



THE JOY OF REAL PEOPLE

CROSS OF **CHRIST**
BOISE

Cross of Christ Lutheran Church

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Third Sunday of Easter

April 17-18, 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

“Oh, How Good It Is”
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.

Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our risen and living Savior, 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

O God, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world from the despair of death. By his resurrection to life, grant your faithful people gladness of heart and the hope of eternal joys; through your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

God's Word

Luke 24:36-49

³⁶ While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you."

³⁷ They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. ³⁸ He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? ³⁹ Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have."

⁴⁰ When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. ⁴¹ And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, "Do you have anything here to eat?" ⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³ and he took it and ate it in their presence.

⁴⁴ He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms."

⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. ⁴⁶ He told them, "This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷ and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

God's Word

Acts 4:8-12

⁸ Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: "Rulers and elders of the people! ⁹ If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a man who was lame and are being asked how he was healed, ¹⁰ then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed. ¹¹ Jesus is

"the stone you builders rejected,
which has become the cornerstone.'

¹² Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved."

Children’s Message

Song

“God Is Here! As We His People”

Hymn #532:1,2

Message from God’s Word

1 John 1:1–2:2

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. ²The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. ³We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. ⁴We write this to make our joy complete.

⁵This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. ⁶If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. ⁷But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

⁸If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us.

¹My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. ²He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

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Song

“God Is Here! As We His People”

Hymn #532:3,4

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

"Behold the Lamb"

on screens

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

"Like the Golden Sun Ascending"

Hymn #147:1,3,4,5

Cross of Christ Weekly Newsletter

April 18, 2021

Cross of Christ Lutheran Church & Preschool (WELS)
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Apr 18 - Apr 25	Boise	Nampa
Today	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 - Ladies' Happy Hour (Lucky Fins)	8:45am - Family Bible Study (JaK*s Place) 9:30am - Worship w/Communion (JaK*s Place)
Monday		
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	
Sunday	8:30am - Early Worship 9:45am - Adult Bible Study (Chapel) Teen Class (Conference Rm) Kids' Sunday School (Gym) 11:00am - Late Worship 12:30pm - Ladies' Plant Swap	8:45am - Family Bible Study (JaK*s Place) 9:30am - Worship (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!

So Many Bible Studies to Choose From!

- Boise Sunday mornings (9:45-10:45 am)
 - Adults (in chapel): “Gospel Motivation.”
 - Teen Class (high school, in the Conf Rm): Focused Living in Christ
- Nampa Sunday mornings (8:45-9:15 am)
 - Family Bible Study at JaK*s Place: “Gospel Motivation.”
- Growth Groups (see next announcement)
- Men’s Bible Study (Boise lobby): Wednesdays, 6:30 am, the book of Romans
- CrossTrainers (high school, Boise gym): Wednesdays, 7:00 pm, meal provided
- Women’s Bible Study (Boise): begins May 3, Mondays, 10:00 am (see pg. 10.)

Growth Groups

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 began last week; still jump in this week! Sign up on the Boise lobby bulletin board or at tinyurl.com/ggspring2021 for a day and location that works for you.

GriefShare

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 program meets Thursdays at 7:00 pm, on the Boise campus. The current session began this past week but participants can join in at any point. More info and registration at cocidaho.org/connect/griefshare/.

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!

- 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 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).

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 two berms on McMillan Road. 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.

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,” encouraging each other to grow in faith. We’ll also share and discuss the events planned and opportunities to serve each other throughout the year. Please RSVP on the Boise lobby bulletin board or at tinyurl.com/SICSpringFling21.

Women’s Spring/Summer Bible Study: JOY

Sure, we find joy in our triumphs, but not so much in the trials. Yet real joy is always ours in the saving grace of Jesus Christ. This close look at the book of Philippians unpacks messages of contentment, confidence, humility, and hope – all found in Christ and infused with joy – in the mountaintop moments *and* in the mundane.

Participants will need to purchase the book “Joy: A Study of Philippians,” by Deb Burma. When you RSVP for the study, indicate if you’ll purchase it on your own or via our group order. Price for group order is \$15 per book, payable to Cross of Christ. (Please deliver payment to the church office.)

Each of the eight sessions includes five daily readings, which participants will complete on their own, and the weekly group discussion, which will be

- Mondays at 10:00 am
- on the Boise campus

- May 3 - June 28 (except Memorial Day).

Please RSVP for this study, on the Boise bulletin board or at tinyurl.com/wbs-philippians. Group order books will be available by Saturday evening, April 24, since you'll need to do the first week of readings *before* the first group session May 3!

Family Night Out Thursday, May 6

On the Boise campus, 5:00-7:00(ish) pm. Mainly outdoors on the back field. Live music (chrisdriesbach.com), taco truck ([El Paco Tacos Y Tortas](http://ElPacoTacosYTortas) isn't charging us a reservation fee or minimum – how generous is that?!) bounce house, corn hole. Come eat food, enjoy cool music, hang out with your church family! (Please note that the City of Boise's mask mandate is still in effect; we ask attendees to mask up when not eating and observe distancing between households as much as possible. Masks & sanitizer will be provided. The event has been approved for more than 50 attendees by Central District Health.)

Summer Evangelism Training & Practice

Cross of Christ is participating in Truth in Love Ministry's witnessing trip to an LDS community in Utah this summer, June 6-12! See what this experience might be like at tilm.org/mission-trips. Will this year's trip look a little different from other years? Perhaps. Will it equip you to have meaningful spiritual conversations with people you know who belong to the LDS organization? YES.

Contact Pastor Snyder (brad.snyder@cocidaho.org) by April 25 if you have questions or any interest at all. You don't have to commit by then, but planning does have to begin soon!

"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 Adult Bible Study	49	14	63
Teen Class	7		7
Kids' Sunday School	27		27
Men's Bible Study	6		6
Cross Connections Class	9	4	13
Growth Groups			30
CrossTrainers (teens midweek)	7		7
Last Weekend's Worship	204	46	250

Serving	April 17-18		April 24-25	
	Nampa	Boise	Nampa	Boise
Music	J. Hein	K. Koepsell	Dodd, Lowry	M. Walters
AV Tech	J. Malnes, S. Tews, G. Light	E. Christianson, C. Voll, J. Geary, TBA	J. Malnes, S. Tews, G. Light	J. Kennedy, C. Kennedy, A. Becker, M. Hartman, M. Webber
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	J. Harris	T. Stavenau, G. Bafus, J. Berrier, C. Berrier, R. Seely, L. Manglos	n/a	T. Stavenau, J. Berrier, L. Manglos
Coffee	Guthmiller, Wetzel	Ritger	Guthmiller, Wetzel	Ritger
Sanitizing	D. Tews, J. Light	O'Mallon, Berrier	D. Tews, J. Light	Berrier, TBA
Flowers	n/a	Masters	n/a	Ready
Church Cleaners	n/a	Hartman, Henderson	n/a	Admin, Terry
Tellers	Rule, Morgan, Morford		Turley, Harris, Cadwell	
Bulletin Folders	Bafus, Guthmiller		Prigge, Tweedy, Foreman	

General Fund Offerings Planned FY 20-21	\$708,200
General Fund Offerings Planned FYTD	\$558,388
General Fund Offerings FYTD	\$548,743
Total Offerings Last Week (All Funds)	\$13,141