



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 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 Song

“Amazing Grace”

Hymn 379:1,3-4

Opening Responses

with “Lord, Have Mercy”

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

Congregation: Amen.

As baptized children of God, we confess our sins.

**All: (♩) 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 most 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.**

One thing we want to define us most as a family of Christians is grace. Grace is the love God has for us that we never deserved and we do not need to earn. Grace is also the love God puts in our hearts and lives so we love each other as we have been loved. For us to be a community of grace, we remember God’s grace to us as we confess our sins and find undeserved love at the cross of Christ.

Merciful Father in heaven, I’m so used to and comfortable with this selfish world, I don’t even realize how sinful I have been. Throughout my life I have treated others as if love is earned, and gifts given are expected to be met with gifts received. In behaving this way, I disobey you and fail to live as your child. Thank you for loving me when I never deserved it. Thank you for being with me when I had nothing to offer you. But you gave me more grace, you gave me Jesus; you showed me what love is. And I thank you.

**All: (♩) 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.**

God's undeserved love for you is displayed in Jesus Christ. Because of his perfect life in your place, his death on the cross, and his resurrection to life, you are forgiven and free. All is well between you and God. God loves you and has made you and redeemed you as his holy child. May God's grace fill each of our hearts and lives that we may be the grace-filled community God has called us to be.

Amen!

**All: (♩) Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy,
Lord, have mercy on us.
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God's Word

2 Samuel 12:1-13

¹The LORD sent Nathan to David. When he came to him, he said, "There were two men in a certain town, one rich and the other poor. ²The rich man had a very large number of sheep and cattle, ³but the poor man had nothing except one little ewe lamb he had bought. He raised it, and it grew up with him and his children. It shared his food, drank from his cup and even slept in his arms. It was like a daughter to him.

⁴"Now a traveler came to the rich man, but the rich man refrained from taking one of his own sheep or cattle to prepare a meal for the traveler who had come to him. Instead, he took the ewe lamb that belonged to the poor man and prepared it for the one who had come to him."

⁵David burned with anger against the man and said to Nathan, "As surely as the LORD lives, the man who did this must die! ⁶He must pay for that lamb four times over, because he did such a thing and had no pity."

⁷Then Nathan said to David, "You are the man! This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: 'I anointed you king over Israel, and I delivered you from the hand of Saul. ⁸I gave your master's house to you, and your master's wives into your arms. I gave you all Israel and Judah. And if all this had been too little, I would have given you even more. ⁹Why did you despise the word of the LORD by doing what is evil in his eyes? You struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword and took his wife to be your own. You killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. ¹⁰Now, therefore, the sword will never depart from your house, because you despised me and took the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your own.'

¹¹"This is what the LORD says: 'Out of your own household I am going to bring calamity on you. Before your very eyes I will take your wives and give them to one who is close to you, and he will sleep with your wives in broad daylight.

¹²You did it in secret, but I will do this thing in broad daylight before all Israel.'"

¹³Then David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the LORD."

Nathan replied, "The LORD has taken away your sin. You are not going to die."

God's Word

Ephesians 4:25-32

²⁵ Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbor, for we are all members of one body. ²⁶ "In your anger do not sin": Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, ²⁷ and do not give the devil a foothold. ²⁸ Anyone who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with their own hands, that they may have something to share with those in need.

²⁹ Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. ³⁰ And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. ³¹ Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. ³² Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

Children's Message

Song

"Oh How Good It Is"

On screens, st. 1-3

Message from God's Word

Luke 7:36-50

³⁶ When one of the Pharisees invited Jesus to have dinner with him, he went to the Pharisee's house and reclined at the table. ³⁷ A woman in that town who lived a sinful life learned that Jesus was eating at the Pharisee's house, so she came there with an alabaster jar of perfume. ³⁸ As she stood behind him at his feet weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears. Then she wiped them with her hair, kissed them and poured perfume on them.

³⁹ When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would know who is touching him and what kind of woman she is—that she is a sinner."

⁴⁰ Jesus answered him, "Simon, I have something to tell you."

"Tell me, teacher," he said.

⁴¹ “Two people owed money to a certain moneylender. One owed him five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. ⁴² Neither of them had the money to pay him back, so he forgave the debts of both. Now which of them will love him more?”

⁴³ Simon replied, “I suppose the one who had the bigger debt forgiven.”

“You have judged correctly,” Jesus said.

⁴⁴ Then he turned toward the woman and said to Simon, “Do you see this woman? I came into your house. You did not give me any water for my feet, but she wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. ⁴⁵ You did not give me a kiss, but this woman, from the time I entered, has not stopped kissing my feet. ⁴⁶ You did not put oil on my head, but she has poured perfume on my feet. ⁴⁷ Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven—as her great love has shown. But whoever has been forgiven little loves little.”

⁴⁸ Then Jesus said to her, “Your sins are forgiven.”

⁴⁹ The other guests began to say among themselves, “Who is this who even forgives sins?”

⁵⁰ Jesus said to the woman, “Your faith has saved you; go in peace.”

Grace-Filled Community

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 follows the prayer spoken by the pastor:

Our Father in heaven, thank you for creating and redeeming us as your children.

Thank you for loving us by grace and caring for us in all ways.

Help us to keep your name holy by living by your holy Word in our thoughts and actions.

Lead us to bring other people to faith, and help us do everything we do for the purpose of glorifying your name.

All your believers here on earth are your living space.

Rule in our hearts more and more, and rule in the hearts of others as well.

We pray that your will be done in our lives, that it defends and defeats the devil and our own sinfulness.

Thank you for providing all we need to survive each day. We trust you to do so.

Father, we sin every day, countless times.

