



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.



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LUTHERAN CHURCH

Opening Song

“Beautiful Savior”

Hymn #369:1-4

Opening Responses

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

Congregation: Amen.

Father in heaven, through your Son Jesus you revealed the greatness of your holiness, love and glory. You demand that we display that same glory of selfless love in holy lives so that we may stand before you. But we have sinned and fallen short of your glory. As we come to worship you this day, we gather with penitent hearts, confessing our sin, trusting in Jesus as our Savior, and asking for your forgiveness.

Father, I have sinned against you in my thoughts, words and actions. I have not been faithful and obedient toward you. I have placed myself first, and you last, and I have mistreated those around me, whom you have told me to love. This I confess with shame and without excuse. For this I deserved your punishment now and forever. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and for the sake of Jesus my Savior, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

The God of all glory has shown his greatest glory in winning our salvation for us. He sent his holy Son, Jesus Christ, to win forgiveness and eternal life for us. By his life of perfect and loving holiness and his atoning sacrifice for our sins, our sin has been paid for and we are forgiven. Through his resurrection from the grave, God declares us to be not guilty of our sin and gives us a new life to serve him in glory and praise now and forever. Be assured, then, that by the merits of Jesus, you are forgiven. Live your life in that forgiveness and peace.

Amen.

The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

**(♫) Surely it is God who saves me;
I will trust in him and not be afraid.
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense
And he will be my Savior.**

God's Word

Exodus 24:9-18

⁹ Moses and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and the seventy elders of Israel went up ¹⁰ and saw the God of Israel. Under his feet was something like a pavement made of lapis lazuli, as bright blue as the sky. ¹¹ But God did not raise his hand against these leaders of the Israelites; they saw God, and they ate and drank.

¹² The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and stay here, and I will give you the tablets of stone with the law and commandments I have written for their instruction."

¹³ Then Moses set out with Joshua his aide, and Moses went up on the mountain of God. ¹⁴ He said to the elders, "Wait here for us until we come back to you. Aaron and Hur are with you, and anyone involved in a dispute can go to them."

¹⁵ When Moses went up on the mountain, the cloud covered it, ¹⁶ and the glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai. For six days the cloud covered the mountain, and on the seventh day the LORD called to Moses from within the cloud. ¹⁷ To the Israelites the glory of the LORD looked like a consuming fire on top of the mountain. ¹⁸ Then Moses entered the cloud as he went on up the mountain. And he stayed on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

God's Word

Matthew 17:1-9

¹ After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. ² There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light. ³ Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus.

⁴ Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you wish, I will put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah."

⁵ While he was still speaking, a bright cloud covered them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!"

⁶ When the disciples heard this, they fell facedown to the ground, terrified.

⁷ But Jesus came and touched them. "Get up," he said. "Don't be afraid."

⁸ When they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus.

⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus instructed them, "Don't tell anyone what you have seen, until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

Children's Message

Song

"How Good, Lord, to Be Here"

On screens, st. 1-3

Message from God's Word

2 Peter 1:16-21

¹⁶ For we did not follow cleverly devised stories when we told you about the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ in power, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷ He received honor and glory from God the Father when the voice came to him from the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." ¹⁸ We ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven when we were with him on the sacred mountain.

¹⁹ We also have the prophetic message as something completely reliable, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. ²⁰ Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation of things. ²¹ For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

Transfiguration

Song

"How Good, Lord, to Be Here"

On screens, st. 4-6

Statement of Faith

"You Are God; We Praise You"

On screens

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.

Communion Distribution

**"Here, O My Lord,
I See You Face to Face"**

On screens, st. 1, 3-5

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

“Christ Begins”

On screens, st. 1,3-4

Silent Prayer

God, when Jesus shone in glory on the mountain, you confirmed the validity of faith in him and foreshadowed our adoption into your family. You’ve made us co-heirs of glory with Jesus. Help us to trust the beauty of that glory when days are dark and ugly, and bring us at last to the full experience of that glory in heaven. Amen.

