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**CROSS OF CHRIST**

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# Cross of Christ Lutheran Church

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**Second Sunday in Lent**

**March 12-13, 2022**

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## 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](http://cocidaho.org).



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LUTHERAN CHURCH

## Sunday School Songs

## “Jesus Loves Me” “What Grace Is This”

11:00 am

## Opening Song

## “Today Your Mercy Calls Us”

Hymn #339:1-3

## Welcomed into the Family of God

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

**Congregation: Amen.**

Dear friends, you are loved by God, and he invites you to come before him. As parents love their children, our Father in heaven longs to be with us, help us, and forgive us. Together, let's come honestly before God, confessing our sins, and finding our Father's welcome because of Jesus.

**Holy and merciful Father in heaven, I confess all my sins. In what I desire, what I have done, and what I have left undone, I have failed to live as I should. I didn't deserve to be called your child. Thank you for never giving up on me. Thank you for sending Jesus to be my Savior. Forgive my sins and take away my guilt.**

God our heavenly Father welcomes you home in his family. Because Jesus lived a perfect life, suffered and died in your place, and came back to life, your sins are paid for. Your guilt is removed forever. God calls you his holy child. Let's celebrate and be glad! Because of Jesus, the dead are made alive; the lost are found. All is well with you and God!

**Amen!**

## Prayer

Almighty God, we thank you that though we deserved to be punished for our evil deeds, you rescued us through your Son. Continue to graciously cleanse us from all sin and comfort us with your salvation; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## God's Word

## Isaiah 12:1-6

<sup>1</sup> In that day you will say:

“I will praise you, LORD.

Although you were angry with me,  
your anger has turned away  
and you have comforted me.

<sup>2</sup> Surely God is my salvation;

I will trust and not be afraid.

The LORD, the LORD himself, is my strength and my defense;  
he has become my salvation.”

<sup>3</sup> With joy you will draw water  
from the wells of salvation.

<sup>4</sup> In that day you will say:

“Give praise to the LORD, proclaim his name;  
make known among the nations what he has done,  
and proclaim that his name is exalted.

<sup>5</sup> Sing to the LORD, for he has done glorious things;  
let this be known to all the world.

<sup>6</sup> Shout aloud and sing for joy, people of Zion,  
for great is the Holy One of Israel among you.”

## God's Word

## Luke 15:1-3,11-32

<sup>1</sup> Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus.

<sup>2</sup> But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

<sup>3</sup> Then Jesus told them this parable: . . .

<sup>11</sup> “There was a man who had two sons. <sup>12</sup> The younger one said to his father, ‘Father, give me my share of the estate.’ So he divided his property between them.

<sup>13</sup> “Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. <sup>14</sup> After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. <sup>15</sup> So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that

country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. <sup>16</sup> He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.

<sup>17</sup> “When he came to his senses, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! <sup>18</sup> I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. <sup>19</sup> I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.’ <sup>20</sup> So he got up and went to his father.

“But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.

<sup>21</sup> “The son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’

<sup>22</sup> “But the father said to his servants, ‘Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. <sup>23</sup> Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let’s have a feast and celebrate. <sup>24</sup> For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ So they began to celebrate.

<sup>25</sup> “Meanwhile, the older son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing. <sup>26</sup> So he called one of the servants and asked him what was going on. <sup>27</sup> ‘Your brother has come,’ he replied, ‘and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.’

<sup>28</sup> “The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him. <sup>29</sup> But he answered his father, ‘Look! All these years I’ve been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. <sup>30</sup> But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!’

<sup>31</sup> “‘My son,’ the father said, ‘you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. <sup>32</sup> But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’”

## Children’s Message

### Song

### “How Deep the Father’s Love for Us”

*On the screens*

## Message from God's Word

## Psalm 32:1-5

- <sup>1</sup> Blessed is the one  
whose transgressions are forgiven,  
whose sins are covered.
- <sup>2</sup> Blessed is the one  
whose sin the LORD does not count against them  
and in whose spirit is no deceit.
- <sup>3</sup> When I kept silent,  
my bones wasted away  
through my groaning all day long.
- <sup>4</sup> For day and night  
your hand was heavy on me;  
my strength was sapped  
as in the heat of summer.
- <sup>5</sup> Then I acknowledged my sin to you  
and did not cover up my iniquity.  
I said, "I will confess  
my transgressions to the LORD."  
And you forgave  
the guilt of my sin.

### Got Guilt?

## Song of Response

## "By Grace I'm Saved"

*Hymn #384:3-5*

## 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**

### **“Jesus Sinners Does Receive”**

*Hymn #304:1,3,7*

## **Silent Prayer**

Thank you, Heavenly Father, that your hand was heavy upon your Son on the cross, so that you might always hold me in the peaceful palm of your hand. Reassure me that nothing will ever snatch me from that place of security and intimacy with you. Amen!

