



**CROSS OF CHRIST**

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# 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](http://cocidaho.org).



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LUTHERAN CHURCH

## **Opening Responses**

## **with “How Deep the Father’s Love for Us”**

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

**Congregation: Amen.**

Beloved in the Lord, we gather together with honest and repentant hearts. Let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask God, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to forgive us.

**(♪) How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure,  
That he should give his only Son to make a wretch his treasure.  
How great the pain of searing loss, the Father turns his face away  
As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.**

**I confess to God Almighty, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I am sinful by nature. I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own grievous fault. I have not loved God with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should; therefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, a sinner, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life.**

**(♪) Behold the Man upon a cross, my sin upon his shoulders.  
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.  
It was my sin that held him there until it was accomplished:  
His dying breath has brought me life. I know that it is finished.**

The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins. Our gracious God has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. God has forgiven all your sins, that you will not perish but have eternal life.

**(♪) I will not boast in anything: no gifts, no power, no wisdom.  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ: his death and resurrection.  
Why should I gain from his reward? I cannot give an answer,  
But this I know with all my heart: his wounds have paid my ransom.**

Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, you made your Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world. You have laid on him the iniquity of us all. By his wounds we are healed. Uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care.

**Amen.**

The works of the Lord are great and glorious. His name is worthy of praise. In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

**Song of Praise**

**“Ten Thousand Reasons”**

*On screens*

**God’s Word**

**Romans 4:1-5, 13-17**

<sup>1</sup> What then shall we say that Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh, discovered in this matter? <sup>2</sup> If, in fact, Abraham was justified by works, he had something to boast about—but not before God. <sup>3</sup> What does Scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness.”

<sup>4</sup> Now to the one who works, wages are not credited as a gift but as an obligation. <sup>5</sup> However, to the one who does not work but trusts God who justifies the ungodly, their faith is credited as righteousness. . . .

<sup>13</sup> It was not through the law that Abraham and his offspring received the promise that he would be heir of the world, but through the righteousness that comes by faith. <sup>14</sup> For if those who depend on the law are heirs, faith means nothing and the promise is worthless, <sup>15</sup> because the law brings wrath. And where there is no law there is no transgression.

<sup>16</sup> Therefore, the promise comes by faith, so that it may be by grace and may be guaranteed to all Abraham’s offspring—not only to those who are of the law but also to those who have the faith of Abraham. He is the father of us all.

<sup>17</sup> As it is written: “I have made you a father of many nations.” He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed—the God who gives life to the dead and calls into being things that were not.

## God's Word

## John 3:1-17

Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council.<sup>2</sup> He came to Jesus at night and said, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him.”

<sup>3</sup> Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.”

<sup>4</sup> “How can someone be born when they are old?” Nicodemus asked. “Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother’s womb to be born!”

<sup>5</sup> Jesus answered, “Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit.<sup>6</sup> Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit.<sup>7</sup> You should not be surprised at my saying, ‘You must be born again.’<sup>8</sup> The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.”

<sup>9</sup> “How can this be?” Nicodemus asked.

<sup>10</sup> “You are Israel’s teacher,” said Jesus, “and do you not understand these things? <sup>11</sup> Very truly I tell you, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. <sup>12</sup> I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things?<sup>13</sup> No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup> Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up,<sup>15</sup> that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.”

<sup>16</sup> For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup> For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

## Children’s Message

### Song

### “Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice”

On screens, st. 1, 3-4

## Message from God's Word

## Genesis 12:1-8

The Lord had said to Abram, “Go from your country, your people and your father’s household to the land I will show you.

<sup>2</sup> “I will make you into a great nation,

and I will bless you;

I will make your name great,

and you will be a blessing.

<sup>3</sup> I will bless those who bless you,

and whoever curses you I will curse;

and all peoples on earth

will be blessed through you.”

<sup>4</sup> So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Harran. <sup>5</sup> He took his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot, all the possessions they had accumulated and the people they had acquired in Harran, and they set out for the land of Canaan, and they arrived there.

<sup>6</sup> Abram traveled through the land as far as the site of the great tree of Moreh at Shechem. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. <sup>7</sup> The Lord appeared to Abram and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built an altar there to the Lord, who had appeared to him.

<sup>8</sup> From there he went on toward the hills east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. There he built an altar to the Lord and called on the name of the Lord.

