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# 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](http://cocidaho.org).



**CROSS OF CHRIST**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

# Welcome to Cross of Christ

## Opening Song

## “Every Morn Your Mercies New”

*With Psalms 5 and 103*

**All: (♩) Ev’ry morn your mercies new fall as fresh as morning dew;  
As we worship let us pay tribute with our hearts this day.  
For your mercies, Lord, are sure; your compassion will endure.  
Ev’ry morn your mercies new fall as fresh as morning dew.**

Pastor: In the morning, O LORD, you hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait in expectation. *(Psalm 5)*

**Congregation: You are not a God who takes pleasure in evil; with you the wicked cannot dwell.**

But I, by your great mercy, will come into your house; in reverence will I bow down toward your holy temple.

**Lead me, O LORD, in your righteousness... Make straight your way before me.**

Let all who take refuge in you be glad; let them ever sing for joy. Spread your protection over them, that those who love your name may rejoice in you.

**For surely, O LORD, you bless the righteous; you surround them with your favor as with a shield.**

**All: (♩) Still your kindness and your love ev’ry day our sins remove;  
Daily far as east from west, lift that burden from our breast;  
Giving free to those who pray strength to live for you each day.  
Still your kindness and your love, ev’ry day our sins remove!**

Brothers and sisters in Christ, I confess to God and to you that I have sinned in my thoughts, words and actions. I ask God to forgive me, not because I deserve his love, but because he is gracious and merciful.

**Our Almighty God “does not treat us as our sins deserve, or repay us according to our iniquities.” Jesus has paid your debt in full. Pastor, your sins are forgiven – go in peace!** (Psalm 103)

Amen!

**Pastor, we also confess to God and to you that we have committed many sins, and we have failed to do all that God asks of us. We ask God to forgive us, not because we are worthy of his love, but because he is gracious and merciful.**

Christian friends, our Almighty God has removed all your transgressions “as far as the east is from the west...” By faith, Jesus’ holy life is credited to your account. Jesus’ death on the cross has paid the full debt of your sins. Brothers and sisters in Christ, you are forgiven. You are members of God’s family. Live in peace! (Psalm 103)

**Amen!**

*We pause in silence to thank our Savior-God for his amazing love!*

**All: (♩) We are justified by grace; we enjoy the Savior’s peace.  
All our sins are washed away; we shall stand in God’s great day.  
Blest are we: the saints of God,  
we are bought with Christ’s own blood.  
We are justified by grace; we enjoy the Savior’s peace!**

## Prayer

O Almighty God, you have brought us safely to this hour of worship. Thank you for providing all that we need for body and life. Bless us who have gathered in your name. Speak to our hearts and chase away our sorrows and doubts with the comfort of your Word. Receive our songs, prayers and offerings as our thankful worship. What a privilege it is to settle in with Jesus and his family!

**Amen!**

**All: (♩) As our praises rise to you, shroud us with your grace anew,  
As we listen to your Word, may our hearts and faiths be stirred.  
Feed us with your Bread of Life; arm us for our daily strife.  
As our praises rise to you, shroud us with your grace anew!**

## God's Word

## Deuteronomy 12:1-10

These are the decrees and laws you must be careful to follow in the land that the LORD, the God of your ancestors, has given you to possess – as long as you live in the land. Destroy completely all the places on the high mountains, on the hills and under every spreading tree, where the nations you are dispossessing worship their gods. Break down their altars, smash their sacred stones and burn their Asherah poles in the fire; cut down the idols of their gods and wipe out their names from those places.

You must not worship the LORD your God in their way. But you are to seek the place the LORD your God will choose from among all your tribes to put his Name there for his dwelling. To that place you must go; there bring your burnt offerings and sacrifices, your tithes and special gifts, what you have vowed to give and your freewill offerings, and the firstborn of your herds and flocks. There, in the presence of the LORD your God, you and your families shall eat and shall rejoice in everything you have put your hand to, because the LORD your God has blessed you.

You are not to do as we do here today, everyone doing as they see fit, since you have not yet reached the resting place and the inheritance the LORD your God is giving you. But you will cross the Jordan and settle in the land the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance, and he will give you rest from all your enemies around you so that you will live in safety.

## God's Word

## Hebrews 3:7-4:3a

So, as the Holy Spirit says: “Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as you did in the rebellion, during the time of testing in the wilderness, where your ancestors tested and tried me, though for forty years they saw what I did. That is why I was angry with that generation; I said,

‘Their hearts are always going astray,  
and they have not known my ways.’  
So I declared on oath in my anger,  
‘They shall never enter my rest.’ ”

See to it, brothers and sisters, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God. But encourage one another daily, as long

as it is called “Today,” so that none of you may be hardened by sin’s deceitfulness. We have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original conviction firmly to the very end. As has just been said:

“Today, if you hear his voice,  
do not harden your hearts  
as you did in the rebellion.”

Who were they who heard and rebelled? Were they not all those Moses led out of Egypt? And with whom was he angry for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose bodies perished in the wilderness? And to whom did God swear that they would never enter his rest if not to those who disobeyed? So, we see that they were not able to enter, because of their unbelief.

Therefore, since the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us be careful that none of you be found to have fallen short of it. For we also have had the good news proclaimed to us, just as they did; but the message they heard was of no value to them, because they did not share the faith of those who obeyed. Now we who have believed enter that rest.

