



**CROSS OF CHRIST**

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# Cross of Christ Lutheran Church

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Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 20-21, 2021

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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 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 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](http://cocidaho.org).



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LUTHERAN CHURCH

## **Preparing Our Hearts “Lord, to You I Make Confession”**

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

Vocalist: We have come into God’s presence; maker of the heav’ns and earth.  
He created us to love him, to serve him as his precious child.  
We have disobeyed and erred, thus deserving wrath and anger.

P: Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

Vocalist: Lord, to you I make confession; I have sinned and gone astray.  
I have multiplied transgression, chosen for myself my way.  
Led by you to see my errors, Lord, I tremble at your terrors.

P: “These are the ones I look on with favor: those who are humble and contrite in spirit, and who tremble at my Word,” declares the LORD. (Isaiah 66:2)

**All: Merciful Father in heaven, I was altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and did not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray; Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love.**

**All: Lord, on you I cast my burden; sink it in the depths below!  
Let me know your gracious pardon;  
Wash me, make me white as snow.  
Let your Spirit leave me never; make me only yours forever.**

P: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

**All: For your Son has suffered for me, giv’n himself to rescue me,  
Died to save me and restore me, reconciled and set me free.  
Jesus’ cross alone can vanquish  
These dark fears and soothe this anguish.**

## God's Word

## Jeremiah 31:31-34

<sup>31</sup> “The days are coming,” declares the Lord,  
“when I will make a new covenant  
with the people of Israel  
and with the people of Judah.

<sup>32</sup> It will not be like the covenant  
I made with their ancestors  
when I took them by the hand  
to lead them out of Egypt,  
because they broke my covenant,  
though I was a husband to them,”  
declares the Lord.

<sup>33</sup> “This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel  
after that time,” declares the Lord.

“I will put my law in their minds  
and write it on their hearts.

I will be their God,  
and they will be my people.

<sup>34</sup> No longer will they teach their neighbor,  
or say to one another, ‘Know the Lord,’  
because they will all know me,  
from the least of them to the greatest,”  
declares the Lord.

“For I will forgive their wickedness  
and will remember their sins no more.”

## God's Word

## Hebrews 5:7-9

<sup>7</sup> During the days of Jesus’ life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with fervent cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. <sup>8</sup> Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered <sup>9</sup> and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.

## Children’s Message

## **Song of Praise    “My Heart Is Filled with Thankfulness”**

*on screens*

### **Message from God’s Word**

**John 12:20-33**

<sup>20</sup> Now there were some Greeks among those who went up to worship at the festival. <sup>21</sup> They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, with a request. “Sir,” they said, “we would like to see Jesus.” <sup>22</sup> Philip went to tell Andrew; Andrew and Philip in turn told Jesus.

<sup>23</sup> Jesus replied, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. <sup>24</sup> Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. <sup>25</sup> Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. <sup>26</sup> Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me.

<sup>27</sup> “Now my soul is troubled, and what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour. <sup>28</sup> Father, glorify your name!”

Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and will glorify it again.” <sup>29</sup> The crowd that was there and heard it said it had thundered; others said an angel had spoken to him.

<sup>30</sup> Jesus said, “This voice was for your benefit, not mine. <sup>31</sup> Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out. <sup>32</sup> And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” <sup>33</sup> He said this to show the kind of death he was going to die.

### **Fall to the Ground**

## **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

### "Take and Eat"

*on screens*

### 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

### "How Great Thou Art"

*Hymn 256:1,3,4*

# Cross of Christ Weekly Newsletter

## March 21, 2021

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

Mar 21-Mar 28	Boise	Nampa
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 (JaK*s Place) w/ Communion
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	10:30am – Experience Easter!
	8:30am - Early Worship 9:45am - Adult/Teen Bible Study 9:45am - Kids' Sunday School 11:00am - Late Worship 12:30pm - Experience Easter! 6:00pm - Ladies' Night	8:45am - Family Bible Study (JaK*s Place) 9:30am - Worship (JaK*s Place)

### Spring Cleanup at Boise

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

## **Holy Week Worship: Who Will You Invite?**

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!

