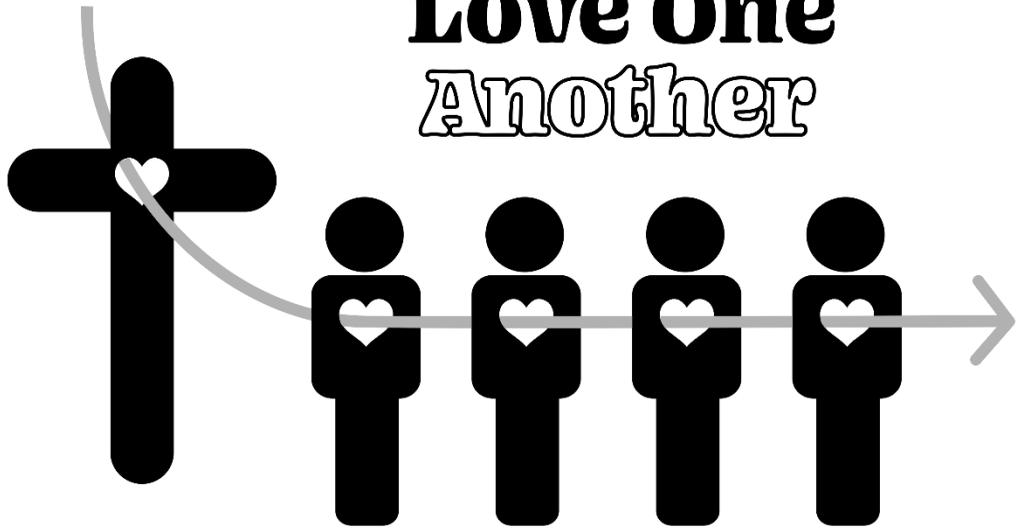


**Love One
Another**



CROSS OF CHRIST
BOISE

Cross of Christ Lutheran Church

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Second Sunday of Easter

April 10-11, 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

Opening Song

“Come, People of the Risen King”

on the 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.

We have come before Jesus, the risen King. We are gathered in his presence and he invites us to worship him in the Spirit and in truth. One aspect of truthful worship is honesty about our sins and what sin does to our relationship with God. Empowered by the Spirit in Easter confidence, we also praise God for the truth of what he’s done to overcome the separation sin put between us and him. We come in humility along with confidence in the cross and empty tomb. Let us together confess our sins and rely on God’s grace to be welcomed home in his family.

Holy and gracious God, I confess all my sins. Since birth, I have been failing to live as your child. My sins offend you and separated me from you. I am sorry for my failures, and I know you sent your Son for me. As your baptized child, I pray: Receive my prayers and my praise today for the sake of Jesus, my Savior.

In astounding mercy, God sent his Son who was handed over to be killed. He took the punishment for all our sins on the cross and was raised to life in glory. The Spirit testifies that we are God’s children. He leads us to settle in with Jesus and his family. God welcomes us home in his presence. On behalf of Jesus, I am honored to tell you: Peace be with you. Your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit!

Amen!

Prayer

O risen Lord, you came to your disciples and took away their fears with your word of peace. Come to us also by your Word and sacraments, and banish our fears with the comforting assurance of your abiding presence; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

God's Word

John 20:19-31

¹⁹ On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

²¹ Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." ²² And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

²⁴ Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!"

But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

²⁶ A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."

²⁸ Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

²⁹ Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

³⁰ Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. ³¹ But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

Children's Message

Song

“Oh, How Good It Is”

on the screens

Message from God's Word

1 John 5:1-6

¹ Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves the father loves his child as well. ² This is how we know that we love the children of God: by loving God and carrying out his commands. ³ In fact, this is love for God: to keep his commands. And his commands are not burdensome, ⁴ for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. ⁵ Who is it that overcomes the world? Only the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.

⁶ This is the one who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ. He did not come by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth.

What It Means to Believe That Jesus Is the Christ

Song

“Brothers, Sisters, Let Us Gladly”

Hymn #484

God’s Word

Acts 3:12-20

¹² When Peter saw this, he said to them: “Fellow Israelites, why does this surprise you? Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk? ¹³ The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus. You handed him over to be killed, and you disowned him before Pilate, though he had decided to let him go.

