



**CROSS OF CHRIST**

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# Cross of Christ Lutheran Church

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## November 5-6, 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 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](http://cocidaho.org).



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# Opening Song

**“Day by Day”**

*On screens*

## Confession and Forgiveness

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!**

One day, we will all stand before our Creator. But between now and then, God already invites us to come and worship in his presence. This is an astounding privilege for each of us, because we have all fallen short of the perfection required to stand in his presence. Yet when we have Christ, we can all come as his children, knowing he hears us and forgives us for Jesus' sake.

**Holy and all-powerful God, thank you for hearing and receiving me.  
I acknowledge that my sins should separate me from you.**

**For faithless worrying and selfish pride,**

**For sins of habit and sins of choice,**

**For the evil I have done and the good I failed to do,**

**I confess these all before you. Yet I trust in Jesus, my Savior, who makes all things right.**

Because of God's great love and Jesus' sacrifice in our place at the cross, you are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit! The Lord has removed your sins, cleansed you and made you holy in his sight, and he calls you his child. Rejoice, you are part of God's family, and he has promised you an eternal home with him!

**Amen!**

## Prayer

Almighty God and Savior, you have set the final day and hour when we shall be delivered from this world of sin and death. Keep us ever watchful for the coming of your Son that we may sit with him and all your holy ones at the marriage feast in heaven; through your Son, 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

Luke 6:20-23

<sup>20</sup> Looking at his disciples, [Jesus] said:

“Blessed are you who are poor,  
for yours is the kingdom of God.

<sup>21</sup> Blessed are you who hunger now,  
for you will be satisfied.

Blessed are you who weep now,  
for you will laugh.

<sup>22</sup> Blessed are you when people hate you,  
when they exclude you and insult you  
and reject your name as evil,  
because of the Son of Man.

<sup>23</sup> “Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in heaven. For that is how their ancestors treated the prophets.”

## God's Word

Hebrews 11:32-40

<sup>32</sup> And what more shall I say? I do not have time to tell about Gideon, Barak, Samson and Jephthah, about David and Samuel and the prophets, <sup>33</sup> who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, and gained what was promised; who shut the mouths of lions, <sup>34</sup> quenched the fury of the flames, and escaped the edge of the sword; whose weakness was turned to strength; and who became powerful in battle and routed foreign armies.

<sup>35</sup> Women received back their dead, raised to life again. There were others who were tortured, refusing to be released so that they might gain an even better resurrection. <sup>36</sup> Some faced jeers and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. <sup>37</sup> They were put to death by stoning; they were sawed in two; they were killed by the sword. They went about in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute, persecuted and mistreated— <sup>38</sup> the world was not worthy of them. They wandered in deserts and mountains, living in caves and in holes in the ground.

<sup>39</sup> These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised, <sup>40</sup> since God had planned something better for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect.

# Children's Message

## Song

## "Almost Home"

*On screens*

## Message from God's Word

## Revelation 21:1-7

<sup>1</sup> Then I saw "a new heaven and a new earth," for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. <sup>2</sup> I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. <sup>3</sup> And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. <sup>4</sup> 'He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death' or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."

<sup>5</sup> He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."

<sup>6</sup> He said to me: "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life. <sup>7</sup> Those who are victorious will inherit all this, and I will be their God and they will be my children."

### **What Will Jesus Undo?**

## 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 "Afflicted Saint to Christ Draw Near"

*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

**"Amazing Grace"**

*Hymn #379:1-4*

### Silent Prayer

Almighty God, thank you for giving me a place in your family. Fill my heart with hope and joy as I look forward to standing before you and celebrating with all your saints forever. Amen.

