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CROSS OF CHRIST

Cross of Christ Lutheran Church

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Welcome home 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

with “Surely, It Is God Who Saves 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!

We come into God’s presence recognizing our need. We need to be saved. As children of our Father in heaven, we can confidently come saying, “Surely it is God who saves me!” When we confess our sins together, we come as equals. Together we remember that we all need a Savior. Together we trust in him for rescue and forgiveness.

**(♩) Surely, it is God who saves me;
I will trust in him and not be afraid.
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense,
And he will be my Savior!**

Perfect and loving Father, I confess my sins. Throughout my life, in what I’ve done and left undone, I have so often failed to live as your child. I am sorry for my sins. I see how grievous they are. You alone can rescue me. Thank you for Jesus, my Savior!

Because of his amazing love for the world, God the Father sent Jesus, his Son, to face the punishment for your sins. He lived a perfect life in your place, died on the cross, and came back to life to make all things right between you and God. Your sins are forgiven and your guilt is removed in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Rejoice, you have a place in the family of God! He calls you his holy child.

Amen!

**(♩) Surely, it is God who saves me;
I will trust in him and not be afraid.
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense,
And he will be my Savior!**

**Therefore, you shall draw water with rejoicing
From the springs of salvation.
And on that day you shall say, Give thanks to the Lord,
And call upon his name.**

**Make his deeds known among the peoples,
See that they remember that his name is exalted.
Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things
And this is known in all the world.**

**Surely, it is God who saves me;
I will trust in him and not be afraid.
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense,
And he will be my Savior!**

God's Word

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

¹⁵ See, I set before you today life and prosperity, death and destruction. ¹⁶ For I command you today to love the Lord your God, to walk in obedience to him, and to keep his commands, decrees and laws; then you will live and increase, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land you are entering to possess.

¹⁷ But if your heart turns away and you are not obedient, and if you are drawn away to bow down to other gods and worship them, ¹⁸ I declare to you this day that you will certainly be destroyed. You will not live long in the land you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess.

¹⁹ This day I call the heavens and the earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live ²⁰ and that you may love the Lord your God, listen to his voice, and hold fast to him. For the Lord is your life, and he will give you many years in the land he swore to give to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

God's Word

Philemon 7-21

⁷Your love has given me great joy and encouragement, because you, brother, have refreshed the hearts of the Lord's people.

⁸Therefore, although in Christ I could be bold and order you to do what you ought to do, ⁹yet I prefer to appeal to you on the basis of love. It is as none other than Paul—an old man and now also a prisoner of Christ Jesus—¹⁰that I appeal to you for my son Onesimus, who became my son while I was in chains. ¹¹Formerly he was useless to you, but now he has become useful both to you and to me.

¹²I am sending him—who is my very heart—back to you. ¹³I would have liked to keep him with me so that he could take your place in helping me while I am in chains for the gospel. ¹⁴But I did not want to do anything without your consent, so that any favor you do would not seem forced but would be voluntary. ¹⁵Perhaps the reason he was separated from you for a little while was that you might have him back forever—¹⁶no longer as a slave, but better than a slave, as a dear brother. He is very dear to me but even dearer to you, both as a fellow man and as a brother in the Lord.

¹⁷So if you consider me a partner, welcome him as you would welcome me.

¹⁸If he has done you any wrong or owes you anything, charge it to me. ¹⁹I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand. I will pay it back—not to mention that you owe me your very self. ²⁰I do wish, brother, that I may have some benefit from you in the Lord; refresh my heart in Christ. ²¹Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I ask.

Song

“Lord of Our Growing Years”

On Screens

Children's Message

Message from God's Word

Luke 14:25-35

²⁵ Large crowds were traveling with Jesus, and turning to them he said: ²⁶ "If anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even their own life—such a person cannot be my disciple. ²⁷ And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.

²⁸ "Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won't you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it? ²⁹ For if you lay the foundation and are not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule you, ³⁰ saying, 'This person began to build and wasn't able to finish.'

