



***TAKE  
UP  
YOUR  
CROSS***

**CROSS OF CHRIST**

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# Cross of Christ Lutheran Church

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## September 10-11, 2022

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**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).



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LUTHERAN CHURCH

## Opening Song

## “Take My Life and Let It Be”

*Hymn #469:1, 3, 5*

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

**Congregation: Amen!**

We have sinned against the Lord our God, both we and our ancestors; from our youth till this day we have not obeyed the Lord our God. (*Jeremiah 3:25*)

Let us confess our sin and need for a Savior in the presence of God and of one another.

**Holy and merciful Father, I am by nature sinful and have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have foolishly sinned against you and others in what I have done and left undone.**

**Remember, Lord, your great mercy and love, for they are from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways; according to your love remember me, for you, Lord, are good.** (*Psalm 25:6-7*)

God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son, Jesus Christ, to be the sacrifice for our sin, that we may be right with God. Jesus credits his perfect life to us by faith. Therefore, you are God’s holy child.

**Father, how can a young person stay on the path of purity? By living according to your word. I seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from your commands.** (*Psalm 119:9-10*)

Don’t let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity. (*1 Timothy 4:12*) Flee the evil desires of youth and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace. (*2 Timothy 2:22*)

**Amen!**

## Song of Response

## “Take My Life and Let It Be”

*Hymn #469:6*

## God's Word

## Matthew 16:21-26

<sup>21</sup> From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.

<sup>22</sup> Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. "Never, Lord!" he said. "This shall never happen to you!"

<sup>23</sup> Jesus turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns."

<sup>24</sup> Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>25</sup> For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it.

<sup>26</sup> What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul?"

## God's Word

## 1 Peter 5:5-11

<sup>5</sup> In the same way, you who are younger, submit yourselves to your elders. All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because,

"God opposes the proud  
but shows favor to the humble."

<sup>6</sup> Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. <sup>7</sup> Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

<sup>8</sup> Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. <sup>9</sup> Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings.

<sup>10</sup> And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. <sup>11</sup> To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

## Song

## “Jesus Calls Us O’er the Tumult”

*Hymn #463:1, 3-4*

### Message from God’s Word

### Psalm 25:1-7

<sup>1</sup> In you, LORD my God,  
I put my trust.

<sup>2</sup> I trust in you;  
do not let me be put to shame,  
nor let my enemies triumph over me.

<sup>3</sup> No one who hopes in you  
will ever be put to shame,  
but shame will come on those  
who are treacherous without cause.

<sup>4</sup> Show me your ways, LORD,  
teach me your paths.

<sup>5</sup> Guide me in your truth and teach me,  
for you are God my Savior,  
and my hope is in you all day long.

<sup>6</sup> Remember, LORD, your great mercy and love,  
for they are from of old.

<sup>7</sup> Do not remember the sins of my youth  
and my rebellious ways;  
according to your love remember me,  
for you, LORD, are good.

### **Take Up Your Cross in Youth**

# Children's Message

Song

**"Create in Me"**

*On 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.**

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.**

## 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

## “Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

*Hymn #332:1-2, 4*

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## Offerings

*If you would like to give an offering to support gospel ministry at and through Cross of Christ, there are offering plates on the table in the lobby where you may place your gift to the Lord. You can also give online at [cocidaho.org/give](http://cocidaho.org/give).*

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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

## September 11, 2022

<b>Sept 11-18</b>	<b>Boise</b> (11655 W. McMillan Road)	<b>Nampa</b> (6134 Birch Lane)
Sunday	8:30am - Worship 9:45am - Adult Bible Study (Chapel) Teen Bible Study (Conference Room) Confirmation Class (Rm 5) Kids' Sunday School (Gym & Classrooms) 11:00am - Worship 12:15pm - Youth 6th-12th Grade Pizza & Nerf Games	9:30am - Worship 10:45am - Family Bible Study & Kids' Sunday School 4:00pm - Confirmation Class
Monday	10:00am - Women's Bible Study	
Tuesday	7:00pm - DivorceCare	
Wednesday	7:00pm - CrossTrainers (high school students)	
Thursday	6:00pm - Preschool Back to School Night	6:30pm - GriefShare
Friday		
Saturday	5:00pm - Evening Worship w/Communion	
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## **Current Worship Series: Take Up Your Cross**

Jesus said, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me" (Matt. 16:24). How can we carry our crosses and still see Christ's joy? This month we'll consider the crosses of a child of God in the various stages of life. *May you see that you're not alone in your struggles and that Christ carried his cross for you, too.* May we also become more aware of what those around us may be carrying so we can be a blessing to them as well.

## **Time to Grow, Heal, Learn, Rest, Energize...**

With God, in his Word, with each other. Check out the weekly lineup and make your plan for this fall.

### **BEGINNING THIS SUNDAY:**

#### **Cross Connections Class**

Adults & teens, 9:45-10:45 am, Chapel

This class lays out the message of Jesus and the Bible to give you certainty about your relationship with God and answer life's biggest questions. Cross Connections can serve as a great spiritual refresher to grow in your faith or as an introduction to Christianity and what Cross of Christ is all about!

