



CROSS OF CHRIST

Cross of Christ Lutheran Church

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Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 13-14, 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 worshipping 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 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

Opening Song

“My Worth is Not in What I Own”

on screens

Welcomed into the Family of God

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

Congregation: And also with you.

Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

**Lord of life, I confess that apart from you I was dead in sin,
For faithless worrying and selfish pride,
For sins of habit and sins of choice,
For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,
I deserved to be cast away from your presence forever.
O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.**

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant:

I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are welcomed home in his family. God give you strength to live according to his will.

Amen!

Prayer

I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, that you have kept me this night from all harm and danger. Keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please you. Into your hands I commend my body and soul and all things. Let your holy angel be with me, that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.

God's Word

Numbers 21:4-9

⁴They traveled from Mount Hor along the route to the Red Sea, to go around Edom. But the people grew impatient on the way; ⁵they spoke against God and against Moses, and said, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? There is no bread! There is no water! And we detest this miserable food!"

⁶Then the LORD sent venomous snakes among them; they bit the people and many Israelites died. ⁷The people came to Moses and said, "We sinned when we spoke against the LORD and against you. Pray that the LORD will take the snakes away from us." So Moses prayed for the people.

⁸The LORD said to Moses, "Make a snake and put it up on a pole; anyone who is bitten can look at it and live." ⁹So Moses made a bronze snake and put it up on a pole. Then when anyone was bitten by a snake and looked at the bronze snake, they lived.

God's Word

John 3:14-21

¹⁴"Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, ¹⁵that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.

¹⁶"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. ¹⁸Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son. ¹⁹This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed. ²¹But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what they have done has been done in the sight of God."

Song

"The Glory of The Cross"

sung by the vocalist

Children's Message

Message from God's Word

Ephesians 2:1-10

¹ As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, ² in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. ³ All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath. ⁴ But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, ⁵ made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions— it is by grace you have been saved. ⁶ And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, ⁷ in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. ⁸ For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— ⁹ not by works, so that no one can boast. ¹⁰ For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

God's Masterpiece

Song

“What Grace Is This?”

on 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.

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.

Blessing

Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

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 Lay My Sins on Jesus"

Hymn 372:1,2,3

Cross of Christ Weekly Newsletter

March 14, 2021

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

Mar 14-Mar 21	Boise	Nampa
Sunday	8:30am - Early Worship 9:45am - Adult/Teen Bible Study 9:45am - Kids' Sunday School 11:00am - Late Worship	8:45am - Family Bible Study (JaK*s Place) 9:30am - Worship (JaK*s Place)
Monday	10:00am - Women's Bible Study 6:00pm - Council Meeting	
Tuesday	6:30pm - Cross Connections (online)	
Wednesday	6:30pm - Lent Wednesday Worship	
Thursday		6:30pm - Cross Connections
Friday		
Saturday	6:30pm - Evening Worship w/Communion	9:00am - Nampa Ministry Meeting 10:30am - Grocery Outreach
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Spring Cleanup at Boise

Polish up God's house for Easter Sunday! Clean-up is **Saturday, April 3, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm**. Everyone can contribute in some way, with plenty of tasks both large and small to accomplish. All supplies & instructions provided!

Holy Week Worship

During Holy Week we contemplate and celebrate how our God was faithful in his promises, paid the complete cost of our redemption, and defeated death. All these things were done for you and for everyone you know. *Be sure to set aside time for these important celebrations -- and bring a friend!*

We especially encourage you to bring friends and family on Easter morning. *This is why we're offering a third service at Boise, at 7:00 am*. A light breakfast will be offered in the gym all morning, starting at 8:00 am, so stick around for a bit! In Nampa we'll worship at the usual time of 9:30 am, at JaK*s Place.

Even if life is still a bit different these days, the timeless joy of Holy Week builds our faith with this simple truth: Hope is always alive, since Jesus is alive!

Holy Week Worship	Boise	Nampa, at JaK*s Place
Palm Sunday	Saturday, March 27, 6:30 pm Sunday, March 28 8:30 & 11:00 am	Sunday, March 28 9:30 am
Maundy Thursday	Thursday, April 1, 6:30 pm with Holy Communion	
Good Friday	Friday, April 2 6:30 pm	
Easter Sunday	<i>no Saturday evening service</i> Sunday, April 4 7:00, 8:30, & 11:00 am Light breakfast, 8:00-11:00a	Sunday, April 4 9:30 am

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 specific moments in Jesus' last week before his death and consider what those moments mean for us.

Wednesdays through March 24 // on the Boise Campus // worship at 6:30 pm

Easter Flower Orders

Help adorn our Savior's altar at Boise with flowers on Easter morning! (You're welcome to enjoy the flowers at home after the final Easter service!) Sign up on the lobby bulletin board at Boise or [online here](#). *Quantities are limited; order ASAP!* Make checks payable to Dick or Kay Guthmiller and put in church mailbox #12.

Easter Candy

Easter Sunday at Boise will include a kids' egg hunt! Could you donate some candy? Place wrapped candy in the kitchen at Boise by **Sunday, March 28**, in the donation bin on the back counter. Gluten-free, dairy-free, and/or nut-free options are always welcome for our kids who have allergies or sensitivities (please label). Questions: Rylie Jorgensen (ryliejorgensen819@gmail.com).

Experience Easter!

Stop in for an interactive family event with live storytelling to make the Easter story come alive. And yes, candy! We'll be set up for social distancing with masks available.

This free event is open to everyone! Registration is strongly encouraged to reserve your time slot.

All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Three days and locations to choose from, go to cocidaho.org/connect/experience-easter/ to register!

