



**CROSS OF CHRIST**

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# Cross of Christ Lutheran Church

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## January 28-29, 2023

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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 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).



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# AT OUR CORE: MISSION-MINDED

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Opening Song

“The Gospel Song”

*On screens, st. 1-2*

## Opening Responses

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

**Congregation: And also with you!**

One of the great privileges we have as the family of God is the mission to go and spread the good news of Jesus. As we go to all the world, the message we speak is the same message that saves us. When we come together for worship, we remember that we need a Savior as much as anyone else. And that same Savior of the world is your Savior and mine.

**Jesus, my Savior, thank you for rescuing me. My sins had separated me from you. Throughout my life, I have failed to live as God’s child. Even though I deserved God’s just punishment forever, you went to the cross in my place. Thank you for taking away my sins. You tell me who I am: I am yours.**

Because of Jesus’ perfect life, death, and resurrection, you are pardoned and set free. By believing in Jesus, you have a place in the family of God. This good news of Christ is the message God now sends you to tell: You are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit!

**Amen!**

# Song of Thanks

# “The Gospel Song”

*On screens, st. 3-4*

## Prayer

Lord Jesus, before leaving this world, you gave your church the great mission to make disciples of all nations. Fill our hearts with the gospel more and more, that we may tell the world the saving message of the cross; for you are alive again and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## God’s Word

## Jonah 4:5-11

<sup>5</sup> Jonah had gone out and sat down at a place east of the city. There he made himself a shelter, sat in its shade and waited to see what would happen to the city. <sup>6</sup> Then the LORD God provided a leafy plant and made it grow up over Jonah to give shade for his head to ease his discomfort, and Jonah was very happy about the plant. <sup>7</sup> But at dawn the next day God provided a worm, which chewed the plant so that it withered. <sup>8</sup> When the sun rose, God provided a scorching east wind, and the sun blazed on Jonah’s head so that he grew faint. He wanted to die, and said, “It would be better for me to die than to live.”

<sup>9</sup> But God said to Jonah, “Is it right for you to be angry about the plant?”

“It is,” he said. “And I’m so angry I wish I were dead.”

<sup>10</sup> But the LORD said, “You have been concerned about this plant, though you did not tend it or make it grow. It sprang up overnight and died overnight.

<sup>11</sup> And should I not have concern for the great city of Nineveh, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who cannot tell their right hand from their left—and also many animals?”

## God's Word

## 2 Corinthians 5:14-21

<sup>14</sup> For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. <sup>15</sup> And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again. <sup>16</sup> So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. <sup>17</sup> Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! <sup>18</sup> All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: <sup>19</sup> that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. <sup>20</sup> We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup> God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

## Children's Message

### Song

### "Let It Be Said of Us"

*On screens*

## Message from God's Word

## John 4:1-26

<sup>1</sup> Now Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard that he was gaining and baptizing more disciples than John— <sup>2</sup> although in fact it was not Jesus who baptized, but his disciples. <sup>3</sup> So he left Judea and went back once more to Galilee.

<sup>4</sup> Now he had to go through Samaria. <sup>5</sup> So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. <sup>6</sup> Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon.

<sup>7</sup> When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?" <sup>8</sup> (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.)

<sup>9</sup> The Samaritan woman said to him, "You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?" (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.)

<sup>10</sup> Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.”

<sup>11</sup> “Sir,” the woman said, “you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water? <sup>12</sup> Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his livestock?”

<sup>13</sup> Jesus answered, “Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup> but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”

<sup>15</sup> The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water so that I won’t get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water.”

<sup>16</sup> He told her, “Go, call your husband and come back.”

<sup>17</sup> “I have no husband,” she replied.

Jesus said to her, “You are right when you say you have no husband. <sup>18</sup> The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true.”

<sup>19</sup> “Sir,” the woman said, “I can see that you are a prophet. <sup>20</sup> Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem.”

<sup>21</sup> “Woman,” Jesus replied, “believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. <sup>22</sup> You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. <sup>23</sup> Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. <sup>24</sup> God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.”

<sup>25</sup> The woman said, “I know that Messiah” (called Christ) “is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us.”

<sup>26</sup> Then Jesus declared, “I, the one speaking to you—I am he.”

