



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

Opening Song

“Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”

Hymn #353:1-3

Opening Responses

with “Confession”

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

Congregation: Amen.

Our God invites us to come into his holy presence openly and honestly. There is no need to hide any part of us, because all of who we are is seen by him. Therefore, let us come before our Lord as we are, acknowledging our sinfulness and trusting in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**(♩) 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.**

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.**

Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. My sins ought to separate me from you forever. Yet, you chose to love me anyway. You have given me all that I need through the cross of Christ. May my soul be satisfied in you.

**(♩) 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.**

God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and sent Jesus, his only Son, our Savior. He alone could give us all that we need through his perfect life, innocent death, and triumphant resurrection. Now, he eagerly welcomes us home into his family of grace and clothes us with the righteousness of Christ himself. 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. Settle in with Jesus and his family, equally loved and accepted.

(♩) 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.

Prayer

Jesus, Lord and Savior, you are exactly what our souls long and thirst for the most. Lead us to find in you all that we need. Fill us with your love as you guide us through every difficulty in life; because you've promised to be with us always as you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

God's Word

John 4:5-14

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

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

⁹The 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.)

¹⁰Jesus 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.”

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

¹³Jesus answered, “Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴but 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.”

God’s Word

Romans 5:1-8

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. ³Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; ⁴perseverance, character; and character, hope. ⁵And hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

⁶You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. ⁸But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Children’s Message

Song

“Living Waters”

On screens, st. 1-4

Message from God's Word

Exodus 17:1-17

The whole Israelite community set out from the Desert of Sin, traveling from place to place as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ² So they quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink."

Moses replied, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you put the LORD to the test?"

³ But the people were thirsty for water there, and they grumbled against Moses. They said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt to make us and our children and livestock die of thirst?"

⁴ Then Moses cried out to the LORD, "What am I to do with these people? They are almost ready to stone me."

⁵ The LORD answered Moses, "Go out in front of the people. Take with you some of the elders of Israel and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶ I will stand there before you by the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it for the people to drink." So Moses did this in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷ And he called the place Massah and Meribah because the Israelites quarreled and because they tested the LORD saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

⁸ The Amalekites came and attacked the Israelites at Rephidim. ⁹ Moses said to Joshua, "Choose some of our men and go out to fight the Amalekites. Tomorrow I will stand on top of the hill with the staff of God in my hands."

¹⁰ So Joshua fought the Amalekites as Moses had ordered, and Moses, Aaron and Hur went to the top of the hill. ¹¹ As long as Moses held up his hands, the Israelites were winning, but whenever he lowered his hands, the Amalekites were winning. ¹² When Moses' hands grew tired, they took a stone and put it under him and he sat on it. Aaron and Hur held his hands up—one on one side, one on the other—so that his hands remained steady till sunset. ¹³ So Joshua overcame the Amalekite army with the sword.

¹⁴ Then the LORD said to Moses, “Write this on a scroll as something to be remembered and make sure that Joshua hears it, because I will completely blot out the name of Amalek from under heaven.”

¹⁵ Moses built an altar and called it The LORD is my Banner. ¹⁶ He said, “Because hands were lifted up against the throne of the LORD, the LORD will be at war against the Amalekites from generation to generation.”

Water for the Thirsty

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 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 “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

On screens, st. 1-3

Silent Prayer

Almighty God, pour into me your water of life. May my soul be satisfied in you so that I may serve you with a heart filled to overflowing with your goodness and mercy. 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.

THIS WEEK

Current Worship Series: Our Greatest Needs

What do you really need right now? God makes clear that humanity's greatest needs are universal, and so our greatest problems are also universal. Our current Sunday series wrestles with what those needs and problems are and will help us explore together what it means to have our greatest needs already met in Christ.

Pastor Snyder – Call Returned

Pastor Snyder has returned the Call to serve as pastor at Pilgrim Lutheran Church in Minneapolis, MN and will remain here with his Cross of Christ family. He is grateful for all your encouragement, input, and prayers.

Last Call: Easter Flower Orders Due Today!

To help adorn our Savior's altar on Easter morning, sign up and choose the flowering plants you'd like, on the lobby bulletin board at Boise or online at tinyurl.com/CoCEasterFlowers23 (indicate which campus). (You're welcome to enjoy the flowers at home after the final Easter service!) **Order deadline is today, March 12.** Put your check, payable to Dick & Kay Guthmiller in church mailbox #12.

Food Drive for Boise Rescue Mission

During the month of March we're collecting non-perishable food items at the Boise campus, for the Boise Rescue Mission; drop donations in the barrels in the lobby! Last year we collected 104 pounds of food; can we beat that this year? Boise Rescue Mission serves those dealing with homelessness and addiction in Ada and Canyon counties. Learn about their mission at boiserm.org.

Midweek Worship for Lent, at Boise

We continue to walk with our Savior on his final steps to the cross. Jesus knew exactly what lay ahead, yet he still took those steps for you and for me – what love!

Wednesdays on the Boise Campus

also livestreamed at cocidaho.org/livestream

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

Opportunities to serve or provide part of a Wednesday meal are available for upcoming weeks; take a look at tinyurl.com/LENTSOUPSUPPERS2023 or on the lobby bulletin board. Contact Becky Sobolewski (208-963-0474) with questions.

THIS MONTH

Youth Event at Boise – Balloon Challenge

Next Sunday, March 19, at 12:30 pm, kids ages 2 and up are invited to participate in a balloon challenge in the gym. Pizza lunch provided! Please RSVP at tinyurl.com/COCBALLOONCHALLENGE or on the lobby bulletin board for pizza planning purposes!

