



CROSS OF CHRIST
BOISE

Cross of Christ Lutheran Church

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First Sunday in Lent

February 20-21, 2021

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 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 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 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. More information is also available online at cocidaho.org.



CROSS of CHRIST
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Welcomed into the Family of God

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

Congregation: Amen.

As we come before God today to worship, we can approach him with confidence. At the same time, we do so with reverence and awe. God is holy, but we have sinned much. Together we confess our sins and place our trust in Christ alone for acceptance in the family of God.

Just and merciful Father in heaven, I thank and praise you for your goodness to me. In countless ways, I have sinned against you and failed to live as your child. I am sorry for my sins, and I trust in Jesus. Thank you for sending a Savior to make me holy in your sight.

Because Jesus suffered and died in your place, your sins are paid for. God justifies you. Who can bring a charge against you? Jesus' resurrection proves nothing can separate you from the love of God. You are forgiven and acceptable in his sight. Live in gratitude and joy. God strengthen you to live according to his will.

Amen!

Song of Thanks

“Lamb of God”

On screens

Prayer

Lord our strength, the battle of good and evil rages within and around us, and our ancient foe tempts us with his deceits and empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your Word, and when we fall, raise us up again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

God's Word

Mark 1:12-15

¹² At once the Spirit sent [Jesus] out into the wilderness, ¹³ and he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and angels attended him.

¹⁴ After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. ¹⁵ "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!"

God's Word

Romans 8:31-39

³¹ What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³² 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?

³³ Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. ³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? ³⁶ As it is written:

"For your sake we face death all day long;
we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered."

³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, ³⁹ neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Children's Message

Message from God's Word

Genesis 22:1-18

¹ Some time later God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!"

"Here I am," he replied.

² Then God said, "Take your son, your only son, whom you love—Isaac—and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain I will show you."

³ Early the next morning Abraham got up and loaded his donkey. He took with him two of his servants and his son Isaac. When he had cut enough wood for the burnt offering, he set out for the place God had told him about. ⁴ On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance. ⁵ He said to his servants, "Stay here with the donkey while I and the boy go over there. We will worship and then we will come back to you."

⁶ Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and placed it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. As the two of them went on together, ⁷ Isaac spoke up and said to his father Abraham, "Father?"

"Yes, my son?" Abraham replied.

"The fire and wood are here," Isaac said, "but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?"

⁸ Abraham answered, "God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son." And the two of them went on together.

⁹ When they reached the place God had told him about, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. ¹⁰ Then he reached out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. ¹¹ But the angel of the Lord called out to him from heaven, "Abraham! Abraham!"

"Here I am," he replied.

¹² "Do not lay a hand on the boy," he said. "Do not do anything to him. Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son."

¹³ Abraham looked up and there in a thicket he saw a ram caught by its horns. He went over and took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴ So Abraham called that place The Lord Will Provide. And to this day it is said, "On the mountain of the Lord it will be provided."

¹⁵ The angel of the Lord called to Abraham from heaven a second time ¹⁶ and said, “I swear by myself, declares the Lord, that because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, ¹⁷ I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will take possession of the cities of their enemies, ¹⁸ and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed me.”

Tested and Approved

Statement 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 worshiped 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

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.

The Lord's Supper

God's Word speaks of the spiritual blessings of this Sacrament (Mt. 26:28) and warns against the spiritual dangers of being unprepared for this holy meal (1 Cor. 11:27-29). Because we deeply care about you and don't want to see anyone's faith harmed, we ask that if you have not studied with us or spoken with our pastors first, that you refrain from joining in the Sacrament today. We are not judging your love for Jesus but rather displaying loving caution for all involved. Please feel free to ask one of our pastors if you have questions. We are eager to listen and share over an open Bible.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us, and grant us your peace. Amen.

Communion Song

"The Lamb"

On screens

Blessing

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Amen!

Song

“How Deep the Father’s Love”

On screens

New Sunday Morning Bible Study

“The Passion According to John” begins this Sunday, February 21. A walk through the Gospel of John to the cross of Christ. Consider and discuss the last 24 hours of Jesus’ life on earth as our Savior. For adults & teens at Boise, 9:45 am; for all ages at JaK*s Place in Nampa, 8:45 am.

Kids’ Sunday School

Sunday School for kids age 2-6th grade is now in session at Boise!

- 9:45 - 10:45 am.
- All ages meet in the gym; kids are divided into three age groups for Bible lesson, craft project, and music time.
- The gym is open at 9:40 am but free play is not available just yet; when kids arrive they’ll go right to their first activity station.
- Kids and adult teachers/helpers need to wear masks.
- Please stop in the hall for a temperature check before entering the gym.
- Parents of kids age 2 - Kindergarten, please pick your kids up from the gym at the end of the hour. Kids 1st-6th grade will be released on their own.

Meditations Devotional

The March-May Meditations is now available! At Boise you’ll find it on the lobby cart near the mailboxes; at Nampa they’re at the door by the bulletins & offering plates. This daily devotion provides food for your faith and encouragement for life. Please take one for yourself and one for a friend!

