



CROSS OF CHRIST

Cross of Christ Lutheran Church

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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 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 in the lobby or the parents' room (in the alcove to the left as you exit the chapel). Worship screens and seating are available in those areas for your convenience.

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 at cocidaho.org.

Opening Song

“Gift of Christ from God Our Father”

On screens, st. 1,2,4

Opening Responses

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!

God has seen fit to pour out his Holy Spirit on his Church. The Spirit delights in showing us Christ, convincing us of all he’s done, and bringing us to faith in him. As we confess our sins, we also express our trust in Christ for forgiveness. When we do, we speak words only the Spirit can lead us to say.

Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. My sins ought to separate me from you forever. Yet you chose to love me anyway. You rescued me through the cross of Christ. You changed my heart through the gift of the Holy Spirit. I thank and praise you for saving me!

Jesus has done it all by his life, death, and resurrection. He sends the Holy Spirit to connect you to all that he has accomplished. At your baptism, the Spirit was poured out upon you. He connects you to Jesus and gives you an eternal place in his family. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Settle in with Jesus and his family, equally loved and accepted.

Amen!

Prayer

Holy Spirit, God and Lord, come to us this joyful day with your sevenfold gift of grace. Rekindle in our hearts the holy fire of your love, that in a true and living faith we may tell abroad the glory of our Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Father, one God, now and forever.

Amen!

God's Word

John 7:37-39

³⁷ On the last and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. ³⁸ Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them."

³⁹ By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified.

God's Word

Acts 2:1-21

¹ When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place.

² Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³ They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

⁵ Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. ⁶ When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken.

⁷ Utterly amazed, they asked: "Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans?"

⁸ Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language?

⁹ Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome ¹¹ (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!" ¹² Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?"

¹³ Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine."

¹⁴ Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. ¹⁵ These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ “In the last days, God says,
I will pour out my Spirit on all people.
Your sons and daughters will prophesy,
your young men will see visions,
your old men will dream dreams.
¹⁸ Even on my servants, both men and women,
I will pour out my Spirit in those days,
and they will prophesy.
¹⁹ I will show wonders in the heavens above
and signs on the earth below,
blood and fire and billows of smoke.
²⁰ The sun will be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood
before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.
²¹ And everyone who calls
on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

Children’s Message

Song

“Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God”

On screens, st. 1-3

Message from God’s Word

1 Corinthians 12:3-11

³Therefore I want you to know that no one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, “Jesus be cursed,” and no one can say, “Jesus is Lord,” except by the Holy Spirit.

⁴There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them.

⁵There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. ⁶There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.

⁷Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. ⁸To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, ⁹to another

faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, ¹⁰ to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹ All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.

Every One a Gift

Song

“Pentecost Hymn”

On screens, st. 1-3

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. 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

“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing

Hymn #318:1-2

Silent Prayer

Faithful God, thank you for the gift of the Holy Spirit. Thank you for making me an equal and valued member of your body. Help me to celebrate the gifts you have given me and grant me the wisdom to see how I can use my gifts to your glory. Amen.

**Our Mission:
Impacting Lives for Eternity**

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 your gift online at cocidaho.org/give.

Cross of Christ Weekly Newsletter

May 28, 2023

May 28-Jun 4	Boise (11655 W. McMillan Road)	Nampa (6134 Birch Lane)
Sunday	8:30am – Worship 9:45am – Adult Bible Study (Chapel) Teen Class (Conf Rm) Kids’ Sunday School (Gym & Classrooms) 11:00am – Worship	9:30am – Worship 10:45am – Family Bible Study & Kids’ Sunday School
Monday		
Tuesday	9:00am – Red Cross Blood Drive	
Wednesday	4:00pm – Cross Connections 6:15pm – Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm – CrossTrainers (HS)	
Thursday	5:00pm – Summer Kick-Off	
Friday		
Saturday		10:30am – Grocery Outreach
Sunday	8:30am – Worship w/Communion 9:45am – Ministry Discussion (Chapel) Teen Class (Conf Rm) Kids’ Sunday School (Gym & Classrooms) 11:00am – Worship w/Communion	9:30am – Worship w/Communion 10:45am – Monthly Ministry Planning Meeting

Meditations Devotional

The Jun-Aug Meditations is available for you on the lobby tables. This daily devotional provides food for your faith and encouragement for life.

