



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

“How Great Thou Art”

Hymn 256:1,3,4

Opening Responses

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

Congregation: Amen.

We have come together to seek God’s comfort in our sorrow and to rejoice in the promise of the resurrection.

God of all grace, we know we will die, because we know we have sinned. We also know Jesus, the Son of God, descended into the darkness of death himself and emerged on the third day as the first of all God’s people to rise from the dead. Make us certain that because Jesus lives, we too shall live. Comfort and assure us with your promise that neither death nor life nor things present nor things to come shall separate us from your love that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 8:38-39)

The wages of sin is death,

but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 6:23)

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God. (2 Corinthians 1:3-4)

Song of Praise

“I Will Not Die but Live”

On screens

God's Word

John 11:17-27, 38-45

¹⁷ On his arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. ¹⁸ Now Bethany was less than two miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁹ and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them in the loss of their brother. ²⁰ When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him, but Mary stayed at home.

²¹ "Lord," Martha said to Jesus, "if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²² But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask."

²³ Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again."

²⁴ Martha answered, "I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day."

²⁵ Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; ²⁶ and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

²⁷ "Yes, Lord," she replied, "I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, who is to come into the world."

³⁸ Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance. ³⁹ "Take away the stone," he said.

"But, Lord," said Martha, the sister of the dead man, "by this time there is a bad odor, for he has been there four days."

⁴⁰ Then Jesus said, "Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?"

⁴¹ So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. ⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me."

⁴³ When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" ⁴⁴ The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face.

Jesus said to them, "Take off the grave clothes and let him go."

⁴⁵ Therefore many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary, and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

God's Word

Romans 8:11-19

¹¹ And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.

¹² Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation—but it is not to the flesh, to live according to it. ¹³ For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live.

¹⁴ For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. ¹⁵ The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, “*Abba, Father.*” ¹⁶ The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children. ¹⁷ Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

¹⁸ I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed.

Children's Message

Song

“I Know of a Sleep in Jesus' Name”

Hymn 211:1,3,4

Message from God's Word

2 Kings 4:17-37

¹⁷ But the woman became pregnant, and the next year about that same time she gave birth to a son, just as Elisha had told her.

¹⁸ The child grew, and one day he went out to his father, who was with the reapers. ¹⁹ He said to his father, "My head! My head!"

His father told a servant, "Carry him to his mother." ²⁰ After the servant had lifted him up and carried him to his mother, the boy sat on her lap until noon, and then he died. ²¹ She went up and laid him on the bed of the man of God, then shut the door and went out.

²² She called her husband and said, "Please send me one of the servants and a donkey so I can go to the man of God quickly and return."

²³ "Why go to him today?" he asked. "It's not the New Moon or the Sabbath." "That's all right," she said.

²⁴ She saddled the donkey and said to her servant, "Lead on; don't slow down for me unless I tell you." ²⁵ So she set out and came to the man of God at Mount Carmel.

When he saw her in the distance, the man of God said to his servant Gehazi, "Look! There's the Shunammite! ²⁶ Run to meet her and ask her, 'Are you all right? Is your husband all right? Is your child all right?'"

"Everything is all right," she said.

²⁷ When she reached the man of God at the mountain, she took hold of his feet. Gehazi came over to push her away, but the man of God said, "Leave her alone! She is in bitter distress, but the Lord has hidden it from me and has not told me why."

²⁸ "Did I ask you for a son, my lord?" she said. "Didn't I tell you, 'Don't raise my hopes?'"

²⁹ Elisha said to Gehazi, "Tuck your cloak into your belt, take my staff in your hand and run. Don't greet anyone you meet, and if anyone greets you, do not answer. Lay my staff on the boy's face."

³⁰ But the child's mother said, "As surely as the Lord lives and as you live, I will not leave you." So he got up and followed her.

³¹ Gehazi went on ahead and laid the staff on the boy's face, but there was no sound or response. So Gehazi went back to meet Elisha and told him, "The boy has not awakened."