Cross of Christ Weekly Newsletter

February 21, 2021

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

| Feb 21-28 | Boise | Nampa |
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| Sunday | 8:30am - Early Worship w/Communion 9:45am - Adult/Teen Bible Study 9:45am - Kids' Sunday School 11:00am - Late Worship w/Communion | 8:45am - Family Bible Study (JaK*s Place) 9:30am - Worship w/ Communion (JaK*s Place) |
| Monday | 10:00am - Women's Bible Study | |
| Tuesday | 6:30pm - Cross Connections (online) | |
| Wednesday | 6:30pm - Lent Wednesday Worship | |
| Thursday | | 6:30pm - Cross Connections |
| Friday | | |
| Saturday | 6:30pm - Evening Worship | |
| Next Sunday | 8:30am - Early Worship 9:45am - Adult/Teen Bible Study 9:45am - Kids' Sunday School 11:00am - Late Worship 2:15pm - Family Snow Tubing | 8:45am - Family Bible Study (JaK*s Place) 9:30am - Worship (JaK*s Place) |

Lenten Midweek Worship at Boise

Follow Jesus to the cross and have your faith strengthened in gratitude for his love for you. This year we visit six specific moments in Jesus' last week before his death and consider what those moments mean for us.

Wednesdays on the Boise Campus

Worship at 6:30 pm

Regrettably, no soup suppers this year.



February 24: A Moment of Betrayal

March 3: A Moment of Misguided Zeal

March 10: A Moment of Hypocrisy

March 17: A Moment of Brutality

March 24: A Moment of Self-Preservation

Cross of Christ Preschool Enrolling All Students for Fall 2021

Registration info & packets can be picked up in the church office or found online at cocidaho.org/preschool. Please complete your registration as soon as possible to assure a spot in your preferred class! Direct questions to Jan Perna (208-949-0851 / registrar@cocboise.org).

Don't have preschool-age kids? Help spread the word about our great preschool!

Family Snow Tubing: Deadline this Monday, Feb 22

Let's have some outdoor fun!

- Sunday, February 28, 2:15 - 3:45 pm
- at Eagle Island State Park
- \$15 per ticket (kids 2 & under free) (payable day-of to Cross of Christ)
- \$5 per car for state park entry (or Idaho State Parks Pass); pay at park
- Reserve your tickets online [HERE](#) or on the bulletin board at Boise *no later than Monday, February 22*.

Spring Plant Swap

As you start to think spring, ladies, a reminder that Sisters in Christ will host a plant swap in the gym at Boise on Sunday, April 25, 12:30-1:30 pm. Bring one to give away, take a new one home!

- store-bought or home-grown
- any kind! flower, vegetable, house plant, succulent, bulbs or seeds, etc.
- use an inexpensive pot

- If you have a green thumb feel free to bring more than one to share. Questions can be directed to Becky Sobolewski (charlieandbecky@hotmail.com) or Andrea Becker (becker_family_3546@msn.com).

Save the Date! Women’s Retreat: September 24-26, 2021

WHO: All women from Cross of Christ, our sister churches Messiah and Peace in Jesus, and their friends!

WHAT: Christian fellowship, reflection on God’s Word, and pure fun with your sisters in Christ

WHEN: Friday, September 24 through Sunday, September 26

WHERE: Pilgrim Cove Camp in McCall, ID

COST: \$95 per person (includes two nights lodging plus five meals)

Do you enjoy event planning or get excited about activities that connect women with each other? Consider helping with the retreat planning!

Contact Rock Brown with questions or to volunteer! (907-301-3276 / rockmattq8@hotmail.com).

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

| People in God’s Word this past week | Boise | Nampa | Total |
|---|-----------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Sunday Morning Bible Study | 54 | 21 | 75 |
| Kids’ Sunday School | 28 | | 28 |
| Cross Connections Class | 10 | | |
| Men’s Bible Study (<i>paused during Lent</i>) | | | n/a |
| Women’s Bible Study | 6 | | 6 |
| CrossTrainers (<i>paused during Lent</i>) | | | n/a |
| Last Weekend’s Worship | (Sat) 29 + 55 + 88 = 172 | 33 | 205 |
| Lent Wednesday Worship | 83 | | |

| Serving | February 20-21 | | February 27-28 | |
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| | Nampa | Boise | Nampa | Boise |
| Music | R. Dodd | M. Walters | J. Lowry | K. Koepsell |
| AV Tech | J. Malnes, S. Tews, G. Light | E. Christianson, A. Becker, J. Geary, C. Voll | J. Malnes, S. Tews, G. Light | E. Christianson, A. Becker, J. Kennedy, TBA |
| Altar Care | K. Guthmiller, C. Harris | McLain, Adams | K. Guthmiller, C. Harris | McLain, Adams |
| Set-Up & Open / Close | Guthmiller, Harris, Olsoe, | H. Geary, B. Masters, R. Lange | Guthmiller, Harris, Olsoe | M. Brown, B. Masters, KC Broyles |
| Ushers | J. Harris | G. Thompson, M. Brown; R. Hibbs, J. Berrier; B. Turley, L. Manglos, | n/a | TBA, R. Hibbs, B. Turley, |
| Coffee | Guthmiller, Wetzel | Robbins, McLain | Guthmiller, Wetzel | Robbins, McLain |
| Sanitizing | D. Tews, J. Light | O'Mallon, Hibbs, Manglos | D. Tews, J. Light | DeWall, Hibbs, McLain |
| Flowers | n/a | Kennedy | n/a | Loring |
| Church Cleaners | n/a | Einfalt, W&D Ehlke | n/a | Ellis, Sigler |
| Tellers | Rule, Walden, Morgan | | Harris, Cadwell, Morford | |
| Bulletin Folders | Bafus, Guthmiller | | Prigges, Tweedy, Foreman | |

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| <i>General Fund Offerings Planned FY 20-21</i> | \$708,200 |
| General Fund Offerings Planned FYTD | \$449,435 |
| General Fund Offerings FYTD | \$412,850 |
| Total Offerings Last Week (All Funds) | \$11,143 |