

FAITH

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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 the 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

“You Are God, We Praise You”

On Screens

Confession and Forgiveness

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

Congregation: Amen.

We have gathered to worship the King of kings and Lord of lords. Our God calls us to give honor and respect to those in authority here on earth. At the same time, we remember that no one is above God. He is our Creator, our Savior, and our Advocate. We come before him recognizing he alone is the almighty God. We confess how far we've fallen short of his ways. And we trust in his saving love for forgiveness and acceptance in his family.

God almighty, I acknowledge all my sins. Throughout my life, in what I have done and left undone, I have failed to live as your child. Each sin is a grievous offense that deserved your just punishment. Thank you for sending Jesus to be my Savior! I trust in him as I ask for your mercy.

Our holy God is also overflowing with mercy and love. In love, he sent his Son to face the punishment required to pay for our sins. Jesus' perfect life, death, and resurrection have set you free! All guilt is forever removed. The almighty God of the universe is delighted to call you his holy child! May he give you strength to live as his child.

Amen!

Prayer

Great God and Lord, you put us in the places you desire for us and give us authorities to govern for our good. Give them wisdom, grant us peace in our land, and lead us to always show proper love and respect as your children; 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 22:15-22

¹⁵ Then the Pharisees went out and laid plans to trap him in his words. ¹⁶ They sent their disciples to him along with the Herodians. "Teacher," they said, "we know that you are a man of integrity and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. You aren't swayed by others, because you pay no attention to who they are. ¹⁷ Tell us then, what is your opinion? Is it right to pay the imperial tax to Caesar or not?"

¹⁸ But Jesus, knowing their evil intent, said, "You hypocrites, why are you trying to trap me? ¹⁹ Show me the coin used for paying the tax." They brought him a denarius, ²⁰ and he asked them, "Whose image is this? And whose inscription?"

²¹ "Caesar's," they replied.

Then he said to them, "So give back to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's."

²² When they heard this, they were amazed. So they left him and went away.

God's Word

Jeremiah 25:7-14

⁷ "But you did not listen to me," declares the LORD, "and you have aroused my anger with what your hands have made, and you have brought harm to yourselves."

⁸ Therefore the LORD Almighty says this: "Because you have not listened to my words, ⁹ I will summon all the peoples of the north and my servant Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon," declares the LORD, "and I will bring them against this land and its inhabitants and against all the surrounding nations. I will completely destroy them and make them an object of horror and scorn, and an everlasting ruin. ¹⁰ I will banish from them the sounds of joy and gladness, the voices of bride and bridegroom, the sound of millstones and the light of the lamp. ¹¹ This whole country will become a desolate wasteland, and these nations will serve the king of Babylon seventy years.

¹² "But when the seventy years are fulfilled, I will punish the king of Babylon and his nation, the land of the Babylonians, for their guilt," declares the LORD, "and will make it desolate forever. ¹³ I will bring on that land all the things I

have spoken against it, all that are written in this book and prophesied by Jeremiah against all the nations. ¹⁴They themselves will be enslaved by many nations and great kings; I will repay them according to their deeds and the work of their hands.”

Children’s Message

Song

“Ancient of Days”

On Screens

Message from God’s Word

Romans 13:1-10

¹ Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. ² Consequently, whoever rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves. ³ For rulers hold no terror for those who do right, but for those who do wrong. Do you want to be free from fear of the one in authority? Then do what is right and you will be commended. ⁴ For the one in authority is God’s servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for rulers do not bear the sword for no reason. They are God’s servants, agents of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer. ⁵ Therefore, it is necessary to submit to the authorities, not only because of possible punishment but also as a matter of conscience.

⁶ This is also why you pay taxes, for the authorities are God’s servants, who give their full time to governing. ⁷ Give to everyone what you owe them: If you owe taxes, pay taxes; if revenue, then revenue; if respect, then respect; if honor, then honor.

⁸ Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law. ⁹ The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery,” “You shall not murder,” “You shall not steal,”

“You shall not covet,” and whatever other command there may be, are summed up in this one command: “Love your neighbor as yourself.”¹⁰ Love does no harm to a neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.

Church and State in God’s World

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

The almighty and merciful Lord—
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—
bless us and keep us.

Amen!

Closing Song

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

Hymn #341:1,2,4

Silent Prayer

Mighty God, we give thanks to you for the gifts of your Church and the governing authorities around us. Give us a spirit of wisdom to keep their different roles clear and to keep your name glorified in all things. Amen.

