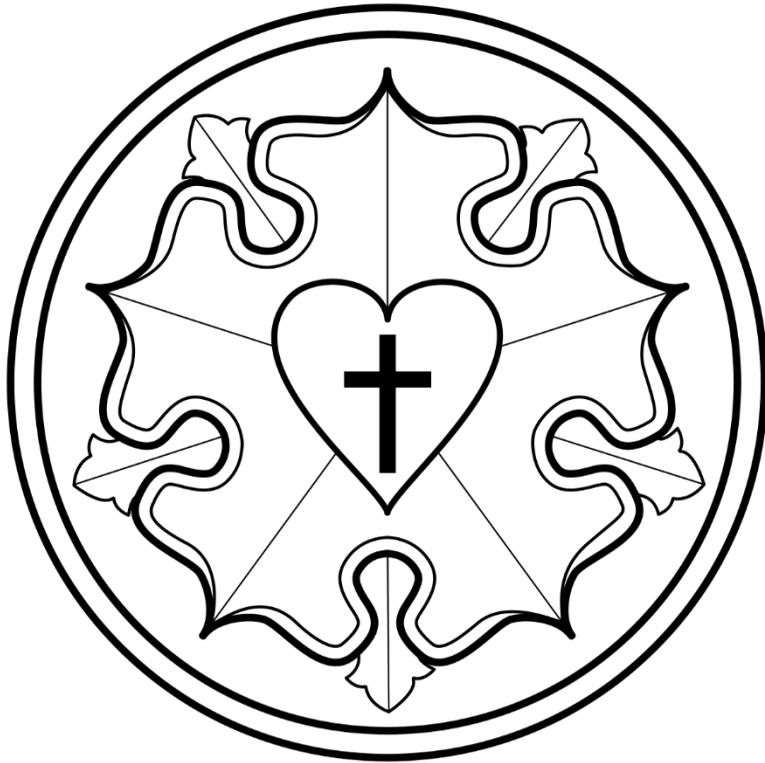


REFORMATION



CROSS OF CHRIST

Cross of Christ Lutheran Church

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October 29-30, 2022

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 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

“A Mighty Fortress”

Hymn #201:1-4

Welcomed into the Family of God

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

Congregation: Amen!

Family of God, dearly loved by our Father in heaven, we come for worship by drawing near to God. We do so with honest hearts and without pretending. We lay our burdens before God, acknowledging our brokenness, and trusting in God’s saving grace, we ask for forgiveness.

Holy and merciful Father in heaven, I confess that I have been sinful from birth. In my thoughts, words, and actions, I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. Though my sins deserved your punishment, I thank you for Jesus. I trust in him for pardon and forgiveness.

Song

“Lord, Have Mercy”

On screens

Despite your struggles and although you continue to stumble and fail, God forgives your sins, because God has paid for your sins. Jesus is the sacrifice who took the punishment to make us one with God again. Your sins, your guilt, your failures—they are forgiven and removed forever. Now the righteousness God demands is the righteousness God gives by faith to those who trust his promise. You are God’s holy child because of God’s undeserved and unconditional love.

Amen!

Anthem

“The Lord Is My Salvation”

Sung Sunday by the Adult Choir

God's Word

Jeremiah 31:31-34

³¹ “The days are coming,” declares the LORD,
“when I will make a new covenant
with the people of Israel
and with the people of Judah.

³² It will not be like the covenant
I made with their ancestors
when I took them by the hand
to lead them out of Egypt,
because they broke my covenant,
though I was a husband to them,”
declares the LORD.

³³ “This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel
after that time,” declares the LORD.

“I will put my law in their minds
and write it on their hearts.
I will be their God,
and they will be my people.

³⁴ No longer will they teach their neighbor,
or say to one another, ‘Know the LORD,’
because they will all know me,
from the least of them to the greatest,”
declares the LORD.

“For I will forgive their wickedness
and will remember their sins no more.”

Song

“If God Is for Us” (Psalm 46)

On screens

God's Word

John 8:31-36

³¹ To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, “If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. ³² Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

³³ They answered him, “We are Abraham’s descendants and have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say that we shall be set free?”

³⁴ Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, everyone who sins is a slave to sin.

³⁵ Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. ³⁶ So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.”

Children’s Message

Song

“Dear Christians One and All Rejoice”

Hymn #377:1, 3-4

Message from God’s Word

Romans 3:19-28

¹⁹ Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world held accountable to God. ²⁰ Therefore no one will be declared righteous in God’s sight by the works of the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of our sin.

²¹ But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. ²² This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. ²⁵ God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished— ²⁶ he did it to demonstrate his righteousness at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.

²⁷ Where, then, is boasting? It is excluded. Because of what law? The law that requires works? No, because of the law that requires faith. ²⁸ For we maintain that a person is justified by faith apart from the works of the law.

Jesus Set You Free

Statement of Faith 2nd Article of the Apostles' Creed with Martin Luther's Explanation

I believe in Jesus Christ, [God's] 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.

What does this mean?

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord.

He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with his holy, precious blood and with his innocent suffering and death.

All this he did that I should be his own, and live under him in his kingdom, and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as he has risen from death and lives and rules eternally.

This is most certainly true.

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

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

Amen!

Closing Song

“In Christ Alone”

On screens

Silent Prayer

Gracious God, our refuge and strength, pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your Word, protect and comfort us in all temptations, defend us against all enemies, and bestow on us your saving peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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.

