



**CROSS OF CHRIST**

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# Cross of Christ Lutheran Church

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Good Friday

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## Welcome to Cross of Christ

**Tonight's theme** is straight-forward. Two thousand years ago the Creator of this world took on human flesh to die for the sins of the very people he created. Those who believe in Jesus as their Savior will never face eternal punishment for their sins; they have eternal life. God's loving, substitutionary death motivates Christians world-wide to meet on this day annually to be reassured that the payment for their sins "IS FINISHED!" Thank you for joining us again this year to worship our loving Savior.

**Tonight's mood** is unique. Dead silence can be awkward and sometimes uncomfortable. The somber tone, no pre-service music, and a quiet exit remind us of the uncomfortable nature of our sin. It saddens us that Jesus had to die to save us. Tonight's darkness reminds us of the ugliness of sin in general – our sin included. Although tonight's service is very solemn in nature, we do worship joyfully as God's loved and forgiven people. This is not a funeral service for our Lord. We worship in adoration and thanksgiving for the perfect life that Jesus offered as the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. We will see again this Sunday morning that tonight is anything but a funeral service. Welcome!

**Relax and bring the kids.** Our congregation enjoys the worshiping family. Children who act up are never viewed as a bother. Parents can calm a restless child in the lobby if they desire. Worship screens, speakers and seating are also located in the lobby for your convenience.



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**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, please feel free to speak with a pastor, or visit us online at [cocidaho.org](http://cocidaho.org).

## Opening Song

## “Just As I Am, without One Plea”

*Hymn 397:1-3*

## Invocation

Pastor: We begin our worship this evening, in the name of the one true God:

**Congregation: He is the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen!**

## Confession and Absolution

Dear Jesus, our sin caused you to come to this world. Your great love moved you to become true man to be our Substitute. This evening, as we look to your cross – this tool of Roman torture – we see what our sins deserve. Sin offends you. Our sins separate us from you. Our sins deserve your wrath and unending punishment in hell. But your amazing grace moved you to endure our punishment. So, on this Good Friday, we come before you in sorrow over our sins and trusting in your mercy to forgive. Hear us as we confess to you:

**Holy and merciful God, I confess that I have been sinful from birth and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior, Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

Friends, Jesus Christ makes this promise to us all: *“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”* (John 3:16) Jesus lived a perfect life in our place. Jesus suffered and died to pay our punishment in full. You and I are fully and freely forgiven for all our sins. Look to the cross and see how much he loves you. Go in peace and live to praise him!

**Amen!**

(♩) **Just as I am, thou wilt receive,  
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
Because thy promise I believe,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**Just as I am, thy love unknown,  
Has broken ev'ry barrier down.  
Now to be thine, yea, thine alone,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

## God's Word

## Isaiah 52-53

*selected verses*

There were many who were appalled at him—  
his appearance was so disfigured beyond that of any human being  
and his form marred beyond human likeness—

He grew up before him like a tender shoot,  
and like a root out of dry ground.

He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him,  
nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.

He was despised and rejected by mankind,  
a man of suffering, and familiar with pain.

Like one from whom people hide their faces  
he was despised, and we held him in low esteem.

Surely he took up our pain  
and bore our suffering,

yet we considered him punished by God,  
stricken by him, and afflicted.

But he was pierced for our transgressions,  
he was crushed for our iniquities;

the punishment that brought us peace was on him,  
and by his wounds we are healed.

We all, like sheep, have gone astray,  
each of us has turned to our own way;

and the LORD has laid on him  
the iniquity of us all.

He was oppressed and afflicted,  
yet he did not open his mouth;

he was led like a lamb to the slaughter,  
and as a sheep before its shearers is silent,

so he did not open his mouth.  
By oppression and judgment he was taken away.  
Yet who of his generation protested?  
For he was cut off from the land of the living;  
for the transgression of my people he was punished.  
He was assigned a grave with the wicked,  
and with the rich in his death,  
though he had done no violence,  
nor was any deceit in his mouth.  
Yet it was the LORD's will to crush him and cause him to suffer,  
and though the LORD makes his life an offering for sin,  
he will see his offspring and prolong his days,  
and the will of the LORD will prosper in his hand.  
After he has suffered,  
he will see the light of life and be satisfied;  
by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many,  
and he will bear their iniquities.  
Therefore I will give him a portion among the great,  
and he will divide the spoils with the strong,  
because he poured out his life unto death,  
and was numbered with the transgressors.  
For he bore the sin of many,  
and made intercession for the transgressors.

## The Passion History

## Reading #6

**The Death of Jesus Christ, our Savior**  
*from the four Gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John*

## Song

**"Were You There"**  
*Hymn 119*

## Good Friday Meditation

John 19  
*selected verses*

## Good Friday Prayer and 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

“The Power of the Cross”  
*on screens*

The Passion History

Reading #7  
The Burial of Jesus Christ, our Savior  
*from the four Gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John*

*As we sit in silence and dusk turns to darkness, we contemplate the love Jesus has for each of us, to have died a criminal's death so that we could spend eternity in heaven.*

*The ushers will dismiss worshipers from the back to the front.*

*We kindly ask all to leave quickly and quietly.*

*We thank you ahead of time for your cooperation in keeping with the solemn nature of today's worship.*

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**Please join us Sunday morning  
for the conclusion of tonight's service!**

**Easter Sunday Worship**

**Nampa at JaK\*s Place, 9:30 am**  
*refreshments & coffee after service*

**Boise, 7:00, 8:30, 11:00 am**  
*coffee, lemonade, & donuts in the gym starting at 8:00 am*  
*kids' Easter egg hunt at 10:00 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 gospel ministry at Cross of Christ, offering plates are available in the lobby. You can also give online at [cocidaho.org/give](http://cocidaho.org/give) or contact the church office ([secretary@cocidaho.org](mailto:secretary@cocidaho.org) or 208-375-3992) to schedule a time to bring your offering to church during the week.*