grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. <sup>28</sup> If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today, and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith!

<sup>29</sup> And do not set your heart on what you will eat or drink; do not worry about it. <sup>30</sup> For the pagan world runs after all such things, and your Father knows that you need them. <sup>31</sup> But seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.

<sup>32</sup> "Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup> Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will never fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup> For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

## God's Word

## Hebrews 11:1-3; 8-16

Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. <sup>2</sup> This is what the ancients were commended for.

<sup>3</sup> By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.

<sup>8</sup> By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. <sup>9</sup> By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. <sup>10</sup> For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God. <sup>11</sup> And by faith even Sarah, who was past childbearing age, was enabled to bear children because she considered him faithful who had made the promise. <sup>12</sup> And so from this one man, and he as good as dead, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore.

<sup>13</sup> All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance admitting that they were foreigners and strangers on earth. <sup>14</sup> People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own. <sup>15</sup> If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup> Instead, they were longing for a better country—a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.

## Song

## “By Faith”

*On screens*

## Children's Message

## Message from God's Word

## Genesis 15:1-6

After this, the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision:

“Do not be afraid, Abram.  
I am your shield,  
your very great reward.”

<sup>2</sup> But Abram said, “Sovereign LORD, what can you give me since I remain childless and the one who will inherit my estate is Eliezer of Damascus?” <sup>3</sup> And Abram said, “You have given me no children; so a servant in my household will be my heir.”

<sup>4</sup> Then the word of the LORD came to him: “This man will not be your heir, but a son who is your own flesh and blood will be your heir.” <sup>5</sup> He took him outside and said, “Look up at the sky and count the stars—if indeed you can count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.”

<sup>6</sup> Abram believed the LORD, and he credited it to him as righteousness.

### What Is Faith?

## Statement of Faith

## “We Believe in God the Father”

*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.**

## 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.**

**Distribution "Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face"**

*Hymn #315*

### 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

## “If God Himself Be for Me”

*Hymn #419:1-3, alternate tune*

## Silent Prayer

Lord, my rock and refuge, I thank you for the gift of faith. It is the most precious gift I have because it connects me to you. Although my trust may at times be weak, you are always faithful and strong. Fill me with peace as I trust in your unwavering love for me. Amen.

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## 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.*

<b>People in God's Word this past week</b>	<b>Boise</b>	<b>Nampa</b>	<b>Total</b>
Sunday Morning Adult/Teen Bible Study	35	27	62
Kids' Sunday School	17		17
Cross Connections	7+4		11
Last Weekend's Worship	67+63+35	65	230
Livestream Views	13		



# Cross of Christ Weekly Newsletter

## July 17, 2022

<b>Jul 17-Jul 24</b>	<b>Boise</b>	<b>Nampa</b>
Sunday	8:30am – Worship w/ Communion (also livestreamed at <a href="http://cocidaho.org/livestream">cocidaho.org/livestream</a> ) 9:45am – Adult/Teen Bible Study (Chapel) Kids’ Sunday School (Gym & Classrooms) 11:00am – Worship w/Communion	9:30am – Worship w/Communion (6134 Birch Ln) 10:45am - Family Bible Study (6134 Birch Ln)
Monday	6:00pm – Council Meeting	
Tuesday		
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday		
Saturday	6:30pm - Evening Worship	
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## **New Worship Series: Bible Stories**

God often speaks to us through stories, so we'll spend the next few weeks looking at what we learn about a life of faith while seeing how other believers have lived, how God interacted with them, and the promises he still hands down to us today.

## **This Sunday is our first service in our new church in Nampa!**

We thank God for this beautiful space to gather for worship and invite our community to settle in with Jesus and his family! **From now on, services in Nampa will be held at 9:30 am at 6134 Birch Ln. Bible study will be 10:45-11:45 am.**

Sunday School, starting 7/24, will be the same time as Bible study. For the rest of the summer, we'll have one Sunday School class for ages 3 to 7 (8 & older will be included in Family Bible Study), then offer multiple classes by ages in September.

