

**MAUNDY
THURSDAY**



CROSS OF CHRIST

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Welcome to Cross of Christ

Preparation for Holy Communion. Questions of self-examination and personal preparation for Holy Communion can be found on page 156 in Christian Worship (the red hymnal in the chair racks). We at Cross of Christ ask that only those in fellowship and agreement with us, that is, those who are members of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) and our sister synods come forward for communion. The Bible tells us that those who take communion together are to be united in faith with those with whom they commune (1 Corinthians 10:17). If you are interested in learning more about becoming part of our fellowship or have any questions at all, please speak to one of our pastors after the service.

Tonight's Worship Service. 1,500 years before Christ came, God's wrath made its way through Egypt, striking dead every firstborn son in every house, except the houses of those marked by the blood of an innocent lamb. Blood paints the way to salvation. God spared the life of sinners because of a lamb. Centuries later, John the Baptist pointed at a man named Jesus and said, "Look, the Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world." This Lamb saves not only the Israelites in Egypt, but all people throughout the whole world.

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 “When You Woke that Thursday Morning”

Hymn 717:1,3-4 (alternate tune)

Message from God’s Word

Mark 14:12-26

The Account of the Passover

Exodus 12:1-14, 21-30

¹The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in Egypt, ²“This month is to be for you the first month, the first month of your year. ³Tell the whole community of Israel that on the tenth day of this month each man is to take a lamb for his family, one for each household. ⁴If any household is too small for a whole lamb, they must share one with their nearest neighbor, having taken into account the number of people there are. You are to determine the amount of lamb needed in accordance with what each person will eat. ⁵The animals you choose must be year-old males without defect, and you may take them from the sheep or the goats. ⁶Take care of them until the fourteenth day of the month, when all the members of the community of Israel must slaughter them at twilight. ⁷Then they are to take some of the blood and put it on the sides and tops of the doorframes of the houses where they eat the lambs. ⁸That same night they are to eat the meat roasted over the fire, along with bitter herbs, and bread made without yeast. ⁹Do not eat the meat raw or boiled in water, but roast it over a fire—with the head, legs and internal organs. ¹⁰Do not leave any of it till morning; if some is left till morning, you must burn it. ¹¹This is how you are to eat it: with your cloak tucked into your belt, your sandals on your feet and your staff in your hand. Eat it in haste; it is the LORD’s Passover.

¹²“On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn of both people and animals, and I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. I am the LORD. ¹³The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are, and when I see the blood, I will pass over you. No destructive plague will touch you when I strike Egypt.

¹⁴“This is a day you are to commemorate; for the generations to come you shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD—a lasting ordinance.

²¹ Then Moses summoned all the elders of Israel and said to them, “Go at once and select the animals for your families and slaughter the Passover lamb. ²² Take a bunch of hyssop, dip it into the blood in the basin and put some of the blood on the top and on both sides of the doorframe. None of you shall go out of the door of your house until morning. ²³ When the LORD goes through the land to strike down the Egyptians, he will see the blood on the top and sides of the doorframe and will pass over that doorway, and he will not permit the destroyer to enter your houses and strike you down.

²⁴ “Obey these instructions as a lasting ordinance for you and your descendants. ²⁵ When you enter the land that the LORD will give you as he promised, observe this ceremony. ²⁶ And when your children ask you, ‘What does this ceremony mean to you?’ ²⁷ then tell them, ‘It is the Passover sacrifice to the LORD, who passed over the houses of the Israelites in Egypt and spared our homes when he struck down the Egyptians.’” Then the people bowed down and worshiped. ²⁸ The Israelites did just what the LORD commanded Moses and Aaron.

²⁹ At midnight the LORD struck down all the firstborn in Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh, who sat on the throne, to the firstborn of the prisoner, who was in the dungeon, and the firstborn of all the livestock as well.

³⁰ Pharaoh and all his officials and all the Egyptians got up during the night, and there was loud wailing in Egypt, for there was not a house without someone dead.

