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YOUR  
CROSS***

**CROSS OF CHRIST**

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# Cross of Christ Lutheran Church

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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

## with “Come Unto Me”

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you!

**Congregation: And also with you!**

**(♪) Come unto me, all you weary. I will give you rest.  
Come unto me; take my yoke on your shoulders. I will give you rest.  
For I am gentle, humble in heart, and you will find rest for your soul.  
Come unto me, all you weary. I will give you rest.**

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 you 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.**

**(♪) I come unto you; O Lord, I'm weary. You will give me rest.  
I come unto you; put your yoke on my shoulders. You will give me rest.  
For you are gentle, humble in heart, and you will give rest for my soul.  
I come unto you; O Lord, I'm weary. You will give me rest.**

God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and sent his Son into this world to make us right with him. Because of the cross that Jesus carried for us, our Lord eagerly welcomes us home into his family of grace and grants us rest for our weary souls. 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. You have an eternal place in God's family, equally loved and accepted.

**Amen!**

**(♩) We come unto you; Lord, we've been weary. You have given rest.  
We come unto you; put your yoke on our shoulders.  
You have given rest.  
For you are gentle, humble in heart, and you provide rest for our souls.  
We come unto you; Lord, we've been weary. You have given rest.**

## Prayer

Eternal God, source of life and protection throughout the ages, be with your children and bless us. We especially pray for those in their later years of life. Sustain and strengthen them, and let their wisdom bless us; 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

## 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

## 2 Timothy 4:6-8

<sup>6</sup> For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time for my departure is near. <sup>7</sup> I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. <sup>8</sup> Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

## Children's Message

### Song

### “Fight the Good Fight”

*Hymn #457:1-2, 4*

## Message from God's Word

## Ecclesiastes 12:1-8

<sup>1</sup> Remember your Creator  
in the days of your youth,  
before the days of trouble come  
and the years approach when you will say,  
“I find no pleasure in them”—  
<sup>2</sup> before the sun and the light  
and the moon and the stars grow dark,  
and the clouds return after the rain;  
<sup>3</sup> when the keepers of the house tremble,  
and the strong men stoop,  
when the grinders cease because they are few,  
and those looking through the windows grow dim;  
<sup>4</sup> when the doors to the street are closed  
and the sound of grinding fades;  
when people rise up at the sound of birds,  
but all their songs grow faint;  
<sup>5</sup> when people are afraid of heights  
and of dangers in the streets;  
when the almond tree blossoms

and the grasshopper drags itself along  
and desire no longer is stirred.  
Then people go to their eternal home  
and mourners go about the streets.

<sup>6</sup> Remember him—before the silver cord is severed,  
and the golden bowl is broken;  
before the pitcher is shattered at the spring,  
and the wheel broken at the well,

<sup>7</sup> and the dust returns to the ground it came from,  
and the spirit returns to God who gave it.

<sup>8</sup> “Meaningless! Meaningless!” says the Teacher.  
“Everything is meaningless!”

### **Take Up Your Cross in the Golden Years**

**Song**

**“Immanuel’s Land”**

*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

**“Amazing Grace”**

*Hymn #379:1-4*

## Silent Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, my Savior, I praise and thank you for the cross you carried for me. As I look back on my life, let me focus on you: your faithfulness, your glory, and your grace that covers over everything I've done and over all of who I am. Strengthen my faith and keep me close by your side until the day I see you face to face. Amen.

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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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### **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're considering 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.*

### **Upcoming Worship Series: Faith and Politics**

Admit it. You have politics on your mind. Whether you're hearing it from internet ads, reading it on your social media feed, or discussing it with family, politics is in the air right now. *Is it possible to view even politics through the lens of the peace of Christ? The answer is a resounding "YES"!* To have this peace in our hearts we must first be shaped by God's Word as we view government, our interaction with it, and how Christians can live as a different kind of citizen. Let's do exactly that, **starting the first weekend in October**, with our new worship series, *Faith and Politics*. Invite your family, friends, and neighbors for this important new series!



# Cross of Christ Weekly Newsletter

## September 25, 2022

<b>Sept 25-Oct 2</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	9:30am – Worship 10:45am - Family Bible Study & Kids’ Sunday School 4:00pm – Confirmation Class
Monday	10:00am – Women’s Bible Study	
Tuesday	6:30am – Men’s Bible Study 7:00pm - DivorceCare	6:00pm – Grocery Outreach
Wednesday	6:15pm – Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm – CrossTrainers (HS)	
Thursday		6:30pm - GriefShare
Friday		
Saturday	5:00pm - Evening Worship w/Communion	
Sunday	8:30am – Worship w/Communion 9:45am – Monthly Ministry Discussion (Chapel) Teen Bible Study (Conference Room) Confirmation Class (Rm 5) Kids’ Sunday School (Gym & Classrooms) 11:00am – Worship w/Communion	9:30am – Worship w/Communion 10:45am – Monthly Planning Meeting 2:00pm – Dedication Worship Meal & Fellowship between services (approx. 3:15-4:30) ( <i>No confirmation class</i> ) 5:00pm – Dedication Worship

### **Peace in Jesus Anniversary Celebration This Sunday**

Peace in Jesus Lutheran Church invites you to a celebration this Sunday: 25 years of Vietnamese ministry in the Treasure Valley, 25 years in the ministry for Pastor Dan Kramer, and 10 years in their current facility! Bi-lingual worship at 10:30 am followed by open house 12-3pm with Vietnamese food, BBQ, a bounce house and other fun. All are welcome! Peace in Jesus is located at 1253 N Cole Road, Boise.

