



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

“Christ Begins”

On screens, st. 1

Opening Responses

with “Confession”

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

Congregation: Amen.

As baptized children of God, we confess our sins.

**All: (♩) I confess to you, O Lord, that I have sinned.
I confess to you, O Lord, all my sin within.
I have failed to live for you in the things I say and do,
And have fallen short of living in your love.**

**I confess to you, O Lord, that I have sinned.
I confess to you, O Lord, all my sin within.
I have placed myself above, and have hurt the ones I love,
And I know that only you can set me free.**

**Lord, have mercy on me.
Lord, have mercy, set me free.
Oh, forgive me, Lord, I pray and take my sin away,
By the cross and empty grave for my soul.**

Surely we were sinful at birth, sinful from the time our mothers conceived us.
(Psalm 51:5)

**But we were washed, we were sanctified, we were justified in the name of
the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God. (1 Corinthians 6:11)**

**(♩) Take us back to the water. Wash away our sins.
Welcome us, O Father, back to your home again.
Bless your sons and daughters,
And let the feast begin, let it begin!**

**Lord, have mercy on me.
Lord, have mercy, set me free.
Oh, forgive me, Lord, I pray and take my sin away,
By the cross and empty grave for my soul.**

Christ loved the Church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the Word, and to present her to himself as a radiant Church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless (*Ephesians 5:25-27*). Therefore, by Christ's authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

(♩) You take us back to the water. You wash away our sins.

You welcome us, O Father, back to your home again.

You bless your sons and daughters.

Now let the feast begin, let it begin!

Lord, your mercy covers me.

Lord, your mercy has set me free.

You've forgiven me today, and my sins are washed away

By the cross and empty grave for my soul.

New Member Welcome

Megan Beaston

Sunday, 8:30 am

Affirmation of Baptism

Edwina Haumann

Sunday, 11:00 am

Song of Praise

“Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”

Sunday only, on screens, st. 1-2

God's Word

Isaiah 42:1-7

¹ “Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen one in whom I delight;
I will put my Spirit on him,
and he will bring justice to the nations.

² He will not shout or cry out,
or raise his voice in the streets.

³ A bruised reed he will not break,
and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out.
In faithfulness he will bring forth justice;

⁴ he will not falter or be discouraged
till he establishes justice on earth.
In his teaching the islands will put their hope.”

⁵ This is what God the Lord says—
the Creator of the heavens, who stretches them out,
who spreads out the earth with all that springs from it,
who gives breath to its people,
and life to those who walk on it:

⁶ “I, the Lord, have called you in righteousness;
I will take hold of your hand.

I will keep you and will make you
to be a covenant for the people
and a light for the Gentiles,

⁷ to open eyes that are blind,
to free captives from prison
and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness.

God's Word Acts 10:34-38

³⁴ Then Peter began to speak: "I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism ³⁵ but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right. ³⁶ You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. ³⁷ You know what has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached— ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.

Children's Message

Song

"To Jordan's River Came Our Lord"

On screens, st. 1-4

Message from God's Word

Matthew 3:13-17

¹³ Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. ¹⁴ But John tried to deter him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?"

¹⁵ Jesus replied, "Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness." Then John consented.

¹⁶ As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷ And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."

This Is My Savior, whom I Love

Song

"To Jordan's River Came Our Lord"

On screens, st. 5-6

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, 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

“Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

On screens, st, 1-2,4

Silent Prayer

Father in heaven, at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Keep us who are baptized into Christ faithful in our calling as your children and make us heirs with him of everlasting life. I ask this in the name of Jesus who loves me and gave himself for me. 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.

Thank You!

The Steinbrenners, Heins, Wetzels, Snyders, and Kristen Koepsell offer sincere thanks for your expressions of love and generosity during this Christmas season and consider it a joy and an honor to serve their Savior as they continue to serve you. Your many prayers, cards, encouragements, and love have been a blessing throughout the past year. May our Lord Jesus continue to bless this church family with his generosity and grace in 2023!

