



CROSS OF **CHRIST**
BOISE

Cross of Christ Lutheran Church

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Third Sunday in Lent

March 6-7, 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

Welcomed into the Family of God with “Surely It Is God Who Saves Me”

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

Congregation: Amen.

**(♩) Surely, it is God who saves me;
I will trust in him and not be afraid.
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense,
And he will be my Savior.**

With the psalmist, God’s people say, “Lord, how I love your law! I meditate on it all day long.” God’s Word is a treasure that leads us to know him, and it guides us through life. The sinful mind, however, is hostile to God and his ways. God knows how we struggle to live as his children. Let’s come before him to acknowledge our failures and trust in him to forgive and restore us.

Holy and merciful Father, I confess all my sins. In countless ways, I have failed to live as your child. Though my sins deserved punishment, you are the God who saves me. I thank you for sending your Son for me. Help me to always trust in him and not be afraid.

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The Lord our God is just and holy. He is also a merciful and saving God. By the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus, your sins are forgiven and your guilt is removed forever. You are welcomed home in the family of God. Your baptism proves you are God’s holy child. Listen to his Word. Follow his ways. Delight in his law. His will for you is always good!

Amen!

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Prayer

Almighty God, look with favor on your humble servants and stretch out the right hand of your power to defend us against all our enemies; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Children's Message

God's Word

John 2:13-22

¹³ When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴ In the temple courts he found people selling cattle, sheep and doves, and others sitting at tables exchanging money. ¹⁵ So he made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the temple courts, both sheep and cattle; he scattered the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶ To those who sold doves he said, "Get these out of here! Stop turning my Father's house into a market!" ¹⁷ His disciples remembered that it is written: "Zeal for your house will consume me."

¹⁸ The Jews then responded to him, "What sign can you show us to prove your authority to do all this?"

¹⁹ Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days."

²⁰ They replied, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?" ²¹ But the temple he had spoken of was his body. ²² After he was raised from the dead, his disciples recalled what he had said. Then they believed the scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken.

God's Word

Romans 8:1-10

¹ Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, ² because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death. ³ For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴ in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

⁵ Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. ⁶ The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷ The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. ⁸ Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God.

⁹ You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ. ¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness.

Song

“Jesus, Your Boundless Love to Me”

Hymn #479:1-3 (alternate tune)

Message from God's Word

Exodus 20:1-17

¹ And God spoke all these words:

² "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.

³ "You shall have no other gods before me.

⁴ "You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. ⁵ You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, ⁶ but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷ "You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.

⁸ "Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. ⁹ Six days you shall labor and do all your work, ¹⁰ but the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your male or female servant, nor your animals, nor any foreigner residing in your towns. ¹¹ For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

¹² "Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you.

¹³ "You shall not murder.

¹⁴ "You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵ "You shall not steal.

¹⁶ "You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

¹⁷ "You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male or female servant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor."

These Are Good Words from God

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

"Forth in Your Name"

On the 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!

Closing Song

"Jesus, Thank You"

On the screens

Cross of Christ Weekly Newsletter

March 7, 2021

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

Mar 7-Mar 14	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 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	8:45am - Family Bible Study (JaK*s Place) 9:30am - Worship (JaK*s Place)

Holy Week Worship

Holy Week is the pinnacle of the Christian's year. This is when 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, for your family, and for your neighbor. *Be sure to set aside time for these important celebrations and bring a friend so they can learn what's worth celebrating, too!*

Easter morning is the capstone of Holy Week, so we especially encourage you to attend that morning and to bring friends and family. *This is why we're offering a third service at Boise, at 7:00 am.* Also, be sure to spend time encouraging your church family in our spacious gymnasium that morning with a light breakfast, which will be offered all morning beginning at 8:00 am. In Nampa we'll worship our Risen Savior at the usual time of 9:30 am at JaK*s Place.

Even if things continue to be different in these times, the timeless joy of Holy Week strengthens our faith in this simple truth: Hope is always alive since Jesus is alive! Alleluia!

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 service</i> Sunday, April 4 7:00, 8:30, & 11:00 am Light breakfast, 8-11am	Sunday, April 4 9:30 am

Easter Flower Orders

Help adorn our Savior's altar at Boise with flowers on Easter morning! (You are 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 soon to ensure your preferred choice!* Make checks payable to Dick and/or Kay Guthmiller and put in church mailbox #12.

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 on the Boise Campus // Worship at 6:30 pm

Regrettably, no soup suppers this year.



