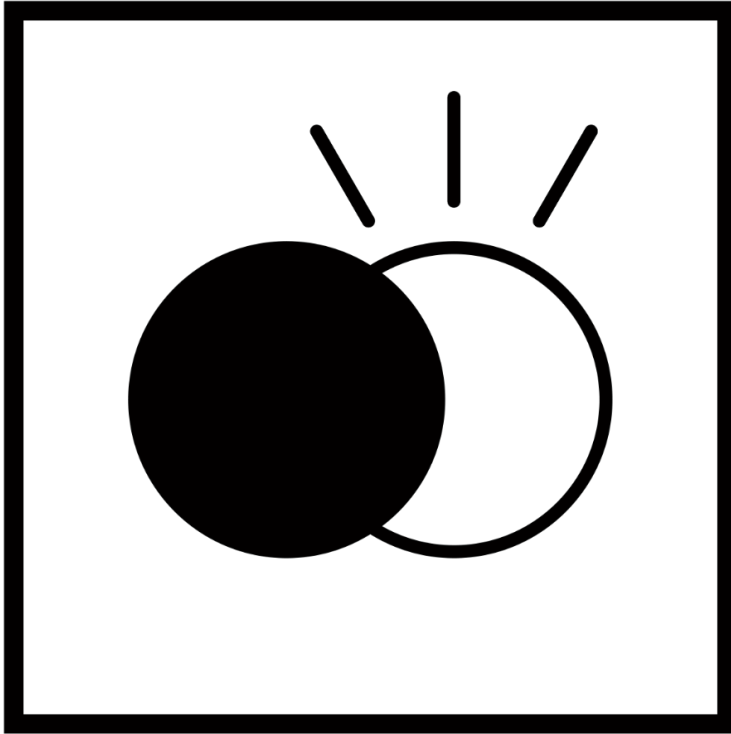


EASTER



CROSS OF **CHRIST**

BOISE

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The Resurrection of Our Lord: Easter Day

April 4, 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 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. Normally after our services, we join together in the lobby for coffee and conversation; today we'll enjoy coffee & donuts in the gym all morning, starting at 8:00 am. We'd be honored if you would linger for bit. We'd love to get to know you!

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

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

Hymn #157

7:00 am: st. 1,2

8:30 & 11:00 am: st. 1,2,3,4

Responses with “I Know That My Redeemer Lives”

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

Congregation: Amen!

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

Christ, the Lamb who was slain, now lives in the glory of the Father.

Christ is risen!

Let us come before him in worship, honor, and joyous thanksgiving!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

(♩) **I know that my Redeemer lives;
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, he lives, who once was dead;
He lives, my ever-living Head!**

Our Redeemer was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.

Christ is risen!

What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase?

By no means! We died to sin; how can we live in it any longer?

We count ourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus. We were buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

**(♩) He lives to silence all my fears;
He lives to wipe away my tears.
He lives to calm my troubled heart;
He lives all blessings to impart.**

In his great mercy, God has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

Alleluia!

We believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him.

He is risen!

Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Christ.

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

**(♩) He lives and grants me daily breath;
He lives, and I shall conquer death.
He lives my mansion to prepare;
He lives to bring me safely there.
He lives, all glory to his name!
He lives, my Jesus, still the same.
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:
“I know that my Redeemer lives!”**

Prayer

Almighty God, by the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you conquered death and opened the gate to eternal life. Grant that we, who have been raised with him through baptism, may walk in the newness of life and ever rejoice in the hope of sharing his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit be dominion and praise now and forever.

Amen.

God's Word

Isaiah 25:6-9

⁶ On this mountain the LORD Almighty will prepare
a feast of rich food for all peoples,
a banquet of aged wine—
the best of meats and the finest of wines.

⁷ On this mountain he will destroy
the shroud that enfolds all peoples,
the sheet that covers all nations;

⁸ he will swallow up death forever.

The Sovereign LORD will wipe away the tears
from all faces;

he will remove his people's disgrace
from all the earth.

The LORD has spoken.

⁹ In that day they will say,

“Surely this is our God;
we trusted in him, and he saved us.

This is the LORD, we trusted in him;
let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation.”

God's Word

1 Corinthians 15:19-26

¹⁹ If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

²⁰ But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹ For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. ²² For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. ²³ But each in turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. ²⁴ Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. ²⁵ For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶ The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

Children's Message

Song (7:00 am)

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

Hymn #157:3,4

Song (8:30 & 11:00 am)

“You Have Been Raised”

sung by the vocalist

Message from God’s Word

John 20:1-18

¹ Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. ² So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don’t know where they have put him!”

³ So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. ⁴ Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵ He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, ⁷ as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus’ head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. ⁸ Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. ⁹ (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) ¹⁰ Then the disciples went back to where they were staying.

¹¹ Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb ¹² and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus’ body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot.

¹³ They asked her, “Woman, why are you crying?”