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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Check out some ways you could put your servant heart into action!

Ministry Area or Activity	Contact Person
Altar Care	Darlene McLain (208-914-3912)
Coffee Crew (Sunday mornings)	Ruby Ritger (208-921-2803)
Facilities and grounds upkeep/maintenance/cleaning	Facilities Councilman Roy Lange (208-484-3836)
Financial tellers (count/process offerings)	Financial Secretary Brett Turley (208-871-1216)
Folding worship bulletins	Ruby Ritger (208-921-2803)
Funeral meals (provide food, serve/clean-up)	April Spackman (208-615-1317)
Grocery outreach and other community service	Evangelism Councilman Justin Malnes (208-286-8099), Pastor Greg Hein (480-433-3084)
Growth group facilitators	Pastor Brad Snyder (208-996-0862)
Sisters in Christ women's ministry	Amanda Watkins (210-425-3270), Kristin Caudill (208-724-6238)
Sunday school teachers & helpers	Pastor Brad Snyder (208-996-0862)
Meals for member families (meal train)	Amanda Watkins (210-425-3270)
Worship AV and other IT support	IT Councilman Greg Light (208-850-1337)
Worship hospitality/greeting	Pastor Greg Hein (480-433-3084)
Worship music	Staff Minister Kristen Koepsell (208-922-8422)
Worship Ushers	Worship Councilman Ty Stavenau (208-938-0886)
Youth ministry activities (teens & kids)	Pastor Brad Snyder (208-996-0862)

Cross of Christ Weekly Newsletter

February 19, 2023

Feb 19-26	Boise (11655 W. McMillan Road)	Nampa (6134 Birch Lane)
Sunday	8:30am – Worship w/Communion 9:45am – Adult & Teen Bible Study (Chapel) 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 Women’s Bible Study today</i>	
Tuesday	7:00pm - GriefShare	6:30pm – Cross Connections
Wednesday	5:00pm – Lent Soup Supper 6:30pm – Ash Wednesday Worship	
Thursday	6:30pm – Cross Connections	
Friday		
Saturday		
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THIS WEEK

Midweek Worship for Lent, at Boise

Beginning this Wednesday, we'll walk with our Savior on the final steps of his journey to the cross. How humbling and comforting to learn that Jesus knew exactly what lay ahead, yet he still took those final steps to the cross for you and for me!

Wednesdays on the Boise Campus

February 22 – March 29

Worship at 6:30 pm

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

**HIS
FINAL
STEPS**

Soup Suppers During the Season of Lent

Could you provide part of the meal or serving/clean-up assistance for one Wednesday meal during Lent? See the lobby bulletin board or sign up online at tinyurl.com/LENTSOUPSUPPERS2023. This is a valuable service to our church family, so that worshipping our Savior can be our top priority during this special season. Contact Becky Sobolewski (208-963-0474) with questions.

Pastor Snyder – Call Received

Pastor Snyder has received a Call to serve as pastor at Pilgrim Lutheran Church in Minneapolis, MN. Please pray for him and his family as he considers the ministry opportunities God has put before him; he also welcomes your encouragement and thoughts: brad.snyder@cocidaho.org.

Last Saturday Evening Service: February 18

This weekend is our final Saturday service for the foreseeable future. We hope this change will better channel our focus to Sunday mornings for shared volunteer service, mutual encouragement, and participation in growth opportunities. Thank you for your understanding at this change and continued participation in the different opportunities to grow with God and others here at Cross of Christ.

All-Member Photo Refresh

Stop by the photo station in the lobby after worship to get a photo taken for the Cross of Christ member directory! The photo station will be available after services for one more weekend.

Meditations Devotional

The March-May Meditations is available for you on the tables in the lobby. This daily devotional provides food for your faith and encouragement for life. Please take one for yourself and a friend.

