



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 worshipping 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

AT OUR CORE: CHRIST-CENTERED

Opening Song

“The Church’s One Foundation”

Hymn #538:1-2,5

Welcomed into the Family of God

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

Congregation: Amen!

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. My sins ought to separate me from you forever. Yet, you chose to love me anyway. You rescued me through the cross of Christ. May I daily live in the peace that comes from Christ alone.

God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and sent Jesus, his only Son, to be the Christ, our Savior. He alone could live a perfect life in our place, and he alone could make the sacrifice for sin in our place. All this he did for you, for me, and for the whole world. Now, 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

Almighty God, you gave your one and only Son to be the Lamb who would take away the sins of the world. Grant that your people, filled with the power of your Spirit, may point the way to this Lamb so that he may be known, worshiped, and believed to the ends of the earth; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

God's Word

Isaiah 49:1-6

Listen to me, you islands;

hear this, you distant nations:

Before I was born the LORD called me;

from my mother's womb he has spoken my name.

² He made my mouth like a sharpened sword,

in the shadow of his hand he hid me;

he made me into a polished arrow

and concealed me in his quiver.

³ He said to me, "You are my servant,

Israel, in whom I will display my splendor."

⁴ But I said, "I have labored in vain;

I have spent my strength for nothing at all.

Yet what is due me is in the LORD's hand,

and my reward is with my God."

⁵ And now the LORD says—

he who formed me in the womb to be his servant

to bring Jacob back to him

and gather Israel to himself,

for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD

and my God has been my strength—

⁶ he says:

"It is too small a thing for you to be my servant

to restore the tribes of Jacob

and bring back those of Israel I have kept.

I will also make you a light for the Gentiles,

that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth."

God's Word

Colossians 2:6-15

⁶So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, ⁷rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.

⁸See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces of this world rather than on Christ.

⁹For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, ¹⁰and in Christ you have been brought to fullness. He is the head over every power and authority. ¹¹In him you were also circumcised with a circumcision not performed by human hands. Your whole self ruled by the flesh was put off when you were circumcised by Christ, ¹²having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through your faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead.

¹³When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, ¹⁴having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

Children's Message

Song

“Let It Be Said of Us”

On screens, st. 1-2

Message from God's Word

John 1:29-41

²⁹ The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰ This is the one I meant when I said, 'A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.' ³¹ I myself did not know him, but the reason I came baptizing with water was that he might be revealed to Israel."

³² Then John gave this testimony: "I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him. ³³ And I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.' ³⁴ I have seen and I testify that this is God's Chosen One."

³⁵ The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. ³⁶ When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, "Look, the Lamb of God!"

³⁷ When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus. ³⁸ Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, "What do you want?"

They said, "Rabbi" (which means "Teacher"), "where are you staying?"

³⁹ "Come," he replied, "and you will see."

So they went and saw where he was staying, and they spent that day with him. It was about four in the afternoon.

⁴⁰ Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. ⁴¹ The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, "We have found the Messiah" (that is, the Christ).

Core Value #1: Christ-Centered

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

"Lamb of God"

On screens, st. 1-3

Blessing

The almighty and merciful Lord—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—bless us and keep us!

Amen!

Closing Song

"In Christ Alone"

On screens, st. 1-4

Silent Prayer

Merciful Father, you have made me complete in Christ. I am whole in my relationship with you. I am whole in who I am. All because Christ is enough. Instill in me, and my church family, the faithfulness to point all people to this wondrous Lamb. Amen.

Our Mission: Impacting Lives for Eternity

Our Core Values:

Christ-Centered
Grace-Filled Community
Mission-Minded
Empowering Christian Growth
Servant Heart

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.

Cross of Christ Weekly Newsletter

January 15, 2023

Jan 15-22	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		
Tuesday	6:30am – Men’s Bible Study	
Wednesday	7:00pm – CrossTrainers (HS)	
Thursday		
Friday		10:00am – Mommy & Me (The Gym Nest field trip)
Saturday	5:00pm – Evening Worship	
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THIS WEEK

New Worship Series: “At Our Core”

Cross of Christ exists to impact lives for eternity. But what does that mean? What do we look like while pursuing our purpose? What values shape the heart of our church family?

