

Bible STORIES

CROSS OF CHRIST

Cross of Christ Lutheran Church

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Welcome to Cross of Christ

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

“Brokenness Aside”

On the screens

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

Please join to sing as you feel comfortable.

All: (♩) Will your grace run out, if I let you down?

‘Cause all I know is how to run.

**‘Cause I am a sinner, if it’s not one thing it’s another,
Caught up in words, tangled in lies.**

**But you are a Savior and you take brokenness aside
And make it beautiful, beautiful.**

Will you call me child when I tell you lies?

‘Cause all I know is how to cry.

**‘Cause I am a sinner, if it’s not one thing it’s another,
Caught up in words, tangled in lies.**

**But you are a Savior and you take brokenness aside
And make it beautiful, beautiful.**

Pastor: Life is a struggle. We stumble and fall into temptation. We are broken in so many ways. But God gives grace instead of punishment. Through the life, death, and resurrection of Christ, God makes the broken beautiful. We are sinners caught up in lies, but God gives us beautiful Jesus, beautiful grace and beautiful existence eternally. Amen.

**All: (♩) ‘Cause I am a sinner, if it’s not one thing it’s another,
Caught up in words, tangled in lies.**

**But you are a Savior and you take brokenness aside
And make it beautiful, beautiful. Repeat**

God's Word

Luke 12:13-21

¹³ Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me."

¹⁴ Jesus replied, "Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?"

¹⁵ Then he said to them, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions."

¹⁶ And he told them this parable: "The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. ¹⁷ He thought to himself, 'What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.'

¹⁸ "Then he said, 'This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. ¹⁹ And I'll say to myself, "You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.'"

²⁰ "But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?'

²¹ "This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God."

Song

"Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult"

Hymn #463:1, 3-4

Children's Message

Message from God's Word

1 Kings 10:23-11:6

²³ King Solomon was greater in riches and wisdom than all the other kings of the earth. ²⁴ The whole world sought audience with Solomon to hear the wisdom God had put in his heart. ²⁵ Year after year, everyone who came brought a gift—articles of silver and gold, robes, weapons and spices, and horses and mules.

²⁶ Solomon accumulated chariots and horses; he had fourteen hundred chariots and twelve thousand horses, which he kept in the chariot cities and also with him in Jerusalem. ²⁷ The king made silver as common in Jerusalem as stones, and cedar as plentiful as sycamore-fig trees in the foothills.

²⁸ Solomon's horses were imported from Egypt and from Kue—the royal merchants purchased them from Kue at the current price. ²⁹ They imported a chariot from Egypt for six hundred shekels of silver, and a horse for a hundred and fifty. They also exported them to all the kings of the Hittites and of the Arameans.

¹ King Solomon, however, loved many foreign women besides Pharaoh's daughter—Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Sidonians and Hittites. ² They were from nations about which the LORD had told the Israelites, "You must not intermarry with them, because they will surely turn your hearts after their gods." Nevertheless, Solomon held fast to them in love. ³ He had seven hundred wives of royal birth and three hundred concubines, and his wives led him astray. ⁴ As Solomon grew old, his wives turned his heart after other gods, and his heart was not fully devoted to the LORD his God, as the heart of David his father had been. ⁵ He followed Ashtoreth the goddess of the Sidonians, and Molek the detestable god of the Ammonites. ⁶ So Solomon did evil in the eyes of the LORD; he did not follow the LORD completely, as David his father had done.

The Foolishness of Solomon

Song

"Lord, You I Love with All My Heart"

On the screens

Statement of Faith

“We Believe”

On the screens

Prayer and 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.

Blessing

Brothers and sister, 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

“My Hope is Built on Nothing Less”

Hymn #382: 1, 3-4

Silent Prayer

Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your Word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy and to bring forth fruits in faith and hope and love, knowing that we have you, which matters most, and you love us. Thank you. 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 31, 2022

Jul 31-Aug 7	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	9:30am – Worship (6134 Birch Ln) 10:45am - Family Bible Study & Kids’ Sunday School (6134 Birch Ln)
Monday		
Tuesday	5:30pm – National Night Out!	5:00pm – National Night Out! (Orah Brandt Park)
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday		10:00am – Mommy and Me (6134 Birch Lane)
Saturday	5:00pm (new time!) - Evening Worship w/Communion	
Sunday	8:30am – Worship w/ Communion (also livestreamed at cocidaho.org/livestream) 9:45am – Boise Ministry Discussion & Planning (Chapel) Kids’ Sunday School (Gym & Classrooms) 11:00am – Worship w/ Communion	9:30am – Worship w/ Communion (6134 Birch Ln) 10:45am - Nampa Ministry Planning Meeting (6134 Birch Ln)

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.