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## 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 drop your offering off during the week.*

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## 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.*

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# Cross of Christ Weekly Newsletter

## March 12-13, 2022

Mar 13-Mar 20	Boise	Nampa
Sunday	8:30am - Worship (also livestreamed at <a href="http://cocidaho.org/livestream">cocidaho.org/livestream</a> ) 9:45am - Adult Bible Study (Chapel) Teen Class (Conf Rm) Kids' Sunday School (Gym & Classrooms) Confirmation Class (Rm 5) 11:00am - Worship	8:45am - Family Bible Study (JaK*s Place) 9:30am - Worship (JaK*s Place)
Monday	10:00am - Women's Bible Study 6:00pm - Council Meeting	
Tuesday	6:30pm - Cross Connections	
Wednesday	5:00pm - Soup Supper 6:30pm - Lent Evening Worship (also livestreamed at <a href="http://cocidaho.org/livestream">cocidaho.org/livestream</a> ) 7:30pm - Adult Choir Rehearsal	
Thursday	6:30 pm - Cross Connections (online)	
	7:00pm - GriefShare	
Friday		
Saturday	6:30pm - Evening Worship w/Communion	
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## **Current Worship Series: UNDEFEATED**

We're now in the traditional church season of Lent. This season has been used by Christians for centuries to reflect on the severity of our sins and Christ's journey to the cross. Although this is typically a somber season, it is by no means a joyless one. Instead, while being honest in our own struggles with sin, we also firmly hold to the truth that Christ stood undefeated before all that would keep us separated from our holy God. His victories are our victories through faith! This fact will be especially celebrated at Easter. But first, for the six weekends leading up to Easter, we will contemplate our need for a Savior and the many ways he fought for us.

## **Midweek Worship for Lent, at Boise**

On Wednesday evenings during Lent, we'll gather for fellowship and encouragement on the Boise campus as we ponder key words and moments from the account of Jesus' passion that demonstrate the completeness of his saving work for us, the depth of his love for us, and the strength of his union with us.

**Wednesdays on the Boise Campus  
now through April 6**

**Worship begins at 6:30 pm**

*also livestreamed at [cocidaho.org/livestream](http://cocidaho.org/livestream)*

*(Soup supper in the gym 5:00-6:15 pm)*



**March 16:** Bound

**March 23:** Sifting

**March 30:** Remorse

**April 6:** Whole

### **Soup Suppers During the Season of Lent**

On Wednesdays during Lent, dinner is provided at church 5:00-6:15 pm, to make it easier for everyone to worship our Savior during this special season!

**Please consider providing a soup, salad, dessert, or serving/clean-up assistance.** *Opportunities for this coming Wednesday, March 16: three soups, six veggies/salad, two dessert, two individuals for serving/clean-up and two individuals to monitor beverages/wipe down tables.* See the bulletin board in the Boise lobby or sign up online at [tinyurl.com/LentSoupSuppers2022](https://tinyurl.com/LentSoupSuppers2022). This is a valuable service to our church family, so that worshipping our Savior can be our top priority. Contact Rock Brown (907-301-3276) with questions.

### **Knife Sharpening**

Cross of Christ member Bill Adams is offering his skills for free in service to his church family: If you have knives that could use a sharpening, bring them to the kitchen during soup suppers on Wednesdays (at Boise, 5:00-6:15 pm, through Apr 6) and Bill will get them fixed up for you

### **Exciting progress on our new building in Nampa!**

Things are moving along at 6134 Birch Lane! Due to supply shortages, the project is behind schedule and is now on track for a completion in May. But there's still a lot happening. The sign is on the building and drywall is starting to go in. Things will be changing fast as we approach the final months and the finish work. Please continue thanking God for this—our second church building at Cross of Christ, and for all who have supported and are part of this building project!

### **Easter Flower Orders**

Would you like to help adorn our Savior's altar with flowers on Easter morning? (You're welcome to enjoy the flowers at home after the final Easter service!) Please sign up and choose the plants you'd like on the lobby bulletin board at Boise. Last day to order is March 28. Make checks payable to Dick and/or Kay Guthmiller and put in church mailbox #12.

### **Spring Cleanup on the Boise Campus**

Polish up God's house for Easter Sunday! Clean-up is Saturday, April 9, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm. Everybody can contribute in some way, with plenty of tasks both large and small to accomplish, indoors and out.

## Easter for Kids

We want every child to know that Easter is exciting and a big deal! This year, Easter for Kids will take place on Palm Sunday (April 10) during the education hour (9:45-10:45) on the Boise campus. At Easter for Kids, children will explore surprising details about Jesus' resurrection on that glorious Sunday morning 2,000 years ago. They'll journey through stations that drive home one uplifting truth: Jesus is alive today! Want to be involved but afraid you're too old because you're not a kid? Let Pastor Snyder know you'd like to volunteer ([brad.snyder@cocidaho.org](mailto:brad.snyder@cocidaho.org)).

