

**FAITH**

**AND**

**POLITICS**

**CROSS OF CHRIST**

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# Cross of Christ Lutheran Church

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**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 the 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).



**CROSS OF CHRIST**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

## Opening Song

## “Rejoice, the Lord Is King”

*On screens*

### Confession and Forgiveness

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

**Congregation: Amen!**

The Lord saves his people. In their time of need, he comes with power to protect and rescue. While this is true in various ways, the greatest rescue of all is how God rescued us from our sins. When we confess our sins together, we remember just how much he overcame for us so we could be welcomed home in his family.

**Holy and all-powerful God, I acknowledge all my sins. Throughout my life, I have failed to live as I should. Every sin deserved your just punishment—an unbearable weight I could never carry. Thank you for Jesus! Thank you for the cross. I trust in him alone for pardon and forgiveness.**

The Lord rescues his servants. No one will be condemned who takes refuge in him! God sent his Son, Jesus, to be the one who took the punishment each of us deserved. By his perfect life, death, and resurrection, all your guilt is removed forever! Without a word of judgment, God welcomes you home in his family. God give you strength to live as his child!

**Amen!**

### Prayer

Lord God, you know that we are often faced with pressures around us to compromise our faith. Give us your strength as we take refuge in you to boldly proclaim Christ and be a witness to the world in love; through Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## God's Word

## John 19:1-16

<sup>1</sup> Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged. <sup>2</sup> The soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on his head. They clothed him in a purple robe <sup>3</sup> and went up to him again and again, saying, "Hail, king of the Jews!" And they slapped him in the face.

<sup>4</sup> Once more Pilate came out and said to the Jews gathered there, "Look, I am bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no basis for a charge against him." <sup>5</sup> When Jesus came out wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe, Pilate said to them, "Here is the man!"

<sup>6</sup> As soon as the chief priests and their officials saw him, they shouted, "Crucify! Crucify!"

But Pilate answered, "You take him and crucify him. As for me, I find no basis for a charge against him."

<sup>7</sup> The Jewish leaders insisted, "We have a law, and according to that law he must die, because he claimed to be the Son of God."

<sup>8</sup> When Pilate heard this, he was even more afraid, <sup>9</sup> and he went back inside the palace. "Where do you come from?" he asked Jesus, but Jesus gave him no answer. <sup>10</sup> "Do you refuse to speak to me?" Pilate said. "Don't you realize I have power either to free you or to crucify you?"

<sup>11</sup> Jesus answered, "You would have no power over me if it were not given to you from above. Therefore the one who handed me over to you is guilty of a greater sin."

<sup>12</sup> From then on, Pilate tried to set Jesus free, but the Jewish leaders kept shouting, "If you let this man go, you are no friend of Caesar. Anyone who claims to be a king opposes Caesar."

<sup>13</sup> When Pilate heard this, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judge's seat at a place known as the Stone Pavement (which in Aramaic is Gabbatha).

<sup>14</sup> It was the day of Preparation of the Passover; it was about noon.

"Here is your king," Pilate said to the Jews.

<sup>15</sup> But they shouted, "Take him away! Take him away! Crucify him!"

"Shall I crucify your king?" Pilate asked.

"We have no king but Caesar," the chief priests answered.

<sup>16</sup> Finally Pilate handed him over to them to be crucified. So the soldiers took charge of Jesus.

<sup>1</sup>The priests and the captain of the temple guard and the Sadducees came up to Peter and John while they were speaking to the people. <sup>2</sup>They were greatly disturbed because the apostles were teaching the people, proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection of the dead. <sup>3</sup>They seized Peter and John and, because it was evening, they put them in jail until the next day. <sup>4</sup>But many who heard the message believed; so the number of men who believed grew to about five thousand.

<sup>5</sup>The next day the rulers, the elders and the teachers of the law met in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup>Annas the high priest was there, and so were Caiaphas, John, Alexander and others of the high priest's family. <sup>7</sup>They had Peter and John brought before them and began to question them: "By what power or what name did you do this?"

<sup>8</sup>Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: "Rulers and elders of the people! <sup>9</sup>If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a man who was lame and are being asked how he was healed, <sup>10</sup>then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed. <sup>11</sup>Jesus is

"the stone you builders rejected,  
which has become the cornerstone."

<sup>12</sup>Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved."