**Moments
of the
Passion**



March 10: A Moment of Hypocrisy

March 17: A Moment of Brutality

March 24: A Moment of Self-Preservation

Grocery Outreach in Nampa

Saturday, March 20, 10:30am. Meet at the North Nampa Ministry Center (5680 E. Franklin Rd, Suite 120). Donate and/or deliver groceries to members of our community in need of a bit of support and encouragement!

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)

Contact Pastor Wetzel (kurt.wetzel@cocidaho.org / 208-996-2202) with any questions!

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 previous announcement).

Experience Easter!

Stop in for an interactive, family-friendly event with live storytelling to make the Easter story come alive. And yes, lots of candy! Everything will be set up for social distancing with masks available.

This free family event is open to everyone! Registration (available soon) is strongly encouraged to reserve your time slot.

All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Three days and locations to choose from:

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 - 534 W Iowa Ave, Nampa

Sisters in Christ Pop! Bubble! Fizz!

Ladies, come on out for a relaxing evening of fellowship and devotion while sipping a glass of bubbly and nibbling on chocolates (or other refreshments of your choice). Enjoy a fun make and take class featuring essential oil infused Easter bath bombs! Definitely invite a friend...this is an event you won't want to miss! \$3 fee to cover cost of supplies is payable at the event. You must RSVP by Saturday, March 20 to secure your spot. Space is limited! To RSVP or ask 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@cochoise.org).

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

Camp Christos Dates Confirmed!

The week of August 1-6 has been officially confirmed by our host camp and our camp directors for Camp Christos, the sleep-away Bible camp led by WELS congregations of Idaho and eastern Washington. (Do note that health officials for the state of Oregon continue to have the final say as to what activities can happen. Should the status of camp change we will communicate that as promptly as possible.)

- Camp Christos (located near La Grande, OR) welcomes kids ages 9-16. Save the date and watch for further info & registration in the months to come.
- Youth age 17-19 can volunteer as junior staff; adults age 20 & older are needed for senior staff. Staff roles include cabin counselors, cooks & kitchen help, and activity leaders & helpers (everything from hikes to crafts to group games & sports). For further info or to volunteer, contact Kristen Koepsell (kristen.koepsell@cocidaho.org).

*“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	43	24	67
Kids’ Sunday School	26		26
Cross Connections Class	10	11	21
Women’s Bible Study	12		12
Last Weekend’s Worship	(Sat) 37 + 68 + 93 = 198	54	252
Lent Wednesday Worship	108		108

<i>General Fund Offerings Planned FY 20-21</i>	\$708,200
General Fund Offerings Planned FYTD	\$476,673
General Fund Offerings FYTD	\$439,046
Total Offerings Last Week (All Funds)	\$19,870

Serving	March 6-7		March 13-14	
	Nampa	Boise	Nampa	Boise
Music	S. Wetzel	A. Lange	R. Dodd	K. Koepsell
AV Tech	J. Malnes, S. Tews, G. Light	E. Christianson, A. Becker, J. Geary, M. Hartman, M. Morrison	J. Malnes, S. Tews, G. Light	E. Christianson, C. Kennedy, J. Kennedy, C/M Webber
Altar Care	K. Guthmiller, C. Harris	Guthmiller, Struthers	K. Guthmiller, C. Harris	Guthmiller, Struthers
Set-Up & Open / Close	Guthmiller, Harris, Olsoe, D. Malnes	E. Christianson, J. Kennedy, R. Lange	Guthmiller, Harris, Olsoe	H. Geary, B. Masters, R. Lange
Ushers	J. Harris	T. Stavenau, G. Thompson, J. Breckon, B. Breckon, A. Broyles, G. Walden	n/a	TBA, D. Rule, G. Walden
Coffee	Guthmiller, Wetzel	Johnson, Struthers	Guthmiller, Wetzel	Johnson, Struthers
Sanitizing	D. Tews, J. Light	DeWall, Breckon	D. Tews, J. Light	Evans, TBA
Flowers	n/a	TBA	n/a	Robbins
Church Cleaners	n/a	Admin, B. Ford	n/a	Dold, Foreman, Tweedy
Tellers	Turley, Walden, Morgan		Rule, Walden, Morford	
Bulletin Folders	Kimmel, Patrick, Whitlach		Ritger, Ford, Ashley	

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.

Boise Campus & Preschool
11655 W McMillan Rd
Boise, ID 83713

Nampa Midweek Ministry Center
5680 E Franklin Rd, Suite 120
Nampa, ID 83687

Offerings

If you would like to give an offering to support our ministry, offering plates are available in the lobby. You can also give online at cocidaho.org/give or contact the church office (secretary@cocidaho.org or 208-375-3992) to schedule a time to bring your offering to church during the week.
