



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 in the lobby or the parents' room (in the alcove to the left as you exit the chapel). Worship screens and seating are available in the lobby for your convenience.

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 at cocidaho.org.

Opening Song

“He’s Risen, He’s Risen”

Hymn #445:1-3

Opening Responses

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

Congregation: Amen!

Come and find freedom, hope, and peace in the family of God. There’s no need to hide. There’s no need to pretend. We can honestly come as we are, acknowledge all of our brokenness to God, and receive full pardon and forgiveness as we place our trust in Christ alone.

Holy and compassionate Lord, you are the God who forgives. Throughout my life, I have sinned, disobeyed you in countless ways, and failed to live as your child. For the times I have hurt you and others, I deserved your just punishment. I am sorry. But you were determined to make things right. Thank you for still loving me. Thank you for sending Jesus as my Savior!

Jesus came to this world as your mighty Savior and Champion. His perfect life is credited to you. God sees you as his holy child. Jesus’ innocent death was offered in your place. He has paid in full the payment for all your sins. His resurrection is real. You can be certain that you are saved. By believing in him, you have a place in God’s family. You are a child of God!

Amen!

Song of Praise

“He’s Risen, He’s Risen”

Hymn #143:4

Prayer

God, your Son humbled himself and lifted up this fallen world from the despair that death brings. By his resurrection to life, give our hearts gladness and the hope of eternal joys in store for us; through your Son, Jesus, Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

God's Word

Acts 2:14a,32-41

¹⁴ Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: ...

³² God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it. ³³ Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear. ³⁴ For David did not ascend to heaven, and yet he said,

“The Lord said to my Lord:

“Sit at my right hand

³⁵ until I make your enemies
a footstool for your feet.”

³⁶ “Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah.”

³⁷ When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?”

³⁸ Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.”

⁴⁰ With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” ⁴¹ Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

God's Word

1 Peter 1:17-21

¹⁷ Since you call on a Father who judges each person's work impartially, live out your time as foreigners here in reverent fear. ¹⁸ For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. ²⁰ He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake. ²¹ Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God.

Children's Message

Song

"May the Peoples Praise You"

On screens

Message from God's Word

Luke 24:13-35

¹³ Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. ¹⁴ They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. ¹⁵ As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; ¹⁶ but they were kept from recognizing him.

¹⁷ He asked them, "What are you discussing together as you walk along?"

They stood still, their faces downcast. ¹⁸ One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, "Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?"

¹⁹ "What things?" he asked.

"About Jesus of Nazareth," they replied. "He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. ²⁰ The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; ²¹ but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. ²² In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning ²³ but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. ²⁴ Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus."

²⁵ He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶ Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?" ²⁷ And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

²⁸ As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. ²⁹ But they urged him strongly, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them.

³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. ³² They asked each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?”

³³ They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together ³⁴ and saying, “It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.” ³⁵ Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.

He Lives to Restore My Hope

Song

“Christ Our Hope in Life and Death”

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 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

“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

Hymn #382:1,3,4

Silent Prayer

Almighty God, hear me when hopelessness takes over my heart. That can be so easy when my hope is built on myself or on this broken world. Instead, strengthen my trust in you. Restore my hope. Let it be built on your power and faithfulness so I may faithfully face with confidence whatever lies before me. 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

April 23, 2023

Apr 23-30	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	6:30am – Men’s Bible Study 7:00pm – GriefShare	6:30pm – Cross Connections
Wednesday	4:00pm – Cross Connections 7:00pm – CrossTrainers	
Thursday	6:30pm – Cross Connections	
Fri-Sat		
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THIS WEEK

Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study Schedule

This Sunday, we'll continue our deep look at Job and the problem of suffering. The study booklet is available in the lobby. The next five weeks will bring the second half of the Job study along with some other special activities:

- April 30: Time of Grace Ministry presentation (more info below)
- May 7: Boise Campus Ministry Discussion – all encouraged to participate!
- May 14: Job part 3
- May 21: fellowship time & reception for youth confirmands
- May 28: Job part 4 (final)

Growth Groups

These small groups meet at church and members' homes to look at the previous Sunday's message and to get to know each other better. **This session just began last week, so you can still jump in!** Sign up on the lobby bulletin board at Boise or online at tinyurl.com/GGSPRING2023 for a day and location that works for you.