³² When Elisha reached the house, there was the boy lying dead on his couch. ³³ He went in, shut the door on the two of them and prayed to the Lord. ³⁴ Then he got on the bed and lay on the boy, mouth to mouth, eyes to eyes, hands to hands. As he stretched himself out on him, the boy's body grew warm. ³⁵ Elisha turned away and walked back and forth in the room and then got on the bed and stretched out on him once more. The boy sneezed seven times and opened his eyes.

³⁶ Elisha summoned Gehazi and said, "Call the Shunammite." And he did. When she came, he said, "Take your son." ³⁷ She came in, fell at his feet and bowed to the ground. Then she took her son and went out.

Life for the Dead

Song

"Lord, You I Love with All My Heart"

On screens, st. 1,3

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 is sung, following 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

“Abide with Me”

Hymn 588:2,6,7

Silent Prayer

Eternal God and Father, help us to remember Jesus, who obeyed your will and bore the cross for our salvation so that through his anguish, pain, and death we may receive forgiveness of sins and inherit eternal life. 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.

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP

	Nampa Campus	Boise Campus
Palm Sunday	April 2, 9:30 am	April 2, 8:30* & 11:00 am <i>*livestreamed</i>
		Easter for Kids, 9:45-10:45 (ages 2 - 6th grade)
Maundy Thursday <i>with Holy Communion</i>		April 6, 6:30 pm <i>livestreamed</i>
Good Friday	April 7, 6:30 pm	April 7, 6:30 pm <i>livestreamed</i>
Easter Sunday	April 9, 9:30 & 11:30 am	April 9, 8:30* & 11:00 am <i>*livestreamed</i>
	Easter Brunch & egg hunt between services	Easter Breakfast 9:30-10:45 am Egg Hunt 10:20 am

Cross of Christ Weekly Newsletter

March 26, 2023

Mar 26-Apr 2	Boise (11655 W. McMillan Road)	Nampa (6134 Birch Lane)
Sunday	8:30am – Worship 9:45am – Adult Bible Study (Chapel) Teen Class (Conf Rm) 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
Monday	10:00am – Women's Bible Study	
Tuesday	7:00pm – GriefShare	6:30pm – Cross Connections
Wednesday	4:00pm – Cross Connections 5:00pm – Lent Soup Supper 6:30pm – Lent Midweek Worship 7:15pm – Adult Choir Rehearsal	
Thursday	6:30pm – Cross Connections	
Friday	8:00pm – Teen Lock-In (through Saturday 8am)	6:30pm – Ladies' Bunco
Saturday	10:00am – Neighborhood Easter Outreach	10:30am – Neighborhood Easter Outreach
Sunday	8:30am – Worship w/Communion 9:45am – Ministry Discussion (Chapel) Teen Class (Conf Rm) Confirmation Class (Rm 5) Easter for Kids (Gym & Classrooms) 11:00am – Worship w/Communion	9:30am – Worship w/Communion 10:45am – Monthly Ministry Planning Meeting 4:00pm – Confirmation Class

THIS WEEK

Neighborhood Invitations for Easter: This Saturday, April 1

We want our neighbors to know that Easter changes everything and that they can find out more at Cross of Christ on Easter Sunday. So we'll **meet at the Boise campus, 10am this Saturday, April 1**, and from there hang Easter invitations on our neighbors' doors. All ages can participate – bring the kids! **Please RSVP to Pastor Hein** (greg.hein@cocidaho.org). We won't be out later than noon.



High School Lock-In This Friday-Saturday, 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.
- We also need adults who are willing to chaperone in 3-hour shifts. 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)

Ladies' Bunco Night at Nampa

This Friday, March 31, 6:30-8:30pm, come over to the Nampa campus (6134 Birch Lane) to connect with Cross of Christ friends old and new, relax a little, and have some fun! Friends very welcome. Ladies, watch your email for more details!

Refreshing Our Boise Campus Greeting Process and Teams

If you're friendly, enjoy making people feel welcome, and want to serve your Savior, we may just have the perfect service opportunity for you!

First, we're recruiting a team of five to ten people who would like to revisit our past worship greeting process and brainstorm ideas for an exciting "welcome to Cross of Christ" process. Additionally, we're seeking friendly folks to welcome our guests and members as they arrive for worship.

