



CROSS OF **CHRIST**
BOISE

Cross of Christ Lutheran Church

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Third Sunday in Lent

March 19-20, 2022

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

“What Grace Is This”

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.

Our God is a holy God, and so there is no way to come into his presence apart from his grace, mercy, and forgiveness. Friends, those are the very gifts he has already given to us! Therefore, we have confidence that God always says “yes” to welcoming us home into his family, no matter the struggles and failures we bring with us. Let us come before our Lord now, honestly acknowledging our sinfulness and trusting in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Lord of life, I confess that I often say “yes” to 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,

O Lord, I am sorry for these and all my sins.

I know that I do nothing to earn or deserve your presence. Yet, you have rescued me through the cross of Christ. May I daily live in the peace of your unfailing love.

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, you are at home in his family. God give you strength to live according to his will.

Amen!

Prayer

God, it is your glory to have mercy. Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways. Bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace the unchangeable truths of your Word; 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

Exodus 3:1-15

¹ Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. ² There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up. ³ So Moses thought, "I will go over and see this strange sight—why the bush does not burn up."

⁴ When the LORD saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, "Moses! Moses!"

And Moses said, "Here I am."

⁵ "Do not come any closer," God said. "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground." ⁶ Then he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob." At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God.

⁷ The LORD said, "I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering. ⁸ So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey—the home of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites. ⁹ And now the cry of the Israelites has reached me, and I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them. ¹⁰ So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt."

¹¹ But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?"

¹² And God said, “I will be with you. And this will be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will worship God on this mountain.”

¹³ Moses said to God, “Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ Then what shall I tell them?”

¹⁴ God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: ‘I AM has sent me to you.’”

¹⁵ God also said to Moses, “Say to the Israelites, ‘The LORD, the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob—has sent me to you.’

“This is my name forever,
the name you shall call me
from generation to generation.”

God’s Word

Luke 13:1-9

¹ Now there were some present at that time who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices. ² Jesus answered, “Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans because they suffered this way? ³ I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish. ⁴ Or those eighteen who died when the tower in Siloam fell on them—do you think they were more guilty than all the others living in Jerusalem? ⁵ I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish.”

⁶ Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree growing in his vineyard, and he went to look for fruit on it but did not find any. ⁷ So he said to the man who took care of the vineyard, ‘For three years now I’ve been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and haven’t found any. Cut it down! Why should it use up the soil?’

⁸ “‘Sir,’ the man replied, ‘leave it alone for one more year, and I’ll dig around it and fertilize it. ⁹ If it bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then cut it down.’”

Children's Message

Song

“Day by Day”

On the screens

Message from God's Word

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

¹ For I do not want you to be ignorant of the fact, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud and that they all passed through the sea.

² They were all baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea. ³ They all ate the same spiritual food ⁴ and drank the same spiritual drink; for they drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them, and that rock was Christ.

⁵ Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them; their bodies were scattered in the wilderness.

⁶ Now these things occurred as examples to keep us from setting our hearts on evil things as they did. ⁷ Do not be idolaters, as some of them were; as it is written: “The people sat down to eat and drink and got up to indulge in revelry.” ⁸ We should not commit sexual immorality, as some of them did—and in one day twenty-three thousand of them died. ⁹ We should not test Christ, as some of them did—and were killed by snakes. ¹⁰ And do not grumble, as some of them did—and were killed by the destroying angel.

¹¹ These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us, on whom the culmination of the ages has come. ¹² So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall! ¹³ No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.

Undefeated by Complacency

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.

Distribution Song

"Take and Eat"

On the screens

Blessing

May the love of the Lord Jesus draw us to himself.

May the power of the Lord Jesus make us strong to do his will.

May the peace of the Lord Jesus fill our lives.

Amen!

Closing Song

"Abide O Dearest Jesus"

Hymn #333:1,2,6

Silent Prayer

Dear Lord, strengthen my faithfulness that I would not give in to complacency, and give me wisdom to acknowledge my weaknesses. But also give me peace knowing that you powerfully sustain me and graciously forgive me every day, especially on the days I falter. Thank you, O Lord, for never wavering in your love and faithfulness to me. Amen.