We pray that you forgive us our sins. Please help us continuously forgive others who do us wrong, and always remember that no person will do as much wrong to us as we have wronged you.

O Father, we have sinned; have mercy.

Lead us not into temptation, and keep us from being fooled into things that are not right.

We ask you to protect and shield us from the sins of the world, especially our own.

Even when you do let sins and troubles come to us, let us remember that you have a bigger, better purpose. Ultimately deliver us from evil by taking us to heaven with you, because you are our God and Father, from the time we were born, the present, and forever to come.

So be it.

Amen.

Blessing

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

Closing Song

“Jesus, Thank You”

On screens, st, 1-2

Silent Prayer

Lord, let us never lose our joy and wonder at your amazing grace. Let your love fill everything we do as we extend forgiveness and mercy to all those around us and are led to love and trust you more and more each day.

Amen.

Our Mission:
Impacting Lives for Eternity

Our Core Values:
Christ-Centered
Grace-Filled Community
Mission-Minded
Empowering Christian Growth
Servant Heart

Cross of Christ Weekly Newsletter

January 21-22, 2023

Jan 22-29	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		
Tuesday	6:30am – Men’s Bible Study	6:30pm – Cross Connections
Wednesday	6:15pm – Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm – CrossTrainers (HS)	
Thursday	6:30pm – Cross Connections	
Friday	6:30pm – Family Bingo Night	
Saturday	12:30pm – Youth Event: Gym Campout 5:00pm – Evening Worship	9:00am – Grocery Outreach
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THIS WEEK

Cross Connections Class

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! Register for either session at cocidaho.org/connect/cross-connections.

- **Tuesdays, 6:30 pm, Nampa campus,** begins this week, January 24
- **Thursdays, 6:30 pm, Boise campus,** begins this week January 26

Family Bingo Night: January 27

This Friday at 6:30 pm, in the Boise campus gym, hosted by Cross of Christ Preschool. Please RSVP at tinyurl.com/COCFAMILYBINGONIGHT or on the lobby bulletin board so we can plan for snacks & prizes. All are welcome for 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 from the Nampa campus, this Saturday, Jan 28, at 9:00 am**, 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.

- This 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).

Growth Group Winter Session

Make spiritual growth and more meaningful connections part of your 2023! Groups have begun meeting and **sign-ups are open for one more week**, at tinyurl.com/COCGGWINTER2023 or on the lobby bulletin board. Groups meet at church or in members' homes at different days & times; this session runs for six weeks.

Current Worship Series: "At Our Core"

Cross of Christ exists to impact lives for eternity. But what does that mean? What do we look like in pursuing that purpose? *We're currently 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 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.

Weekly Bible Groups

- Sundays, 9:45 am, at Boise
 - Adult/young adult study (in the chapel), "False Christs"
 - 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)
 - 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 next page.

THIS MONTH

GriefShare in Boise, in Two Weeks

GriefShare is a support group for those who've lost a loved one to death. This 13-week program uses teaching videos, a workbook, and group discussion to help you move toward healing.

- Tuesdays, 7:00 pm, begins January 31
- at Cross of Christ's Boise campus

Please register at cocardaho.org/connect/griefshare. More information on the program itself is available at griefshare.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. To register and to order the book through church, please visit tinyurl.com/COCWBS2023 or the lobby bulletin board. Friends are very welcome!

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); at this point, we have 20 slots reserved, *but hope to get a whole lot more!* So sign up ASAP at tinyurl.com/COCSnowTubing2023 or on the Boise bulletin board to reserve your family's tickets.

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).

Next Congregational Open Forum

Save the date: Sunday, February 19, 1:00 pm, on the Boise campus. All are encouraged to attend and participate!

People in God's Word this past week	Boise	Nampa	Total
Adult Bible Study/Teen Bible Study	38 / 8	26	72
Kids' Sunday School/Confirmation	30 / 8	15 / n/a	53
Last Weekend's Worship	88+85+33	82	288
Men's Bible Study	8	n/a	8
CrossTrainers	9	n/a	9
Growth Groups	9+12+11+18+2+12+7		71
Livestream Views	6		

<i>General Fund Offerings Planned FY 22-23</i>	\$781,660
General Fund Offerings Planned FYTD	\$435,926
General Fund Offerings FYTD	\$397,700
Total Offerings Last Weekend (All Funds)	\$14,635

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.

Serving	January 22		January 29	
	Nampa	Boise	Nampa	Boise
Music	R. Dodd, F. Fauchaux	A. Lange, A. Biondi	J. Lowry, C. Trull	K. Koepsell, C. Masters, L. Neujahr
AV Tech	J. Malnes, G. Light	C. Klink, C. Kennedy, D. Hibbs, J. Meier	TBA	K. Koepsell, G. Light, D. Hibbs
Altar Care	A. Fuentes, K. Guthmiller	T. Yaka, L. Russow	A. Fuentes, K. Guthmiller	T. Yaka, L. Russow
Ushers	I. Garza, S. O'Doherty	TBA	I. Garza, S. O'Doherty	K. Benedick, TBA
Open & Close	n/a	KC Broyles, R. Lange	n/a	B. Masters, M. Brown
Coffee	O'Doherty, Guthmiller	B. Robbins, N. Herberger	O'Doherty, Guthmiller	B. Robbins, N. Herberger
Flowers	n/a	Yaka	n/a	Turley
Kitchen Cleaning	n/a	B&N Turley	n/a	D&B Doshier
Bulletin Folders	n/a	Bafus, Guthmiller	n/a	Prigge, Tweedy, Foreman
Tellers	Turley, Hudson, Walden		Harris, Rule, Reglin	