We'll spend the next five weeks exploring how God's Word shapes our stated core values, which in turn shape our entire ministry. We'll do this as we walk with Jesus during his earthly ministry to see the priorities he wants for his church and how he makes us whole in his grace.

If you've been curious about Cross of Christ and what we're like, this is the perfect series to jump into! If you've been part of Cross of Christ for a while, this series will help us rediscover and recommit to what our church family is all about.

New Year Opportunities to GROW in God's Word!

Weekly open groups, no sign-up needed:

- Sundays, 9:45 am, at Boise
 - Adult/young adult study (in the chapel), The Life of Job
 - Teen Class (Conference Room)
 - Sunday school (ages 2 – 5th grade, gym & classrooms)
- Sundays, 10:45 am, at Nampa
 - Adult/young adult study (main gathering space), The Life of Job
 - Kids' Sunday school (classrooms)
- Men's Bible study: Tuesdays, 6:30-7:15 am, at Boise. Continued study of Joshua; the sessions stand alone so feel free to come any time!
- CrossTrainers, for high school students: Wednesdays, 7:00-9:00 pm, in the gym at Boise. Dinner provided.
- Women's Bible study, Mondays, 10:00 am at Boise, beginning February 6. More info on the following pages.

Growth Group Winter Session begins this week!

Make spiritual growth and more meaningful connections part of your 2023! Groups will start meeting **THIS WEEK**; this session will run for six weeks. Groups meet in church or in members' homes at different days & times, so sign up for a group at tinyurl.com/COCGGWINTER2023.

Mommy & Me Field Trip

Friday, January 20, field trip to The Gym Nest (thegymneststudio.com) in Eagle. This small gymnastics place is perfect for kids under 5. They can play in the foam pit, climb on the mats, or jump on the trampolines. Cost is \$6 per child; meet there at 10 am. Check it out and register at cocidaho.org/connect/mommy-and-me/.

WELS Christian Leadership Conference

Our national church body, the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod, is hosting a Christian Leadership Conference in Chicago this week. This conference emphasizes practical resources, best-practices, and encouragement for all involved in ministry. Cross of Christ is blessed to have eight people representing us at this conference: four called workers (Kristen Koepsell, Pastors Snyder, Wetzell, and Steinbrenner) and four lay leaders (Brent Masters, Cindy Harris, Cameron Sullivan, and Gina Garza). May God bless their travels and their experience at the conference!

Altar Flowers for 2023

To purchase the flowers on our Savior's altar, record your name on the flower calendar on the lobby bulletin board, on your desired Sunday. Cost is \$33 per Sunday; designate your payment "altar flowers" and place it in the offering plate, or choose the "Flower Fund" option via cocidaho.org/give. If two families share the Sunday, two arrangements each costing \$33 will be made. After the 11:00 am service you can take your flowers home to enjoy; please return the vase when the flowers are spent. Questions can be directed to Kay Guthmiller (208-850-8806).

THIS MONTH

Cross Connections Class

Connect to God, purpose, and community. A refresher of core Christian truths AND an excellent opportunity to invite someone you know who doesn't know Jesus very well or at all! Please register for either session at cocidaho.org/connect/cross-connections.



- **Tuesdays, 6:30 pm, Nampa campus**, beginning January 24
- **Thursdays, 6:30 pm, Boise campus**, beginning January 26.

Family Bingo Night: January 27

Friday, January 27, 6:30 pm, in the Boise campus gym, hosted by Cross of Christ Preschool. Please see the sign-up at tinyurl.com/COCFAMILYBINGONIGHT or in the lobby so we can plan for snacks and prizes. All are welcome for some family fun!

Grocery Outreach in Nampa: January 28

Grocery outreach supports families in our community who could benefit from some fresh groceries. If you'd like to donate groceries and/or participate in distribution, please contact Gina Garza (nampa.admin@cocidaho.org).

