



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 Hymn

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

Hymn #341:1, 4

We Come Before the King

P: Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven-fold Spirit before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

C: To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, 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. (Revelation 1:4-6)

P: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth,

C: Shout for joy before the Lord, the King. (Psalm 98:4, 6)

P: “Look, he is coming with the clouds,” and “every eye will see him, even those who pierced him.” So shall it be! Amen. (Revelation 1:7)

C: Alleluia. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. Alleluia. (Revelation 22:13)

P: “The days are coming,” declares the LORD, “when I will raise up to David a righteous Branch, a King who will reign wisely and do what is just and right in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. This is the name by which he will be called: The LORD Our Righteousness.” (Jeremiah 23:5-6)

Prayer

P: King Jesus, by your victory you have broken the power of the evil one. Fill our hearts with joy and peace as we look with hope to that day when every creature in heaven and earth will acclaim you King of kings and Lord of lords to your unending praise and glory; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.



ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

God's Word

Luke 1:26-33

²⁶ In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, ²⁷ to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you."

²⁹ Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. ³⁰ But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. ³¹ You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. ³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, ³³ and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end."

Advent Hymn

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Hymn #23:1-2

Christmas

Isaiah 9:6-7

⁶ For to us a child is born, to us a son is given,
and the government will be on his shoulders.
And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

⁷ Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end.
He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom,
establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness
from that time on and forever.

The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this.

Christmas Hymn

"Joy to the World"

Hymn #62:1, 4



EPIPHANY

God's Word

Matthew 2:1-2, 10-11

¹ After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem ² and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him."

¹⁰ When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. ¹¹ On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

Epiphany Hymn

"Christ Begins"

On screens, st. 1-3



LENT

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.”

Lent Hymn

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

Hymn #125:1-3

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

“Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery”

On screens, st. 1-4



EASTER

God's Word

1 Corinthians 15:20-25

²⁰ But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹ For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. ²² For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. ²³ But each in turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. ²⁴ Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. ²⁵ For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet.

Easter Hymn

“I Know that My Redeemer Lives”

Hymn #152:1-2, 5



PENTECOST

God's Word

John 14:1-7,15-19,25-27

¹ “Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. ² My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. ⁴ You know the way to the place where I am going.” ⁵ Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?”

⁶ Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.” . . .

¹⁵ “If you love me, keep my commands. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— ¹⁷ the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. ¹⁸ I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹ Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live.” . . .

²⁵ “All this I have spoken while still with you. ²⁶ But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.”

Pentecost Hymn

“Speak, O Lord”

On screens, st. 1, 3

Prayer of the Church & the Lord’s Prayer

After the prayer spoken by the pastor, we join to pray the Lord’s Prayer:

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.



END TIMES

God's Word

Daniel 7:13-14

¹³ “In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence. ¹⁴ He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all nations and peoples of every language worshiped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed.”

Blessing

Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. 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.

End Times & Closing Hymn “There Is a Higher Throne”

On screens, st. 1-2

Silent Prayer

You are worthy, O Christ our King, to receive honor and glory and praise. Help us to live trusting and following you as you rule in our hearts. Amen.

Cross of Christ Weekly Newsletter

November 20, 2022

Nov 20-27	Boise (11655 W. McMillan Road)	Nampa (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	<i>No Preschool this week – Thanksgiving Break</i>	
Tuesday	6:15pm – Adult Choir Rehearsal	6:00pm – Grocery Outreach
Wednesday	6:30pm – Thanksgiving Worship <i>(no CrossTrainers today)</i>	6:30pm – Thanksgiving Worship
Thursday		
Friday		
Saturday	10:00am – Christmas Decorating <i>(no evening worship today)</i>	
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THIS WEEK

Grocery Outreach in Nampa: November 22

Grocery outreach supports families in our communities who could benefit from some fresh groceries. This month, we'll go out the Tuesday evening before Thanksgiving. If you'd like to donate groceries and/or participate in distribution, contact Gina Garza (nampa.admin@cocidaho.org).

Thanksgiving Worship: November 23

All are invited to gather on Thanksgiving Eve, **Wednesday, November 23, 6:30 pm at either of our Boise or Nampa campuses**, to thank our God for all his goodness!

Please note: No Saturday evening worship (Boise campus) on November 26.

Christmas Decorating: November 26

If you're already listening to Christmas music, this is for YOU: Help decorate the Boise chapel and lobby for Christmas! **Saturday, November 26, 10:00am** (most likely done by noon). Email or text Ty Stavenau (tystavenau@gmail.com / 208-938-0886) to participate.

THIS MONTH

New Worship Series: What do you want for Christmas?

It's a question we ask the kids this time of year: What do you want for Christmas? But what about you? What do YOU want for Christmas? How about peace in your heart? Hope for something better? Acceptance when you fail? How would you like those things for Christmas?

Through the gracious gift of Jesus, God wants to freely give you these gifts and even more. New phones, shoes, or clothes can't provide them. But Jesus was born to purchase them for you with his cross. Let's look to him together this Christmas season, during our new worship series **beginning November 27**, and celebrate the better gifts meant for us through Christ!

