



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 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

Sunday School Songs

“Give Me Strength, O Lord”

“Romans 16:19”

11:00 am

Opening Song

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

Hymn #201:1-2

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!

We worship the holy name of the Lord because he comes to be our helper and our rescuer in our greatest need. What we were powerless to do, he accomplished in his mighty strength. He defeated our enemy and took away our sins. When we confess our sins together, we are led to worship. Our struggle is great and our failures immense. This is what Jesus overcame as our champion.

Almighty God, I confess my sins. Throughout my life and in countless ways, I have disobeyed you. I have listened to the devil’s lies and turned to my own ways. My rebellion and my failures deserved your just punishment forever. But instead of sending me away in despair, you rescued me. God, thank you for never giving up on me. Thank you for still loving me.

Even in the face of our greatest failures, God turns to us in love. Because of Jesus’ perfect life, death, and resurrection, you are forgiven. All guilt is forever removed. God still welcomes you home in his family. May he empower you to live as his child!

Amen!

Prayer

I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, that you have kept me this night from all harm and danger. Keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please you. Into your hands I commend my body and soul and all things. Let your holy angel be with me, that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.

God's Word

Matthew 4:1-11

¹ Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ² After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. ³ The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread."

⁴ Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

⁵ Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. ⁶ "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down. For it is written:

"He will command his angels concerning you,
and they will lift you up in their hands,
so that you will not strike your foot against a stone."

⁷ Jesus answered him, "It is also written: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

⁸ Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. ⁹ "All this I will give you," he said, "if you will bow down and worship me."

¹⁰ Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'"

¹¹ Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

God's Word

Romans 5:12-19

¹² Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned—

¹³ To be sure, sin was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not charged against anyone's account where there is no law. ¹⁴ Nevertheless, death reigned from the time of Adam to the time of Moses, even over those who did not sin by breaking a command, as did Adam, who is a pattern of the one to come.

¹⁵ But the gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died by the trespass of the one man, how much more did God's grace and the gift that came by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, overflow to the many! ¹⁶ Nor can the gift of God be compared with the result of one man's sin: The judgment followed one sin and brought condemnation, but the gift followed many trespasses and brought justification. ¹⁷ For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God's abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ!

¹⁸ Consequently, just as one trespass resulted in condemnation for all people, so also one righteous act resulted in justification and life for all people. ¹⁹ For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous.

Children's Message

Song

"If God Himself Be for Me"

On screens, st. 1-3

Message from God's Word

Genesis 3:1-15

¹ Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden'?"

² The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, ³ but God did say, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.'"

⁴ "You will not certainly die," the serpent said to the woman. ⁵ "For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

⁶ When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. ⁷ Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.

⁸ Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹ But the LORD God called to the man, "Where are you?"

¹⁰ He answered, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid."

¹¹ And he said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?"

¹² The man said, "The woman you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it."

¹³ Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?"

The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

¹⁴ So the LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this,

"Cursed are you above all livestock
and all wild animals!

You will crawl on your belly

and you will eat dust
all the days of your life.
¹⁵ And I will put enmity
between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and hers;
he will crush your head,
and you will strike his heel.”

Our Greatest Needs: A Champion

Song

“The Righteousness of Christ Alone”

On screen, st. 1-4

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

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

Amen!

Closing Song

“Nothing but the Blood of Jesus”

On screens, st. 1-2,4

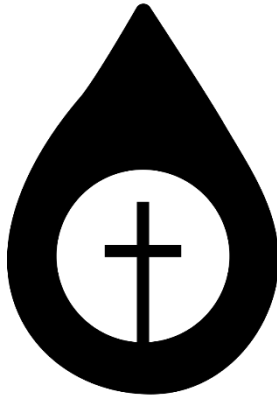
Silent Prayer

O Lord, graciously hear the prayers of your people that we may be mercifully delivered by your goodness to the glory of your name; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**Our Mission:
Impacting Lives for Eternity**

Offerings

*If you would like to give an offering to support gospel ministry
at and through Cross of Christ, offering plates are available in the lobby.
You can also give your gift online at cocidaho.org/give.*



Cross of Christ Weekly Newsletter

February 26, 2023

Feb 26-Mar 5	Boise (11655 W. McMillan Road)	Nampa (6134 Birch Lane)
Sunday	8:30am - Worship 9:45am - Adult & Teen Bible Study (Chapel) Confirmation Class (Rm 5) Kids' Sunday School (Gym & Classrooms) 11:00am - Worship 1:00pm - All-Church Open Forum	9:30am - Worship 10:45am - Family Bible Study & Kids' Sunday School 4:00pm - Confirmation Class
Monday	10:00am - Women's Bible Study	
Tuesday	7:00pm - GriefShare	6:30pm - Cross Connections
Wednesday	5:00pm - Lent Soup Supper 6:30pm - Lent Midweek Worship 7:15pm - Adult Choir Rehearsal	
Thursday	6:30pm - Cross Connections	
Friday		10:00am - Mommy & Me
Saturday		
Sunday	8:30am - Worship w/Communion 9:45am - Ministry Discussion (Chapel) Confirmation Class (Rm 5) Kids' Sunday School (Gym & Classrooms) 11:00am - Worship w/Communion	9:30am - Worship w/Communion 10:45am - Monthly Ministry Planning Meeting 4:00pm - Confirmation Class 5:00pm - CrossTrainers

THIS WEEK

All-Church Open Forum - Today

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 has been emailed to members; childcare for kids 2 & up will be provided onsite.