One set of groceries includes the following (bread is already provided):

- Small jars of peanut butter and jelly, or a few cans of tuna
- Fresh veggies or fruit (bananas, apples, & baby carrots work well)
- Snack item (granola bars, crackers, etc.)
- Dessert/treat (small bag of candy, cookies, etc.)

Youth Event January 28: Gym Campout

Let's go camping in January! Kids ages five and older (old enough to set up their own tent) are invited to come set up tents in the gym, sing camp songs, make s'mores, and watch a movie. Friends very welcome.

- Saturday, January 28, 12:30-3:30 pm
- Boise campus gym
- Please bring your own tent (small/kids'/pup/beach tent, please no tents that require stakes!)

And if you haven't put away your artificial Christmas tree yet, could we borrow it to decorate the gym like a forest? Let Pastor Brad know (brad.snyder@cocidaho.org).

THIS QUARTER

Women's Bible Study Beginning in February

All women are welcome to this study group, meeting Mondays on the Boise campus at 10:00 am, February 6 - May 22. Our study devotional is "Take Heart" by Lindsay Hausch. The book is available for purchase through Cross of Christ for \$12.49.

To register and to order the book through church, please visit tinyurl.com/COCWBS2023 or see the sign-up sheet in the lobby.. Please feel free to bring a friend, and we'll see you there!

Snow Tubing at Eagle Island

Come on out for this all-ages family activity, Saturday, February 18, 2:15-3:45 pm.

Admission is \$24 per person (kids 2 and under are free); we have 20 slots reserved so sign up at tinyurl.com/COCSnowTubing2023 or on the Boise bulletin board to reserve your family's tickets today!

Please place payment in mailbox #54 (cash or check payable to Cross of Christ, note "snow-tubing"). NOTE: Entry to Eagle Island State Park is \$7 cash on entry per vehicle (not included in tubing admission), or free with a State Parks Pass.

Useful park info available at www.gatewayparks.com/faq. Questions can be directed to Amanda Watkins (amanda.watkins99@yahoo.com).

People in God's Word this past week	Boise	Nampa	Total
Ministry Meeting/Teen Bible Study	26 / 7	44	77
Kids' Sunday School/Confirmation	28 / 7	n/a / 6	41
Last Weekend's Worship	62+91+12	96	261
Men's Bible Study	3		3
CrossTrainers	12		12
Livestream Views	15		

<i>General Fund Offerings Planned FY 22-23</i>	\$781,660
General Fund Offerings Planned FYTD	\$420,894
General Fund Offerings FYTD	\$383,225
Total Offerings Last Weekend (All Funds)	\$12,740

Offering Envelopes

If you'd like to use offering envelopes to give your regular financial gifts in person, please feel free to take a box from the cart on the east side of the lobby.

Serving	January 15		January 22	
	Nampa	Boise	Nampa	Boise
Music	K. Koepsell	J. Hein, K. Christianson	R. Dodd, F. Fauchaux	A. Lange, A. Biondi
AV Tech	G. Light	K. Koepsell, E. Christianson	TBA	E. Christianson, TBA
Altar Care	A. Fuentes, K. Guthmiller	T. Yaka	A. Fuentes, K. Guthmiller	T. Yaka
Ushers	n/a	B. Adams, TBA	I. Garza, S. O'Doherty	B. Adams, TBA
Open & Close	n/a	M. Johnson, L. Manglos	n/a	KC Broyles, R. Lange
Coffee	O'Doherty, Guthmiller	B. Robbins, N. Herberger	O'Doherty, Guthmiller	B. Robbins, N. Herberger
Flowers	n/a	Ready	n/a	Yaka
Kitchen Cleaning	n/a	D&L Rule	n/a	B&N Turley
Bulletin Folders	n/a	Ritger, Ford, Ashley	n/a	Bafus, Guthmiller
Tellers	Rule, Hudson, Morford		Turley, Hudson, Walden	