Some things still need to be finished in the building, but we have occupancy and are moved in. Final follow-up work should be completed in the next few weeks. God is good and he loves to bless his church. May he continue to bless us and our ministry across two locations at Cross of Christ!

## **Time Change: Saturday Evening Worship**

In two weeks, on Saturday, July 30, 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](mailto: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](http://cocidaho.org/retreat).

### **Registration deadline July 25!**

## **Vacation Bible School Thank You!**

What an MONUMENTAL week celebrating and having our faiths strengthened by our AWESOME GOD! A huge THANK YOU to everyone who made this week possible: by donating, loaning, cleaning, creating, building, decorating, setting up & taking down, rearranging furniture, serving food, planning, teaching, guiding, playing, taking photos, leading, smiling, singing, laughing, praying, and LOVING all these kids with Jesus' love. Each of you is a gift to God's kingdom and to Cross of Christ.

## **National Night Out with Cross of Christ!**

Save the date: Tues, Aug 2. Lots of cool stuff in the works! Plan 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](mailto:kurt.wetzel@cocidaho.org)) and Pastor Hein for the Boise event ([greg.hein@cocidaho.org](mailto: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).

We are still in need of:

- a camp nurse Wed-Fri (contact Pastor Snyder to get more info),
- 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](mailto:brad.snyder@cocidaho.org)).

## **Seeking Donations for Camp Christos**

Here's a simple, helpful way to make a difference for our kids and teens at Camp Christos in August: donate some food items! A list of non-perishable food donations needed can be found on the lobby bulletin board at Boise or online here: [tinyurl.com/campchristos2022](http://tinyurl.com/campchristos2022). Your help is greatly appreciated! Please deliver items to the Boise campus kitchen any time before July 31.

## **Youth Confirmation Class**

Confirmation class begins September 11. Confirmation class is designed to help parents of our congregation educate their junior high children in basic doctrinal truths and prepare them for God-pleasing reception of the Lord's Supper.

Confirmation class will consist of weekly classes at both locations, homework lessons that allow for parental involvement, online quizzes, and some long-term assignments. **If you have a child 7th grade or older and would like to begin Confirmation class, contact Pastor Snyder** to arrange a meeting at church or at your home to get started (208-996-0862, [brad.snyder@cocboise.org](mailto:brad.snyder@cocboise.org)).

<i>General Fund Offerings Planned FY 22-23</i>	<b>\$781,660</b>
General Fund Offerings Planned FYTD	<b>\$30,064</b>
General Fund Offerings FYTD	<b>\$17,900</b>
Total Offerings Last Weekend (All Funds)	<b>\$13,390</b>

<b>Serving</b>	<b>July 17</b>		<b>July 24</b>	
	<b>Nampa</b>	<b>Boise</b>	<b>Nampa</b>	<b>Boise</b>
Music	J. Lowry	K. Koepsell	S. Wetzel, E&H Wetzel, B&E Parsons	K. Koepsell, F. Fauchaux
AV Tech	J. Malnes, S. Tews, G. Light	K. Koepsell, E. Christianson, C. Kennedy, J. Meier	J. Malnes, S. Tews, G. Light	K. Koepsell, A. Becker, M. Hartman
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	J. Harris	B. Turley, A. Broyles, TBA	n/a	TBA
Open & Close	G. Light	R. Ochoa, E. Christianson, R. Lange	D. Malnes	W. Ehlke, J. Breckon, L. Manglos
Coffee	Guthmiller	B. Robbins, R. Ritger	Guthmiller, Wetzel	B. Robbins, R. Ritger
Flowers	n/a	Watkins	n/a	Tweedy
Lawn Crew	n/a	R. Dodd, J. Trentz	n/a	B. Turley, N. Tessmer
Bulletin Folders	Prigge, Tweedy		Kimmel, Whitlach	
Tellers	Harris, Rule, Morford		Turley, Hudson, Morford	