¹⁴ You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. ¹⁵ You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this. ¹⁶ By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus’ name and the faith that comes through him that has completely healed him, as you can all see.

¹⁷ “Now, fellow Israelites, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did your leaders. ¹⁸ But this is how God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, saying that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹ Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord, ²⁰ and that he may send the Messiah, who has been appointed for you—even Jesus.”

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

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

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

Hymn #341:1,4

Cross of Christ Weekly Newsletter

April 11, 2021

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

Apr 11-Apr 18	Boise	Nampa
Today	8:30am - Early Worship 9:45am - Adult Bible Study (Chapel) Teen Class (Conference Rm) Kids' Sunday School (Gym) 11:00am - Late Worship	8:45am - Family Bible Study (JaK*s Place) 9:30am - Worship (JaK*s Place)
Monday	6:00pm - Council Meeting	
Tuesday	6:30pm - Cross Connections (online)	
Wednesday	6:30am - Men's Bible Study 7:00pm - CrossTrainers (High School Students)	
Thursday	7:00pm - GriefShare	6:30pm - Cross Connections
Friday		
Saturday	6:30pm - Evening Worship w/Communion	
Sunday	8:30am - Early Worship w/Communion 9:45am - Adult Bible Study (Chapel) Teen Class (Conference Rm) Kids' Sunday School (Gym) 11:00am - Late Worship w/Communion 4:00pm - Sisters in Christ Happy Hour at The Matador	8:45am - Family Bible Study (JaK*s Place) 9:30am - Worship w/Communion (JaK*s Place)

“Love One Another”

We celebrated on Easter Sunday the life-changing hope that Christ's Resurrection gives to us. But what does a life full of living hope look like? We're going to spend the next several weeks walking through the book of 1 John in order to see how a life fully grounded in the love of God leads to a life full of love for others. We pray that you, your family, and your friends can join us for this important new series!

Online Worship Change

A reminder that beginning this weekend (April 10-11), the worship video and resources will be emailed to members and published to cocidaho.org on Monday mornings. This change will allow greater flexibility for our volunteers and staff who consistently work to provide these digital resources. This will also allow us to pursue live stream options for Sunday mornings. We appreciate your understanding and pray that you continue to use these worship resources for yourself and share them with others. God bless your time in his Word!

Bible Studies Resuming This Week

- Boise Sunday mornings (9:45-10:45 am)
 - Adults (in chapel): finishing the Gospel of John, followed by “Gospel Motivation.”
 - High school students Teen Class (in the Conference Room): Focused Living in Christ
- Nampa Sunday mornings (8:45-9:15 am)
 - Family Bible Study at JaK*s Place: finishing the Gospel of John, followed by “Gospel Motivation.”
- Growth Groups (see next announcement)
- Men’s Bible Study (Boise lobby): Wednesdays at 6:30 am, starting April 14
- CrossTrainers (high school students, Boise gym): Wednesdays at 7:00 pm, meal provided, starting April 14

Growth Groups Begin This Week

These small group Bible studies meet at church and in members’ homes to take a closer look at the previous Sunday’s message and to get to know each other better. Grow together with fellow believers in Growth Group at Cross of Christ!

Groups start **this week, so now’s the time to pick a group!** Sign up on the lobby bulletin board at Boise or online at tinyurl.com/ggspring2021 for a day and location that works for you.

GriefShare Begins This Week

A support group of caring people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences, the loss of a loved one to death. This 13-week program will meet Thursdays at 7:00 pm, on the Boise campus, beginning this week, April 15. More info and registration at cocidaho.org/connect/griefshare/. Please share this opportunity with anyone you know who may be grieving a loss.

North Nampa Ministry Meeting

Saturday, April 17 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. Contact Pastor Wetzel (kurt.wetzel@cocidaho.org) with any questions.

