

**FAITH**

**AND**

**POLITICS**

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# Cross of Christ Lutheran Church

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## October 8-9, 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 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](http://cocidaho.org).

## Opening

## with “For What We Have Done”

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!**

Jesus’ sweet and holy teachings reveal the depth of his mercy and love. The only reason we have a place in his family and can come before him today is because he came first to take away our sin. By confessing our sins together, let’s remember how much Jesus overcame for us so we could be forgiven.

(♩) **For what we have done and left undone  
We fall on your countless mercies.  
For sins that are known and those unknown,  
We call on your name so holy.  
For envy and pride, for closing our eyes,  
For scorning our very neighbor.  
In thought, word, and deed we’ve failed you, our King;  
How deeply we need a Savior.**

**Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy,  
Lord, have mercy on us.  
Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy,  
Lord, have mercy on us.**

In astounding mercy, God sent his Son who was handed over to be killed. He took the punishment for all our sins on the cross and was raised to life in glory. The Holy Spirit testifies that we are God’s children, equally loved and accepted. Our Lord welcomes us home in his presence. On behalf of Jesus, I am honored to tell you: Your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit!

(♩) **For what you have done, your life of love  
You perfectly lived, we praise you.  
Though tempted and tried, you fixed your eyes,  
You finished the work God gave you.  
And there on the tree, a King among thieves,  
You bled for a world’s betrayal.  
You loved to the end, our merciful friend;  
How pure and forever faithful.**

**Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy,  
Lord, have mercy on us.  
Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy,  
Lord, have mercy on us.**

O God, you indeed have shown mercy to your people. Now, make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that among the many changes of this world, our hearts may ever yearn for the lasting joys of heaven; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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Lord, have mercy on us.  
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Lord, have mercy on us.**

## God's Word

## Hosea 3:1-5

The LORD said to me, "Go, show your love to your wife again, though she is loved by another man and is an adulteress. Love her as the LORD loves the Israelites, though they turn to other gods and love the sacred raisin cakes."

<sup>2</sup> So I bought her for fifteen shekels of silver and about a homer and a lethek of barley. <sup>3</sup> Then I told her, "You are to live with me many days; you must not be a prostitute or be intimate with any man, and I will behave the same way toward you."

<sup>4</sup> For the Israelites will live many days without king or prince, without sacrifice or sacred stones, without ephod or household gods. <sup>5</sup> Afterward the Israelites will return and seek the LORD their God and David their king. They will come trembling to the LORD and to his blessings in the last days.

## God's Word

John 15:9-17

<sup>9</sup> “As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. <sup>10</sup> If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commands and remain in his love. <sup>11</sup> I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. <sup>12</sup> My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup> Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. <sup>14</sup> You are my friends if you do what I command. <sup>15</sup> I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master’s business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. <sup>16</sup> You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. <sup>17</sup> This is my command: Love each other.”

## Children's Message

### Song

“Let It Be Said of Us”

*On Screens*

## Message from God's Word

Titus 3:1-8

Remind the people to be subject to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready to do whatever is good, <sup>2</sup> to slander no one, to be peaceable and considerate, and always to be gentle toward everyone.

<sup>3</sup> At one time we too were foolish, disobedient, deceived and enslaved by all kinds of passions and pleasures. We lived in malice and envy, being hated and hating one another. <sup>4</sup> But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, <sup>5</sup> he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, <sup>6</sup> whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, <sup>7</sup> so that, having been justified by his

grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. <sup>8</sup>This is a trustworthy saying. And I want you to stress these things, so that those who have trusted in God may be careful to devote themselves to doing what is good. These things are excellent and profitable for everyone.

### **Love Across the Aisle**

**Song**

**“Jesus Thank You”**

*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

## “Ancient of Days”

*On Screens*

## Silent Prayer

Mighty God, strengthen my confidence in the mercy you have already shown me. Fill my heart with such thankfulness and gratitude that I may pour out that love on to the people in my life. While the world around me speaks loudly with selfishness and anger, let the powerful voice of the Spirit speak louder in me and through me in all I do. 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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# Cross of Christ Weekly Newsletter

## October 9, 2022

<b>Oct 9-Oct 16</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 (Book of Jonah)	
Wednesday	6:15pm - Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm - CrossTrainers (HS)	
Thursday		6:30pm - GriefShare
Friday		
Saturday	9:00am - Fall Clean-Up 5:00pm - Evening Worship w/Communion 6:00pm - Ladies' Fall Kick-Off Accessory Swap	
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## Current Worship Series: Faith and Politics

Whether internet ads, social media, or family discussions, politics is in the air. *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 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 someone you know for this valuable series!

