



**CROSS OF CHRIST**

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# Cross of Christ Lutheran Church

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## February 4-5, 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 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](http://cocidaho.org).



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LUTHERAN CHURCH

## **Opening Song**

**“Speak, O Lord”**

*On screens, st. 1-3*

## **Opening Responses**

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

**Congregation: Amen.**

**(♪) Blessed Jesus, at your Word**

**We are gathered all to hear you.  
Let our hearts and souls be stirred  
Now to seek and love and fear you,  
By your teachings, sweet and holy,  
Drawn from earth to love you solely.**

Oh, how I love your law!

**I meditate on it all day long.**

Your commands are always with me,

**And make me wiser than my enemies.**

I have more insight than all my teachers,

**For I meditate on your statutes.**

How sweet are your words to my taste,

**Sweeter than honey to my mouth!**

*(Psalm 119:97-99, 103)*

**(♪) All our knowledge, sense, and sight**

**Lie in deepest darkness shrouded  
Till your Spirit breaks our night  
With the beams of truth unclouded.  
You alone to God can win us;  
You must work all good within us.**

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,

**So that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.**

(2 Timothy 3:16-17)

Yet so often we have despised God's Word and failed to gladly hear and learn it. For this and all our sins, we bow before God and humbly ask his forgiveness.

**Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserved your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

(♪) **Gracious Savior, good and kind,  
Light from Light, from God proceeding,  
Open now our heart and mind;  
Help us by your Spirit's pleading.  
Hear the cry your people raises;  
Hear and bless our prayers and praises.**

God gave his Word so "that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name" (John 20:31). The Scriptures testify about Jesus, who lived a perfect life for you, died on the cross to pay for all your sins, and rose again to assure you of your salvation. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

(♪) **Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
Praise to you and adoration!  
Grant that we your Word may trust,  
Confident of our salvation,  
While we here below must wander,  
Till we sing your praises yonder.**

## God's Word

## Deuteronomy 4:5-14

<sup>5</sup> See, I have taught you decrees and laws as the Lord my God commanded me, so that you may follow them in the land you are entering to take possession of it. <sup>6</sup> Observe them carefully, for this will show your wisdom and understanding to the nations, who will hear about all these decrees and say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people." <sup>7</sup> What other nation is so great as to have their gods near them the way the Lord our God is near us whenever we pray to him? <sup>8</sup> And what other nation is so great as to have such righteous decrees and laws as this body of laws I am setting before you today?

<sup>9</sup> Only be careful, and watch yourselves closely so that you do not forget the things your eyes have seen or let them fade from your heart as long as you live. Teach them to your children and to their children after them.

<sup>10</sup> Remember the day you stood before the Lord your God at Horeb, when he said to me, "Assemble the people before me to hear my words so that they may learn to revere me as long as they live in the land and may teach them to their children." <sup>11</sup> You came near and stood at the foot of the mountain while it blazed with fire to the very heavens, with black clouds and deep darkness. <sup>12</sup> Then the Lord spoke to you out of the fire. You heard the sound of words but saw no form; there was only a voice. <sup>13</sup> He declared to you his covenant, the Ten Commandments, which he commanded you to follow and then wrote them on two stone tablets. <sup>14</sup> And the Lord directed me at that time to teach you the decrees and laws you are to follow in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to possess.

## God's Word

## Ephesians 4:11-16

<sup>11</sup> So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup> to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up <sup>13</sup> until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

<sup>14</sup> Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. <sup>15</sup> Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. <sup>16</sup> From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

## Children's Message

### Song

### “Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult”

Hymn #463:3-5

## Message from God's Word

## John 15:1-11

<sup>1</sup> “I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. <sup>2</sup> He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. <sup>3</sup> You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup> Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

<sup>5</sup> “I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup> If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. <sup>7</sup> If you remain in me and my

words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.<sup>8</sup> This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

<sup>9</sup> "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love.<sup>10</sup> If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love.<sup>11</sup> I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete."

### **Empowering Christian Growth**

#### **Statement of Faith**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

#### **The Nicene Creed**

## Sunday School Staff Installation

Hannah Burke  
Jessica Lund  
Joel & Janet Lund  
8:30 am service

## 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**

**“Take and Eat”**

*On screens*

## **Blessing**

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**

**“Almighty Father, Bless the Word”**

*On screens, st. 1-2*

## **Silent Prayer**

Eternal God, I thank you for your ever-present mercy in my life. Guide me by your light in the times to come. May your truth be what I always seek so that someday I may rest in my eternal home with you. 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

## February 5, 2023

<b>Feb 5-12</b>	<b>Boise</b> (11655 W. McMillan Road)	<b>Nampa</b> (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 – Monthly Ministry Planning Meeting 4:00pm – Confirmation Class 5:00pm – CrossTrainers
Monday	10:00am – Women's Bible Study	
Tuesday	6:30am – Men's Bible Study 7:00pm - GriefShare	7:00 pm – Missionary Conference Worship Service <i>no Cross Connections class</i>
Wednesday	6:15pm – Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm – CrossTrainers (HS)	
Thursday	6:30pm – Cross Connections	
Friday	5:30pm – Playdate/Date Night	
Saturday	5:00pm – Evening Worship	
Sunday	8:30am – Worship 9:45am – Adult & Teen Bible Study (Chapel) 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

# THIS WEEK

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

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

## **Women's Bible Study Begins This Monday**

All women are welcome to this study group, meeting Mondays on the Boise campus at 10:00 am, starting this Monday, February 6, through 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!