Knife Sharpening

Cross of Christ member Bill Adams is offering his skills for free in service to his church family: If you have knives that could use a sharpening, bring them to the church kitchen during soup suppers on Wednesdays (at Boise, 5:00-6:15 pm, through Mar 29) and Bill will get them fixed up for you!

High School Lock-In: Boise Campus

- Friday, March 31, 8:00 pm. to Saturday, April 1, 8:00 am. RSVP on the lobby bulletin board or online at tinyurl.com/COCHIGHSCHOOLLOCKIN if you plan to attend!
- We'll also need brave adults who are willing to chaperone in 3-hour shifts (but you're welcome to take more than one shift!) Sign up on the lobby bulletin board or at tinyurl.com/COCLOCKINCHAPERONE.
- If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Snyder (brad.snyder@cocidaho.org)

Cross of Christ Preschool Enrolling for Fall 2023

Full-day and half-day options for next fall are open to all families! Registration info and forms can be found online at cocidaho.org/preschool or picked up in the church office. Submit your registration as soon as possible to assure a spot in your preferred class! Direct questions to Andrea Becker (208-830-7763 / registrar@cocboise.org)

Ladies' Bunco Night at Nampa

Friday evening, March 31 (time TBA), come over to church to connect with Cross of Christ friends old and new, relax a little, and have some fun! Friends very welcome.

THIS QUARTER

Easter Invitations: Saturday, April 1

Easter changes everything! We want our neighbors to know that truth and that they can find out more about it at Cross of Christ on Easter Sunday.

So we'll **meet at the Boise campus, 10am on Saturday, April 1**, and from there head out into local neighborhoods to hang Easter invitations on our neighbors' doors. If you'd like to meet more people by knocking on doors, we'll also have Cross of Christ mugs available to hand out. We will not be out later than noon.

Please contact Pastor Hein (greg.hein@cocidaho.org) if you're interested!

Easter for Kids: Sunday, April 2

We want every child to know that Easter is exciting and a big deal! Easter for Kids will take place on Palm Sunday, April 2, during the education hour (9:45-10:45) on the Boise campus. At Easter for Kids, children will explore surprising details about Jesus' resurrection on that glorious Sunday morning 2,000 years ago. They'll journey through stations that drive home one uplifting truth: Jesus is alive today!

Easter Candy

Easter Sunday at Boise will include a kids' egg hunt! Would you consider donating candy? Place wrapped candy in the kitchen at Boise by **Sunday, April 2** (in the labeled box on the back counter, across from the refrigerators). Gluten-, dairy-, and/or nut-free options always welcome for kiddos with allergies or sensitivities (please label). Small basket stuffer prizes welcome, too! You can contact Amanda Watkins (amanda.watkins99@gmail.com) with questions.

Save the Date: Vacation Bible School!

Monday-Thursday, July 10-13, 9am-12pm on the Boise campus.

Hospitality Volunteering for Easter Sunday

Easter Sunday gives us amazing opportunities to offer hospitality to guests and visitors! To be part of that, especially for Easter breakfast, check out the list of options on the lobby bulletin board – and maybe volunteer to help with one of those needs. You can contact Matt Brown with questions (call or text 907-233-7072, mattbrownidaho@gmail.com).



Holy Week Worship

	<i>Nampa</i>	<i>Boise</i>
Palm Sunday	April 2, 9:30 am	April 2, 8:30 & 11:00 am
		Easter for Kids, 9:45-10:45 (ages 2 - 6th grade)
Maundy Thursday <i>with Holy Communion</i>		April 6, 6:30 pm
Good Friday	April 7, 6:30 pm	April 7, 6:30 pm
Easter Sunday	April 9, 9:30 & 11:30 am	April 9, 8:30 & 11:00 am
	Easter Brunch Between services	Easter Breakfast 9:30-10:45 am

People in God's Word this past week	Boise	Nampa	Total
Adult Bible Study/Teen Bible Study	42	48	90
Kids' Sunday School/Confirmation	23 / 5	n/a / 8	23 / 13
Last Weekend's Worship	72+86	110	262
Lent Wednesday Worship	147	n/a	147
Women's Bible Study	8	n/a	8
Cross Connections	6	1+6+1+1	15
Livestream Views	6 (Sun) + (Wed) 3 = 9		

<i>General Fund Offerings Planned FY 22-23</i>	\$781,660
General Fund Offerings Planned FYTD	\$541,149
General Fund Offerings FYTD	\$519,910
Total Offerings Last Weekend (All Funds)	\$16,529

Serving	March 12		March 19	
	Nampa	Boise	Nampa	Boise
Music	K. Koepsell	A. Lange, F. Faucheaux, L. Neujahr	S. Wetzel, C. Masters	K. Koepsell, C. & H. Reilly
AV Tech	S. Tews, G. Light	C. Klink, B. Berrier, J. Meier	TBA	TBA
Altar Care	n/a	K. Struthers	A. Fuentes	K. Struthers
Ushers	n/a	R. Seely, J. Harris	I. Garza, S. O'Doherty	TBA
Open & Close	n/a	E. Christianson, L. Manglos	n/a	J. Breckon, R. Lange
Coffee	B. Whitaker	R. Ritger, K. Struthers	B. Whitaker	R. Ritger, K. Struthers
Flowers	n/a	Robbins	n/a	Banner
Bulletin Folders	n/a	Ritger, Ford, Ashley	n/a	Bafus, Guthmiller
Tellers	Rule, Turley, Harris		Harris, Turley, Hudson	