



YOUR KING COMES TO YOU

Palm Sunday
April 5, 2020



CROSS OF CHRIST
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Prayer before Worship

All: Lord Jesus, our Savior and friend, please accept our praises today. They flow from our thanks for what we will see you do this week; humbly riding to your death to pay for our sins. You are OUR King, Lord. Amen.

We Praise Our King

Psalm 45

P: My heart is stirred by a noble theme as I recite my verses for the King. You are the most excellent of men,

C: And your lips have been anointed with grace.

P: Gird your sword upon your side, O mighty One, clothe yourself with splendor and majesty. In your majesty ride forth victoriously,

C: Let your right hand achieve awesome deeds.

P: Great are the works of the Lord! Hosanna! Hosanna!

C: Great are the works of the Lord!

Sorrow for Our Sin

All: O Lord, you deserve our shouts of ‘Hosanna!’ But we confess to you that our praise has also sounded like muttered disinterest. Instead of praising your name, we have profaned it. Instead of giving you glory, we have brought you dishonor. Instead of being bold heralds of your good news, we have withered under the criticism of others. Lord, our sins brought you to the cross – forgive us for the sake of your redeeming love.

Joy in His Forgiveness

P: Your King and Judge says, *“There is no condemnation for you who are in Christ Jesus”* (Rom 8:1). That means there is no SHAME to cripple your life. No GUILT to burden your heart. You are INNOCENT because your King left his heavenly crown and throne for thorns and a cross. He shed his blood so that you ARE forgiven. So can live with that joy – believe that you’re free! And with a grateful heart be free to forgive others – just as God has so freely forgiven you!

The First Palm Sunday

Matthew 21:1-11

¹ As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ² saying to them, “Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. ³ If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away.”

⁴ This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet:

⁵ “Say to Daughter Zion,
‘See, your king comes to you,
gentle and riding on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.’ ”

⁶ The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. ⁷ They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. ⁸ A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road.

⁹ The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted,

“Hosanna to the Son of David!”
“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”
“Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

¹⁰ When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, “Who is this?”

¹¹ The crowds answered, “This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee.”

Pastor’s Message

Zechariah 9:9-10

⁹ Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion!
Shout, Daughter Jerusalem!
See, your king comes to you,
righteous and victorious,
lowly and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

¹⁰ I will take away the chariots from Ephraim
and the warhorses from Jerusalem,
and the battle bow will be broken.
He will proclaim peace to the nations.
His rule will extend from sea to sea
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

What Makes You Want to Shout?

Why might it be comforting to you that Zechariah’s name means “The Lord Remembers”?

Imagine and share some potential future situations in your life when you’ll want to remember this promise for yourself or others.

Our Confession 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 fully 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 worshipped 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

After the prayer spoken by the pastor, we join to pray the Lord's Prayer:

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.

God's Word

Philippians 2:5-11

⁵ In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

⁶ Who, being in very nature God,
did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;

⁷ rather, he made himself nothing
by taking the very nature of a servant,
being made in human likeness.

⁸ And being found in appearance as a man,
he humbled himself
by becoming obedient to death—
even death on a cross!

⁹ Therefore God exalted him to the highest place
and gave him the name that is above every name,

¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,

in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
¹¹ and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

How do these words CONVICT me?

How do these words INSPIRE me?

Blessing

Now to him who by the power at work within us
is able to do far more than all we ask or think;
to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus
to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Silent Prayer after Worship

Dear Jesus, thank you for your incredible, undeserved love in saving me from my sins. Your Word today reminded me that I do not live blown by the winds of chance, but I am a part of your plan. You saved me by your gracious design and I serve you according to your good will and purpose. Give me the strength to love others with deeds of kindness and not merely with good intentions. In your name I pray, Amen.

If you would like to give an offering to support our ministry, you may do so online at cocidaho.org/give. You can also contact the church office (secretary@cocidaho.org or 208-922-8422) to schedule a time to bring your offering to church.

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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.

Cross of Christ Weekly Newsletter

April 5, 2020

Cross of Christ Lutheran Church & Preschool (WELS)
Church & Preschool Office - 208.375.3992 - cocidaho.org

April Worship & Ministry Plans

Your church Council met this week and decided based on our government's requirements and medical professionals' advice to continue suspending all physical ministry meetings through April 25. **At this time, our target date to resume public worship together is April 26.** All are encouraged to utilize online worship and Christian education resources that are being made available online. Communion is being made available at three scheduled times. You also may request and make arrangements for private communion with any of the pastors. Christ is still risen. The forgiveness of your sin is still accomplished. God's promises are still true. And we still get to exercise our freedom and our faith as we worship our Savior and spend time in God's Word. God bless you, keep you, and be with you all until we meet again.