“They have taken my Lord away,” she said, “and I don’t know where they have put him.” ¹⁴ At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus.

¹⁵ He asked her, “Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?”

Thinking he was the gardener, she said, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him.”

¹⁶ Jesus said to her, “Mary.”

She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, “Rabboni!” (which means “Teacher”).

¹⁷ Jesus said, “Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’”

¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: “I have seen the Lord!” And she told them that he had said these things to her.

Hope Is Always Alive

Song

“Christ Our Hope in Life and Death”

on the screens

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

"In Christ Alone"

Hymn #752:1,2,3,4

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 or contact the church office (secretary@cocidaho.org or 208-375-3992) to schedule a time to drop your offering off during the week.

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.

Cross of Christ Weekly Newsletter

April 4, 2021

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

Apr 4-Apr 11	Boise	Nampa
	7:00am - Easter Worship 8:00-11:00am - Donuts & coffee in the gym 8:30am - Easter Worship 10:00am - Kids' Egg Hunt 11:00am - Easter Worship	9:30am - Easter Worship (JaK*s Place) Coffee & refreshments following worship
Monday		
Tuesday	6:30pm - Cross Connections (online)	
Wednesday		
Thursday		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	8:45am - Family Bible Study (JaK*s Place) 9:30am - Worship (JaK*s Place)

Happy Easter!

Thank you for joining us this morning as we give our Easter praises to the Risen Lord! Welcome to our guests that may be visiting today. We hope you feel comfortable at Cross of Christ and that you will join us for donuts, coffee, and lemonade available in the gym all morning, starting at 8:00 am.

Easter Egg Hunt

A big thanks to everyone who graciously donated candy for the Easter Egg Hunt (the kids really appreciate it!).

All kids up through 6th grade are invited to participate in an outdoor egg hunt beginning at 10:00 am (meet in the gym). Cartons (for collecting eggs) and bags (for collecting candy) will be supplied.

We would also gladly accept help from any teens willing to assist in “hiding” the eggs; meet Mrs. Breckon in the gym at 9:45 am.

Easter Flowers

Many thanks to all who provided flowers for our Easter morning services. They truly added to the beauty of celebrating our living Savior. Those you purchased will be available for you to take home and enjoy following the 11:00 am service; do feel free to stop in during the week to pick yours up if needed.

Online Worship Change

Please note that beginning next 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 use use of these worship resources for yourself and share them with others. God bless your time in his Word!

Bible Studies Resuming the Week of April 11

- 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

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 the week of April 11! Sign up on the lobby bulletin board at Boise or online at tinyurl.com/ggspring2021 for a day and location that works for you.

Secret Sisters

Ladies, the sign-up deadline for Secret Sisters has been extended to Monday, April 5, so if you were still thinking about it, now's your chance!

- You'll be assigned a fellow female member of Cross of Christ.
- Through the end of 2021, pray for her and bless her with notes, cards, small gifts, and any other form of (anonymous!) encouragement you can think of.
- Another Secret Sister will be doing the same for you!
- All ladies high school age and older are invited and encouraged to participate. Let's strengthen our bonds as members of Jesus' family!
- A "reveal" gathering will be held in December
- **Sign up by Monday, April 5, on the bulletin board at Boise OR by emailing Trista Whitaker at btwhitaker11@gmail.com.** Trista can also answer any questions you might have.

*"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	45	21	66
Kids' Sunday School	36		36
Cross Connections Class	9	8	17
Last Weekend's Worship	(Sat) 36 + 64 + 131 = 231	39	270

Serving	April 4		April 10-11	
	Nampa	Boise	Nampa	Boise
Music	S. Wetzel	K. Koepsell	K. Koepsell	A. Lange
AV Tech	J. Malnes, S. Tews, G. Light	J. Kennedy, A. Becker, C. Voll, E. Christianson	J. Malnes, S. Tews, G. Light	J. Kennedy, M. Hartman, C/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	n/a	J. Breckon, D. Rule, L. Manglos, G. Thompson, A. Broyles, K. Benedick	n/a	T. Stavenau, J. Berrier, G. Walden
Coffee	Guthmiller, Wetzel	Ritger, TBA	Guthmiller, Wetzel	Ritger
Sanitizing	D. Tews, J. Light	Rule, Berrier, TBA	D. Tews, J. Light	Becker, TBA
Flowers	n/a	Easter Sunday	n/a	Uhlenhoff
Church Cleaners	n/a	Gruenhagen, Gruenhagen-Townsend	n/a	P&B Hardy
Tellers	Harris, Rule, Morford		Turley, Cadwell, Walden	
Bulletin Folders	Kimmel, Patrick, Whitlach		Ritger, Ford, Ashley	

General Fund Offerings Planned FY 20-21	\$708,200
General Fund Offerings Planned FYTD	\$531,150
General Fund Offerings FYTD	\$512,185
Total Offerings Last Week (All Funds)	\$10,900