New Worship Series Begins Today: 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.

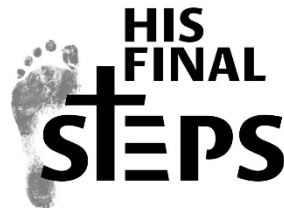
Nampa Family Justice Center Awareness Night this Monday

Through our Nampa campus we’re partnering with the Nampa Family Justice Center to support neighbors facing various forms of abuse. All are encouraged to attend the community awareness night at our Nampa campus (6134 Birch Ln) **this 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.

Midweek Worship for Lent, at Boise

We continue to 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
also livestreamed at cocidaho.org/livestream
Soup supper in the gym 5:00-6:15 pm



Soup Suppers During the Season of Lent

Opportunities to serve or provide part of a Wednesday meal still available for upcoming weeks; check out the options at tinyurl.com/LENTSOUPSUPPERS2023 or see the lobby bulletin board. This is a valuable service to our church family, so that worshiping our Savior can be our top priority during this special season. Contact Becky Sobolewski (208-963-0474) with questions.

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! This is the last weekend for this opportunity.

Mommy & Me: Friday, March 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: Bugs, Worms, and Little Things! More info and registration at cocidaho.org/connect/mommy-and-me/. It's entirely free!

THIS QUARTER

Ministry Discussion Next Sunday: Boise Campus

Next Sunday, March 5, we'll use the adult Bible class hour (9:45am-10:45am) for the coming month's ministry discussion. We'll look at *evangelism plans leading up to Easter, some non-profit partnership updates, and recap actionable discussion points from our "men and women in God's church" Bible class*. Stay informed and be part of the conversations shaping our ministry!

CrossTrainers at Nampa: March 5, 5-7pm

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

Food Drive for Boise Rescue Mission

During the month of March we'll be collecting non-perishable food items for the Boise Rescue Mission; drop donations in the blue barrels in the lobby! Boise Rescue Mission serves those dealing with homelessness and addiction in Ada and Canyon counties. Learn about their mission at boiserm.org.

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!

Easter Flower Orders

Would you like to help adorn our Savior's altar with flowers on Easter morning? (You're welcome to enjoy the flowers at home after the final Easter service!) Please sign up and choose the plants you'd like on the lobby bulletin board at Boise or online at tinyurl.com/CoCEasterFlowers23 (be sure to indicate which campus). Last day to order is March 12. Make checks payable to Dick and/or Kay Guthmiller and put in church mailbox #12.

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).

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

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.

People in God's Word this past week	Boise	Nampa	Total
Adult Bible Study/Teen Bible Study	51	34	85
Kids' Sunday School/Confirmation	32 / 7	26 / 6	71
Last Weekend's Worship	64+79+36	110	289
Lent Wednesday Worship	163	n/a	163
Men's Bible Study	5	n/a	5
Women's Bible Study	n/a	n/a	n/a
Cross Connections	0	6	6
Growth Groups	9+8+7		24
Livestream Views	6 (Sun) + 9 (Wed) = 15		

<i>General Fund Offerings Planned FY 22-23</i>	\$781,660
General Fund Offerings Planned FYTD	\$511,085
General Fund Offerings FYTD	\$492,092
Total Offerings Last Weekend (All Funds)	\$9,838

Serving	February 26		March 5	
	Nampa	Boise	Nampa	Boise
Music	R. Dodd, A. Dodd, A. Garza, E. Parsons, S. Whitaker, L/A/C Trull, H. Wetzel	A. Lange, K. Koepsell, Sunday School students	J. Lowry	J. Hein
AV Tech	Seth Tews	G. Light, D. Hibbs	TBA	TBA
Altar Care	n/a	D. McLain, C. Biggs	n/a	K. Struthers
Ushers	n/a	B. Adams, Gearys	I. Garza, S. O'Doherty	Manglos
Open & Close	n/a	KC Broyles, M. Brown	n/a	B. Masters, H. Geary
Coffee	Wetzel, Fuentes	C. Berrier, D. McLain	O'Doherty, Guthmiller	R. Ritger, K. Struthers
Flowers	n/a	B&K Adams	n/a	Manglos
Kitchen Cleaning	n/a	C. Masters, J. Masters	n/a	D&L Rule
Bulletin Folders	n/a	Prigge, Tweedy, Foreman	n/a	Kimmel, Whitlach
Tellers	Harris, Hudson, Reglin		Turley, Walden, Hudson	