	<b>Boise Campus</b>	<b>Nampa Campus</b>
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

## THIS WEEK

### Boise Campus Fall Clean-Up

Saturday, October 15, 9am-12pm. Come for as little or as long as you can; all ages can help! Outdoor & indoor work, instructions & supplies provided. (Donuts & coffee, too!)

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

Accessory Swap, Saturday, October 15, 6-8 pm, Boise Campus Gym. Bring 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. **Please RSVP at [tinyurl.com/SICAccessorySwap](http://tinyurl.com/SICAccessorySwap).**

## THIS MONTH

### 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. Pray for him as he considers the ministry opportunities God has put before him; he also welcomes your encouragement and thoughts: [john.steinbrenner@cocidaho.org](mailto:john.steinbrenner@cocidaho.org).

## **Fall Festival: October 30**

Sunday, October 30, 3:00-6:00pm on the Boise campus. Chili cook-off, grill-out, games, trunk or treat, petting zoo! This is the event to attend with an eye on hospitality and connecting with new souls in our community – plan to be there and grab a postcard from the lobby to invite a friend or neighbor.

How to contribute: ([tinyurl.com/COCFFvolunteer](http://tinyurl.com/COCFFvolunteer)).

*Want to talk to people?*

- Run a carnival booth or hang out at the welcome table to greet everyone!
- Decorate your vehicle's trunk and hand out candy.
- Manage the cornhole tournament.

*Rather be behind the scenes?*

- Compete in the chili cook-off ([tinyurl.com/FFchilicookoff](http://tinyurl.com/FFchilicookoff)).
- Contribute a dessert or side for the meal ([tinyurl.com/FFfooddonations](http://tinyurl.com/FFfooddonations)).
- Help with grilling or keeping the food tables supplied.
- Assist with setup or clean-up.

Nampa campus Fall Festival will be the same day, 3:00-5:30pm. If you'd like to help there, contact Gina Garza for more info ([nampa.admin@cocidaho.org](mailto:nampa.admin@cocidaho.org)).

## **October Sunday School Offering**

We're gathering non-perishable food items for the Idaho Foodbank! Bring your donations to Sunday school and put them in the bin in the hallway. Monetary offerings brought to Sunday school this month will continue to be given to WELS Special Ministries, which was designated for our September offerings.

## **Mommy & Me Field Trip**

Friday, October 21, 10am, Shindig Farms in Nampa. Check it out and register at [cocidaho.org/connect/mommy-and-me/](http://cocidaho.org/connect/mommy-and-me/).

# THIS QUARTER

## Congregational Open Forum: November 13

Boise campus, Sunday, November 13, 1:00 pm.

“Vision Traction Organizer” – the process that Cross of Christ leadership has used to crystalize the **vision** for ministry at Cross of Christ and **organize** goals, plans, resources, and people to gain **traction** in carrying it out.

This meeting is where they will share the concepts and details of the VTO plan – and where 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!

People in God’s Word this past week	Boise	Nampa	Total
Cross Connections/Teen Bible Study	37/9	35	81
Kids’ Sunday School/Confirmation	29/6	n/a	35
Men’s Bible Study/Women’s Bible Study	6/9		15
CrossTrainers	14		14
Growth Groups	5+2+5		12
Last Weekend’s Worship	57+70+19	69	215
Livestream Views	13		

General Fund Offerings Planned FY 22-23	\$781,660
General Fund Offerings Planned FYTD	\$210,447
General Fund Offerings FYTD	\$192,502
Total Offerings Last Weekend (All Funds)	\$15,117

Serving	Oct 9		Oct 16	
	Nampa	Boise	Nampa	Boise
Music	J. Hein, E. & L. Hein, S. Whitaker, E. & B. Parsons	K. Koepsell, K. Christianson	J. Lowry, C. Trull	A. Lange, M. Biondi, T. Russow
AV Tech	J. Malnes, S. Tews, G. Light	K. Koepsell, E. Christianson B. Berrier, TBA	J. Malnes, S. Tews, G. Light	K. Koepsell, J. Meier, TBA
Altar Care	K. Guthmiller, C. Harris	T. Yaka, L. Russow	K. Guthmiller, C. Harris	T. Yaka, L. Russow
Ushers	n/a	R. Hibbs, B. Turley, TBA	J. Harris	TBA
Open & Close	n/a	KC Broyles, M. Brown	n/a	B. Masters, H. Geary
Coffee	Guthmiller	R. Ritger, N. Herberger	Guthmiller	R. Ritger, N. Herberger
Flowers	n/a	K. Tiffany	n/a	B. Robbins
Lawn Crew	n/a	R. Ochoa, M. Johnson	n/a	B. Turley, Fall Cleaning
Kitchen Cleaning	n/a	M. Boltz	n/a	R&A Lange
Bulletin Folders	Prigges, Tweedy, Foreman		Kimmel, Ritger	
Tellers	Turley, Rule		Harris, Walden, Morford	