<sup>13</sup>When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus. <sup>14</sup>But since they could see the man who had been healed standing there with them, there was nothing they could say. <sup>15</sup>So they ordered them to withdraw from the Sanhedrin and then conferred together. <sup>16</sup>"What are we going to do with these men?" they asked. "Everyone living in Jerusalem knows they have performed a notable sign, and we cannot deny it. <sup>17</sup>But to stop this thing from spreading any further among the people, we must warn them to speak no longer to anyone in this name."

<sup>18</sup>Then they called them in again and commanded them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus. <sup>19</sup>But Peter and John replied, "Which is right in God's eyes: to listen to you, or to him? You be the judges! <sup>20</sup>As for us, we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard."

# Children’s Message

## Song

## “By Faith”

*On screens*

## Message from God’s Word

## Daniel 3:9-18

<sup>9</sup>They said to King Nebuchadnezzar, “May the king live forever! <sup>10</sup>Your Majesty has issued a decree that everyone who hears the sound of the horn, flute, zither, lyre, harp, pipe and all kinds of music must fall down and worship the image of gold, <sup>11</sup>and that whoever does not fall down and worship will be thrown into a blazing furnace. <sup>12</sup>But there are some Jews whom you have set over the affairs of the province of Babylon—Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego—who pay no attention to you, Your Majesty. They neither serve your gods nor worship the image of gold you have set up.”

<sup>13</sup>Furious with rage, Nebuchadnezzar summoned Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego. So these men were brought before the king, <sup>14</sup>and Nebuchadnezzar said to them, “Is it true, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, that you do not serve my gods or worship the image of gold I have set up?

<sup>15</sup>Now when you hear the sound of the horn, flute, zither, lyre, harp, pipe and all kinds of music, if you are ready to fall down and worship the image I made, very good. But if you do not worship it, you will be thrown immediately into a blazing furnace. Then what god will be able to rescue you from my hand?”

<sup>16</sup>Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego replied to him, “King Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to defend ourselves before you in this matter. <sup>17</sup>If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to deliver us from it, and he will deliver us from Your Majesty’s hand. <sup>18</sup>But even if he does not, we want you to know, Your Majesty, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up.”

### **The Right Kind of Rebellion**

## 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 truly 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

## "Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult"

*Hymn #463*

## Blessing

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all!

**Amen!**

## Closing Song

## "The Church's One Foundation"

*Hymn #538:1,3,5*

## Silent Prayer

Thank you, Lord, for this time in your house. Walk with me this week and lead me in your goodness. Amen.

# Cross of Christ Weekly Newsletter

## October 16, 2022

<b>Oct 16-Oct 23</b>	<b>Boise</b> (11655 W. McMillan Road)	<b>Nampa</b> (6134 Birch Lane)
Sunday	8:30am – Worship w/Communion 9:45am – Adult Bible Study (Chapel) Teen Bible Study (Conference Room) Confirmation Class (Rm 5) Kids’ Sunday School (Gym & Classrooms) 11:00am – Worship w/Communion	9:30am – Worship w/Communion 10:45am - Family Bible Study & Kids’ Sunday School 4:00pm – Confirmation Class
Monday	10:00am – Women’s Bible Study	
Tuesday	6:30am – Men’s Bible Study (Book of Jonah)	
Wednesday	6:15pm – Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm – CrossTrainers (HS)	
Thursday		6:30pm – GriefShare
Friday		10:00am – Mommy & Me Field Trip (Shindig Farms)
Saturday	<i>no evening worship this week!</i>	
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## **Current Worship Series: Faith and Politics**

Whether internet ads, social media, or family discussions, politics is in the air. *Is it possible to view even politics through the lens of the peace of Christ? The answer is a resounding “YES”!* To have this peace we must first be shaped by God’s Word as we view government, our interaction with it, and how Christians can live as a different kind of citizen. Let’s do exactly that with this series, *Faith and Politics*. Invite someone to come along with you!

	<b>Boise Campus</b>	<b>Nampa Campus</b>
October 16	Politically Incorrect Rebellion	Love Across the Aisle
October 23	God’s Got This	God’s Got This

## **THIS WEEK**

### **Pacific Northwest District Conference**

Pastors Steinbrenner (PNW District President), Snyder, Hein, and Wetzl (District Worship Coordinator) will be traveling to Tacoma, WA, this coming week for the fall District Pastor/Teacher/Staff Minister Conference. God’s blessings to them during their travels and collaboration with other PNW called workers!

### **Mommy & Me Field Trip**

Friday, October 21, 10am, Shindig Farms in Nampa. Check it out and register at [cocidaho.org/connect/mommy-and-me/](http://cocidaho.org/connect/mommy-and-me/).

