

FAITH

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CROSS OF CHRIST

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.



CROSS OF CHRIST
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Opening

with “For What We Have Done”

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

Congregation: Amen.

We have gathered to worship the King of kings and Lord of lords. He is our Creator, our Savior, and our Advocate. We come before him recognizing he alone is the almighty God. As we confess how far we’ve fallen short of his ways, let us also trust in his saving love for forgiveness and acceptance.

(♩) **For what we have done and left undone
We fall on your countless mercies.
For sins that are known and those unknown,
We call on your name so holy.
For envy and pride, for closing our eyes,
For scorning our very neighbor.
In thought, word, and deed we’ve failed you, our King;
How deeply we need a Savior.**

**Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy,
Lord, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy,
Lord, have mercy on us.**

God almighty, I acknowledge all my sins. Throughout my life, in what I have done and left undone, I have failed to live as your child. Each sin is a grievous offense that deserved your just punishment. Thank you for sending Jesus to be my Savior. I trust in him as I ask for your mercy.

(♩) **For what you have done, your life of love
You perfectly lived, we praise you.
Though tempted and tried, you fixed your eyes,
You finished the work God gave you.
And there on the tree, a King among thieves,
You bled for a world’s betrayal.
You loved to the end, our merciful friend;
How pure and forever faithful.**

**Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy,
Lord, have mercy on us.**

**Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy,
Lord, have mercy on us.**

Our holy God is overflowing with mercy and love. In love, he sent his Son to face the punishment required to pay for our sins. Jesus' perfect life, death, and resurrection have set you free! Your guilt is removed forever. The almighty God is delighted to call you his holy child! May God give you strength to live as his child.

**(♩) Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy,
Lord, have mercy on us.**

**Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy,
Lord, have mercy on us.**

God's Word

Psalm 146

¹ Praise the LORD.

Praise the LORD, my soul.

² I will praise the LORD all my life;
I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.

³ Do not put your trust in princes,
in human beings, who cannot save.

⁴ When their spirit departs, they return to the ground;
on that very day their plans come to nothing.

⁵ Blessed are those whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the LORD their God.

⁶ He is the Maker of heaven and earth,
the sea, and everything in them—
he remains faithful forever.

⁷ He upholds the cause of the oppressed
and gives food to the hungry.

The LORD sets prisoners free,

⁸ the LORD gives sight to the blind,
the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down,

the LORD loves the righteous.

⁹ The LORD watches over the foreigner
and sustains the fatherless and the widow,
but he frustrates the ways of the wicked.

¹⁰ The LORD reigns forever,
your God, O Zion, for all generations.

Praise the LORD.

God's Word

Luke 23:35-43

³⁵ The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is God's Messiah, the Chosen One."

³⁶ The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar ³⁷ and said, "If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself."

³⁸ There was a written notice above him, which read: THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.

³⁹ One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: "Aren't you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!"

⁴⁰ But the other criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God," he said, "since you are under the same sentence? ⁴¹ We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong."

⁴² Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

⁴³ Jesus answered him, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."

Children's Message

Song

"King of the World"

On screens

Message from God's Word

Ephesians 1:17-23

¹⁷ I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. ¹⁸ I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, ¹⁹ and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength ²⁰ he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, ²¹ far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. ²² And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

God's Got This!

Song

"Create in Me"

On 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 is sung following 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

On screens

Closing Song

“Ancient of Days”

On screens

Silent Prayer

Almighty God, keep us safe from every evil of body and soul. Make us ready, with cheerful hearts, to do whatever pleases you. Amen.

Offerings

If you would like to give an offering to support gospel ministry at and through Cross of Christ, there are offering plates on the table in the lobby where you may place your gift to the Lord. You can also give online at cocidaho.org/give.

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

October 23, 2022

Oct 23-Oct 30	Boise (11655 W. McMillan Road)	Nampa (6134 Birch Lane)
Sunday	8:30am – Worship 9:45am – Adult Bible Study (Chapel) Teen Bible Study (Conference Room) Confirmation Class (Rm 5) Kids’ Sunday School (Gym & Classrooms) 11:00am – Worship	9:30am – Worship 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 Joshua)	
Wednesday	6:15pm – Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm – CrossTrainers (HS)	
Thursday		6:30pm – GriefShare
Friday		
Saturday	5:00pm – Evening Worship	
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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*.