## **District Missionary Conference at Cross of Christ**

Cross of Christ is privileged to host our district's winter pastor conference (called the Missionary Conference) Tuesday - Thursday this week at the Nampa campus. All are welcome to join the attendees this Tuesday, February 7, for a meal at 6:00 pm and a special worship service at 7:00 pm.

## **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! We are just 2 weeks in, yet it's not too late to join in! You can still register for either session at [cocidaho.org/connect/cross-connections](https://cocidaho.org/connect/cross-connections).

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

## **GriefShare**

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. Meets Tuesdays, 7:00 pm, here on Cross of Christ's Boise campus. Please register at [cocidaho.org/connect/griefshare](https://cocidaho.org/connect/griefshare).

## **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 three weeks.

## **Cross of Christ Preschool Registration OPEN**

It's time to register for the 2023-2024 school year! Direct questions to Andrea Becker (208-830-7763 / [registrar@cocboise.org](mailto:registrar@cocboise.org)).

- Information & registration for **full-day options** is **now available** for all families at [cocidaho.org/preschool](http://cocidaho.org/preschool).
- *Early registration for half-day options* will open to current students' families and Cross of Christ members **February 15**.
- *Half-day registration* will open to all families **March 1**.

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

Leave your kiddos with us for a few hours as you enjoy a date night with your significant other this Friday February 10, 5:30-8:30pm. We'll provide responsible caregivers and dinner for your kids, and entertain them in the church gym at Boise. Register at [tinyurl.com/PLAYDATE-DATENIGHT](http://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.*)

## **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.

## **THIS MONTH**

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

We're going to pause our Boise campus Saturday evening service for the foreseeable future at the start of the season of Lent; the final Saturday service will be held February 18, 5pm. We hope this plan will better channel our church family's focus to 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 these awesome ways to grow with God and others here at Cross of Christ.

## **Midweek Worship for Lent, at Boise**

For six Wednesday evenings during Lent, 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 Jesus took his 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)



## **Soup Suppers During the Season of Lent**

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

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

## **Snow Tubing at Eagle Island**

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 at [tinyurl.com/COCSnowTubing2023](https://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](http://www.gatewayparks.com/faq). Questions can be directed to Amanda Watkins ([amanda.watkins99@yahoo.com](mailto:amanda.watkins99@yahoo.com)).

## **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:

- 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 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.
- Attend the gala on March 10 ([fjcfoundationofidaho.org/gala/](http://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](mailto:kuhnc@cityofnampa.us).)

<i>General Fund Offerings Planned FY 22-23</i>	<b>\$781,660</b>
General Fund Offerings Planned FYTD	<b>\$465,990</b>
General Fund Offerings FYTD	<b>\$450,504</b>
Total Offerings Last Weekend (All Funds)	<b>\$19,282</b>

<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	44 / 7	31	82
Kids' Sunday School/Confirmation	26 / 5	18 / 1	50
Last Weekend's Worship	81+77+22	90	270
Men's Bible Study	6		6
Cross Connections		8	8
CrossTrainers	16		16
Growth Groups	12+12+9+9+4+9		46
Livestream Views		5	

<b>Serving</b>	<b>February 5</b>		<b>February 12</b>	
	<b>Nampa</b>	<b>Boise</b>	<b>Nampa</b>	<b>Boise</b>
Music	K. Koepsell, B. Parsons	K. Koepsell, J. Hein, T. Russow	K. Koepsell	A. Lange, K. Christianson, N. Turley, C. Harris
AV Tech	J. Parsons, S. Tews	E. Christianson, J. Meier, M. Hartman	J. Parsons, TBA	K. Koepsell, E. Christianson, M. Hartman, T. Russow
Altar Care	A. Fuentes, K. Guthmiller	D. McLain, C. Biggs	A. Fuentes, K. Guthmiller	D. McLain, C. Biggs
Ushers	I. Garza, S. O'Doherty	B. Adams, C. Seibel, Team Geary	I. Garza, S. O'Doherty	J. Breckon Team Geary
Open & Close	n/a	E. Christianson, H. Geary	n/a	J. Breckon, L. Manglos
Coffee	O'Doherty, Guthmiller	C. Berrier, D. McLain	O'Doherty, Guthmiller	C. Berrier, D. McLain
Flowers	n/a	Ready, Lange	n/a	available
Kitchen Cleaning	n/a	D. McLain	n/a	K. Inman
Bulletin Folders	n/a	Kimmel, Whitlach	n/a	Ritger, Ford, Ashley
Tellers	Turley, Hudson, Walden		Rule, Reglin, Harris	