



**CROSS OF CHRIST**

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# Cross of Christ Lutheran Church

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**Second Sunday of Easter**

**April 23-24, 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 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.** 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

## Opening Song

## “He’s Risen, He’s Risen”

*Hymn #143:1-3*

## Opening Responses

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

**Congregation: Amen.**

Dear friends in Christ, we come together to continue to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord. Let us draw near to him in worship and in praise, in our thoughts, in our hearts, and in our prayers.

Christ is risen!

**He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

This is the day the Lord has made!

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

Come, let us worship!

As we come before our God and King, let us confess our sins.

**Lord God, I humbly come before you. I confess that I am sinful in thought, word, and deed. I often doubt you – what you have done and what you have said. I daily fail to do what you command, and continually do what you forbid. Lord, I am sorry for my sins. I believe that for the sake of my Lord Jesus Christ, you do have mercy on me.**

Upon the hill the cross now stands empty. Morning light breaks upon the empty tomb. Upon this your confession, by Christ’s command and authority, I assure you that your sins are all forgiven. You are home with God and his family. The vacant cross and empty grave are God’s proof to you that he has accepted the sacrifice of his one and only Son. Whoever believes this simple truth of Scripture has eternal life. The Lord is gracious and righteous!

**When I was in great need, he saved me.**

The Lord is my strength and my song;

**He has become my salvation.**

## Song of Praise

## “Surely It Is God Who Saves Me”

*On the screens*

### God’s Word

### Genesis 15:1-6

After this, the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision:

“Do not be afraid, Abram.  
I am your shield,  
your very great reward.”

<sup>2</sup> But Abram said, “Sovereign LORD, what can you give me since I remain childless and the one who will inherit my estate is Eliezer of Damascus?” <sup>3</sup> And Abram said, “You have given me no children; so a servant in my household will be my heir.”

<sup>4</sup> Then the word of the LORD came to him: “This man will not be your heir, but a son who is your own flesh and blood will be your heir.” <sup>5</sup> He took him outside and said, “Look up at the sky and count the stars—if indeed you can count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.”

<sup>6</sup> Abram believed the LORD, and he credited it to him as righteousness.

### God’s Word

### Revelation 1:4-18

<sup>4</sup> John,

To the seven churches in the province of Asia:

Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits before his throne, <sup>5</sup> and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, <sup>6</sup> and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father—to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.

<sup>7</sup> “Look, he is coming with the clouds,”  
and “every eye will see him,  
even those who pierced him”;  
and all peoples on earth “will mourn because of him.”  
So shall it be! Amen.

<sup>8</sup> “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is, and who was,  
and who is to come, the Almighty.”

<sup>9</sup> I, John, your brother and companion in the suffering and kingdom and  
patient endurance that are ours in Jesus, was on the island of Patmos  
because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. <sup>10</sup> On the Lord’s Day I  
was in the Spirit, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet, <sup>11</sup> which  
said: “Write on a scroll what you see and send it to the seven churches: to  
Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia and Laodicea.”

<sup>12</sup> I turned around to see the voice that was speaking to me. And when I  
turned I saw seven golden lampstands, <sup>13</sup> and among the lampstands was  
someone like a son of man, dressed in a robe reaching down to his feet and  
with a golden sash around his chest. <sup>14</sup> The hair on his head was white like  
wool, as white as snow, and his eyes were like blazing fire. <sup>15</sup> His feet were like  
bronze glowing in a furnace, and his voice was like the sound of rushing  
waters. <sup>16</sup> In his right hand he held seven stars, and coming out of his mouth  
was a sharp, double-edged sword. His face was like the sun shining in all its  
brilliance.

<sup>17</sup> When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. Then he placed his right  
hand on me and said: “Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last. <sup>18</sup> I am  
the Living One; I was dead, and now look, I am alive for ever and ever! And I  
hold the keys of death and Hades.”

## Children’s Message

Song

“Christ Jesus Lay in Death’s Strong Bands”

*On the screens*

## Message from God's Word

John 20:19-31

<sup>19</sup> On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

<sup>21</sup> Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." <sup>22</sup> And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

<sup>24</sup> Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!"

But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

<sup>26</sup> A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."

<sup>28</sup> Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

<sup>29</sup> Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

<sup>30</sup> Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

**Trust with Confidence**

Song

“These Things Did Thomas Count as Real”

*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

Now may the glorious Father, who by his power raised our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead, give you the Spirit of wisdom to know the hope to which he has called you. And may he preserve you in body, soul, and spirit until your own resurrection on the day of Christ Jesus. Let all God's people say, "Amen!"

**Amen!**

Christ is risen!