Offerings

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

Cross of Christ Weekly Newsletter

October 2, 2022

Oct 2-Oct 9	Boise (11655 W. McMillan Road)	Nampa (6134 Birch Lane)
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
Monday	10:00am – Women’s Bible Study	
Tuesday	6:30am – Men’s Bible Study	
Wednesday	6:15pm – Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm – CrossTrainers (HS)	
Thursday		6:30pm - GriefShare
Friday		10:00am – Mommy & Me
Saturday	10:00am – Trick Shot & World Record Youth Event (2nd-5th grade) 5:00pm - Evening Worship	
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New Worship Series Begins This Weekend: Faith and Politics

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 with our new worship series, *Faith and Politics*. Invite family, friends, and neighbors to join you!

	Boise Campus	Nampa Campus
October 2	Church & State in God's World	Church & State in God's World
October 9	Love Across the Aisle	Politically Incorrect Rebellion
October 16	Politically Incorrect Rebellion	Love Across the Aisle
October 23	God's Got This	God's Got This

Highly Important Monthly Ministry Discussion This Sunday

Renewing the Mission for Cross of Christ. This 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 This Sunday!

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 **this 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!

This Friday, October 7, come celebrate fall fun with Mommy and Me! This is perfect for caregivers and their children under the age of 6. The activity starts at 10 am at the North Nampa campus (6134 Birch Ln). If this is your first time coming, please register at cocidaho.org/connect/mommy-and-me/. We hope to see you there!

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

Hang out with friends and try out trick shots! (Search "dude perfect" on youtube...) This Saturday, October 8, 10am-1pm, Boise gym. We'll have 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 some crazy world records! Lunch provided!

Boise Campus Fall Clean-Up

Be one of the helpful many to do some seasonal work on 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 & supplies provided. (Plus donuts & coffee!)

Sisters in Christ Fall Kick-Off: Attention Ladies!

Come enjoy relaxing fellowship with 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 the gently used accessories you're ready to part with and leave with some new (to you) bling! Purses, scarves, jewelry, belts, etc. If desired, bring a beverage or snack to share, whether sweet or savory. **Please RSVP with your name and drink/treat at 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!

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.

October Sunday School Offering

Sunday school offerings during October will be non-perishable food items for the Idaho Foodbank. If you'd like to donate, bring your food items with you to Sunday school and place them in the receptacle in the hallway. Monetary offerings brought to Sunday school in October will continue to be given to WELS Special Ministries, which was designated as the recipient of September Sunday school offerings.

<i>General Fund Offerings Planned FY 22-23</i>	\$781,660
General Fund Offerings Planned FYTD	\$195,415
General Fund Offerings FYTD	\$177,431
Total Offerings Last Weekend (All Funds)	\$7,613

People in God's Word this past week	Boise	Nampa	Total
Cross Connections/Teen Bible Study	26/5	20	51
Kids' Sunday School/Confirmation	26/6	16/5	42/11
Men's Bible Study/Women's Bible Study	6/6		12
CrossTrainers	15		15
Growth Groups	7+12		19
Last Weekend's Worship	58+62+28	81	229
Livestream Views	2		

Serving	Oct 2		Oct 9	
	Nampa	Boise	Nampa	Boise
Music	Wetzel Family	K. Koepsell	J. Hein, E. & L. Hein, S. Whitaker, E.,B.,J. Parsons	K. Koepsell, K. Christianson
AV Tech	J. Malnes, S. Tews	K. Koepsell, G. Light, D. Hibbs	J. Malnes, S. Tews, G. Light	K. Koepsell, B. Berrier, TBA
Altar Care	K. Guthmiller, C. Harris	T. Yaka, L. Russow	K. Guthmiller, C. Harris	T. Yaka, L. Russow
Ushers	J. Harris	TBA	n/a	TBA
Open & Close	n/a	M. Johnson, R. Lange	n/a	KC Broyles, M. Brown
Coffee	Guthmiller	R. Ritger, N. Herberger	Guthmiller	R. Ritger, N. Herberger
Flowers	n/a	available	n/a	K. Tiffany
Lawn Crew	n/a	TBA	n/a	TBA
Kitchen Cleaning	n/a	R&H Burke	n/a	M. Boltz
Bulletin Folders	Bafus, Guthmiller		Prigges, Tweedy, Foreman	
Tellers	Harris, Morford, Reglin		Turley, Rule, Hudson	