



Give Thanks

TO THE LORD FOR GREAT AND SMALL

THANKSGIVING DAY 2020

Cross of Christ Lutheran Church & Preschool

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Thanksgiving Day

November 26, 2020

Welcome to Cross of Christ

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 our 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're 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. You will also find a summary statement of our beliefs on the lobby counter. More information is available online at cocidaho.org.



CROSS OF CHRIST
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Opening Song "Now Thank We All Our God"

Baptism

Emma Marie Sullivan

Song of Praise

“Come, Oh, Come, Let Us Sing”

On screens

God’s Word

Deuteronomy 8:10-18

¹⁰ When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the Lord your God for the good land he has given you. ¹¹ Be careful that you do not forget the Lord your God, failing to observe his commands, his laws and his decrees that I am giving you this day. ¹² Otherwise, when you eat and are satisfied, when you build fine houses and settle down, ¹³ and when your herds and flocks grow large and your silver and gold increase and all you have is multiplied, ¹⁴ then your heart will become proud and you will forget the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. ¹⁵ He led you through the vast and dreadful wilderness, that thirsty and waterless land, with its venomous snakes and scorpions. He brought you water out of hard rock. ¹⁶ He gave you manna to eat in the wilderness, something your ancestors had never known, to humble and test you so that in the end it might go well with you. ¹⁷ You may say to yourself, “My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me.” ¹⁸ But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your ancestors, as it is today.

God’s Word

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

¹⁶ Rejoice always, ¹⁷ pray continually, ¹⁸ give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.

God’s Word

Luke 17:11-19

¹¹ Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance ¹³ and called out in a loud voice, “Jesus, Master, have pity on us!”

¹⁴ When he saw them, he said, “Go, show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were cleansed.

¹⁵ One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. ¹⁶ He threw himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him—and he was a Samaritan.

¹⁷ Jesus asked, “Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? ¹⁸ Has no one returned to give praise to God except this foreigner?” ¹⁹ Then he said to him, “Rise and go; your faith has made you well.”

P: Give thanks to the Lord; call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done. (Psalm 105:1)

A Children’s Message

Song of Prayer

“King of the World”

vocalist

A Message from God’s Word

Habakkuk 3:17-19

¹⁷ Though the fig tree does not bud
and there are no grapes on the vines,
though the olive crop fails
and the fields produce no food,
though there are no sheep in the pen
and no cattle in the stalls,
¹⁸ yet I will rejoice in the Lord,
I will be joyful in God my Savior.
¹⁹ The Sovereign Lord is my strength;
he makes my feet like the feet of a deer,
he enables me to tread on the heights.

Give Thanks to the Lord for Great and Small

Song of Praise: Te Deum

“You Are God; We Praise You”

On screen

Song of Prayer

“Give Thanks to God, for Good He Is”

Psalm 136, on screen

Prayers

God’s Blessing

Closing Song

**“Praise God, from Whom
All Blessings Flow”**

Hymn #334

Silent Prayer

Thank-Offerings

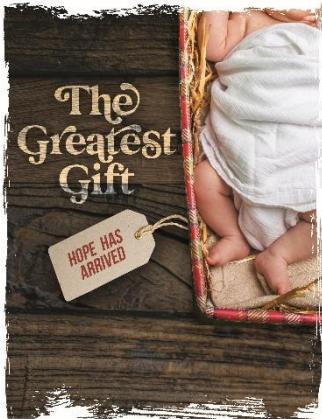
Giving an offering is one of the many ways we worship our Savior-God. You may give an offering in the lobby by dropping it into the offering plates as you leave or online at cocidaho.org/give. You may also drop it off in the office during the week. As always, you are not obligated. We are glad you are with us to hear God's Word and give thanks to him!

Boise Campus & Preschool
11655 W McMillan Rd
Boise, ID 83713

Nampa Midweek Ministry Center
5680 E Franklin Rd, Suite 120
Nampa, ID 83687

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.



You Are Welcome for Christmas Worship!

At Boise:

Christmas Eve, 1:00 & 3:00 pm

Christmas Day, 10:00 am

At Nampa (JaK*s Place):

Christmas Eve, 4:30 pm

Second Site Building Purchase

The Cross of Christ Voters have approved the plan to move forward on the purchase of a new building for our North Nampa mission! After several months of searching for a venue to lease to serve worship and all ministry activities, we located a new building on Birch Lane (near Jak*s Place, our current worship venue). Very quickly our attention shifted to a purchase of the building, which appeared to be more cost-effective.

Loan and grant applications are in process, as well as raising the funds for the up-front costs and down payment (see page 8). Once the final contingencies are met, we can close on the property (~late January) and begin interior construction buildout (~March), with a potential occupancy in April-May. It's an exciting time for the Cross of Christ's mission and our future brothers and sisters in Christ in Canyon County! We rejoice that despite the challenges of 2020, God's people still work in joyful thanksgiving to share the gospel with the lost!

Daily Devotions & Advent Devotions

Two devotion booklets are available to you for free on the ushers' cart by the lobby mailboxes: the December-February Meditations and "The Jesse Tree," an Advent devotion booklet provided by Martin Luther College (our church body's called worker training school). These daily devotions will provide food for your faith and encouragement for your life as you prepare to celebrate our Savior's birth! Take one or both home today.

Ladies, you can also sign up for a daily email devotion during the month of December, from WELS Women's Ministry, at tinyurl.com/WomensDecDevotions.

Christmas Flowers

To honor Jesus' birth by beautifying the Boise chapel for Christmas, sign up on the lobby bulletin board to purchase flowering plants (\$6.50-\$14.00 each). Last day to request a plant is Mon, Dec. 7. After the last service on Christmas Eve or Day, take your plants home to enjoy! Contact Kay Guthmiller with questions (208-850-8809).

Grocery Outreach in Boise This Month

Saturday, December 19, 10:00 am. Deliver free groceries to members of our community who could use a bit of support and encouragement! We'll meet the Boise campus and go from there.

RSVP to Pastor Wetzel (kurt.wetzel@cocidaho.org) if you would like to **donate** and/or **deliver** groceries. It's safe, everybody goes with a partner, instructions are provided, and you might be surprised by the joy you find in giving.

Christmas for Kids At Home

We can't do it at church, but you can still do it safely at home! Reserve your take-home Christmas for Kids kit (project supplies, instructions, & access to video devotions & songs) at cocidaho.org/connect/c4k. Even better: Share the link with friends & neighbor kids! Registration deadline Monday, December 7. Kit pick-up is Saturday, Dec. 12, 12:30-2:30 pm at both Cross of Christ locations; choose your pick-up location when reserving your kit.

Pledge Drive for North Nampa Building

As of 11/21/20, Cross of Christ's building fund and pledges stood at \$83K (\$60K existing building fund balance, \$21K in new gifts, and \$2K in pledges) toward our total needs of \$210K. (Updated numbers will be reported this coming weekend.) The largest portion of this amount is needed for the mid-December down payment. With this in mind, we are asking members to give directly to the building fund (by check or at cocidaho.org/give) or use a pledge form to indicate gifts to come.

The down payment timeframe requires that all pledges be submitted by December 6 and all gifts/pledges be fulfilled by December 15.

- In Boise: pledge card available in the lobby near the bulletin boards, place in box in same location.
- In Nampa: pledge card available with the bulletins & connection cards near the door; place in offering plate.
- Online: tinyurl.com/2020BuildingPledge