Preschool Pajama Drive

Cross of Christ Preschool is hosting a pajama drive to help children facing instability. **New pajamas are welcome in any size** (complete sets, top and bottom, or appropriate nightgown), and for each pair of pj's, Scholastic Books will match our gift with a new children's book. Good nights help to provide good days! Place your donation in the basket in the Boise lobby **by Friday, Dec. 2.**

Loving our Neighbors at McMillan Elementary

You can make a difference for our neighbors who are struggling this Christmas. Cross of Christ teens will be doing a service project during December to assemble Christmas gifts for students in need at McMillan Elementary. Please consider donating items from combs and socks to coats and boots. A full list of most-needed items can be found here: coidaho.org/connect/loving-our-neighbors-at-mcmillan-elementary/ Small-ish boxes are also needed for packaging the gifts (shoe boxes are perfect). Place gifts & boxes in the bin in the lobby.

NEXT MONTH

Ladies' Christmas Party: Advent by Candlelight Sunday, December 4, 5-7 pm, Boise campus

All women middle school (6th grade) and older are invited to gather for this very special evening of fellowship with your Sisters in Christ as we begin the Advent season. Dinner will be provided, but please feel free to bring a sweet or savory treat or beverage to share. To aid in planning dinner, we ask that you give us an estimate on how many guests you plan to bring. Friends very welcome! Please RSVP either on the Boise lobby bulletin board or online at tinyurl.com/LadiesChristmas2022.

CrossTrainers at Nampa

Sunday, December 4, 5-7 pm

High school students invited for food & faith conversations & hanging out.

Christmas Flowers

To honor Jesus' birth by beautifying the Boise chapel, sign up on the lobby bulletin board to purchase various flowering plants (\$7.00-14.00 each). **Last day to request a plant is Wednesday, December 7.** After the last service on Christmas Eve or Day, take your plants home to enjoy! Contact Dick or Kay Guthmiller with any questions (208-850-8809).

Preschool Service & Christmas Cookies Needed

The Cross of Christ Preschool students will present the good news of Jesus' birth on **Thursday, December 8, at 6:30 pm**, on the Boise campus. All are welcome to attend this special service!

The students, families, and guests enjoy treats and fellowship in the lobby after the service -- would you be willing to provide some Christmas cookies for this evening? If baking is your gift, please deliver your cookies to the Boise kitchen by **noon on Wednesday, December 8**. (Allergy-friendly options are always welcome; please label nut-free, gluten-free, etc.)

Christmas Worship at Cross of Christ

Never too early to think about who you'd like to invite to come with you!

The Sunday school students will participate in the 11:00 am service at Boise on Sunday, December 11, and in the Christmas Eve services at Nampa.

	Nampa Campus	Boise Campus
Christmas Eve (Saturday)	2:00 & 4:00 pm	3:00 & 5:00 pm
Christmas Day (Sunday) <i>no Bible studies / Sunday school at either campus</i>	9:30 am	10:30 am
New Year's Day (Sunday) <i>no Bible studies / Sunday school at either campus</i>	9:30 am	8:30 & 11:00 am <i>no Saturday evening worship Dec 31</i>

People in God's Word this past week	Boise	Nampa	Total
Cross Connections/Teen Bible Study	28/5	34	67
Kids' Sunday School/Confirmation	21/6	15/4	46
Men's Bible Study	7		7
CrossTrainers	12		12
Last Weekend's Worship	71+85+24	81	261
Livestream Views	8		

<i>General Fund Offerings Planned FY 22-23</i>	\$781,660
General Fund Offerings Planned FYTD	\$300,638
General Fund Offerings FYTD	\$279,296
Total Offerings Last Weekend (All Funds)	\$9,694

Serving	Nov 20		Nov 27	
	Nampa	Boise	Nampa	Boise
Music	Team Wetzel	K. Koepsell, B. Evans, M. Evans, S. Hibbs	K. Koepsell	L. Neujahr
AV Tech	J. Malnes, S. Tews	G. Light, E. Christianson, J. Meier	J. Malnes, S. Tews	G. Light, D. Hibbs
Altar Care	K. Guthmiller, C. Harris	McLain, Biggs	K. Guthmiller, C. Harris	McLain, Biggs
Ushers	S. O'Doherty, I. Garza	J. Berrier, L. Manglos, A. Manglos	n/a	J. Berrier, TBA
Open & Close	n/a	B. Masters, L. Manglos	n/a	E. Christianson, R. Lange
Coffee	Guthmiller	C. Berrier, D. McLain	Guthmiller	C. Berrier, D. McLain
Flowers	n/a	DeWall	n/a	Loring
Kitchen Cleaning	n/a	R&H Burke	n/a	R&L Ochoa
Bulletin Folders	n/a	Ritger, Ford, Ashley	n/a	Office Staff
Tellers	Turley, Morford, Reglin		Harris, Rule, Hudson	