#### **Teen Class**

9th-12th graders, 9:45-10:45 am

Conference Room (in the hall past the lobby, 2nd door on the left)

#### **Youth Confirmation Class**

7th grade & older, 9:45-10:45 am, Room 5 (down the hall to the right)

Confirmation class is designed to help parents educate their junior high children in basic doctrinal truths and prepare them for God-pleasing reception of the Lord's Supper. If you have a child 7th grade or older and would like to begin Confirmation class, contact Pastor Snyder to get started (208-996-0862, [brad.snyder@cocboise.org](mailto:brad.snyder@cocboise.org)).

#### **Sunday School**

Age 2 – 6th grade, 9:45-10:45am

Meet in the gym today! (all the way down the hall)

## **Time to Grow, Heal, Learn, Rest, Energize...**

IN THE WEEKS TO COME:

### **Women's Bible Study: Begins Sept 12**

Mondays, 10:00 am

Boise campus, Conference Room (hallway, 2nd door on the left)

All women are invited to come and connect with other Christian women as we grow in the knowledge of our awesome God together in a friendly, discussion-filled environment. We will be talking in depth about the love of our lives, Jesus, who he is and what he means to us. This session will run for eight weeks.

### **Fall Growth Groups: Week of Sept 18**

These small group Bible studies meet at church, in members' homes, or online to apply the previous Sunday's message and connect with fellow Christians. Groups are meeting around the Treasure Valley on Sundays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, at various times. Register for a group at [tinyurl.com/COCGGFall2022](http://tinyurl.com/COCGGFall2022) or on the Boise bulletin board. This session will run September-October.

### **Men's Bible Study: Begins Sept 20**

Tuesdays, 6:30am

Boise campus, Lobby

## **Leadership Begins "VTO" Process**

Please keep in your prayers our Church Council and called workers as they work through a long-range planning process on September 16-17 with a facilitator, Pastor Jon Leach. This process will use a Vision Traction Organizer (VTO) to clarify our church's identity, purpose, and goals and help make those actionable by creating plans and steps to achieve them. May the Lord bless our congregation as we humbly commit our plans to his perfect plan!

## **Current Support Groups**

### **DivorceCare**

DivorceCare meets Tuesdays, 7pm, on the Boise campus. Participants may join at any time. **Register online at [cocidaho.org](http://cocidaho.org).** More program info at [divorcecare.org](http://divorcecare.org).

### **GriefShare in Nampa**

GriefShare meets Thursdays, 6:30 pm, on the Nampa campus. Participants may join at any time. **Register online at [coidaho.org](http://coidaho.org)**. More program info at [griefshare.org](http://griefshare.org).

### **Cross of Christ Nampa Building Dedication: October 2**

To officially dedicate our new church building to the glory of God and thank him for his grace to us, we'll have two dedication services on **Sunday, October 2**, at 2:00 and 5:00pm (both services the same). There will be food and time for fellowship between the services!

### **Peace in Jesus Anniversary Celebration**

Peace in Jesus Lutheran church invites you to their 25th anniversary celebration of Vietnamese ministry in the Treasure Valley! They will have a special service of thanks and praise to our gracious Lord on Sunday, September 25. There will be a special bi-lingual worship service at 10:30 am followed by an open house 12-3pm where everyone can enjoy some Vietnamese food, BBQ, a bounce house and other games for the kids. They are also celebrating Pastor Daniel Kramer's 25th anniversary in ministry as well as their 10th anniversary in their church facility. You don't need to bring anything but a smile. All are welcome! Peace in Jesus is located at 1253 N Cole Road, Boise.

### **Fall Festival(s): Save the Date!**

Sunday, October 30 at both campuses. Lots of fun things in the works! Everyone is welcome, so invite some friends.

<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	19	33	52
Kids' Sunday School	16	na	16
CrossTrainers	15		
Cross Connections	3		3
Last Weekend's Worship	58+50+41	64	213
Livestream Views	7		

General Fund Offerings Planned FY 22-23	\$781,660
General Fund Offerings Planned FYTD	\$150,319
General Fund Offerings FYTD	\$143,988
Total Offerings Last Weekend (All Funds)	\$11,488

Serving	Sept 11		Sept 18	
	Nampa	Boise	Nampa	Boise
Music	J. Lowry	A. Lange, C. Masters, F. Fauchaux, K. Koepsell, Camp Christos attendees	J. Hein, S. Wetzell, C. Trull, S. DeWall	R. Dodd, J. Lowry, L. Neujahr
AV Tech	J. Malnes, S. Tews, G. Light	K. Koepsell, E. Christianson, M. Hartman	J. Malnes, S. Tews, G. Light	K. Koepsell, A. Becker, E. Christianson, M. Hartman
Altar Care	K. Guthmiller, C. Harris	C. Biggs, D. McLain	K. Guthmiller, C. Harris	C. Biggs, D. McLain
Ushers	n/a	G. Bafus, C. Berrier, TBA	J. Harris	T. Savenau, C. Berrier, TBA
Open & Close	n/a	B. Masters, M. Brown	n/a	E. Christianson, H. Geary
Coffee	Guthmiller	R. Ritger, K. Struthers	Guthmiller	R. Ritger, K. Struthers
Flowers	n/a	Benedick	n/a	Loring
Lawn Crew	n/a	R. Lange, P. Becker	n/a	TBA
Kitchen Cleaning	n/a	Lange Crew	n/a	Banner/Ehlke
Bulletin Folders	Prigges, Tweedy, Foreman		Kimmel, Whitlach, Ritger	
Tellers	Harris, Walden, Turley		Harris, Walden, Hudson	