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CROSS OF **CHRIST**
BOISE

Cross of Christ Lutheran Church

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Fifth Sunday in Lent

April 2-3, 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

“There Is a Redeemer”

On the screens

Welcomed into the Family of God

with Psalm 51

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.

Have mercy on me, O God,

According to your unfailing love;

According to your great compassion

Blot out my transgressions.

Wash away all my iniquity

And cleanse me from my sin.

Our God invites us to come into his holy presence openly and honestly. There is no need to hide any part of us because all of who we are is seen by him. Therefore, let us come before our Lord as we are, acknowledging our sinfulness and trusting in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I do not always put you first in my life. Yet you have not hidden your face from me. You rescued me through the cross of Christ. May I daily live in the peace of your unfailing love.

God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. He eagerly welcomes us home into his family of grace and clothes us with the righteousness of Christ himself. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Settle in with Jesus and his family, equally loved and accepted.

Amen!

Prayer

Eternal God and Father, help us to remember Jesus, who obeyed your will and bore the cross for our salvation that through his anguish, pain, and death we may receive forgiveness of sins and inherit eternal life; 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 43:16-21

¹⁶ This is what the LORD says—
 he who made a way through the sea,
 a path through the mighty waters,
¹⁷ who drew out the chariots and horses,
 the army and reinforcements together,
and they lay there, never to rise again,
 extinguished, snuffed out like a wick:
¹⁸ “Forget the former things;
 do not dwell on the past.
¹⁹ See, I am doing a new thing!
 Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?
I am making a way in the wilderness
 and streams in the wasteland.
²⁰ The wild animals honor me,
 the jackals and the owls,
because I provide water in the wilderness
 and streams in the wasteland,
to give drink to my people, my chosen,
²¹ the people I formed for myself
 that they may proclaim my praise.”

God's Word

Luke 20:9-19

⁹ He went on to tell the people this parable: "A man planted a vineyard, rented it to some farmers and went away for a long time. ¹⁰ At harvest time he sent a servant to the tenants so they would give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the tenants beat him and sent him away empty-handed. ¹¹ He sent another servant, but that one also they beat and treated shamefully and sent away empty-handed. ¹² He sent still a third, and they wounded him and threw him out.

¹³ "Then the owner of the vineyard said, 'What shall I do? I will send my son, whom I love; perhaps they will respect him.'

¹⁴ "But when the tenants saw him, they talked the matter over. 'This is the heir,' they said. 'Let's kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.' ¹⁵ So they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him.

"What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them? ¹⁶ He will come and kill those tenants and give the vineyard to others."

When the people heard this, they said, "God forbid!"

¹⁷ Jesus looked directly at them and asked, "Then what is the meaning of that which is written:

"'The stone the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone'?"

¹⁸ Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces; anyone on whom it falls will be crushed."

¹⁹ The teachers of the law and the chief priests looked for a way to arrest him immediately, because they knew he had spoken this parable against them. But they were afraid of the people.

Children's Message

Song

"All I Have Is Christ"

On the screens

Message from God's Word

Philippians 3:4-14

⁴ If someone else thinks they have reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for righteousness based on the law, faultless.

⁷ But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ.

⁸ What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.

¹² Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me.

¹³ Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

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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 "I Come, O Savior, to Your Table"
Hymn #310:1,5,6,10

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 "God Loved the World so that He Gave"
Hymn #391:1,4,6

Silent Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank you for exalting me along with your glorious Son. Give me the wisdom and strength to run my race faithfully in your name, and, by your grace, bring me safely home to your side. Amen.

Offerings

If you would like to give an offering in support of gospel ministry at and through 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 bring your offering to the office.

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 2-3, 2022

Apr 3-10	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	10:00am – Women’s Bible Study	
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	9:00am – Spring Cleaning 6:30pm – Palm Sunday Worship	
Sunday	8:30am – Palm Sunday Worship (also livestreamed at cocidaho.org/livestream) 9:45am – Adult Bible Study (Chapel) Teen Class (Conf Rm) Easter for Kids (age 2 - 6th grade) (Gym) Confirmation Class (Rm 5) 11:00am – Palm Sunday Worship	8:45am - Family Bible Study (JaK*s Place) 9:30am – Palm Sunday Worship (JaK*s Place)

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>	

Holy Week Worship: Who Will You Invite?