Cross of Christ Weekly Newsletter

March 19-20, 2022

Mar 20-27	Boise	Nampa
Sunday	8:30am – Worship w/Communion (also livestreamed at cocidaho.org/livestream) 9:45am – Adult Bible Study (Chapel) Teen Class (Conf Rm) Kids' Sunday School (Gym & Classrooms) Confirmation Class (Rm 5) 11:00am – Worship w/Communion	8:45am - Family Bible Study (JaK*s Place) 9:30am – Worship w/Communion (JaK*s Place)
Monday	<i>Preschool on Spring Break this week no Women's Bible Study today</i>	
Tuesday	6:30pm – Cross Connections	
Wednesday	5:00pm – Soup Supper 6:30pm – Lent Evening Worship (also livestreamed at cocidaho.org/livestream) 7:15pm – Adult Choir Rehearsal	
Thursday	6:30 pm – Cross Connections (online)	
	7:00pm - GriefShare	
Friday		
Saturday	6:30pm - Evening Worship	9:00am – Ministry Meeting 10:30am – Grocery Outreach
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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.

New Member Welcome

This month at the Nampa campus we are welcoming Angie Fuentes, Ivan & Virginia Garza, Jane Schwarzbart, and Loel Helmick as new members of the Cross of Christ family. May God bless us as we all grow in our faith and share Jesus with our community together. Please welcome and get to know these new friends in Jesus!

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!

Second Site Ministry Meeting

Saturday, March 26, 9:00 am at the Wetzel home, with breakfast. All are welcome to discuss, evaluate, and plan ministry activities in our Nampa community! Please RSVP to Pastor Wetzel (kurt.wetzel@cocidaho.org).

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.

March Grocery Outreach: Nampa

Saturday, March 26, 10:30 am starting from the Wetzel home. Donate and/or deliver free groceries to members of our community in need of a bit of encouragement & help! One set of groceries includes the following; please donate in sets (bread is generously donated by Franz Bakery):

- Small jars of peanut butter and jelly, OR a few cans of tuna
- Fresh veggies OR fruit (bananas, apples, & baby carrots work well)
- Snack item (granola bars, crackers, etc.)
- Dessert/treat (small bag of candy, cookies, etc.)

Please RSVP to Pastor Wetzel (kurt.wetzel@cocidaho.org) to donate or participate in the delivery.

Midweek Worship for Lent, at Boise

On Wednesday evenings during Lent, we 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

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

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 23: three veggies/salad, 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. 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.

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.

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). You can help by leading a science experiment, teaching the Easter story, or help decorate!

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
	<i>*livestreamed at cocidaho.org/livestream</i>	

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) 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). 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 (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! Contact Andrea Becker (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. Thinking of going? Talk to Cross of Christ member Skip Hopkins (sni_1@runbox.com / 509-845-9431) about carpooling!

Summer Save-the-Dates

Vacation Bible School: Monday-Thursday, July 11-14, 9am-12pm, on the Boise campus. For kids age three through 6th grade. Teens and adults can volunteer!

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.

Contact person for both events: Pastor Snyder (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	\$525,946
General Fund Offerings FYTD	\$525,149
Total Offerings Last Weekend (All Funds)	\$12,662

People in God’s Word this past week	Boise	Nampa	Total
Sunday Morning Adult/Teen Bible Study	55	24	79
Kids’ Sunday School/Confirmation	33/8		41
Cross Connections	6+7+1		14
Women’s Bible Study	6		
Lent Wednesday Worship	99		99
Last Weekend’s Worship	208	57	265
Livestream Views	8 (Sun) + 6 (Wed)		14

Serving	Mar 20		Mar 27	
	Nampa	Boise	Nampa	Boise
Music	R. Dodd	K. Koepsell, E. Berrier, A. Evans, S. Hibbs, A. Manglos	S. Wetzel, H. Wetzel. A. Dodd	K. Koepsell, A. Biondi, M. Dobi K. Gruenhagen- Townsend
AV Tech	J. Malnes, S. Tews, G. Light	G. Light, A. Becker, M. Hartman	J. Malnes, S. Tews, G. Light	A. Becker, E. Christianson, 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	J. Harris	T. Stavenau, J. Berrier, C. Berrier	n/a	K. Benedick, J. Berrier, C. Berrier, R. Seely
Open & Close	Malnes	M. Brown, J. Breckon, KC Broyles	Olsoe	R. Ochoa, M. Johnson, R. Lange
Coffee	Guthmiller, Wetzel	R. Ritger, K. Struthers	Guthmiller, Wetzel	R. Ritger, K. Struthers
Flowers	n/a	Banner	n/a	Loring
Bulletin Folders	Bafus, Guthmiller, Ritger		Prigges, Tweedy, Foreman	
Tellers	Rule, Morford, Morgan		Harris, Morford, Rule	