Your Pastors Are Available

While we are practicing physical distancing, your pastors are still available to you at any time for counseling or encouragement! Their phone numbers and email addresses are on the previous page of this document.

Christian Family Solutions, the mental health services organization associated with our church body, also offers professional Christian counseling via video appointments, as well as other online resources. Find them online at christianfamilysolutions.org or "WLCFS" on Facebook.

Opportunities for Holy Communion

In case you missed Thursday's email about options for receiving the Lord's Supper, you can click [HERE](#) for the entire message and the link to sign up. *(Please note that the button links at the bottom of the page are inaccurate; use one of the in-text links.)*

Prayer Request?

We would treasure the opportunity to include your specific or personal prayers as we come together before our God each week. To submit a prayer request for our online worship or prayer videos, click [HERE](#).

Encouraging Devotions

Several times a week, our pastors are writing brief devotions which are posted on our website (and shared on our social media). Go to cocidaho.org/blog to read and be encouraged!

Extra Holy Week Worship Opportunities

Our church body, the Wisconsin Lutheran Synod (WELS), is offering two special Holy Week worship opportunities, not to replace our own Cross of Christ online worship, but to supplement and to keep us connected with our brothers and sisters in faith across the

country! The two LIVE online messages/services are Palm Sunday, April 5, and Easter Sunday, April 12, both at 5:00 pm MST. Go to wels.net/events and click on the individual events for more details and the links to access each. (Both will also be archived at the same links.)

Getting the WORD Out!

How could you use the online resources from your church to share the comfort and hope you have in Jesus with others you know? SHARE, SHARE, SHARE!

- Forward the emails with the links for sermon/service videos and Bible study options.
- Share the videos and other posts on social media.
- If you have Cross of Christ friends who are on Facebook but haven't liked/followed our pages, encourage them to do so ([crossofchristboise](https://www.facebook.com/crossofchristboise) and [cocnorthnampa](https://www.facebook.com/cocnorthnampa)) to stay even more connected.
- Use the Bible verses and thoughts from the pastors' messages in your conversations with others.

God is putting so many new opportunities in front of us – let's use them!

Our Thank-Filled Gifts

One important aspect of our worship (*giving God the credit he deserves*) that can be impacted when we aren't physically together is the opportunity to give thankful, love-filled gifts to our Savior. If you'd like to continue worshiping in this way, you have three options:

1. Give online: cocidaho.org/give, click "Give Now."
2. Make an appointment to drop off your gift at the church office (email secretary@cocidaho.org or call Kristen Koepsell at 208-922-8422).
3. If neither of those work well for you, simply hang on to your gifts for now. We trust we will be worshiping together again at some point and you can make your gift in person then!

Soccer Camp 2020: Jesus Saves!

June 15-19, 9:00am-12:00pm, at Boise

Our prayer and intent is that we'll hold Soccer Camp as planned, so don't miss out!

Register online at cochoise.org/soccercamp2020. Deadline is May 21 to receive a soccer jersey, June 7 to receive a t-shirt, or until capacity is reached. Don't delay! Camp fills up fast, so register NOW to reserve your spot. There are plenty of opportunities to get involved, both large and small. If you have any questions about Soccer Camp, please speak with Gina Zimpelmann (861-3904) or Deb Arstein (861-2049).

Cross of Christ Preschool: STILL Enrolling for 2020-2021

If next fall isn't exactly on the top of your mind right now, never fear! Preschool enrollment can happen any time you need, since the information and forms are all easily accessible at cocidaho.org/preschool. **And guess what! The tuition discount has been extended! \$100 off if you register by June 1.** Registering sooner rather than later still assures you a spot in your preferred class... Direct questions to Jan Perna (208-949-0851 / janperna@cableone.net).

*“I am the Vine, you are the branches.
If you remain in me and I in you,
you will bear much fruit!”*

Serving	April 5	April 12
Worship Recordings	E. Christianson	E. Christianson
Tellers	Turley, Rule	TBA

General Fund Offerings Planned FY 19-20	\$687,043
General Fund Offerings Planned FYTD	\$515,282
General Fund Offerings FYTD	\$528,738
Total Offerings Last Week (All Funds)	\$10,895

Currently, we are not able to give accurate numbers for worship and Bible study attendance. We are encouraged, though, to see the number of views for our materials online and pray they are a continued blessing while we stay connected to Jesus, even as we cannot all meet in person.

To place an announcement in *CrossWords/CrossLinks*, please email secretary@cocidaho.org.
Weekly submission deadline is Wednesday at noon. Thanks!