Cross of Christ Preschool Enrollment Info

Don't have young kids in your family? Share the website with someone who does! Direct questions to Andrea Becker (208-830-7763 / registrar@cocboise.org).

- Information & registration for full-day options is available for all families at cocidaho.org/preschool.
- **Early registration for *half-day options* is now open to current students' families and Cross of Christ members.**
- *Half-day registration* will open to all families March 1.

THIS MONTH

All-Church Open Forum

Sunday, February 26, 1:00 pm, Boise campus. All members are encouraged to attend and participate, hearing updates and providing input for ministry work. *We'll especially highlight future plans for the preschool, restructuring how work gets done as a multi-site congregation, and much more!* Virtual access will be available to members; childcare for kids 2 & up will be provided onsite.

Next Worship Series Begins February 26: Our Greatest Needs

What do you really need right now? We understand that a "need" is greater than a "want." If you lack something you want, life goes on just fine. If you lack something you need, that presents a problem. God makes clear that humanity's greatest needs are universal, and so our greatest problems are universal, too. Our new Sunday worship series during the season of Lent will be our time to wrestle with what those needs and problems are. Let's find out together what it means to have our greatest needs already met in Christ.

Quarterly Community Partner – Nampa Family Justice Center

Through our Nampa campus we're partnering with the Nampa Family Justice Center to support acts of mercy for our neighbors facing various forms of abuse. There are a few options for how you can participate:

- Attend the community awareness night at our Nampa campus on **Monday, February 27, at 6:30 pm**. The Justice Center will share about the work they do and the need for their services in our community. For teens and older.
- Pray for the Justice Center's important work and for all victims of abuse.
- Donate new sweatpants and sweatshirts (women's size small to 3XL), delivered to the Justice Center or our Nampa campus.
- Attend the gala on March 10 (fjcfoundationofidaho.org/gala/) and/or donate items or experiences to the silent auction (for more info or to donate, contact Crystal Kuhn at the Justice Center: kuhnc@cityofnampa.us.)

People in God's Word this past week	Boise	Nampa	Total
Adult Bible Study/Teen Bible Study	67	27	94
Kids' Sunday School/Confirmation	30 / 9	13 / n/a	52
Last Weekend's Worship	85+91+25	83	284
Men's Bible Study	6	n/a	6
Women's Bible Study	9	n/a	9
Cross Connections	4	4	8
CrossTrainers	12	n/a	12
Growth Groups	11+10+12+7+9		49
Livestream Views	13		

General Fund Offerings Planned FY 22-23	\$781,660
General Fund Offerings Planned FYTD	\$496,053
General Fund Offerings FYTD	\$481,771
Total Offerings Last Weekend (All Funds)	\$9,182

Serving	February 19		February 26	
	Nampa	Boise	Nampa	Boise
Music	L. Becker, K. Wetzal	J. Hein, L. Rule	R. Dodd, A. Dodd, A. Garza, E. Parsons, S. Whitaker	A. Lange, K. Koepsell, Sunday School students
AV Tech	TBA	G. Light, C. Klink, B. Berrier, M. Hartman, D. Hibbs	TBA	G. Light, D. Hibbs
Altar Care	A. Fuentes	D. McLain, C. Biggs	n/a	D. McLain, C. Biggs
Ushers	I. Garza, S. O'Doherty	J. Breckon, Gearys	n/a	B. Adams, Gearys
Open & Close	n/a	M. Johnson, R. Lange	n/a	KC Broyles, M. Brown
Coffee	O'Doherty,	C. Berrier, D. McLain	O'Doherty, Guthmiller	C. Berrier, D. McLain
Flowers	n/a	Ready	n/a	B&K Adams
Kitchen Cleaning	n/a	G&L Bafus	n/a	C. Masters, J. Masters
Bulletin Folders	n/a	Bafus, Guthmiller	n/a	Prigge, Tweedy, Foreman
Tellers	Turley, Rule, Walden		Harris, Hudson, Reglin	