



CHRISTMAS

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# Cross of Christ Lutheran Church & Preschool

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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.

**Make yourself at home.** After our services, we join together in the lobby for fellowship 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](http://cocidaho.org).



**CROSS OF CHRIST**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

# BORN TO YOU!

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Opening Song

“Once in Royal David’s City”

*Hymn #50:1-3*

## We Gather to Worship the Word Made Flesh

P: Glory to God in the highest!

**C: Glory to God in the highest!**

P: When the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those under the law (Galatians 4:4-5). God now invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask for forgiveness.

**C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. I know that the day you took on flesh and began to suffer was necessary because of my sin. You came among us as a light shining in darkness. I confess that I have not welcomed that light. But I am sorry for my sins and sincerely repent of them, and I ask you, out of your boundless mercy, to be gracious to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P: Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests (Luke 2:14). Upon your confession, I, as a called servant of the Word made flesh, announce the grace of God unto all of you. In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit. Born for you today in the city of David a Savior, he is Christ the Lord! (Luke 2:11) Be of good cheer and certain of your forgiveness, because God proved that he keeps his promises.

**C: Glory to God in the highest! Amen!**

## Song of Praise

## “Joy to the World”

*Hymn #62:1, 3-4*

### God’s Word

### Isaiah 7:14

<sup>14</sup> Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.

### God’s Word

### Hebrews 2:6-11, 17

<sup>6</sup> But there is a place where someone has testified:

“What is mankind that you are mindful of them,  
a son of man that you care for him?

<sup>7</sup> You made them a little lower than the angels;  
you crowned them with glory and honor

<sup>8</sup> and put everything under their feet.”

In putting everything under them, God left nothing that is not subject to them. Yet at present we do not see everything subject to them. <sup>9</sup> But we do see Jesus, who was made lower than the angels for a little while, now crowned with glory and honor because he suffered death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

<sup>10</sup> In bringing many sons and daughters to glory, it was fitting that God, for whom and through whom everything exists, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through what he suffered. <sup>11</sup> Both the one who makes people holy and those who are made holy are of the same family. So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters.

<sup>17</sup> For this reason he had to be made like them, fully human in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people.

## Message from God's Word

John 1:1-5, 10-14

<sup>1</sup> In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was with God in the beginning. <sup>3</sup> Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. <sup>4</sup> In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. <sup>5</sup> The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

<sup>10</sup> He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. <sup>11</sup> He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. <sup>12</sup> Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— <sup>13</sup> children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

<sup>14</sup> The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

### Broken Christmas



Christmas Song

“A Son, Emmanuel”

*Sung by the vocalists*

## Confession of Faith

**We believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**We believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is our Lord. He has redeemed us, lost and condemned creatures, purchased and won us from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver but with his holy, precious blood and with his innocent suffering and death. All this he did that we should be his own, and live under him in his kingdom, and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as he has risen from death and lives and rules eternally.**

**We 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.**

## Christmas Song

**“O Jesus Christ, Your Manger Is”**

*On screens*

## Prayer of the Church and the Lord’s Prayer

*After the prayer spoken by the pastor, we join to sing the Lord’s Prayer:*

**Our Father in heaven, we hallow your name.  
May your kingdom holy on earth be the same.  
Oh, give to us daily our portion of bread;  
It is from your bounty that all must be fed.**

**Forgive our transgressions and teach us to know  
That humble compassion which pardons each foe.  
Keep us from temptation, from evil and sin,  
For yours is the glory forever! Amen.**

## Blessing

P: May he who by his incarnation gathered things earthly and heavenly into one, fill us with such joy that comes with the knowledge of the forgiveness of sins and the hope of eternal life. And the blessing of God Almighty – the Father, Son, (†) and Holy Spirit – be upon you and remain with you forever.

**C: Amen.**

## Closing Song

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

*Hymn #61*

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## Silent Prayer

O God incarnate, as the angels sang out their praise, move us also to sing our praise to you, today and every day, as the joy of Christmas remains in our hearts. Amen.



## 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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## Cross Connections

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

Tuesdays & Thursdays @ 6:30 PM

next sessions starting January 26 & 28 (with online options)

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