Saturday, March 27, beginning @ 10:30 AM
Cross of Christ - 6134 Birch Ln, Nampa

Sunday, March 28, beginning @ 12:30 PM
Cross of Christ - 11655 W McMillan Rd, Boise

Saturday, April 3, beginning @ 2:00 PM
Messiah Lutheran Church - 534 W Iowa Ave, Nampa

North Nampa Ministry Meeting

Saturday, March 20, 9:00 am, at the Nampa Ministry Center (5680 E Franklin Rd, Suite 120). All are invited! We'll discuss, evaluate, and plan how we continue to reach out with Jesus' good news, particularly as we move toward transitioning into our new building in Nampa! Come a bit early for light breakfast & fellowship, and/or stay after for this month's Grocery Outreach (see next announcement).

Grocery Outreach in Nampa this Month

Saturday, March 20, 10:30am. Meet at the North Nampa Ministry Center. Donate and/or deliver groceries to members of our community!

Register here to participate in this month's Outreach: tinyurl.com/CoCGOMar21.

Please donate groceries in sets; each set should include:

- small jars of peanut butter & jelly, OR a few cans/packets of tuna
- fresh veggies OR fruit (bananas, apples, & baby carrots work well)
- snack item (granola bars, crackers, etc.)
- dessert/treat (small bag of candy or cookies)

Direct questions to Pastor Wetzel (kurt.wetzel@cocidaho.org/ 208-996-2202).

Sisters in Christ Pop! Bubble! Fizz!

Ladies, come on out for a relaxing evening: **Sunday, March 28, 6:00-7:30 pm on the Boise campus.** Wine, chocolate, Scripture, fellowship and a make and take class featuring Easter bath bombs. Invite a friend! \$3 fee to cover cost of supplies is payable at the event. *RSVP by 3/20 to secure your spot.* Space is limited! To RSVP or for questions email Jo Lowry at johannalowry@gmail.com.

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 -- and take advantage of the *tuition discount offered before April 2!* Direct questions to Jan Perna (208-949-0851 / registrar@cocboise.org). Don't have preschool-age kids? Help spread the word!

Secret Sisters

Ladies, feeling a little disconnected? Consider participating in Secret Sisters. Let's strengthen our bonds as members of Jesus' family!

- You'll be assigned a fellow female member of Cross of Christ.
- Through the end of 2021, pray for her and bless her with notes, cards, occasional small gifts, and any other form of (anonymous!) encouragement you can think of.
- Another Secret Sister will be doing the same for you!
- All ladies high school age and older are invited and encouraged to participate.
- A "reveal" gathering will be held in December
- Sign up by March 28 on the bulletin board at Boise OR by emailing Trista Whitaker at btwhitaker11@gmail.com. Trista can also answer any questions.

Soccer Camp 2021

Dear friends of Cross of Christ Soccer Camp,

Our gracious and loving God assures us in all things: “Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.” Proverbs 3:5-6.

Our community and the world are witnessing tremendous progress in the fight against the pandemic through vaccines and continued self-protection measures. Though we are, along with you, hopeful for a return to “normal” in the coming months, our Soccer Camp Committee recently met to discuss realistic options for 2021.

With ongoing uncertainty as to the vaccination progress in our community, and a change in personnel in our core committee, we sadly, once again, announce the cancellation of Soccer Camp 2021.

We're grateful to God for the nine years we've been able to enjoy Soccer Camp, and we celebrate all those experiences and memories with you! And we trust that if Cross of Christ Soccer Camp is in God's plan for future years, he will open the way.

May our gracious God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – give you peace, strength, and confidence in his presence and his promises!

Cross of Christ Soccer Camp Committee

***“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	49	15	64
Kids' Sunday School	21		21
Cross Connections Class	8	12	20
Women's Bible Study	10		10
Last Weekend's Worship	(Sat) 65 + 83 + 50 = 198	42	240
Lent Wednesday Worship	98		98

Serving	March 13-14		March 20-21	
	Nampa	Boise	Nampa	Boise
Music	R. Dodd	K. Koepsell	K. Koepsell	M. Walters
AV Tech	J. Malnes, S. Tews	E. Christianson, C. Kennedy, J. Kennedy, M. Hartman C/M Webber	J. Malnes, S. Tews, G. Light	J. Kennedy, A. Becker, TBA
Altar Care	K. Guthmiller, C. Harris	Guthmiller, Struthers	K. Guthmiller, C. Harris	Guthmiller, Struthers
Set-Up & Open / Close	Guthmiller, Harris, Olsoe	H. Geary, B. Masters, R. Lange	Guthmiller, Harris, Olsoe, D. Malnes	M. Brown, J. Kennedy, E. Christianson
Ushers	n/a	G. Bafus, D. Rule, G. Walden	J. Harris	T. Stavenau, J. Breckon, B. Breckon, A. Broyles, M. Brown
Coffee	Guthmiller, Wetzel	Johnson, Struthers	Guthmiller, Wetzel	Johnson, Struthers
Sanitizing	D. Tews, J. Light	Evans, TBA	D. Tews, J. Light	TBA
Flowers	n/a	Robbins	n/a	Banner/Ehlke
Church Cleaners	n/a	Dold, Foreman, Tweedy	n/a	Admin, Geist
Tellers	Rule, Walden, Morford		Turley, Cadwell, Morgan	
Bulletin Folders	Ritger, Ford, Ashley		Bafus, Guthmiller, Ritger	

General Fund Offerings Planned FY 20-21	\$708,200
General Fund Offerings Planned FYTD	\$490,292
General Fund Offerings FYTD	\$469,658
Total Offerings Last Week (All Funds)	\$30,828