THIS WEEK

Tuesday: Red Cross Blood Drive at Boise

May 30, 9am-3pm in the gym. To make an **appointment**, go to redcrossblood.org and under “Find a Blood Drive” enter COCLUTHERAN. Or if you could volunteer for an hour, contact Kristen Koepsell ASAP (kristen.koepsell@cocidaho.org).

Thursday: Summer Bible Reading Plan Begins June 1

Ninety days walking with Jesus through the Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John) begins this Thursday! See your most recent Cross of Christ Friday news email for how to join the group plan in the YouVersion Bible app, or contact admin@cocidaho.org. Or a printed plan schedule is available on the lobby tables.

Thursday: Summer Kick-Off: June 1

5:00-7:00(ish) pm on the Boise campus. Bring lawn chairs or blankets for lawn seating and invite friends to welcome summer with you! Music, Basilius Tacos food truck, bounce houses & yard games. If you can assist with set-up (4-5pm) or take-down/clean-up (7-8pm), or loan us a pop-up canopy or a yard game, sign up at tinyurl.com/June1KickOff or contact Pastor Hein (greg.hein@cocidaho.org).

God’s Blessings to Our 2023 High School Graduates

- Cale Berrier – Mountain View High School
- Shelby DeWall – West Ada Virtual Online
- Carrie Hibbs – Mountain View High School
- Brandon Lowry – Eagle High School
- Ryan Lowry – Eagle High School
- Philip Meier – Eagle High School
- Jordan Petet – Centennial High School
- Avery Seely – Mountain View High School

We’re Hiring!

For further information about these positions, applying, and scheduling an interview with members of the church Council, contact the individuals listed below.

- Part-time admin assistant for the Nampa campus: six hours/week with opportunity for additional hours if desired. Preferably someone who regularly attends the Nampa campus, but not required. Contact: Pastor Wetzel (kurt.wetzel@cocidaho.org / 208-996-2202)

- Part-time admin assistant for the Boise campus: 20 hours/week, Mon-Fri afternoons. Contact: Kristen Koepsell (kristen.koepsell@cocidaho.org / 208-922-8422)
- Full-time preschool aide/support teacher on the Boise campus. Contact: Pastor Snyder (brad.snyder@cocidaho.org / 208-996-0862).
- Part-time custodian, Boise campus, 8-12 hours/week. Contact: Stefanie DeWall (admin@cocidaho.org).

UPCOMING

Summer Worship Series: “A Better Way to Live” Begins June 4

Next Sunday we’ll start a worship series on the 10 Commandments. These top ten rules of the Old Testament are still a great summary of and springboard for God’s will for our lives today. He knows how life works best! “A Better Way to Live” will dive into the wisdom of his perfect design for our lives to give us freedom, laying out a path of real purpose that leads to real connection with God and others.

All-Congregation Open Forum: *Date Change: June 11*

Sunday, June 11, 1:00 pm on the Boise campus (virtual access will be made available to members). All members are encouraged to attend, ask questions, and offer input. Childcare available for ages 2 & up.

Church Council Nominations

At the June 11 Open Forum / Congregational Meeting (1:00 pm at Boise) we will hold annual elections for open church Council positions. Eric Christianson, Matt Brown, and Roy Lange are all ending their terms on the Council. That means three “at large” Council positions are up for election this year.