**He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another and serve the Lord with gladness.

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 Lives! The Victory's Won"

*Hymn #145:1-2,5*

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## Offerings

*If you would like to give an offering to support gospel ministry at Cross of Christ, the offering plate is available near the door. 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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# Cross of Christ Weekly Newsletter

## April 24, 2022

<b>Apr 24-May 1</b>	<b>Boise</b>	<b>Nampa</b>
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	
Tuesday		
Wednesday	6:30am – Men’s Bible Study 7:00pm - CrossTrainers	
Thursday		
Friday		
Saturday	6:30pm - Evening Worship w/Communion	9:00am – Ministry Meeting
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## **New Worship Series: CONFIDENCE**

Last Sunday we celebrated the victory we gain through Jesus' resurrection, but how does this victory affect our lives right now? **Starting this weekend, April 23-24**, we begin a new worship series called *Confidence*, which will help us see what a life lived with *confidence in Christ* looks like. We hope you, your family, and your friends can be here for this valuable new series!

## **Bible Studies Resuming this Week**

- Sunday Adult Bible Class: New series begins this Sunday! (details below)
- Growth Groups (details below)
- Men's Bible Study (at Boise, Wednesdays at 6:30 am)
- CrossTrainers (high school students, at Boise, Wednesdays at 7:00 pm)
- Cross Connections (at Boise, Wednesdays 6:30pm, begins May 4, more info on the next page)

## **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 this week! Sign up on the lobby bulletin board at Boise or online at [tinyurl.com/ggspring2022](http://tinyurl.com/ggspring2022) for a day and location that works for you.

## **Sunday Adult Bible Class: New Series Begins at Boise, April 24**

We call ourselves Christians because Jesus Christ is the center of our faith and of our life. Yet, how much of your perception of Jesus is actually based on the Bible? For many of us, the Jesus we pray to, the Jesus we get mad at, and the Jesus we tell others about is based more on cultural understandings of Jesus than on how Jesus has revealed himself to us through his Word. Therefore, we're going to spend the next several weeks working through a Bible class called *Will the Real Jesus Please Stand Up*.

Each Sunday we will identify a "false christ" that we or people around us have set up in our minds, come to an understanding of why that false christ is harmful, and let God's Word give us a Christ that surpasses anything of our own creation. This is essential as we always seek to follow our Savior for who he is and not for who we make him to be. Please join us on Sunday mornings in between worship services, from 9:45–10:45, for this great dive into God's Word!

## **Second Site Ministry Meeting**

Saturday, April 30, 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](mailto:kurt.wetzel@cocidaho.org)).

## **Ladies' Spring Plant Swap – NEXT Sunday, May 1**

Sisters in Christ is hosting a plant swap on the Boise campus, Sunday, May 1, 12:30-1:30 pm. Bring a plant to give away and take a new one home – but if you don't have one to share, that's all right, just come! This is a great opportunity to invite plant-loving friends – or someone who might want to give this hobby a try – to enjoy a new, free plant. **Please RSVP at [tinyurl.com/sicplantswap](http://tinyurl.com/sicplantswap) or on the Boise bulletin board.**

But let's think outside the (planter) box – bring & trade any of these possibilities:

1. store-bought or home-grown plants of any kind!
2. garden supplies like tools, pots, garden décor, garden books, etc.
3. Things you've made from plants, like salsa, pickles, jam, etc.

Since it's May Day, you'll also get to plant a flower in a cup and create a cute “note on a stick” to give away to a friend. All supplies provided.

Direct questions to Becky Sobolewski ([charlieandbecky@hotmail.com](mailto:charlieandbecky@hotmail.com)), and if you'd like to help with set up or prep work ahead of time, let her know!

## **Cross Connections Class**

In-person on the Boise campus: **Wednesdays, 6:30 pm (starting May 4)**. Religion and spirituality can sometimes seem like concepts that leave us confused without feeling any closer to God. But knowing God and finding peace in life doesn't have to be hard.

Cross Connections is a 10-week course where we lay out the message of Jesus and the Bible in a simple, easy-to-follow format, to give you everything you need to connect to God, purpose, and community. After attending Cross Connections, you will have certainty about your relationship with God and the good news found at the cross of Christ! **Sign up today by registering online at [cocidaho.org](http://cocidaho.org) or calling 208-375-3992.**



### **Hiring in Nampa! Part-time Administrative Assistant**

Cross of Christ will be hiring for a 6-hour/week position at our Nampa campus (6134 Birch Ln). As we gear up for all the ministry opportunities in our new building, you can be there for the excitement! If you enjoy serving coffee, organizing, making phone calls, and helping with the weekly needs to serve Christ and his church, let's be in touch! Contact the main office ([secretary@cocidaho.org](mailto:secretary@cocidaho.org)) for a job description and to schedule a sit-down. **Deadline to apply is May 4.**

### **Prayer Ministry**

Prayer is a gift from God, and he invites us to come before him with all requests, including prayers for our brothers and sisters in Christ. Cross of Christ uses a prayer chain to share prayer requests with those committed to lifting up members at our church in prayer during times of difficulty as well as times of joy. If you would like to receive email updates on specific ways to pray for your church family, please contact Pastor Hein ([greg.hein@cocidaho.org](mailto:greg.hein@cocidaho.org)) with that request.