## Holy Week Worship

	<i>Boise</i>	<i>Nampa at JaK*s Place</i>
Palm Sunday	April 9, 6:30 pm April 10, 8:30 & 11:00 am	April 10, 9:30 am
Maundy Thursday <i>with Holy Communion</i>	April 14, 6:30 pm	
Good Friday	April 15, 6:30 pm	
	<i>no Saturday service April 16</i>	
Easter Sunday	April 17, 8:30 & 11:00 am	April 17, 9:30 am
	Easter Breakfast 9:30-10:45 am	Easter Brunch 10:30 am

## Easter Candy

Easter Sunday at Boise will include a kids' egg hunt! Would you consider donating candy? Please place wrapped candy in the kitchen at Boise by **Sunday, April 10**, in the donation bin on the back counter across from the refrigerators. Gluten-free, dairy-free, and/or nut-free options are always welcome for our kids who have allergies or sensitivities (please label). Contact Amanda Watkins ([amanda.watkins99@gmail.com](mailto:amanda.watkins99@gmail.com)) with questions.

### **Sisters in Christ DIY Workshop Event**

**Saturday, April 23 2:00-5:00 pm**, at AR Workshop in downtown Meridian ([arworkshop.com/meridian](http://arworkshop.com/meridian)). AR Workshop is a boutique do-it-yourself workshop with a wide selection of projects: Choose from signs, trays, frames, and more!

Participants are asked to register online and choose their project ahead of time. Once chosen, AR Workshop puts together all the materials that will be needed and will have them ready for you to make on Saturday, April 23. To preview projects and register, go to [tinyurl.com/SICWorkshop](http://tinyurl.com/SICWorkshop) (password is GATHER).

All women 6th grade and older are invited! Capacity is limited to 30, so invite a friend and sign up soon to reserve your spot! **If you're able, please register no later than Saturday, April 16**, at [tinyurl.com/SICWorkshop](http://tinyurl.com/SICWorkshop)! Contact Andrea Becker ([becker\\_family\\_3546@msn.com](mailto:becker_family_3546@msn.com)) for more information or help registering.

### **Pacific Northwest Men's Retreat**

April 29 - May 1, at Fort Worden State Park, Port Townsend, WA. Topic: Resilience Training in Christ. Cost: \$225 per person. Schedule, registration, and all sorts of other details at [www.gevme.com/2022pnw-annual-mens-retreat](http://www.gevme.com/2022pnw-annual-mens-retreat). Thinking of going? Talk to Cross of Christ member Skip Hopkins ([sni\\_1@runbox.com](mailto:sni_1@runbox.com) / 509-845-9431) about carpooling!

### **Summer Save-the-Date**

*Camp Christos*: Sunday afternoon through Friday evening, August 7-12, at Camp Elkanah near La Grande, OR, for kids age 9-16. Teens 17-19 can serve as junior staff, adults 20+ as senior staff. Cross of Christ contact person: Pastor Snyder ([brad.snyder@cocidaho.org](mailto:brad.snyder@cocidaho.org)).

*“I am the Vine, you are the branches.  
If you remain in me and I in you,  
you will bear much fruit!”*

General Fund Offerings Planned FY 21-22	\$739,167
General Fund Offerings Planned FYTD	\$511,731
General Fund Offerings FYTD	\$512,669
Total Offerings Last Weekend (All Funds)	\$165,778

<b>People in God’s Word this past week</b>	<b>Boise</b>	<b>Nampa</b>	<b>Total</b>
Sunday Morning Adult/Teen Bible Study	44/7	28	72
Kids’ Sunday School/Confirmation	23/12		35
Cross Connections	7+4		11
Women’s Bible Study	8		8
Lent Wednesday Worship	105		105
Last Weekend’s Worship	206	69	275
Livestream Views	8 (Sun) + 7 (Wed)		15

Serving	Mar 13		Mar 20	
	Nampa	Boise	Nampa	Boise
Music	A. Lange, C. Harris, D. Tews	K. Koepsell, M. Studer, T. Russow	R. Dodd	K. Koepsell, E. Berrier, A. Evans, S. Hibbs, A. Manglos
AV Tech	J. Malnes, S. Tews, G. Light	A. Becker, E. Christianson B. Berrier, J. Meier	J. Malnes, S. Tews, G. Light	A. Becker, M. Hartman, TBA
Altar Care	K. Guthmiller, C. Harris	K. Guthmiller, K. Struthers	K. Guthmiller, C. Harris	K. Guthmiller, K. Struthers
Set-Up	Guthmiller, Harris, Hopkins, O'Doherty	n/a	Guthmiller, Harris, Hopkins, O'Doherty	n/a
Ushers	n/a	B. Adams, R. Seely, G. Walden	J. Harris	B. Adams, TBD
Open & Close	Light	B. Masters, E. Christianson, H. Geary	Malnes	M. Brown, J. Breckon, KC Broyles
Coffee	Guthmiller, Wetzel	R. Ritger, K. Struthers	Guthmiller, Wetzel	R. Ritger, K. Struthers
Flowers	n/a	Reglin	n/a	Banner
Bulletin Folders	Ritger, Ford, Ashley		Bafus, Guthmiller, Ritger	
Tellers	Harris, Walden, Turley		Rule, Morford, Morgan	