³¹ "Or suppose a king is about to go to war against another king. Won't he first sit down and consider whether he is able with ten thousand men to oppose the one coming against him with twenty thousand? ³² If he is not able, he will send a delegation while the other is still a long way off and will ask for terms of peace. ³³ In the same way, those of you who do not give up everything you have cannot be my disciples.

³⁴ "Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again?

³⁵ It is fit neither for the soil nor for the manure pile; it is thrown out.

"Whoever has ears to hear, let them hear."

Take Up Your Cross

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 "Lord, You I love with All My Heart"

On Screens

Blessing

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

"May the Peace of God"

On Screens

Silent Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, our Savior, you took the cross in my place so I can live with you forever. As I walk the road of this life, you now call me to carry my cross and follow you. Give me your strength and make me faithful to my calling as your disciple. 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

September 4, 2022

Sept 4- 11	Boise	Nampa
Sunday	8:30am – Worship w/Communion (also livestreamed at cocidaho.org/livestream) 9:45am – Monthly Ministry Discussion (Chapel) Kids’ Sunday School (Gym & Classrooms) 11:00am – Worship w/Communion	8:9:30am – Worship w/Communion (6134 Birch Ln) 10:45am – Monthly Ministry Meeting & Kids’ Sunday School (6134 Birch Ln)
Monday		
Tuesday	First Day of Preschool! 7:00pm - DivorceCare	
Wednesday	7:00pm – CrossTrainers	
Thursday		6:30pm - GriefShare
Friday		
Saturday	5:00pm - Evening Worship	
Sunday	8:30am – Worship (also livestreamed at cocidaho.org/livestream) 9:45am – Adult Bible Study (Chapel) Teen Bible Study (Conference Room) Confirmation Class (7th grade & older, Rm 5) Kids’ Sunday School (Gym & Classrooms) 11:00am – Worship 12:15pm – Youth 6th-12th Grade Pizza & Nerf Games	9:30am – Worship (6134 Birch Ln) 10:45am - Family Bible Study & Kids’ Sunday School (6134 Birch Ln)

New Worship Series This Weekend: 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). The life of a child of God often leads us down the more difficult road. How can we walk these roads, carry our crosses, and still see the joy of Christ? We’ll take the month of September to consider these crosses in youth, in middle age, and in the golden years. May you see in this series that you’re not alone in your struggles and that Christ carried his cross for you, too. May we also be encouraged to think through 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 (so far – more coming!) and make your plan for this fall.

Details for most of these opportunities are included on the following pages.

SUNDAY	Time	Location	Participants	Begins
Cross Connections Class	9:45am	Boise	Anyone!	Sept 11
Teen Class	9:45am	Boise	9th-12th grade	Sept 11
Confirmation Class	9:45am	Boise	7th grade & older	Sept 11
Sunday school	9:45am	Boise	2yo-6th grade; please register at tinyurl.com/CoCSundaySchoolFall22	Sept 11
Cross Connections Class	10:45am	Nampa	Anyone!	Sept 11
Sunday school	10:45am	Nampa	3yo-6th grade; please register at tinyurl.com/CoCSundaySchoolFall22	Sept 11
Confirmation Class	4:00-5:00pm	Nampa	7th grade & older	Sept 11
Growth Group option	4:00-5:00pm	Nampa	Adults; register at tinyurl.com/COCGGFall2022	Sept 18

CrossTrainers	5-7pm, 1st Sun of the month	Nampa	9th-12th grade	Nov 6
MONDAY				
Women's Bible Study	10:00am	Boise	Women	Sept 12
TUESDAY				
Men's Bible Study	6:30am	Boise	Men	Sept 20
DivorceCare	7:00pm	Boise	Register at cocidaho.org .	Sept 6
WEDNESDAY				
Growth Group options	6:30pm	Various	Adults; register at tinyurl.com/ COCGGFall2022	Sept 21
CrossTrainers	7-9pm	Boise	9th-12th grade	Sept 7
THURSDAY				
Growth Group options	10am & 7:00pm	Various	Adults; register at tinyurl.com/ COCGGFall2022	Sept 22
GriefShare	6:30pm	Nampa	Register at cocidaho.org .	Sept 8
SATURDAY				
Growth Group option	6:30pm	Boise	Women's group; register at tinyurl.com/ COCGGFall2022	Oct 1

Cross of Christ Preschool New Year!