### **Short-term Adult Choir Invitation**

You are invited to participate as the Cross of Christ Adult Choir sings for both worship services on Sunday, June 5. We'll have just five rehearsals leading up to that Sunday: Wednesdays, May 4 - June 1, 6:30-7:30 pm. All levels of experience and ability are welcome! If you simply want to try it out, or enjoy choir but can't commit to a full "season," this is the perfect opportunity for you. RSVP (or direct questions) to Kristen Koepsell ([kristen.koepsell@cocidaho.org](mailto:kristen.koepsell@cocidaho.org)).

### **Calling All Heroes!**

From Gotham to Tatooine, and everywhere in between! ComicCon returns to Cross of Christ, Saturday May 21, 9am-1pm, on the Boise campus. Join us for games, trivia, meet and greet with Treasure Valley Avengers, drawing workshop, and a Dungeons and Dragons one shot (limited attendance), costume contest, and more. Have any awesome comic books or related memorabilia that you don't pay attention to anymore? Donate it to our swapmeet tables and browse for your own fun new finds! Anything from books and puzzles, to costumes and gently worn t-shirts!

For questions or to volunteer contact Mandy Watkins (210-425-3270 / [amanda.watkins99@yahoo.com](mailto:amanda.watkins99@yahoo.com)).

## **Easter Flowers**

A huge thank you to all who provided flowers for our Easter morning services. They truly added to the beauty of celebrating our Risen Lord! If you purchased a plant and haven't taken it home yet, please feel free to do so today.

## **Red Cross Blood Drive at Boise**

Tuesday, May 31, 9am-3pm in the gym on the Boise campus

With vacations, outdoor activities, and school breaks, summer is a challenging time to collect enough blood donations to meet the needs of patients. The Red Cross asks those who feel healthy to make it a summer full of life by donating blood. Your donation helps ensure blood is available for patients who rely on lifesaving transfusions.

So come on in to give the gift that truly keeps on giving! To make an appointment, go to [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and under "Find a Blood Drive" enter COCLUTHERAN. Walk-ins are welcome, too!

## **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. *Registration will open May 1!*

Contact person for both events: Pastor Snyder ([brad.snyder@cocidaho.org](mailto:brad.snyder@cocidaho.org)).

General Fund Offerings Planned FY 21-22	\$739,167
General Fund Offerings Planned FYTD	\$597,020
General Fund Offerings FYTD	\$605,790
Total Offerings Last Weekend (All Funds)	\$20,009

<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	n/a	n/a	n/a
Kids' Sunday School/Confirmation	n/a		n/a
Cross Connections	3+3		6
Women's Bible Study	7		7
Maundy Thursday Worship:	169		169
Good Friday Worship:	196		196
Easter Worship	398	106	504
Livestream Views	21		

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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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Serving	Apr 24		May 1	
	Nampa	Boise	Nampa	Boise
Music	J. Hein, C. Harris, D. Tews	K. Koepsell	K. Koepsell	A. Lange
AV Tech	J. Malnes, S. Tews, G. Light	G. Light, M. Hartman, A. Becker, J. Meier	J. Malnes, S. Tews, G. Light	A. Becker, E. Christianson, TBA
Altar Care	K. Guthmiller, C. Harris	T. Yaka	K. Guthmiller, C. Harris	D. McLain
Set-Up	Harris, Hopkins, O'Doherty	n/a	Harris, Hopkins, O'Doherty	n/a
Ushers	n/a	R. Hibbs, TBA	J. Harris	K. Benedick, B. Whitaker, TBA
Open & Close	Light	R. Ochoa, E. Christianson, TBA	Malnes	W. Ehlke, J. Breckon, L. Manglos
Coffee	Guthmiller, Wetzel	B. Robbins, R. Ritger	Guthmiller, Wetzel	C. Berrier, D. McLain
Flowers	n/a	Ready	n/a	Watkins
Lawn Crew	n/a	R. Lange	n/a	E. Uhlenhoff
Bulletin Folders	Prigges, Tweedy, Foreman		Kimmel, Ritger	
Tellers	Rule, Harris, Morgan		TBA	