## Children’s Message

Song

“Come Unto to Me”

*On the screens*

Message from God’s Word

Matthew 11:28-30

(Jesus said) <sup>28</sup> “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup> Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup> For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

**God’s Solution for Heavy Hearts**

Song

“Come Unto to Me”

*On the 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.**

The Lord’s Prayer

**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.**

God’s Word

Revelation 14:13

Then I heard a voice from heaven say, “Write: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.”

“Yes,” says the Spirit, “they will rest from their labor.”

## Closing Prayer

O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good and his mercy endures forever.

*Saturday Evening*

**I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, that you have graciously kept me this day. Forgive me all my sins, and graciously keep me this night. Into your hands I commend my body and soul and all things. Let your holy angel be with me, that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.**

*Sunday Morning*

**I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, that you have kept me this night from all harm and danger. Keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please you. Into your hands I commend my body and soul and all things. Let your holy angel be with me, that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.**

## Closing Blessing

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

**Amen!**

## Closing Song

**“Jesus, Lead Us On”**

*On the screens*

## Silent Prayer

Dear Father in heaven, I thank you for your words of comfort, promise and direction. My heart needed to hear again about my life and your love. My soul finds rest in the reassurance of your forgiveness in Jesus my Savior. Continue to send your Spirit in Word and Sacrament to guide and move me to serve you and love my neighbor with a heart of thanksgiving, so I may honor you in all I think, say and do. Amen!



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## 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](http://cocidaho.org/give) or contact the church office ([secretary@cocidaho.org](mailto:secretary@cocidaho.org) or 208-375-3992) to schedule a time to drop your offering off during the week.*

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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.*

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# Cross of Christ Weekly Newsletter

## July 24, 2022

Jul 24-31	Boise	Nampa
Sunday	8:30am - Worship (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	9:30am - Worship (6134 Birch Ln) 10:45am - Family Bible Study & Kids' Sunday School (6134 Birch Ln)
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday		
Saturday	<b>5:00pm</b> (new time!) - Evening Worship	
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### **Current 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.

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

Beginning NEXT SATURDAY, July 30, Saturday evening worship on the Boise campus will start at 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 deadline this Monday, July 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, Friday, September 23 – Sunday, September 25. Further details & registration at [cocidaho.org/retreat/](http://cocidaho.org/retreat/).



## **National Night Out with Cross of Christ! Tuesday, August 2**

Make plans to come on out for this community event and bring friends and neighbors to enjoy a fun and relaxing evening with you!

- 5:30-7:30 pm on the Boise campus
  - Live music by Cross of Christ musicians
  - Taco truck
  - Bounce house & games
  - Special guests from Boise emergency services!
- 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm at Orah Brandt Park in Nampa
  - Nampa police & fire trucks
  - Food truck
  - Park splash pad is now open!
  - Face-painting, water balloon launcher, games, and more

Sound like something you'd like to help out with? (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)).

## **Services now at 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, Sunday morning worship 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 this Sunday, July 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 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!

## **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)).

## **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),
- one MALE cabin counselor
- 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.

## **Cross of Christ Preschool: Fall Openings**

Preschool still has openings for the upcoming school year, especially in the new full-day slots! SHARE this info with friends & acquaintances, REGISTER online at [cocidaho.org/preschool](http://cocidaho.org/preschool) or get a packet from the office, or CONTACT Andrea Becker ([registrar@cocboise.org](mailto:registrar@cocboise.org)) with questions.

<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	30	36	66
Kids' Sunday School	5		5
Cross Connections	4		4
Last Weekend's Worship	62+53+29	105	249
Livestream Views	8		

<i>General Fund Offerings Planned FY 22-23</i>	\$781,660
General Fund Offerings Planned FYTD	\$45,096
General Fund Offerings FYTD	\$26,035
Total Offerings Last Weekend (All Funds)	\$8,215

Serving	July 24		July 31	
	Nampa	Boise	Nampa	Boise
Music	S. Wetzel, E&H Wetzel, B&E Parsons	K. Koepsell, F. Fauchaux	R. Dodd	K. Koepsell, M. Evans, B. Evans, L. Neujahr
AV Tech	G. Light	K. Koepsell, A. Becker, M. Hartman	J. Malnes, S. Tews, G. Light	K. Koepsell, E. Christianson, B. Berrier
Altar Care	K. Guthmiller, C. Harris	Yaka, Russow	K. Guthmiller, C. Harris	Yaka, Russow
Ushers	n/a	T. Stavenau, G. Bafus, TBA	n/a	B. Turley, TBA
Open & Close	D. Malnes	W. Ehlke, J. Breckon, L. Manglos	J. Olsoe	L. Shaw, M. Johnson, H. Geary
Coffee	Guthmiller	B. Robbins, R. Ritger	Guthmiller	B. Robbins, R. Ritger
Flowers	n/a	Tweedy	n/a	available
Lawn Crew	n/a	B. Turley, N. Tessmer	n/a	J. Harris, M. Boltz
Bulletin Folders	Kimmel, Whitlach		Ritger, Ford, Ashley	
Tellers	Turley, Hudson, Morford		Harris, Turley, Hudson	