

Powerless Religion

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GOSPEL**

CROSS OF CHRIST
BOISE

Cross of Christ Lutheran Church

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July 2-3, 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

Opening Song

“Renew Me, O Eternal Light”

Hymn #471:1,3-4

Welcomed into the Family of God

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

Congregation: Amen

Our God invites us to come into his holy presence openly and honestly. There is no need to hide any part of us because all of who we are is seen by him. Therefore, let us come before our Lord as we are, acknowledging our sinfulness and trusting in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have often abused the freedom you gave me instead of using it to glorify you and to love my neighbor. Yet, you have not hidden your face from me. You rescued me through the cross of Christ. May I daily live in the peace of your unfailing love.

God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. He eagerly welcomes us home into his family of grace and frees us from condemnation and guilt. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Settle in with Jesus and his family, equally loved and accepted.

Amen!

God’s Word

Deuteronomy 10:12-22

¹² And now, Israel, what does the LORD your God ask of you but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in obedience to him, to love him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, ¹³ and to observe the LORD’s commands and decrees that I am giving you today for your own good?

¹⁴ To the LORD your God belong the heavens, even the highest heavens, the earth and everything in it. ¹⁵ Yet the LORD set his affection on your ancestors and loved them, and he chose you, their descendants, above all the nations—as it is today. ¹⁶ Circumcise your hearts, therefore, and do not be stiff-necked any longer. ¹⁷ For the LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who shows no partiality and accepts no bribes. ¹⁸ He defends the cause of the fatherless and the widow, and loves the foreigner residing among you, giving them food and clothing. ¹⁹ And you are to love those who are foreigners, for you yourselves were foreigners in Egypt. ²⁰ Fear the LORD your God and serve him. Hold fast to him and take your oaths in his name. ²¹ He is the one you praise; he is your God, who performed for you those great and awesome wonders you saw with your own eyes. ²² Your ancestors who went down into Egypt were seventy in all, and now the LORD your God has made you as numerous as the stars in the sky.

God's Word

John 8:2-11

² At dawn he appeared again in the temple courts, where all the people gathered around him, and he sat down to teach them. ³ The teachers of the law and the Pharisees brought in a woman caught in adultery. They made her stand before the group ⁴ and said to Jesus, “Teacher, this woman was caught in the act of adultery. ⁵ In the Law Moses commanded us to stone such

women. Now what do you say?" ⁶ They were using this question as a trap, in order to have a basis for accusing him.

But Jesus bent down and started to write on the ground with his finger. ⁷ When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let any one of you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." ⁸ Again he stooped down and wrote on the ground.

⁹ At this, those who heard began to go away one at a time, the older ones first, until only Jesus was left, with the woman still standing there. ¹⁰ Jesus straightened up and asked her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?"

¹¹ "No one, sir," she said.

"Then neither do I condemn you," Jesus declared. "Go now and leave your life of sin."

Song

"For Freedom Christ Has Set Us Free"

On screens

Children's Message

Message from God's Word

Galatians 5:1,13-25

It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.

¹³ You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love. ¹⁴ For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁵ If you bite and devour each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other.

¹⁶ So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷ For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want. ¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

¹⁹ The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; ²⁰ idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions ²¹ and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.

²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. ²⁴ Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵ Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.

What Does It Mean to Be Free?

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.

Distribution

"Holy Spirit Light Divine"

Hymn #183

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

May the love of the Lord Jesus draw us to himself.

May the power of the Lord Jesus make us strong to do his will.

May the peace of the Lord Jesus fill our lives.

Amen!

Closing Song “My Heart Is Filled with Thankfulness”

On screens

Silent Prayer

O Lord, my God, I thank you for the precious gift of freedom I have through the work of Jesus. Be gracious and merciful to me as I often struggle in how to use this freedom to your glory. Grant me the wisdom and strength I need to follow you in all I say and do. All this I ask through Jesus Christ, your Son, my Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, 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