### **Core Value #3: Mission-Minded**

## Song

## “Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying”

*Hymn #573:1,2,4*

### Statement of Faith

### “We Praise You, O God”

**We praise you, O God, we acclaim you as Lord; all creation worships you, Father everlasting. To you all angels, all powers of heaven, cherubim and seraphim sing in endless praise: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of heavenly hosts, heaven and earth are full of your glory. The glorious company of apostles praise you. The noble fellowship of prophets praise you. The white-robed army of martyrs praise you. Throughout the world the holy Church acclaim you: Father of majesty unbounded, your glorious, true, and only Son, and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.**

**You, Christ, are the King of glory, the eternal Son of the Father. When you became man to set us free, you humbled yourself to be born of a virgin. You overcame the sting of death and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. You sit at the right hand of God in the glory of the Father. We believe that you will come to be our judge.**

**Come then, Lord, and help your people, bought with the price of your own blood, and bring us with your saints to glory 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, 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

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

**“May the Peoples Praise You”**

*On screens*

## Silent Prayer

Merciful Father, your grace brought the water of life into my life. Use me now as an instrument of your love to reach out with the message of salvation to all those around me that they too may enjoy the eternal refreshment of the waters that you alone offer.

**Amen.**

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## Our Mission:

Impacting Lives for Eternity

## Our Core Values:

Christ-Centered

Grace-Filled Community

Mission-Minded

Empowering Christian Growth

Servant Heart

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# Cross of Christ Weekly Newsletter

## January 28-29, 2023

<b>Jan 29-Feb 5</b>	<b>Boise</b> (11655 W. McMillan Road)	<b>Nampa</b> (6134 Birch Lane)
Sunday	8:30am – Worship 9:45am – Ministry Discussion (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 7:00 pm – GriefShare	6:30pm – Cross Connections
Wednesday	6:15pm – Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm – CrossTrainers (HS)	
Thursday	6:30pm – Cross Connections	
Friday		10:00am – Mommy & Me
Saturday	5:00pm – Evening Worship w/ Communion	
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 – Ministry Planning 4:00pm – Confirmation Class 5:00pm - CrossTrainers

# THIS WEEK

## **Ministry Discussion This Sunday: Boise Campus**

This Sunday, January 29, we'll use the adult Bible class hour (9:45am-10:45am) for the coming month's ministry discussion. *This time we'll hear from the men and women of our congregation who attended the WELS Leadership Conference in Chicago.* They'll share their experience and favorite insights gained. We'll also start to see how these insights fit in with the future of our ministry at Cross of Christ.

## **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! Both sessions began this past week, yet it's not too late to join in! You can still register for either session at [cocidaho.org/connect/cross-connections](http://cocidaho.org/connect/cross-connections).

- **Tuesdays, 6:30 pm, Nampa campus**
- **Thursdays, 6:30 pm, Boise campus**

## **GriefShare Begins This Week**

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 this week, January 31
- here on the Boise campus

Please register at [cocidaho.org/connect/griefshare](http://cocidaho.org/connect/griefshare).

## **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.* 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.

## Member Photo Refresh

After worship this weekend, stop by the photo station in the lobby to get a new photo taken for the Cross of Christ member directory! The photo station will be available after services for the next four weeks.

## Mommy & Me: Friday, February 3, 10:00 am

Themed playdates for kids 5 and under and a caregiver, the first Friday of each month on the Nampa campus. This month: Red Hearts & Valentines! More info and registration at [cocidaho.org/connect/mommy-and-me/](https://cocidaho.org/connect/mommy-and-me/). It's entirely free!

## THIS QUARTER

### CrossTrainers at Nampa: February 5, 5-7pm

For teens: Dinner, friends, spiritual conversations, hanging out. Invite someone!

### Women's Bible Study Begins Next Week

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](https://tinyurl.com/COCWBS2023) or the lobby bulletin board. Friends are very welcome!

### 2022 Giving Statements

Member 2022 giving statements will be mailed to your home address in the next few weeks. Guest statements will be mailed if an address is available. Contact the church office ([admin@cocidaho.org](mailto:admin@cocidaho.org) / 208-375-3992) with questions.

### Cross of Christ Preschool Registration Opens Next Week

Almost time to register for the 2023-2024 school year!



- Information & registration for *full-day options* will be available Wednesday morning, February 1, at [cocidaho.org/preschool](https://cocidaho.org/preschool).
- Information & registration for *half-day options* will be available March 1.
- Direct questions to Andrea Becker (208-830-7763 / [registrar@cocboise.org](mailto:registrar@cocboise.org)).