An Account of Maundy Thursday

Mark 14:12-26

¹² On the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread, when it was customary to sacrifice the Passover lamb, Jesus’ disciples asked him, “Where do you want us to go and make preparations for you to eat the Passover?”

¹³ So he sent two of his disciples, telling them, “Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him. ¹⁴ Say to the owner of the house he enters, ‘The Teacher asks: Where is my guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?’ ¹⁵ He will show you a large room upstairs, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there.”

¹⁶ The disciples left, went into the city and found things just as Jesus had told them. So they prepared the Passover.

¹⁷ When evening came, Jesus arrived with the Twelve. ¹⁸ While they were reclining at the table eating, he said, “Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me—one who is eating with me.”

¹⁹ They were saddened, and one by one they said to him, “Surely you don’t mean me?”

²⁰ “It is one of the Twelve,” he replied, “one who dips bread into the bowl with me. ²¹ The Son of Man will go just as it is written about him. But woe to that man who betrays the Son of Man! It would be better for him if he had not been born.”

²² While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take it; this is my body.”

²³ Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and they all drank from it.

²⁴ “This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many,” he said to them. ²⁵ “Truly I tell you, I will not drink again from the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.”

²⁶ When they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

God’s Word

1 Corinthians 10:16-17, 26

¹⁶ Is not the cup of thanksgiving for which we give thanks a participation in the blood of Christ? And is not the bread that we break a participation in the body of Christ? ¹⁷ Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all share the one loaf.

²⁶ As often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

Lenten Confession

This Lenten season we have heard again how our Lord walked the path of suffering which led to the cross for our salvation, and we have heard our Lord's call to intensify our struggle against sin and all that keeps us from loving God and one another.

We also have heard announcements of forgiveness and have received that forgiveness as from God himself. We should not doubt this forgiveness but firmly trust that our sins are indeed forgiven before God. That forgiveness is assured of during Holy Communion. Remembering our Lord's Last Supper with his disciples, we eat the bread and drink the cup of this meal. Together we receive the Lord's gift of his body and blood, the price for our forgiveness, and we participate in the new covenant that makes us one with him and with one another.

God commands us to examine ourselves before we eat of the bread and drink from the cup, therefore let us confess our sins to him and ask for his forgiveness.

Almighty God, merciful Father, I confess to you that I have not loved you with all my heart. In what I have done and left undone, I have pursued my ways instead of yours. I have not loved my brothers and sisters as myself.

For this I deserved your punishment both now and in eternity. I am truly sorry for my sins. I repent of them. I beg for your mercy, O Lord.

We are gathered in the presence of God. He is the mighty King over all creation. He made us to be his holy children and to live according to his perfect design. Coming before him would be terrifying, had we been left alone in our sins. Yet he invites us to come to him without fear. As we confess our sins, let's remember how much the King has overcome so we can, once again, be welcomed home in his family.

Holy and merciful Father, I acknowledge how broken I have been. I have sinned against you and failed to live according to your ways. Though my sins deserved punishment, I praise and thank you for taking them away. You Son suffered for them in my place. As I look to his cross, I see again your forgiving love.

Silence for meditation and self-examination

Forgive us for the sake of Jesus Christ who suffered and died for us.

Cleanse me from my sins. Release me from my guilt. Grant me your Holy Spirit to amend my sinful life.

The almighty God has been merciful to us and has sent his Son to die for all. For his sake, God forgives our sins. Therefore, by God's authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Words of Institution

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."

Song of Praise

"Behold the Lamb"

On screens

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.

Song of Communion

"What Is This Bread?"

Hymn 742

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.

Song of Response

“Behold the Lamb”

On screens

Stripping of the Altar

The altar, which symbolizes Christ, is stripped of its furnishings in demonstration of Jesus' abandonment by his disciples on Maundy Thursday night in the Garden of Gethsemane after their Passover celebration.

Good Friday Worship

Boise, 6:30 pm

Easter Sunday Worship

Nampa at JaK*s Place, 9:30 am

Boise, 7:00, 8:30, 11:00 am

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.

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.