### **Pastor Steinbrenner – Call Received**

Pastor Steinbrenner has received a Call to serve our larger church body as Administrator for Home Missions – supporting and advising all new churches planted in North America. Please pray for him as he considers the ministry opportunities God has put before him. Please also feel free to reach out to him with your encouragement and thoughts: [john.steinbrenner@cocidaho.org](mailto:john.steinbrenner@cocidaho.org).

### **Highly Important Monthly Ministry Discussion, October 2**

Renewing the Mission for Cross of Christ. Sunday, October 2, 9:45-10:45 am. Who is our ministry for, and what's our purpose? Be there to get key updates on our long-range planning process and look at ways you can get involved in immediate, impactful ministry opportunities like the upcoming Fall Festival.

### **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. All are invited!

### **Mommy & Me: Fall Fun!**

Friday, October 7, 10am, at the Nampa Campus (6134 Birch Lane). Check out all the details at [cocidaho.org/connect/mommy-and-me/](http://cocidaho.org/connect/mommy-and-me/).

### **Trick Shots & World Records for 2nd-5th Graders**

Hang out with friends and try out all sorts of trick shots. (Search "dude perfect" on youtube...) Saturday, October 8, 10am-1pm, Boise campus gym. We'll have some gear (playground balls, frisbees, ping pong balls, cups, etc.) but bring whatever else you want for trying some trick shots! AND watch a "professional" try to break the record for "most balloons popped in a minute with your seat." Lunch provided!

### **Boise Campus Fall Clean-Up**

Be one of the helpful many to do some seasonal work caring for our property. Saturday, October 15, 9am-12pm. Come for as little or as long as you can; all ages can help! Outdoor and indoor work, instructions and supplies provided. (Plus donuts and coffee, of course.)

### **Sisters in Christ Fall Kick-Off: Attention Ladies!**

Come and enjoy some relaxing fellowship with your fellow Sisters in Christ. We're kicking off the fall with an **Accessory Swap, Saturday, October 15, 6-8 pm at the Boise Campus Gym**. Gather up some gently used accessories you're ready to part with and leave with some new (to you) bling! We're talking purses, scarves, jewelry, belts, etc. If desired, bring a fun drink to share, and a snack that calls out to you, whether it be sweet or savory! **Please RSVP with your name and drink/treat at [tinyurl.com/SICAccessorySwap](http://tinyurl.com/SICAccessorySwap).**

### **Fall Festival(s): October 30**

At both campuses, we'll be hosting a Fall Festival on Sunday, October 30. Boise campus' event will run 3:00 to 6:00pm. We'll have a chili cook-off, games, trunk or treat, and a petting zoo! This is the perfect event to attend with an eye on hospitality and connecting with new souls in our community—be sure to attend (let us know if you'd like a Cross of Christ t-shirt to wear). Stay tuned for important ways to get involved, and be sure to start inviting your family, friends, and neighbors!

<b>People in God's Word this past week</b>	<b>Boise</b>	<b>Nampa</b>	<b>Total</b>
Cross Connections/Teen Bible Study	50/7	33	90
Kids' Sunday School/Confirmation	29/10	20/7	66
Men's Bible Study/Women's Bible Study	6/9		15
CrossTrainers	12		12
Last Weekend's Worship	67+120+17	90	294
Livestream Views	8		

<i>General Fund Offerings Planned FY 22-23</i>	\$781,660
General Fund Offerings Planned FYTD	\$180,383
General Fund Offerings FYTD	\$169,848
Total Offerings Last Weekend (All Funds)	\$11,482

<b>Serving</b>	<b>Sept 25</b>		<b>Oct 2</b>	
	<b>Nampa</b>	<b>Boise</b>	<b>Nampa</b>	<b>Boise</b>
Music	L. Becker, K. Wetzel	R. Dodd, L. Neujahr	Wetzel Family	K. Koepsell
AV Tech	J. Malnes, S. Tews	E. Christianson, G. Light, B. Berrier, J. Meier	J. Malnes, S. Tews, G. Light	K. Koepsell, TBA
Altar Care	K. Guthmiller, C. Harris	K. Struthers	K. Guthmiller, C. Harris	T. Yaka, L. Russow
Ushers	n/a	K. Benedick, C. Berrier, Team Geary	J. Harris	TBA
Open & Close	n/a	J. Breckon, L. Manglos	n/a	M. Johnson, R. Lange
Coffee	Guthmiller	R. Ritger, K. Struthers	Guthmiller	B. Robbins, R. Ritger
Flowers	n/a	Dobi	n/a	available
Lawn Crew	n/a	P. Jossis, D. Rule	n/a	TBA
Kitchen Cleaning	n/a	R&L Ochoa	n/a	R&H Burke
Bulletin Folders	Ritger, Ford, Ashley		Bafus, Guthmiller	
Tellers	Rule, Morford Hudson		TBA	