



EASTER SUNDAY

May 24, 2020



Greeting

Opening Song

“In Christ Alone”

on screens

Confession & Absolution

C: Lord, we approach you today with a lot of emotion, and with mixed emotions. We are filled with sorrow for our sin, yet overwhelmed with the joy of forgiveness. We have not lived up to your expectations, and we confess to you our sinful condition and our sinful behavior. We are not able to make up for our sins, nor can we set ourselves free from the guilt. Lord, we humbly come before you. We are sorry for our sins, and trusting in our risen Savior Jesus Christ, we ask you to forgive us all our sins, and show us your mercy and love. Amen.

P: This is the day the Lord has made! Let us rejoice and be glad in it! God has been merciful to us. Jesus was delivered over to death because of our sins. He was raised to life because God has forgiven us, declared us righteous, and promises life everlasting. The vacant cross and the empty grave are God’s signs to you that he has accepted the sacrifice of his one and only Son on your behalf. Whoever trusts this simple truth of Scripture has eternal life. The Lord is righteous and gracious. He has become your salvation. Be of good cheer, your sins are forgiven. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

Song of Praise

“Christ is Risen”

on screens

Easter Message from God’s Word

Matthew 28:1-10

¹After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb.

² There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. ⁴ The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men.

⁵ The angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. ⁷ Then go quickly and tell his disciples: ‘He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.’ Now I have told you.”

⁸ So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹ Suddenly Jesus met them. “Greetings,” he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

We Are Saved, Not Surprised

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.

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.

God's Word

Colossians 3:1-4

¹Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. ³For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

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

"I Will Rise"

on screens

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 Lutheran Church

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Offerings

If you would like to give an offering to support our ministry, you may do so online at cocidaho.org/give or drop it off at the church office. See the announcement on pg. 5 for current office hours.

Cross of Christ Weekly Newsletter

May 24, 2020

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

Worship Options

Cross of Christ continues to offer online worship resources (sermon video, worship folder, music, and Bible study) while now meeting in person.

Online worship will be published via our website, email, and social media late Saturday night or early Sunday morning. You can always find the materials for any Sunday at cocidaho.org/worship-resources.

In-person worship includes five services per weekend:

- Saturday, 6:30 pm, at Boise
- Sunday, 8:30, 9:45, and 11:00 am at Boise
- Sunday, 9:30 am at JaK*s Place in Nampa

The details of our plan for meeting safely and complying with CDC, local, and federal guidelines can be found at cocidaho.org/resuming-in-person-worship.

Thank-offerings may always be given at cocidaho.org/give, or feel free to drop yours off at the church office (see hours below).

Office Hours

Beginning Monday, May 25, the office will be staffed Mon-Wed-Fri, 9am-12pm, and Tues-Thurs 12pm-3pm. You can, of course, always get in touch with us via phone (208-375-3992) or email (secretary@cocidaho.org).

A Way to Help

In our efforts to serve our community and reach out with Christ's love, Cross of Christ has partnered with Boise Rescue Mission (with facilities in Boise and Nampa) to help those facing especially difficult times. Your generosity supplies some of their greatest needs. They're listed here on this Amazon shopping list: www.tinyurl.com/CoCBRMMay20.

So far, we've purchased about 30% of the items on the wish list! If you are able, would you consider helping put that number higher?

(You may need to register with Amazon Smile before using the list; this program gives a percentage of <all> your Amazon purchases to the charity of your choice. Designating Boise Rescue Mission and purchasing something on their list is a double gift! You can change your charity designation at any time.)

CrossTrainers Meeting Every Wednesday

CrossTrainers, our midweek teen group, will continue to meet Wednesdays through the summer, 7:30-9:00 pm, under the pavilion on the east side of church. Friends always welcome!

Congratulations to the High School Class of 2020

Dante Hibbs
Mountain View High School

Lauren Becker
Rocky Mountain High School

Michael Zimpelmann
Luther Preparatory School

May these young men and woman continue to grow in God's Word as they live their lives according to God's will and give him glory in all they think, speak, and do!

