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CROSS OF CHRIST

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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 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.



CROSS OF CHRIST
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Opening Song

“May the Peoples Praise You”

On Screens

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 do not always put your kingdom first in my life, and I often love myself ahead of 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 powerfully declares to us the good news of our freedom from condemnation, and he eagerly welcomes us home into his family of grace. 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!

Prayer

Lord God, you call us to go and faithfully serve in your kingdom. Help us to carry out this call filled with your grace and power; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

God's Word

Joshua 1:6-11,16

⁶ Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their ancestors to give them.

⁷ “Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go. ⁸ Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. ⁹ Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.”

¹⁰ So Joshua ordered the officers of the people: ¹¹ “Go through the camp and tell the people, ‘Get your provisions ready. Three days from now you will cross the Jordan here to go in and take possession of the land the LORD your God is giving you for your own.’”

¹⁶ Then they answered Joshua, “Whatever you have commanded us we will do, and wherever you send us we will go.

God's Word

Mark 16:14-21

¹⁴ Later Jesus appeared to the Eleven as they were eating; he rebuked them for their lack of faith and their stubborn refusal to believe those who had seen him after he had risen.

¹⁵ He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.

¹⁶ Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. ¹⁷ And these signs will accompany those who believe: In my name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues; ¹⁸ they will pick up snakes with their hands; and when they drink deadly poison, it will not hurt them at all; they will place their hands on sick people, and they will get well.”

¹⁹ After the Lord Jesus had spoken to them, he was taken up into heaven and he sat at the right hand of God. ²⁰ Then the disciples went out and preached everywhere, and the Lord worked with them and confirmed his word by the signs that accompanied it.

Song

“Let It Be Said of Us”

On screens

Children’s Message

Message from God’s Word

Acts 5:29-32

²⁹ Peter and the other apostles replied: “We must obey God rather than human beings! ³⁰ The God of our ancestors raised Jesus from the dead—whom you killed by hanging him on a cross. ³¹ God exalted him to his own right hand as Prince and Savior that he might bring Israel to repentance and forgive their sins. ³² We are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him.”

“We Must Obey God”

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 Song

"Behold the Lamb"

On Screens

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

“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

On Screens

Silent Prayer

My Lord and my God, fill me with your Spirit that I may serve you in every area of my life and confidently declare the glory of your gospel to all those around me. May all who hear it be filled with your Spirit so they too may come to trust in you and enjoy a place in your family for all eternity. Amen.

Offerings

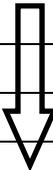
If you would like to give an offering to support gospel ministry at Cross of Christ, the offering plates are available in the lobby. You can also give online at cocidaho.org/give or contact the church office (secretary@cocidaho.org or 208-375-3992) to schedule a time to drop your offering off during 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

August 7, 2022

Aug 7-Aug 14	Boise	Nampa
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 1:00pm - Campers & staff depart for Camp Christos	9:30am – Worship w/ Communion (6134 Birch Ln) 10:45am - Nampa Ministry Planning Meeting (6134 Birch Ln)
Monday	<i>Camp Christos</i>	<i>Camp Christos</i>
Tuesday		
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday		
Saturday	5:00pm (new time!) – 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 1:00pm – Congregational Open Forum	9:30am – Worship (6134 Birch Ln) 10:45am - Family Bible Study & Kids’ Sunday School (6134 Birch Ln)

Upcoming Worship Series: Storm Warning

Do you ever feel like you're trapped in the middle of a storm? Unfortunately, because of sin, we know that hardships are inevitable in this world. If you're not currently going through a time of difficulty, then you know that a storm is coming at some point and in some way. How do we deal with these storms? We begin by listening to what our God has to say to us in his word. We'll do just that in our upcoming worship series, *Storm Warning*. In this series we'll explore the book of Job and explore how God uses the life of Job to guide us through the storm.

Ministry Planning and Discussion This Sunday: Boise Campus

This Sunday, August 7, 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: creating a welcoming environment on our campus, discovering community service opportunities as outreach, 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.

Congregational Open Forum

Next week 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 Connections

Cross Connections (our Bible Information Class) is the perfect course to connect to God, purpose, and community at the cross of Christ. In a simple, easy-to-follow format, we lay out the message of Jesus and the Bible to give you certainty about your relationship with God and answer life's biggest questions.



- **Boise: Sundays @ 9:45 am (starting Sept. 11)**
- **Nampa: Sundays @ 10:45 am (starting Sept. 11)**

Cross Connections can serve as a great spiritual refresher to grow in your faith or as an introduction to Christianity and what we're all about at Cross of Christ. Our new round of classes happening on Sunday mornings at both campuses present an especially great opportunity for you to participate and to bring a friend!

DivorceCare Offered in Boise

DivorceCare is a support group for those dealing with separation and divorce, where you'll find caring people to walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. The 13-week program uses teaching videos, a workbook, and group discussion to help you move toward healing. *If this doesn't apply to you right now, it may apply to someone you know. Share the opportunity with them!*

- Tuesdays, 7:00 pm
- Begins September 6 (participants may join at any time during the 13 weeks)
- at Cross of Christ's Boise campus
- \$20 registration fee provides your own DivorceCare workbook.
- **Register online at cocidaho.org.** More program info at divorcecare.org.

GriefShare Offered in Nampa

GriefShare is a support group for those who've lost a loved one to death, regardless of how long it's been since the loss. This 13-week program uses teaching videos, a workbook, and group discussion to help you move toward healing. *If this doesn't apply to you right now, it may apply to someone you know. Share the opportunity with them!*

- Thursdays, 6:30 pm
- Begins September 8 (participants may join at any time during the 13 weeks)
- at Cross of Christ's Nampa campus
- \$20 registration fee provides your own GriefShare workbook.
- **Register online at cocidaho.org.** More program info at griefshare.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.

People in God's Word this past week	Boise	Nampa	Total
Sunday Morning Adult/Teen Bible Study	32	35	67
Kids' Sunday School	13	12	25
Cross Connections	3		3
Last Weekend's Worship	61+65+27	75	238
Livestream Views	9		

<i>General Fund Offerings Planned FY 22-23</i>	\$781,660
General Fund Offerings Planned FYTD	\$75,160
General Fund Offerings FYTD	\$56,884
Total Offerings Last Weekend (All Funds)	\$17,787

Serving	August 7		August 14	
	Nampa	Boise	Nampa	Boise
Music	K. Koepsell	A. Lange, H. Martin	S. Wetzel, H. Martin	K. Koepsell, C. Masters, K. Christianson
AV Tech	J. Malnes, S. Tews	K. Koepsell, A. Becker, G. Light, M. Hartman	J. Malnes, S. Tews, G. Light	TBA
Altar Care	K. Guthmiller, C. Harris	D. McLain, C. Biggs	K. Guthmiller, C. Harris	D. McLain, C. Biggs
Ushers	J. Harris	TBA	n/a	TBA
Open & Close	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
Coffee	Guthmiller	C. Berrier, D. McLain	Guthmiller	C. Berrier, D. McLain
Flowers	n/a	Tweedy	n/a	Watkins
Lawn Crew	n/a	C. DeWall, D. Rule	n/a	Team Geary
Bulletin Folders	Bafus, Guthmiller, Ritger		Prigges, Tweedy, Foreman	
Tellers	Harris, Walden, Turley		Turley, Walden, Morford	