National Night Out with Cross of Christ! This 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

We could still use a bit of set-up help for the Boise event; if you're available Tuesday afternoon, please contact Kristen Koepsell to volunteer or get more info (kristen.koepsell@cocidaho.org).

Mommy & Me: Friday, August 5, Nampa Campus

Enjoy a fun morning of story time, music, and play with your little one, and connect with other caregivers and kids. Our August theme is camping! Hosted on the Nampa campus (6134 Birch Lane) this Friday, August 5, 10:00-11:30 am. Registrations for this free event are appreciated to help with planning, at: cocidaho.org/connect/mommy-and-me/.

Time Change: Saturday Evening Worship

As of this weekend, Saturday evening worship on the Boise campus is now held 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.

Camp Christos in One Week

About 25 campers and 15 volunteer staff from Cross of Christ are heading to Camp Christos next Sunday, for a week in the woods with Christian friends, fun activities, and God's Word. THANK YOU to all who are serving at camp, have volunteered time and effort to prepare for camp, and have signed up to donate food! These gifts help us keep camp affordable for as many kids as possible.

- If you haven't dropped off your donated items yet, please be sure to deliver it to the Boise campus kitchen by 1:00 pm this Sunday, July 31.
- If you would like to support camp in some other way, consider a donation to offset fuel costs. Camp volunteers are truly volunteers; none receive any compensation for their time or travel costs from camp funds.

Questions about Camp Christos can be directed to Pastor Snyder (brad.snyder@cocidaho.org).

Congregational Open Forum

Sunday, August 14, 1:00 pm on the Boise campus (virtual access will be available to members). Everyone is encouraged to attend, ask questions, and offer input as we give thanks for the ministry opportunities God has already given us and what hope to see in the future.

This ministry is your ministry – see you there! Voting members of the congregation are particularly encouraged to attend to participate in the official business decisions needed.

Youth Confirmation Class

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 begins September 11** and 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).

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 or get a packet from the office, or CONTACT Andrea Becker (registrar@cocboise.org) with questions.

Worship and Bible Study on the Nampa Campus

We thank God for this beautiful space to gather for worship and invite our community to settle in with Jesus and his family! If you haven't visited the new building yet, check it out sometime soon: 6134 Birch Lane, just off Idaho Center Boulevard a few blocks north of the interstate.

- **Sunday morning worship in Nampa is at 9:30 am.**
- **Bible study and Sunday school are held 10:45-11:45 am.** Sunday school is available for ages 3-7. Youth eight and older will be included in Family Bible study through the summer; Sunday school classes for additional age groups will begin in September.

Prayer Ministry

Prayer is a gift from God, and he invites us to come before him with all requests, including prayers for our brothers and sisters in Christ. Cross of Christ uses a prayer chain to share prayer requests with those committed to lifting up members at our church in prayer during times of difficulty as well as times of joy. If you would like to receive email updates on specific ways to pray for your church family, please contact Pastor Hein (greg.hein@cocidaho.org) with that request.

General Fund Offerings Planned FY 22-23	\$781,660
General Fund Offerings Planned FYTD	\$60,128
General Fund Offerings FYTD	\$39,172
Total Offerings Last Weekend (All Funds)	\$13,457

People in God's Word this past week	Boise	Nampa	Total
Sunday Morning Adult/Teen Bible Study	17	25	42
Kids' Sunday School	17	11	28
Cross Connections	--		
Last Weekend's Worship	62+53+22	71	208
Livestream Views	10		

Serving	July 31		August 7	
	Nampa	Boise	Nampa	Boise
Music	R. Dodd	K. Koepsell, M. Evans, B. Evans, L. Neujahr	K. Koepsell	A. Lange, H. Martin
AV Tech	J. Malnes, S. Tews, G. Light	E. Christianson, B. Berrier, J. Meier	J. Malnes, S. Tews, G. Light	K. Koepsell, M. Hartman, TBA
Altar Care	K. Guthmiller, C. Harris	Yaka, Russow	K. Guthmiller, C. Harris	D. McLain, K. Adams
Ushers	n/a	B. Turley, TBA	n/a	TBA
Open & Close	J. Olsoe	L. Shaw, M. Johnson, H. Geary	TBA	TBA
Coffee	Guthmiller	B. Robbins, R. Ritger	Guthmiller	C. Berrier, D. McLain
Flowers	n/a	available	n/a	Tweedy
Lawn Crew	n/a	J. Harris, M. Boltz	n/a	C. DeWall, D. Rule
Bulletin Folders	Ritger, Ford, Ashley		Bafus, Guthmiller, Rigter	
Tellers	Harris, Turley, Hudson		TBA	