## You Have What Everyone Needs

Song

“Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice”

On screens, st. 5-7

## **Statement of Faith**

## **The Nicene Creed**

**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.**

## **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

**"I Come, O Savior,  
to Your Table"**

On screens, st. 1-3, 6, 8, 10

## 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**

**“His Mercy Is More”**

*On screens, st. 1-3*

## **Silent Prayer**

Almighty God, you see we have no power to defend ourselves. Guard and keep us both outwardly and inwardly from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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## **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](http://cocidaho.org/give).*

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# Cross of Christ Weekly Newsletter

## March 5, 2023

<b>Mar 5-12</b>	<b>Boise</b> (11655 W. McMillan Road)	<b>Nampa</b> (6134 Birch Lane)
Sunday	8:30am – Worship w/Communion 9:45am – Ministry Discussion (Chapel) Teen Class (Conference Rm) 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	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		
Saturday	<i>Daylight Saving Time – clocks forward tonight!</i>	
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# THIS WEEK

## **Ministry Discussion Today**

Stay informed and be part of the conversations shaping our ministry – participate in today's ministry discussion! During Bible class hour (9:45-10:45am), in the chapel. We'll be looking at evangelism plans leading up to Easter, some non-profit partnership updates, and actionable discussion points from our "men and women in God's church" Bible class.

## **CrossTrainers at Nampa Today: March 5, 5-7pm**

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

## **Current Worship Series: Our Greatest Needs**

What do you really need right now? We understand that "need" is greater than "want." If you lack something you want, life goes on fine. If you lack something you need, that's a problem. God makes clear that humanity's greatest needs are universal, and so our greatest problems are also universal. Our current Sunday worship 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.

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

We continue to walk with our Savior on the final steps of his journey to the cross. Jesus knew exactly what lay ahead, yet he still took those final 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; check out the options at [tinyurl.com/LENTSOUPSUPPERS2023](https://tinyurl.com/LENTSOUPSUPPERS2023) or on the lobby bulletin board. Contact Becky Sobolewski (208-963-0474) with questions.

## **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 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](http://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 for yourself and a friend.

## **Daylight Saving Time Next Sunday**

Set your clocks **AHEAD** one hour before you go to bed Saturday night, March 11, so you don't miss worship next Sunday!

# **THIS QUARTER**

## **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](mailto:brad.snyder@cocidaho.org).

## **Easter Flower Orders**

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](http://tinyurl.com/CoCEasterFlowers23) (indicate which campus). (You're welcome to enjoy the flowers at home after the final Easter service!) **Order deadline is March 12.** Checks payable to Dick & Kay Guthmiller can be put in church mailbox #12.

## **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!

## **Cross of Christ Preschool Enrollment Fully Open**

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](http://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](mailto:registrar@cocboise.org))

## **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 at our Easter Sunday celebration. So we'll meet at the Boise campus, 10am on Saturday, April 1, and from there head out into our local neighborhoods to hang Easter invitations on our neighbors' doors. We won't be knocking on doors this time around; we want to simply get the invitations to as many people as we can. More details to come, but for now get this important "GO" opportunity on your calendar!

## **Holy Week Worship**

	<i>Boise</i>	<i>Nampa</i>
Palm Sunday	April 2, 8:30 & 11:00 am	April 2, 9:30 am
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, 8:30 & 11:00 am	April 9, 9:30 & 11:30 am
	Easter Breakfast 9:30-10:45 am	Easter Brunch between services

## **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!

## **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](mailto:mattbrownidaho@gmail.com)).

## **Easter Egg 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). You can contact Amanda Watkins ([amanda.watkins99@gmail.com](mailto:amanda.watkins99@gmail.com)) with questions.

<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	61	26	87
Kids' Sunday School/Confirmation	27 / 9	17 / 2	44 / 11
Last Weekend's Worship	82+86	107	275
Lent Wednesday Worship	133	n/a	133
Women's Bible Study	n/a	n/a	n/a
Cross Connections	6	5+1	12
Livestream Views	7 (Sun) + 3 (Wed) = 10		

<i>General Fund Offerings Planned FY 22-23</i>	\$781,660
General Fund Offerings Planned FYTD	\$526,117
General Fund Offerings FYTD	\$504,428
Total Offerings Last Weekend (All Funds)	\$12,462

<b>Serving</b>	<b>March 5</b>		<b>March 12</b>	
	<b>Nampa</b>	<b>Boise</b>	<b>Nampa</b>	<b>Boise</b>
Music	J. Lowry	J. Hein, T. Russow	K. Koepsell	A. Lange, F. Faucheaux, L. Neujahr
AV Tech	G. Light	K. Koepsell	TBA	C. Klink, B. Berrier, J. Meier
Altar Care	A. Fuentes	K. Struthers	n/a	K. Struthers
Ushers	I. Garza, S. O'Doherty	Manglos	n/a	R. Seely, J. Harris
Open & Close	n/a	B. Masters, H. Geary	n/a	E. Christianson, L. Manglos
Coffee	B. Whitaker	R. Ritger, K. Struthers	B. Whitaker	R. Ritger, K. Struthers
Flowers	n/a	Manglos	n/a	Robbins
Bulletin Folders	n/a	Kimmel, Whitlach	n/a	Kimmel, Whitlach
Tellers	Turley, Walden, Hudson		Rule, Turley, Harris	