Free E-book: Finding Hope in Times of Crisis

The coronavirus pandemic, with all the upending of life it brought, has led many people to a time of crisis. Crisis moments can be collective (like a global pandemic) or individual (like sudden loss). They can bring a host of complicating factors that lead to unhealthy isolation, triggers for harmful behavior, loss of motivation, and serious spiritual questions. Pastor Wetzel and Amanda Cadwell, LCPC, have co-written an e-book called *Afraid to Live: Finding Hope in Times of Crisis*. In it, they address these factors and the path toward hope and well-being. You can sign up for your free download of this resource [HERE](#). Share the link with others, too, to help them find hope in Christ during times of crisis.

Teen Camping Trip June 12-14

Cross of Christ teens (confirmed & older) and their friends are invited to a weekend with friends & Jesus in the great outdoors, Friday-Sunday, June 12-14. Some details are still in the works, but you can indicate your interest on the bulletin board in the lobby at Boise or by emailing secretary@cocidaho.org.

Cancelled: Summer Camp (VBS) 2020

For the sake of the health of our community and the reputation of Cross of Christ, we are choosing to cancel Summer Camp (VBS) 2020. Many of you are disappointed, and we understand! This is not what we wanted to happen. As Summer Camp is one of our main youth outreach opportunities for the summer, we are therefore putting time and energy into planning another opportunity to train youth to do evangelism in different ways.

DivorceCare - GriefShare

Both DivorceCare and GriefShare support groups are *now meeting online*. If you or anyone you know would benefit from Christ-centered, practical encouragement after the loss of a loved one to death or the loss of a spouse to separation or divorce, please consider using this tremendous resource. You will be given videos to watch on your own, a workbook to use at home, and have the opportunity to meet online for 30 minutes with your group. Follow these links for more information ([GriefShare](#) // [DivorceCare](#)) or call/email/text Pastor Zimpelmann (208-861-3623 / matt.zimpelmann@cocidaho.org).

Keep Reaching Your Online Friends!

Even as you think about returning to in-person worship, many people aren't able to do so or will choose to wait for a while. Keep sharing Cross of Christ's digital resources! Via email, text message, or social media, the sermons, devotions, prayer videos, and songs can be powerful tools of encouragement for someone you know.

Preschool Graduation; Tuition Discount Expires May 31

This past Wednesday, the 4s and 5s of Cross of Christ Preschool experienced a usual milestone in an unusual way: graduating from preschool via drive-through! Congratulations to these students who are now moving on to the wider world of Kindergarten! And many thanks to Mrs. Steinbrenner and Mrs. Kennedy for a wonderful year and a memorable celebration.

If you have or know someone with a 3, 4, or 5-year-old who is interested in preschool, you or they may simply be thankful that this school year is nearing its end!

At the same time, you and they will want to know that not only does Cross of Christ Preschool currently have some openings in all classes, this year's tuition discount expires in just about a week! All details and necessary forms can easily be accessed and submitted online at cocidaho.org/preschool.

Direct questions to Registrar 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	May 24		May 31	
	Boise	Nampa	Boise	Nampa
Music	Koepsell, Lowry, Dodd, Evans, Trull	Wetzel	Koepsell	Dodd
AV Tech	E. Christianson, A. Becker, J. Hofstetter, C. Arstein	J. Malnes, S. Tews, G. Light	E. Christianson, A. Becker, TBA	J. Malnes, S. Tews, G. Light
Altar Care	n/a		n/a	
Set-Up	n/a	Guthmiller, Harris, Olsoe	n/a	Guthmiller, Harris, Olsoe
Ushers	M. Brown, H. Geary, B. Masters, TBA	n/a	M. Brown, J. Breckon, KC Broyles, B. Masters, TBA	n/a
Post- worship Cleaners	M. Brown, H. Geary, B. Masters, TBA	D. Tews, J. Light, T. Light	M. Brown, J. Breckon, KC Broyles, B. Masters, TBA	D. Tews, J. Light, T. Light
Tellers	Turley, Morgan, Cadwell		Turley, Morford, Morgan	

General Fund Offerings Planned FY 19-20	\$687,043
General Fund Offerings Planned FYTD	\$607,768
General Fund Offerings FYTD	\$620,892
Total Offerings Last Week (All Funds)	\$12,593

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