If you're interested in enhancing the Cross of Christ worship experience and/or the opportunity to meet and greet worshipers, please contact Brent Masters (mastersb678@gmail.com), Pastor Hein (greg.hein@cocidaho.org) or our office staff (208-375-3992, admin@cocidaho.org) to communicate your willingness to serve. We'll follow up with you to share more details!

Food Drive for Boise Rescue Mission

During the month of March we're collecting non-perishable food items for the Boise Rescue Mission; drop donations in the barrel in the lobby through March 30. Learn about their mission at boiserm.org.

Midweek Worship for Lent, at Boise

This Wednesday, March 29, is the final midweek service before Holy Week. One more soup supper 5:00-6:15 pm, and one more Lent worship service, 6:30 pm.

Cross of Christ Preschool Tuition Discount

Enroll before April 1 for a \$100 discount! Full- and half-day options available; info & registration packets available at cocidaho.org/preschool or in the church office. Direct questions to Andrea Becker (208-830-7763 / registrar@cocboise.org).

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.

THIS MONTH

Ministry Discussion Next Sunday

Next Sunday, April 2, we'll use the adult Bible class hour (9:45-10:45am) for the coming month's ministry discussion. Stay informed and be part of the conversations shaping our ministry!

Easter for Kids Next Sunday

Easter for Kids will take place next Sunday, April 2, during the education hour (9:45-10:45) here on the Boise campus. Kids will journey through stations that drive home one uplifting truth: Jesus is alive today!

Easter Candy

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

Hospitality Volunteering for Easter Sunday

Easter gives us great opportunities to offer hospitality to guests and visitors! To be part of that, especially for the breakfast, see the list of options on the lobby bulletin board. **We're particularly in need of additional clean-up helpers.** Contact Matt Brown with questions (mattbrownidaho@gmail.com / 907-233-7072).

Line Dancing at Cross of Christ

Come on out to this fun evening of line dancing at Cross of Christ, Wednesday, April 12, 6:30-8:30 pm! For all ages –young, old, and young-at-heart; no experience needed. Cost is \$10 per family, is no charge for any friends you bring! Bring a snack to share. RSVP on the lobby bulletin board or at tinyurl.com/COCLINEDANCING.

Spring Cleanup on the Boise Campus

Saturday, April 15, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm. Come for as long or as short as you can. Everybody can contribute in some way, with plenty of tasks both large and small to accomplish, indoors and out. Materials & instructions provided; please bring work gloves if you'd like to work outside.

Save the Date: Vacation Bible School!

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

People in God's Word this past week	Boise	Nampa	Total
Adult Bible Study/Teen Bible Study	39 / 12	28	79
Kids' Sunday School/Confirmation	28 / 6	20 / 5	59
Last Weekend's Worship	92+91	94	277
Lent Wednesday Worship	120	n/a	120
Women's Bible Study	n/a	n/a	n/a
Cross Connections	3	3+7	13
Livestream Views	3 (Sun) + 6 (Wed) = 9		

<i>General Fund Offerings Planned FY 22-23</i>	\$781,660
General Fund Offerings Planned FYTD	\$571,213
General Fund Offerings FYTD	\$564,025
Total Offerings Last Weekend (All Funds)	\$17,763

Serving	March 26		April 2	
	Nampa	Boise	Nampa	Boise
Music	R. Dodd	K. Koepsell	R. Dodd, B. Parsons, Sunday school students	K. Koepsell, Lund family, M. Studer, Sunday school students
AV Tech	J. Malnes	G. Light, J. Meier, M. Hartman	TBA	G. Light, B. Berrier, TBA
Altar Care	n/a	K. Struthers	A. Fuentes	T. Yaka, L. Russow
Ushers	n/a	J. Harris, TBA	I. Garza, S. O'Doherty	TBA
Open & Close	n/a	M. Johnson, M. Brown	n/a	KC Broyles, H. Geary
Coffee		R. Ritger, K. Struthers	B. Whitaker	B. Robbins, N. Herberger
Flowers	n/a	Loring	n/a	Palm Sunday
Bulletin Folders	n/a	Prigge, Tweedy, Foreman	n/a	Kimmel, Whitlach
Tellers	Turley, Walden, Rule		TBA	