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# Cross of Christ Lutheran Church & Preschool

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Christmas Eve

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## 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 worshipping family. In fact, our worship often includes a children's message with little ones in mind (though these are currently on hold for health considerations). 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 are not expected to give an offering; it's your choice.

**Restrooms** are located to the left and right of the water fountain in the lobby. Both are furnished with baby changing stations.

**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 and join us for our upcoming Cross Connections class. More information is available online at [cocidaho.org](http://cocidaho.org).



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## Opening

## with “Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful”

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**(♩) Oh, come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,  
Oh, come ye, oh, come ye to Bethlehem;  
Come and behold him, born the King of angels.  
Oh, come, let us adore him,  
Oh, come, let us adore him,  
Oh, come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.**

We come on this holy day to worship the Son of God who came to earth, born of a virgin on Christmas. This event changes everything! God became man to set us free from sin and all that is wrong. We celebrate the birth of a child who came to rescue us. He is God. He is the Savior. He is Christ, the Lord.

**(♩) God from true God, and Light from Light eternal,  
Born of a virgin, to earth he comes,  
Only begotten Son of God the Father.  
Oh, come, let us adore him,  
Oh, come, let us adore him,  
Oh, come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.**

“Glory to God!” the angels sang, because on Christmas, God did something astounding. Heaven and earth were reunited as God came down. Peace on earth. Light for those walking in darkness. Burdens lifted. Our enemies defeated. Hope arrived that first Christmas Eve. So we join the heavenly choirs to sing praises to God. In love, he gave his Son for us all.

**(♩) Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation;  
Sing, all ye citizens of heav’n above.  
Glory to God, all glory in the highest.  
Oh, come, let us adore him,  
Oh, come, let us adore him,  
Oh, come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.**

We pray: Almighty God, you made this holy day shine with the brightness of the true light. Fill us with hope this Christmas as we see the gift you gave us lying in a manger. Hold us in your loving care until the day we see Jesus in the glory you are preparing for us in heaven. In Jesus’ name, grant us all a merry Christmas. Amen.

## God's Word

## Isaiah 9:2-7

<sup>2</sup> The people walking in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
on those living in the land of deep darkness  
a light has dawned.

<sup>3</sup> You have enlarged the nation  
and increased their joy;  
they rejoice before you  
as people rejoice at the harvest,  
as warriors rejoice  
when dividing the plunder.

<sup>4</sup> For as in the day of Midian's defeat,  
you have shattered  
the yoke that burdens them,  
the bar across their shoulders,  
the rod of their oppressor.

<sup>5</sup> Every warrior's boot used in battle  
and every garment rolled in blood  
will be destined for burning,  
will be fuel for the fire.

<sup>6</sup> For to us a child is born,  
to us a son is given,  
and the government will be on his shoulders.

And he will be called  
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

<sup>7</sup> Of the greatness of his government and peace  
there will be no end.

He will reign on David's throne  
and over his kingdom,  
establishing and upholding it  
with justice and righteousness  
from that time on and forever.

The zeal of the LORD Almighty  
will accomplish this.

Carol

“What Child Is This”

*Hymn #67*

God’s Word

Titus 2:11-14

<sup>11</sup> For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. <sup>12</sup> It teaches us to say “No” to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, <sup>13</sup> while we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, <sup>14</sup> who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.

Carol

“Away in a Manger”

*Hymn #68*

Message from God’s Word

Romans 8:32

<sup>32</sup> He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?

**What Are You Getting for Christmas?**

Solo

“Who Would Have Dreamed”

*On the screens*

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.**

The Christmas Account

Luke 2:1-20

<sup>1</sup>In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. <sup>2</sup>(This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) <sup>3</sup>And everyone went to their own town to register.

<sup>4</sup>So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. <sup>5</sup>He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. <sup>6</sup>While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, <sup>7</sup>and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

<sup>8</sup>And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. <sup>9</sup>An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. <sup>10</sup>But the angel said to

them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. <sup>11</sup> Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. <sup>12</sup> This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”

<sup>13</sup> Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

<sup>14</sup> “Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”

<sup>15</sup> When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.”

<sup>16</sup> So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. <sup>17</sup> When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, <sup>18</sup> and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. <sup>19</sup> But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. <sup>20</sup> The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

## Prayers

*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

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 Carol

“Silent Night”

Hymn #60

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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.*

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### Boise Campus & Preschool

11655 W McMillan Rd  
Boise, ID 83713

### Nampa Midweek Ministry Center

5680 E Franklin Rd, Suite 120  
Nampa, ID 83687

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### Christmas Day Worship

Friday @ 10:00 AM

### Weekly Worship in Boise

Saturdays @ 6:30 PM  
Sundays @ 8:30 & 11:00 AM

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## Cross Connections

The perfect course to connect to God, purpose, and community.

Tuesdays @ 6:30 PM

next session starting January 26 (with online options)

[cocidaho.org/connect/cross-connections](http://cocidaho.org/connect/cross-connections)