During Holy Week we contemplate and celebrate how our God was faithful in his promises, paid the complete cost of our redemption, and defeated death. All these things were done for you and for everyone you know. *Be sure to set aside time for these important celebrations – and bring a friend!*

We especially encourage you to bring friends and family on Easter morning. *This is why we're providing postcard invitations.* Please take as many as you'd like! Consider also using the “*Friends Who Need Jesus*” resource to identify specific people in your life to pray for an opportunity to invite.

Even if life still feels a bit different these days, the timeless joy of Holy Week builds our faith with this simple truth: Jesus' victory is our victory!

Holy Week Devotion Book

“God’s Suffering Servant,” a devotion booklet for Holy Week, is available to you in the lobby. This booklet contains daily devotions from Palm Sunday (April 10) through Easter Sunday (April 17), to assist you in focusing your mind and heart on Jesus our Savior through this special week. Please take one for yourself and for a friend!

Midweek Worship for Lent, at Boise

This Wednesday, April 6, is the final midweek service before Holy Week. We’ll once again provide dinner from 5:00-6:15 pm, and then we’ll gather for worship starting at 6:30 pm. We pray you can come for this great opportunity to grow with God’s Word and with one another!

Spring Cleanup on the Boise Campus This Saturday!

Polish up God’s house for Easter Sunday! Clean-up is this 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. Just show up – all instructions & supplies provided!

Easter for Kids: Next Sunday!

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!

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), a boutique do-it-yourself workshop. 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. *No craft/artist skill required; a stencil will be provided for you to create your project!*

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.

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) for a job description and to schedule a sit-down. **Deadline to apply is May 4.**

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>General Fund Offerings Planned FY 21-22</i>	\$739,167
General Fund Offerings Planned FYTD	\$554,375
General Fund Offerings FYTD	\$550,203
Total Offerings Last Weekend (All Funds)	\$105,155

People in God's Word this past week	Boise	Nampa	Total
Sunday Morning Adult / Teen Bible Study	34/8	24	66
Kids' Sunday School/Confirmation	16/6		22
Cross Connections	5+6		11
Women's Bible Study	6		6
Lent Wednesday Worship	99		99
Last Weekend's Worship	200	67	267
Livestream Views	7 (Sun) + 8 (Wed)		15

Serving	April 3		April 10	
	Nampa	Boise	Nampa	Boise
Music	K. Koepsell, K. Olsoe, J. Olsoe	A. Lange, K. Christianson	J. Lowry, R. Dodd	K. Koepsell, L. Neujahr, S. DeWall, J. Hein
AV Tech	J. Malnes, S. Tews, G. Light	K. Koepsell, E. Christianson, B. Berrier	J. Malnes, S. Tews, G. Light	G. Light, E. Christianson, M. Hartman, J. Meier
Altar Care	K. Guthmiller, C. Harris	T. Yaka	K. Guthmiller, C. Harris	T. Yaka,
Set-Up	Guthmiller, Harris, Hopkins, O'Doherty	n/a	Guthmiller, Harris, Hopkins, O'Doherty	n/a
Ushers	J. Harris	T. Stavenau	n/a	TBA
Open & Close	Light	W. Ehlke, L. Shaw, L. Manglos	Malnes	E. Christianson, B. Masters, H. Geary
Coffee	Guthmiller, Wetzel	B. Robbins, R. Ritger	Guthmiller, Wetzel	B. Robbins, R. Ritger
Flowers	n/a	n/a	n/a	Palm Sunday
Bulletin Folders	Kimmel, Whitlach		Ritger, Ford, Ashley	
Tellers	Rule, Walden, Morford		Turley, Walden, Morgan	