### **Kids' Play Date / Your Date Night!**

Grab your significant other and leave your kiddos with us for a few hours as you enjoy a date night together, Friday, February 10, 5:30-8:30pm. We'll provide responsible caregivers and dinner for the kids, and entertain them in the church gym at Boise. Register online at [tinyurl.com/PLAYDATE-DATENIGHT](https://tinyurl.com/PLAYDATE-DATENIGHT) or on the lobby bulletin board. (*Childcare is FREE; cash donations are accepted to offset the meal cost, but not expected.*)

### **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 on the lobby bulletin board or at [tinyurl.com/COCsnowTubing2023](https://tinyurl.com/COCsnowTubing2023) 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 at [www.gatewayparks.com/faq](http://www.gatewayparks.com/faq). Questions can be directed to Amanda Watkins ([amanda.watkins99@yahoo.com](mailto:amanda.watkins99@yahoo.com)).

### **Last Saturday Evening Service: February 18**

We are going to pause our Boise campus Saturday evening service for the foreseeable future at the start of the season of Lent. Therefore, our final Saturday evening service will be held on February 18 at 5pm. We hope this plan will better funnel our church family's focus on Sunday mornings for our mutual encouragement, shared service in volunteer efforts, and participation in additional growth opportunities (such as adult Bible study, teen Bible class, middle school confirmation class, and kids' Sunday School). Thank you in advance for your understanding at this change and continued participation in all of these great ways to grow with God and others here at Cross of Christ.

### **Next Congregational Open Forum**

Sunday, February 19, 1:00 pm, on the Boise campus. All are encouraged to attend and participate – these quarterly gatherings are an excellent way to stay in tune with Cross of Christ ministry, both present and future.

## **Midweek Worship for Lent**

For six Wednesday evenings during Lent, we'll walk with our Savior on the final steps of his journey to the cross, with devotional worship services. How humbling and comforting to learn that Jesus knew exactly what lay ahead. Yet Jesus took his final steps to the cross for you and for me!

# **HIS FINAL STEPS**

**Wednesdays on the Boise Campus**

**February 22 – March 29**

**Worship at 6:30 pm**

(Soup supper in the gym 5:00-6:15 pm)

## **Soup Suppers During Lent**

During Lent, dinner is provided at church, Wednesdays 5:00-6:15 pm, to make it easier for everyone to worship our Savior during this special season.

*Please consider providing a soup, salad, dessert, or serving/clean-up assistance.* Sign up online at [tinyurl.com/LENTSOUPSUPPERS2023](https://tinyurl.com/LENTSOUPSUPPERS2023) or see the lobby bulletin board. This is a valuable service to our church family, so that worshipping our Savior can be our top priority! Contact Becky Sobolewski (208-963-0474) with questions.

<b>People in God's Word this past week</b>	<b>Boise</b>	<b>Nampa</b>	<b>Total</b>
Adult Bible Study/Teen Bible Study	41 / 5	20	66
Kids' Sunday School/Confirmation	26 / 5	9 / n/a	35
Last Weekend's Worship	86+82+33	85	286
Men's Bible Study	7	n/a	7
Cross Connections	n/a	9+1	10
CrossTrainers	15	n/a	15
Growth Groups	14+9+2+10+8		43
Livestream Views	9		

<i>General Fund Offerings Planned FY 22-23</i>	\$781,660
General Fund Offerings Planned FYTD	\$450,958
General Fund Offerings FYTD	\$431,333
Total Offerings Last Weekend (All Funds)	\$33,784

Serving	January 29		February 5	
	Nampa	Boise	Nampa	Boise
Music	J. Lowry, C. Trull	K. Koepsell, C. Masters, L. Neujahr	K. Koepsell, B. Parsons	K. Koepsell, J. Hein, T. Russow,
AV Tech	J. Malnes, TBA	G. Light, D. Hibbs	J. Parsons, TBA	K. Koepsell, E. Christianson, J. Meier, M. Hartman
Altar Care	A. Fuentes, K. Guthmiller	T. Yaka, L. Russow	A. Fuentes, K. Guthmiller	D. McLain, C. Biggs
Ushers	I. Garza, S. O'Doherty	K. Benedick, TBA	I. Garza, S. O'Doherty	B. Adams, C. Seibel, Team Geary
Open & Close	n/a	B. Masters, M. Brown	n/a	E. Christianson, H. Geary
Coffee	O'Doherty, Guthmiller	B. Robbins, N. Herberger	O'Doherty, Guthmiller	C. Berrier, D. McLain
Flowers	n/a	Turley	n/a	Ready, Lange
Kitchen Cleaning	n/a	D&B Doshier	n/a	D. McLain
Bulletin Folders	n/a	Prigge, Tweedy, Foreman	n/a	Kimmel, Whitlach
Tellers	Harris, Rule, Reglin		Turley, Hudson, Walden	