# Cross of Christ Weekly Newsletter

## November 5-6, 2022

<b>Nov 6-Nov 13</b>	<b>Boise</b> (11655 W. McMillan Road)	<b>Nampa</b> (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 4:00pm - Confirmation Class 5:00pm - CrossTrainers (HS)
Monday	6:00pm - Council Meeting	
Tuesday	6:30am - Men's Bible Study (Book of Joshua)	
Wednesday	7:00pm - CrossTrainers (HS)	
Thursday		6:30pm - GriefShare
Friday		
Saturday	5:00pm - Evening Worship	8:00am - Rake Up Nampa
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 1:00pm - Congregational Open Forum	9:30am - Worship 10:45am - Family Bible Study & Kids' Sunday School 4:00pm - Confirmation Class

# THIS WEEK

## **Monthly Ministry Discussion This Sunday**

Sunday, November 6, 9:45 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, explore strategies for connecting with our neighborhood leading up to Christmas, and discuss how we can intentionally show hospitality to first-time guests.

## **CrossTrainers at Nampa This Sunday**

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)

Church leadership will share exciting goals for our church family and guiding principles for the in-process long-range ministry plan – 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](http://tinyurl.com/OpForKidsNov22)), that will help us plan.

# THIS MONTH

## **Open Choir Invitation**

Adult Choir will sing for Christmas Day worship (Boise campus); anyone in high school & older is invited to participate! Any skill & experience level welcome. Choir rehearses Wednesdays, 6:15-7:15 pm, *beginning November 16*. Contact Kristen Koepsell ([kristen.koepsell@cocidaho.org](mailto:kristen.koepsell@cocidaho.org)) to participate or get more information.

### **Rake Up Boise! November 19**

Meet at the Boise campus 9:00 am, Saturday, November 19; bring work gloves and a rake if you can. We'll gather around God's Word and 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](mailto:brad.snyder@cocidaho.org) / 208-996-0862).

### **Grocery Outreach in Nampa: November 22**

Grocery outreach supports families in our communities who could benefit from some fresh groceries. This month, we'll go out the Tuesday evening before Thanksgiving. If you'd like to donate groceries and/or participate in distribution, please contact Gina Garza ([nampa.admin@cocidaho.org](mailto:nampa.admin@cocidaho.org)).

### **Thanksgiving Worship: November 23**

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

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

### **Christmas Decorating: November 26**

If you're already listening to Christmas music, this is for YOU: Help decorate the Boise chapel and lobby for Christmas! **Saturday, November 26, 10:00am** (most likely done by noon). Email or text Ty Stavenau ([tystavenau@gmail.com](mailto:tystavenau@gmail.com) / 208-938-0886) to participate!

<b>People in God's Word this past week</b>	<b>Boise</b>	<b>Nampa</b>	<b>Total</b>
Cross Connections/Teen Bible Study	32/12	32	76
Kids' Sunday School/Confirmation	29/8	20	57
Men's Bible Study/Women's Bible Study	7/7		14
CrossTrainers	12		12
Growth Groups	6+		
Last Weekend's Worship	81+72+29	75	252
Livestream Views	5		

General Fund Offerings Planned FY 22-23	\$781,660
General Fund Offerings Planned FYTD	\$270,575
General Fund Offerings FYTD	\$257,657
Total Offerings Last Weekend (All Funds)	\$11,526

Serving	Nov 6		Nov 13	
	Nampa	Boise	Nampa	Boise
Music	Team Wetzel	A. Lange, A. Scott	K. Koepsell	A. Lange, F. Fauchaux
AV Tech	J. Malnes, S. Tews	K. Koepsell, G. Light, D. Hibbs	J. Malnes, S. Tews, G. Light	K. Koepsell, M. Hartman, TBA
Altar Care	K. Guthmiller, C. Harris	McLain, Biggs	K. Guthmiller, C. Harris	McLain, Biggs
Ushers	J. Harris	L. Manglos, A. Manglos, TBA	n/a	L. Manglos, A. Manglos, TBA
Open & Close	n/a	M. Johnson, M. Brown	n/a	KC Broyles, H. Geary
Coffee	Guthmiller	C. Berrier, D. McLain	Guthmiller	C. Berrier, D. McLain
Flowers	n/a	H. Miller	n/a	Rule
Kitchen Cleaning	n/a	D. McLain	n/a	N. Banner, D. Ehlke, K. Ehlke
Bulletin Folders	n/a	Prigge, Tweedy, Foreman	n/a	Kimmel, Whitlach
Tellers	Harris, Morford, Turley		Rule, Walden, Hudson	