Easter Flowers

A huge thank you to all who provided flowers for our Easter morning services. They truly added to the beauty of celebrating our Risen Lord! If you purchased a plant and haven't taken it home yet, please feel free to do so today.

Ladies' Happy Hour

Food, drinks, and fellowship with your Sisters in Christ. Sunday, April 18, 4-6pm at The Matador in Meridian (at The Village). Bring friends!

We'll be gathering in the upper room which is accessible only by stairs. Limited to one check per table, so please be prepared to pay with cash or to reimburse a friend by Venmo, PayPal, etc.

RSVP required, on the bulletin board at Boise or online at tinyurl.com/SICMatador. Maximum of 30 guests, so don't delay! Contact person: Heidi Sullivan (heidisullivan725@gmail.com/920-245-1423).

Lawn Mowing Opportunity

The trustees are looking for additional volunteers willing to serve on the Boise lawn mowing team once or twice a summer. Two families will be partnered to mow the grass on the two berms on McMillan Road. Lawn mowing equipment and training provided. Those interested may either contact Roy Lange directly (idaho.64lange19@gmail.com) or sign up on the sheet posted on the lobby bulletin board at Boise.

Ladies' Spring Plant Swap

Sisters in Christ is hosting a plant swap in the gym at Boise on Sunday, April 25, 12:30-1:30 pm. All ladies and friends welcome; bring a plant to give away, take a new one home! Please RSVP at [tinyurl.com/sicplantswap!](http://tinyurl.com/sicplantswap)

- 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 (or a spider plant that's taking over!) feel free to bring more than one to share.

Please bring your items to the pavilion (outside on the east / preschool side of the building) after the 8:30 am service or before 11:00 am service that day (Sunday, April 25) to allow for organizing everything before the event at 12:30.

Questions can be directed to Becky Sobolewski (charlieandbecky@hotmail.com) or Andrea Becker (becker_family_3546@msn.com).

Sisters in Christ Spring Fling

Join your Sisters in Christ Saturday, May 1, 2:00 – 4:00 pm on the Boise campus, for spiritual, physical, and emotional refreshment! Our theme is “Planting a Garden,” where we can encourage each other to grow in our faith. We’ll also share and discuss the events planned and opportunities to serve each other throughout the year. Please RSVP on the lobby bulletin board at Boise or online at tinyurl.com/SICSpringFling21.

*“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	n/a	n/a	n/a
Kids' Sunday School	n/a		n/a
Cross Connections Class	6+	n/a	
Maundy Thursday Worship:	155		155
Good Friday Worship:	167		167
Easter Worship:	357	56	413

Serving	April 10-11		April 17-18	
	Nampa	Boise	Nampa	Boise
Music	K. Koepsell	A. Lange	J. Hein	K. Koepsell
AV Tech	J. Malnes, S. Tews, G. Light	J. Kennedy, M. Hartman, C/M Webber	J. Malnes, S. Tews, G. Light	TBA
Altar Care	K. Guthmiller, C. Harris	Yaka, Tweedy	K. Guthmiller, C. Harris	Yaka, Tweedy
Set-Up	Guthmiller, Harris, Olsoe	n/a	Guthmiller, Harris, Olsoe	n/a
Ushers	n/a	T. Stavenau, J. Berrier, G. Walden	J. Harris	T. Stavenau, J. Berrier, TBA
Coffee	Guthmiller, Wetzel	Ritger	Guthmiller, Wetzel	Ritger
Sanitizing	D. Tews, J. Light	Becker, TBA	D. Tews, J. Light	Berrier, TBA
Flowers	n/a	Uhlenhoff	n/a	Masters
Church Cleaners	n/a	P&B Hardy	n/a	Hartman, Henderson
Tellers	Turley, Cadwell, Walden		Rule, Morgan, Morford	
Bulletin Folders	Ritger, Ford, Ashley		Bafus, Guthmiller	

General Fund Offerings Planned FY 20-21	\$708,200
General Fund Offerings Planned FYTD	\$544,769
General Fund Offerings FYTD	\$535,789
Total Offerings Last Week (All Funds)	\$23,925