Please pray for our students and staff as Preschool begins a new year this Tuesday! There are still openings for the upcoming school year, and students can enroll at any time, so continue to SHARE this info with friends & acquaintances! Registration info and materials are available online at cocidaho.org/preschool.

DivorceCare in Boise Begins this Week

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 in Nampa Begins this Week

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.

Sunday Morning Cross Connections

Cross Connections is designed to help you connect to God, purpose, and community at the cross of Christ. In a simple, easy-to-follow format, it 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. *The 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!*

Sunday School “New Year” Starts Next Week!

On Sunday, September 11, we’ll kick off the next Sunday school year by gathering in our “new” age-level groups (officially recognizing that we’re all a year older!) for more awesome Bible learning and faith building.

Boise campus	Nampa campus
Age 2 – 6th grade	Age 3 – 6th grade
9:45-10:45 am	10:45-11:45 am

Parents, if you expect your children to participate in Sunday school, at either campus, for this fall semester, please do register them here: tinyurl.com/CoCSundaySchoolFall22. This will help us enormously in planning & prepping for the year, particularly in making sure all classes are properly staffed!

If you have any questions about any aspect of Sunday school, start by contacting Pastor Snyder (brad.snyder@cocidaho.org, 208-996-0862).

Youth Confirmation Class

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. **Confirmation class begins September 11** and will consist of weekly pastor-taught 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).

Operation Dartstorm!

Sixth-12th graders, mark your calendars for Sunday September 11, 12:15-3:00pm at the Boise Campus. We will start with a pizza lunch followed by a Tactical Nerf Strategy Event! Invite your friends, grab a dart launcher, and let’s have some fun! This is a free event, but we do ask that you sign up for best lunch planning. Find our sign-up on the Boise bulletin board or here at tinyurl.com/OperationDartstorm.

For more info or to help out, contact Mandy Watkins (210-425-3270 or amanda.watkins99@yahoo.com).

Fall Growth Groups Begin 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. Register for a group at tinyurl.com/COCGGFall2022 or on the Boise bulletin board. This session will run September-October.

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 25th. There will be a special bi-lingual worship service at 10:30 a.m. that morning followed by an open house from noon to 3 p.m. 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!

Cross of Christ Nampa Building Dedication

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.

People in God's Word this past week	Boise	Nampa	Total
Sunday Morning Adult/Teen Bible Study	40	48	88
Kids' Sunday School	21	15	36
Cross Connections	2		2
Last Weekend's Worship	78+68+27	108	291
Livestream Views	7		

<i>General Fund Offerings Planned FY 22-23</i>	\$781,660
General Fund Offerings Planned FYTD	\$135,287
General Fund Offerings FYTD	\$132,721
Total Offerings Last Weekend (All Funds)	\$11,298

Serving	Sept 4		Sept 11	
	Nampa	Boise	Nampa	Boise
Music	R. Dodd, K. Wetzel	K. Koepsell	J. Lowry	A. Lange, C. Masters, F. Faucheaux
AV Tech	J. Malnes, S. Tews	K. Koepsell, A. Becker, G. Light	J. Malnes, S. Tews, G. Light	K. Koepsell, M. Hartman, TBA
Altar Care	K. Guthmiller, C. Harris	C. Biggs, K. Struthers	K. Guthmiller, C. Harris	C. Biggs, K. Struthers
Ushers	J. Harris	TBA	n/a	TBA
Open & Close	n/a	KC Broyles, R. Lange	n/a	TBA
Coffee	Guthmiller	R. Ritger, K. Struthers	Guthmiller	R. Ritger, K. Struthers
Flowers	n/a	Watkins	n/a	Benedick
Lawn Crew	n/a	B. Whitaker, P. Jossis	n/a	R. Lange, P. Becker
Bulletin Folders	Bafus, Guthmiller		Prigges, Tweedy, Foreman	
Tellers	Turley, Morford, Reglin		Harris, Walden, Turley	