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

October 30, 2022

Oct 30-Nov 6	Boise (11655 W. McMillan Road)	Nampa (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 3:00pm – FALL FESTIVAL!	9:30am – Worship 10:45am - Family Bible Study & Kids’ Sunday School 3:00pm – FALL FESTIVAL! <i>No Confirmation class</i>
Monday	10:00am – Women’s Bible Study	
Tuesday	6:30am – Men’s Bible Study (Book of Joshua)	
Wednesday	7:00pm – CrossTrainers (HS)	
Thursday		6:30pm – GriefShare
Friday		10:00am – Mommy & Me
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 4:00pm – Confirmation Class 5:00pm – CrossTrainers (HS)

Pastor Steinbrenner – Call Returned

Pastor Steinbrenner has returned his Call to serve as our church body's Administrator for Home Missions and will continue serving as President of the Pacific Northwest District and pastor at Cross of Christ. He thanks you for your prayers and encouragement through the decision process.

THIS WEEK

Fall Festival: TODAY! 3:00-6:00pm on the Boise campus

Chili cook-off, grill-out, games, trunk-or-treat, petting zoo!



Mommy & Me: Thank You Jesus!

Friday, November 4, 10:00 am at the North Nampa campus: scarecrow craft, pie sensory bin, fun songs and stories! This activity is perfect for caregivers and their children under the age of 6. If it's your first time attending, please register at cocidahoc.org/connect/mommy-and-me/.

THE UPCOMING MONTH

Daylight Saving Time ends next Sunday, November 6, at 2:00 am: Change your clocks back an hour or be an hour early for worship!

Monthly Ministry Discussion Next Sunday

Sunday, November 6, 9:45-10:45 am. All are encouraged to attend & participate. *Who is our ministry for, and what's our purpose?* Be there to work through how God answers these important questions, to explore strategies for connecting with our neighborhood leading up to Christmas, and to discuss how we can intentionally show hospitality to first-time guests.

CrossTrainers at Nampa

Sunday, November 6, 5-7pm, on the Nampa campus.

All high-school students invited for dinner, hanging out, and honest conversations about real stuff. Bring friends!

Congregational Open Forum: November 13

Boise campus, Sunday, November 13, 1:00 pm (virtual access will be provided)

At this meeting the church leadership will share some exciting goals for our church family and guiding principles for the long-range ministry plan that continues to be developed – and YOU get to ask questions, offer feedback, and start getting excited for how we can work together to accomplish all these goals to God’s glory!

Childcare/supervision will be provided for kids age 2 through 8th grade in the gym. You don’t have to register to make use of it, but if you <can> sign up ahead of time (tinyurl.com/OpForKidsNov22), that will help us plan. Thank you!

Rake Up Boise! November 19

Meet at the Boise campus 9:00 am, Saturday, November 19; bring gloves and a rake if you can. We’ll gather around God’s Word and then put our faith into action by serving others. Lunch is provided; **anyone can join in!** Please RSVP on the Boise bulletin board or to Pastor Brad (brad.snyder@cocidaho.org / 208-996-0862).

Grocery Outreach in Nampa: November 22

Grocery outreach supports families in our community who could benefit from some fresh groceries. We’re trying a weeknight to hopefully catch people who work weekends that we haven’t been connecting with yet. If you’d like to donate groceries and/or participate in distribution, please contact Gina Garza (nampa.admin@cocidaho.org).

One set of groceries includes the following (bread is already provided):

- Small jars of peanut butter and jelly, or a few cans of tuna
- Fresh veggies or fruit (bananas, apples, & baby carrots work well)
- Snack item (granola bars, crackers, etc.)
- Dessert/treat (small bag of candy, cookies, etc.)

Thanksgiving Worship: November 23

All are invited to gather **on Thanksgiving Eve, Wednesday, November 23, 6:30 pm on both our Boise and Nampa campuses**, to thank our generous God for all his goodness!

Please note: No Saturday evening worship (Boise campus) on November 26.

People in God's Word this past week	Boise	Nampa	Total
Cross Connections/Teen Bible Study	35/11	28	74
Kids' Sunday School/Confirmation	28/7	18	53
Men's Bible Study/Women's Bible Study	3/8		11
CrossTrainers	10		10
Growth Groups	8+6		14
Last Weekend's Worship	69+95	72	236
Livestream Views	11		

<i>General Fund Offerings Planned FY 22-23</i>	\$781,660
General Fund Offerings Planned FYTD	\$255,543
General Fund Offerings FYTD	\$246,204
Total Offerings Last Weekend (All Funds)	\$6,870

Serving	Oct 30		Nov 6	
	Nampa	Boise	Nampa	Boise
Music	R. Dodd	K. Koepsell, B. Berrier, E. Berrier, B. Breckon, S. Caudill, C. Klink, A. Manglos, M. Studer, C. Whitworth	Team Wetzel	A. Lange, A. Scott
AV Tech	J. Malnes, S. Tews	K. Koepsell, E. Christianson, M. Hartman, T. Russow	J. Malnes, S. Tews, G. Light	K. Koepsell, G. Light, D. Hibbs, TBA
Altar Care	K. Guthmiller, C. Harris	T. Yaka, L. Russow	K. Guthmiller, C. Harris	McLain, Biggs
Ushers	n/a	K. Benedick, J. Breckon, TBA	J. Harris	K. Benedick, J. Breckon, TBA
Open & Close	n/a	J. Breckon, R. Lange	n/a	M. Johnson, M. Brown
Coffee	Guthmiller	R. Ritger, N. Herberger	Guthmiller	C. Berrier, D. McLain
Flowers	n/a	Banner/Ehlke	n/a	H. Miller
Kitchen Cleaning	n/a	J&J Trentz	n/a	D. McLain
Bulletin Folders	n/a	Bafus, Guthmiller	n/a	Prigge, Tweedy, Foreman
Tellers	Turley, Walden, Reglin		TBA	