Cross of Christ Weekly Newsletter

January 8, 2023

Jan 8-Jan 15	Boise (11655 W. McMillan Road)	Nampa (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 – Ministry Planning 4:00pm – Confirmation Class
Monday	6:00pm – Council Meeting	
Tuesday	6:30am – Men’s Bible Study	
Wednesday	7:00pm – CrossTrainers (HS)	
Thursday		
Friday		
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 - Family Bible Study & Kids’ Sunday School 4:00pm – Confirmation Class

Pastor Wetzel Call Decisions

Pastor Wetzel received calls from Our Redeemer in Yorktown, VA, and Immanuel in Greenville, WI (opportunities to serve as pastor for one of those churches). He has declined both positions and is very glad to remain serving at Cross of Christ.

THIS MONTH

Ministry Planning and Discussion This Sunday: Boise Campus

This Sunday, January 8, we'll use the adult Bible class hour (9:45am-10:45am) to discuss ministry opportunities, plans, and guiding principles at the Boise campus. Specifically in this session we'll *review our Christmas services and outreach activities, look ahead to upcoming outreach and community projects, and discuss our core values.*

We'd love for you to participate in these discussions with your questions, input, and ideas. These ministry discussions are held on the first Sunday of every month during the adult Bible class hour.

New Year Opportunities to GROW in God's Word!

Weekly open groups, no sign-up needed:

- Sundays, 9:45 am, at Boise

Resumes this Sunday, January 8

- Teen Class (Conference Room)
- Sunday school (ages 2 – 5th grade, gym & classrooms)

Resumes next Sunday, January 15

- Adult/young adult study (in the chapel), The Life of Job
- Sundays, 10:45 am, at Nampa, resuming next Sunday, January 15
 - 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. *Resumes this week, January 10.* Continued study of Joshua; you can jump in at any time.
- CrossTrainers, for high school students: Wednesdays, 7:00-9:00 pm, in the gym at Boise. Dinner provided.

Weekly size-limited groups, sign-up required:

- **Growth Groups:** various days/times, **starting the week of January 15.** These small group Bible studies meet at church or in members' homes to apply the previous Sunday's message and connect with fellow Christians. Register for a group at tinyurl.com/COCGGWINTER2023 or on the Boise bulletin board.

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.

Next Worship Series: “At Our Core”

Cross of Christ exists to impact lives for eternity. But what does that mean? What do we look like as we go about our purpose? What values shape the heart of our church family? *We'll spend the next five weeks seeing how God's Word shapes our stated core values, which in turn shape our entire ministry.* We'll do this as we walk together 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.

THIS QUARTER

Women's Bible Study Beginning in February

All women are welcome to join our Women's Bible Study group which meets Mondays on the Boise campus at 10:00 am. This winter/spring session will begin February 6 and run through 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!

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.

General Fund Offerings Planned FY 22-23	\$781,660
General Fund Offerings Planned FYTD	\$405,862
General Fund Offerings FYTD	\$372,029
Total Offerings Last Weekend (All Funds)	\$19,046

People in God's Word this past week	Boise	Nampa	Total
Adult Bible Study/Teen Bible Study	n/a	n/a	n/a
Kids' Sunday School/Confirmation	n/a	n/a	n/a
Last Weekend's Worship	65+68	70	203
CrossTrainers	9		9
Livestream Views	7		

Serving	January 8		January 15	
	Nampa	Boise		
Music	A. Lange, K. Wetzel	K. Koepsell	K. Koepsell	J. Hein, K. Christianson
AV Tech	S. Tews, J. Malnes	E. Christianson, D. Hibbs, G. Light	S. Tews, J. Malnes	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	TBA
Open & Close	n/a	J. Breckon, H. Geary	n/a	M. Johnson, L. Manglos
Coffee	O'Doherty, Guthmiller	B. Robbins, N. Herberger	O'Doherty, Guthmiller	B. Robbins, N. Herberger
Flowers	n/a	available	n/a	Ready
Kitchen Cleaning	n/a	C. Masters, J. Masters	n/a	D&L Rule
Bulletin Folders	n/a	Kimmel, Whitlach	n/a	Ritger, Ford, Ashley
Tellers	Harris, Turley, Walden		Rule, Hudson, Morford	