Our Nominating Committee (Brent Masters, John Harris, Dave Malnes, Jon Breckon, and Pastor Hein) met to study God’s Word on “leaders in the church” before prayerfully drafting this year’s list of current nominees. The following men have prayerfully considered and accepted their nominations for the “at large” positions: Mark Arstein, Ray Dodd, Chris Klink, Lee Neujahr, Jake Ready, Cameron Sullivan, Gene Whitlach.

Per Cross of Christ Bylaws, if a voting member would like to suggest another name for nomination, they must do so by submitting that name to the Nominating Committee prior to the set deadline: Wednesday, June 7. “Nominations shall not be open to the floor at the election meeting.” (ByLaws Art. IX, Sec. 4)

Additional names for nomination and/or questions may be directed to Pastor Hein (greg.hein@cocidaho.org) or any member of the Nominating Committee.

Vacation Bible School: July 10-13, 9am-12pm, Boise campus

Registration: tinyurl.com/2023COCVBS

Vacation Bible School at Cross of Christ provides our kids with a fun and exciting opportunity for spiritual growth during the summer. Kids will have a **STELLAR** experience of seeing & shining Jesus’ light! Invite your friends who don’t know Jesus! For kids age 3 – entering 6th grade. Adults and teens 7th grade and older, contact Kristen Koepsell (kristen.koepsell@cocidaho.org) to volunteer!



Camp Christos: July 30-Aug 4

For kids age 9 through 16 (entering 4th thru 10th grade), at Camp Elkanah, near La Grande, OR. Adults & teens age 17-19 are invited to volunteer. **Register campers and volunteer staff** at tinyurl.com/campchristos! Contact Deb Arstein with questions (deb.arstein@cocidaho.org).

Sisters in Christ Ladies’ Retreat 2023: Save the Date!

All ladies confirmation age and older are invited to enjoy a weekend of fellowship and relaxation, October 13th-15th at Faith Heights Camp in Cascade, ID. More details to come.

Pastor Steinbrenner – Call Received

Please pray for Pastor Steinbrenner as he considers a call to Peace Lutheran Church in Trinity, FL. Feel free to reach out to him with your encouragement and thoughts: john.steinbrenner@cocidaho.org.

People in God’s Word this past week	Boise	Nampa	Total
Sunday Morning Adult/Teen Bible Study	n/a / 5	33	38
Kids’ Sunday School	21	8	29
Last Weekend’s Worship	82+100	68	250
Livestream Views	8		
Men’s/Women’s Bible Study	4/8	n/a	12
Cross Connections	5	3	8
CrossTrainers	13		
Growth Groups (previous week)	5+7+9+6+6+8		

General Fund Offerings Planned FY 22-23	\$781,660
General Fund Offerings Planned FYTD	\$706,500
General Fund Offerings FYTD	\$683,772
Total Offerings Last Weekend (All Funds)	\$10,660

Serving	May 28		June 4	
	Nampa	Boise	Nampa	Boise
Music	K. Koepsell	J. Hein, C. Harris, N. Turley	J. Lowry	A. Lange, Adult Choir
AV Tech	S. Tews, J. Parsons	G. Light, B. Berrier, J. Meier, K. Koepsell	TBA	TBA
Altar Care	n/a	D. McLain, C. Biggs	Guthmiller	C. Biggs, K. Struthers
Ushers	n/a	R. Seely, B. Turley	D. Malnes, TBA	R. Seely, TBA
Open & Close	n/a	J. Breckon, H. Geary	n/a	M. Johnson L. Manglos
Coffee	Hopkins, Whitaker	C. Berrier, D. McLain	TBA	Ritger, Struthers
Flowers	n/a	available	n/a	available
Lawn Crew	n/a	P. Jossis R. Lange	n/a	N. Tessmer, P. Becker
Cleaning	TBA	n/a	TBA	n/a
Bulletin Folders	n/a	Kimmel, Ritger	n/a	Ritger, Ford, Ashley
Tellers	Harris, Rule, Butterfield		TBA	