### **No Saturday Worship October 22**

Due to our pastors’ commitments & travel for the District Conference, the Saturday evening service of October 22 will be canceled.

## **THIS MONTH**

### **October Sunday School Offering**

We’re gathering non-perishable food items for the Idaho Foodbank! Bring your donations to Sunday school and put them in the bin in the hallway. (Anyone can contribute.) Monetary offerings brought to Sunday school this month will continue to be given to WELS Special Ministries, which was designated for our September offerings.

## Fall Festival: October 30

Sunday, October 30, 3:00-6:00pm on the Boise campus. Chili cook-off, grill-out, games, trunk or treat, petting zoo! This event is being planned with hospitality in mind, to connect with folks in our community. *Plan to attend, grab a postcard from the lobby to invite some friends, and choose a way to volunteer!*

How to contribute: ([tinyurl.com/COCFFvolunteer](http://tinyurl.com/COCFFvolunteer)). Some of the options:

- Run a carnival booth or hang out at the welcome table to greet everyone!
- Decorate your vehicle's trunk and hand out candy.
- Compete in the chili cook-off ([tinyurl.com/FFchilicookoff](http://tinyurl.com/FFchilicookoff)).
- Contribute a dessert or side for the meal ([tinyurl.com/FFfooddonations](http://tinyurl.com/FFfooddonations)).
- Help with grilling or keeping the food tables supplied.
- Assist with setup or clean-up.

Nampa campus Fall Festival will be the same day, 3:00-5:30pm. If you'd like to help there, check out [tinyurl.com/FFNampaVolunteers](http://tinyurl.com/FFNampaVolunteers) or contact Gina Garza for more info ([nampa.admin@cocidaho.org](mailto:nampa.admin@cocidaho.org)).

## Pastor Steinbrenner – Call Received

Pastor Steinbrenner has received a Call to serve our larger church body as Administrator for Home Missions, supporting and advising all new churches planted in North America. Pray for him as he considers the ministry opportunities God has put before him; he also welcomes your encouragement and thoughts: [john.steinbrenner@cocidaho.org](mailto:john.steinbrenner@cocidaho.org).

## THIS QUARTER

### CrossTrainers at Nampa

Nampa campus (6134 Birch Lane), Sunday, November 6, 5-7pm

All high-school students invited for dinner, hanging out, and honest conversations about real stuff. Bring friends!

General Fund Offerings Planned FY 22-23	\$781,660
General Fund Offerings Planned FYTD	\$225,479
General Fund Offerings FYTD	\$215,524
Total Offerings Last Weekend (All Funds)	\$23,366

<b>People in God's Word this past week</b>	<b>Boise</b>	<b>Nampa</b>	<b>Total</b>
Cross Connections/Teen Bible Study	44/13	31	88
Kids' Sunday School/Confirmation	27/11	20/7	65
Men's Bible Study/Women's Bible Study	5/9		14
CrossTrainers	13		13
Growth Groups	8+5+5		18
Last Weekend's Worship	54+93+34	99	280
Livestream Views	7		

<b>Serving</b>	<b>Oct 16</b>		<b>Oct 23</b>	
	<b>Nampa</b>	<b>Boise</b>	<b>Nampa</b>	<b>Boise</b>
Music	J. Lowry, C. Trull	A. Lange, M. Biondi, T. Russow	A. Lange, K. Wetzel	K. Koepsell, M. Studer
AV Tech	J. Malnes, S. Tews	K. Koepsell, E. Christianson J. Meier, M. Hartman	J. Malnes, S. Tews, G. Light	E. Christianson, B. Berrier, J. Meier
Altar Care	C. Harris	T. Yaka, L. Russow	K. Guthmiller, C. Harris	T. Yaka, L. Russow
Ushers	J. Harris	T. Stavenau, R. Hibbs, R. Seely	n/a	G. Bafus, B. Turley, R Seely
Open & Close	n/a	B. Masters, H. Geary	n/a	E. Christianson, L. Manglos
Coffee	Garza	R. Ritger, N. Herberger	Guthmiller	R. Ritger, N. Herberger
Flowers	n/a	B. Robbins	n/a	DeWall
Lawn Crew	n/a	B. Turley, Fall Cleaning	n/a	TBA
Kitchen Cleaning	n/a	R&A Lange	n/a	M&J Johnson
Bulletin Folders	n/a	Kimmel, Ritger	n/a	Ritger, Ford, Ashley
Tellers	Harris, Walden, Morford		Rule, Hudson, Turley	