July 3, 2022

Jul 3-Jul 10	Boise	Nampa
Sunday	8:30am – Worship w/Communion (also livestreamed at cocidaho.org/livestream) 9:45am – Adult/Teen Ministry Discussion (Chapel) Kids’ Sunday School (Gym & Classrooms) 11:00am – Worship w/Communion	8:45am – Ministry Discussion (JaK*s Place) 9:30am – Worship w/Communion (JaK*s Place)
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday	6:30pm – Cross Connections	
Thursday		
Friday		
Saturday	6:30pm - Evening Worship	
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 12:30pm – VBS set-up & decorating	8:45am - Family Bible Study (JaK*s Place) 9:30am – Worship (JaK*s Place)

Ministry Planning and Discussion This Sunday: Boise Campus

This 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. Specifically in this session: our summer community outreach opportunities, creating a welcoming environment at church, and discussing Saturday evening worship. 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.

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'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 series!

Paint to Make a Difference: 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.

Summer Bible Reading Plan: Next Step!

Jump in on the next summer Bible reading plan, which just started on July 2. 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 faith in everyday life. See your most recent Cross of Christ Friday news email for instructions on how to join the group plan through the YouVersion Bible App, or contact secretary@cocidaho.org. If you'd like to use a printed schedule, you can find it in the Boise campus lobby or near the entrance at JaK*s Place on Sunday morning.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2022

Student Participants: **LAST DAY to Register!**

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
- **Please register by no later than this Sunday, July 3!**

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

Volunteer or Donate

GROCERY ITEMS: Support this gospel ministry just by grocery shopping! Check out the list on the Boise lobby bulletin board or online at tinyurl.com/COCvbssnacks2022. If you can donate, please place snack items in the kitchen at Boise on the side counter under the sign labeled "VBS SNACKS." Please deliver items to the church kitchen no later than Sunday, July 10.

HELP WITH:

- *Set-up/decorating:* Sunday, July 10, starting at 12:30 pm. (Just show up and help for as little or as long as you'd like! All instructions/directions provided; no creativity needed.)
- *Take-down/clean-up:* Thurs, July 14, 11am-1pm

SHARE: Let us borrow southwestern or desert-themed décor and items! We're particularly looking for the following:

- 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@cocidahoh.org).

Time Change: Saturday Evening Worship

On Saturday, July 30, 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.

Camp Christos 2022: MARVELous God

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.

If you missed the camper registration deadline of June 30, contact Deb Arstein ASAP (deb.arstein@cocboise.org) – we should be able to get you in yet this week! More info about camp available at tinyurl.com/campchristos.

“Too old” to be a camper? Never too old for camp! Volunteers are needed for:

- camp nurse (contact Pastor Snyder to get more info),
- junior (17-19) & senior (20+) 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!)

We also need adult volunteers to drive campers from the Boise campus 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, contact Pastor Snyder (brad.snyder@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 21-22</i>	\$739,167
General Fund Offerings Planned FYTD	\$739,167
General Fund Offerings FYTD	\$719,505
Total Offerings Last Weekend (All Funds)	\$6,984

People in God's Word this past week	Boise	Nampa	Total
Sunday Morning Adult/Teen Bible Study	41	22	63
Kids' Sunday School	31		31
Cross Connections	13		
Last Weekend's Worship	101+77+27	59	264
Livestream Views	10		

Serving	July 3		July 10	
	Nampa	Boise	Nampa	Boise
Music	R. Dodd, Pastor Wetzel	J. Hein, L. Neujahr	J. Hein, C. Harris, D. Tews	K. Koepsell
AV Tech	J. Malnes, S. Tews, G. Light	A. Becker, E. Christianson, G. Light	J. Malnes, S. Tews, G. Light	A. Becker, B. Berrier
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	J. Breckon, TBA	n/a	J. Breckon, TBA
Open & Close	Malnes	J. Breckon, B. Masters, H. Geary	Olsoe	M. Brown, B. Masters, KC Broyles
Coffee	Guthmiller	B. Robbins, R. Ritger	Guthmiller, Wetzel	B. Robbins, R. Ritger
Flowers	n/a	Seely	n/a	McLain
Lawn Crew	n/a	R. Ochoa, M. Johnson	n/a	Team Burke
Bulletin Folders	Ritger, Ford, Ashley		Bafus, Guthmiller, Ritger	
Tellers	Turley, Walden, Morford		Rule, Walden, Hudson	