<b>Holy Week Worship</b>	<b>Boise</b>	<b>Nampa, at JaK*s Place</b>
<b>Palm Sunday</b>	Saturday, March 27, 6:30 pm Sunday, March 28 8:30 & 11:00 am	Sunday, March 28 9:30 am
<b>Maundy Thursday</b>	Thursday, April 1, 6:30 pm with Holy Communion	
<b>Good Friday</b>	Friday, April 2 6:30 pm	
<b>Easter Sunday</b>	<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

## **Easter Candy**

Easter Sunday at Boise will include a kids' egg hunt! Would you consider donating candy? We *still* need quite a bit! Please place wrapped candy in the kitchen at Boise by **Sunday, March 28**, in the donation bin on the back counter across from the refrigerators. Gluten-free, dairy-free, and/or nut-free options are always welcome for our kids who have allergies or sensitivities (please label). Contact Rylie Jorgensen ([ryliejorgensen819@gmail.com](mailto:ryliejorgensen819@gmail.com)) with questions.

## **Easter Flowers**

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; see the sign-up for what is still available! Make checks payable to Dick or Kay Guthmiller and put in church mailbox #12.

## **Experience Easter!**

Celebrate Easter at this interactive, family-friendly event with dramatic storytelling to make the story come alive. It's like a live nativity, but for Easter! Also make a Resurrection Garden to remind you of the joy of Easter every day, plus a coloring contest, and yes, Easter candy!

Everything will be set up for social distancing with masks available.

This free family event is open to everyone! Please register to reserve your time slot for this one-of-a-kind experience.

\*All children must be accompanied by an adult.\*

Three days and locations to choose from; register now to reserve your time slot:  
[cocidaho.org/connect/experience-easter/](http://cocidaho.org/connect/experience-easter/)

**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

## **Cross of Christ Preschool Tuition Discount Expires Soon!**

Registration info & packets can be picked up in the church office or found online at [cocidaho.org/preschool](http://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](mailto:registrar@cocboise.org)). Don't have preschool-age kids? Help spread the word about our awesome preschool!

## **Soccer Camp 2021**

Soccer Camp will not be held this summer; read the planning committee's message here: <https://conta.cc/3rDzgal>.

## **Secret Sisters**

Ladies, feeling a little disconnected? Think about participating in Secret Sisters at Cross of Christ.

- You'll be assigned a fellow female member of Cross of Christ.
- From now 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. Let's strengthen our bonds as members of Jesus' family!
- 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](mailto:btwhitaker11@gmail.com). Trista can also answer any questions you might have.

*"I am the Vine, you are the branches.*

*If you remain in me and I in you,  
you will bear much fruit!"*

<b>People in God's Word this past week</b>	<b>Boise</b>	<b>Nampa</b>	<b>Total</b>
Sunday Morning Bible Study	44	17	61
Kids' Sunday School	25		25
Cross Connections Class	8	14	22
Women's Bible Study	11		11
Last Weekend's Worship	(Sat) 53 + 54 + 63 = 170	32	202
Lent Wednesday Worship	93		93

<i>General Fund Offerings Planned FY 20-21</i>	\$708,200
<i>General Fund Offerings Planned FYTD</i>	\$503,912
<i>General Fund Offerings FYTD</i>	\$489,046
<i>Total Offerings Last Week (All Funds)</i>	\$19,499

<b>Serving</b>	<b>March 20-21</b>		<b>March 21-28</b>	
	Nampa	Boise	Nampa	Boise
Music	K. Koepsell	M. Walters	S. Wetzel	K. Koepsell
AV Tech	J. Malnes, S. Tews, G. Light	J. Kennedy, A. Becker, J. Geary	J. Malnes, S. Tews, G. Light	E. Christianson, C. Voll, M. Hartman
Altar Care	K. Guthmiller, C. Harris	Guthmiller, Struthers	K. Guthmiller, C. Harris	Guthmiller, Struthers
Set-Up & Open / Close	Guthmiller, Harris, Olsoe, D. Malnes	M. Brown, J. Kennedy, E. Christianson	Guthmiller, Harris, Olsoe	H. Geary, B. Masters, R. Lange
Ushers	J. Harris	T. Stavenau, J. Breckon, B. Breckon, A. Broyles, M. Brown	n/a	K. Benedick, D. Rule, B. Turley
Coffee	Guthmiller, Wetzel	Johnson, Struthers	Guthmiller, Wetzel	Johnson, Struthers
Sanitizing	D. Tews, J. Light	Breckon, TBA	D. Tews, J. Light	O'Mallon, Rule
Flowers	n/a	Banner/Ehlke	n/a	Palm Sunday
Church Cleaners	n/a	Admin, Geist	n/a	Giumento, J&J Lowry
Tellers	Turley, Cadwell, Morgan		Turley, Cadwell, Morgan	
Bulletin Folders	Bafus, Guthmiller, Ritger		Prigges, Tweedy, Foreman	

## 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.*