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) with that request.

THIS WEEK

Men’s Bible Study: New Topic

This week Men’s Bible Study will begin a new study on the Old Testament book of Joshua. All are invited, Tuesdays at 6:30 am, in the Boise campus lobby.

Conquerors Through Christ

Pastor Snyder will be traveling to Martin Luther College (mlc-wels.edu) this week representing Conquerors Through Christ (conquerorsthroughchrist.net), to talk with college students about God’s gift of sex and marriage and how to minister to people facing the threats against it.

Pastor Steinbrenner – Call Returned

Pastor Steinbrenner has returned his Call to serve as our church body’s Administrator for Home Missions, and will continue serving as President of the Pacific Northwest District and pastor at Cross of Christ. He thanks you for your prayers and encouragement through the decision process.

THIS MONTH

Fall Festival: NEXT 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). Options marked * could particularly use some more hands!

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

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

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 for WELS Special Ministries, which was designated for our September offerings.

THIS QUARTER

Mommy & Me: Thank You Jesus!

Friday, November 4, 10:00 am at the North Nampa campus (6134 Birch Ln): scarecrow craft, pie sensory bin, fun songs and stories! This activity is perfect for caregivers and their children under the age of 6. If it's your first time attending, please register at cocidaho.org/connect/mommy-and-me/.

Congregational Open Forum: November 13

Boise campus, Sunday, November 13, 1:00 pm

childcare provided for kids age 2 & older, details in process

“Vision Traction Organizer” – the process that Cross of Christ leadership has used to crystalize the **vision** for ministry at Cross of Christ and **organize** goals, plans, resources, and people to gain **traction** in carrying it out.

This meeting is where they will share the concepts and details of the long-range plan – and where YOU get to ask questions, offer feedback, and start getting excited for how we can work together to accomplish all these goals to God’s glory!

People in God’s Word this past week	Boise	Nampa	Total
Cross Connections/Teen Bible Study	33	29	62
Kids’ Sunday School/Confirmation	33/7	16/4	49 /11
Men’s Bible Study/Women’s Bible Study	7/6		13
CrossTrainers	12		12
Growth Groups	6+3+6		15
Last Weekend’s Worship	68+81+23	93	265
Livestream Views	8		

<i>General Fund Offerings Planned FY 22-23</i>	\$781,660
General Fund Offerings Planned FYTD	\$240,511
General Fund Offerings FYTD	\$239,764
Total Offerings Last Weekend (All Funds)	\$24,382

Serving	Oct 23		Oct 30	
	Nampa	Boise	Nampa	Boise
Music	A. Lange, K. Wetzel	K. Koepsell, M. Studer, L. Neujahr	R. Dodd	K. Koepsell, B. Berrier, E. Berrier, B. Breckon, S. Caudill, C. Klink. A. Manglos, C. Spackman- Whitworth, M. Studer
AV Tech	J. Malnes, S. Tews, G. Light	E. Christianson B. Berrier, J. Meier	J. Malnes, S. Tews	K. Koepsell, TBA
Altar Care	K. Guthmiller, C. Harris	T. Yaka, L. Russow	K. Guthmiller, C. Harris	T. Yaka, L. Russow
Ushers	n/a	G. Bafus, B. Turley, R. Seely	n/a	K. Benedick, J. Breckon, TBA
Open & Close	n/a	E. Christianson, L. Manglos	n/a	J. Breckon, R. Lange
Coffee	Guthmiller	R. Ritger, N. Herberger	Guthmiller	R. Ritger, N. Herberger
Flowers	n/a	DeWall	n/a	Banner/Ehlke
Lawn Crew	n/a	TBA	n/a	TBA
Kitchen Cleaning	n/a	M&J Johnson	n/a	J&J Trentz
Bulletin Folders	n/a	Ritger, Ford, Ashley	n/a	Bafus, Guthmiller
Tellers	Rule, Hudson, Turley		Turley, Walden, Reglin	