Other Bible Studies Resuming This Week

- Women's Bible Study (at Boise, Mondays at 10am): April 24
- Men's Bible Study (at Boise, Tuesdays at 6:30 am): April 25
- CrossTrainers (high school students, at Boise, Wednesdays 7:00 pm): April 26

Time of Grace Ministry Visit Next Sunday

On Sunday, April 30, Kris Maize and Amber Albee Swenson from Time of Grace Ministry will speak during Bible study at both Nampa and Boise campuses. Time of Grace connects people to God's grace – his love, glory, and power – through Bible messages, podcasts, books, blogs, and more. Learn more at timeofgrace.org.

Ms. Swenson will also lead a special women's Bible study from her new book, "Soul Care," Monday, May 1, 10:00 am on the Boise campus. This is a standalone, one-session study; come check it out!

Family Board Games

Sunday, April 30, 1:00-4:00 pm, here on the Boise campus. A fun afternoon of games for all ages. **Bring a game or two (or more):** to play or to trade at the swap meet table! Snacks provided; feel free to bring a treat or beverage to share. Please RSVP at tinyurl.com/COCBOARDGAMES or on the Boise bulletin board to help with coordination! Questions: Mandy Watkins (amanda.watkins99@yahoo.com).

Prayer Ministry

Prayer is a gift from God, and he invites us to come before him with all requests, including prayers for our brothers and sisters in Christ. Cross of Christ uses a prayer chain to share prayer requests with those committed to lifting up members at our church in prayer during times of difficulty as well as times of joy. If you would like to receive email updates on specific ways to pray for your church family, please contact Pastor Hein (greg.hein@cocidaho.org) with that request.

NEXT MONTH

Community Awareness Night: Stanton Healthcare

Monday, May 1, 6:30 pm, here on the Boise campus. Our local community partner this quarter is Stanton Healthcare. Their mission is to offer life-affirming solutions and resources to women experiencing an unexpected pregnancy. As abortion laws change, more women will find themselves in need of support. This presentation will share the vital work being done at Stanton and concrete ways you can support it!

Marriage Workshops in Boise and Nampa

Register today at cocidaho.org/connect/marriage-workshops. For all who are married or thinking of getting married, mark your calendars for our marriage workshops in May! (Same workshop both times; no charge.)

- Saturday, May 6, 3:00-6:00 pm @ our Boise campus
- Saturday, May 20, 3:00-6:00 pm @ our Nampa campus

Every marriage (young and old) requires ongoing investment and attention to things like communication, dealing with conflict, and growing closer through the difficult seasons. We'll acknowledge that marriage can be difficult, and we'll work on practical ways to grow and enjoy the blessings God gives husbands and wives. All are welcome; invite friends to join you!

Sisters in Christ Plant Swap

Sunday, May 7, 12:00-2:00 pm in the Boise gym. Bring a plant to give away and take a new one home -- or if you don't have one to share, don't worry, just come! This is a great opportunity to invite friends to enjoy a new (free!) plant.

Bring & trade any of these items:

- store-bought or home-grown plants of any kind!
- garden supplies: tools, pots, garden décor, garden books, etc.
- Things you've made from plants: salsa, pickles, jam, etc.

Direct questions to Mandy Watkins (amanda.watkins99@yahoo.com)

Long-Range Plan Q&A

The Cross of Christ leadership created a long-range plan for our multi-site ministry last Fall. This plan details the priorities and goals guiding our ministry for the next six years. Do you have questions about this plan and how you can support it? Pastor Hein will lead a “questions and answers” session at both campuses in May so that you can voice your thoughts, ask questions, and discuss the plan together. This ministry is your ministry; may God bless our plan as we carry it out to his glory!

- Saturday, May 13, 9:30 am @ Boise
- Monday, May 22, 6:30 pm @ Nampa

Red Cross Blood Drive at Boise

Tuesday, May 30, 9am-3pm in the gym. With vacations, outdoor activities, and school breaks, summer is a challenging time to collect enough blood donations to meet patient needs. Make it a summer full of life by donating blood! Your donation helps ensure blood is available for patients who rely on lifesaving transfusions. To make an appointment, go to redcrossblood.org and under “Find a Blood Drive” enter COCLUTHERAN. Walk-ins are welcome, too!

SUMMER STUFF!

Summer Kick-Off: Thursday, June 1, 5-7 pm @ Boise

Vacation Bible School: Mon-Thurs July 10-13, 9am-12pm @ Boise , for kids age 3 through entering 6th grade

Camp Christos tentatively scheduled for July 30-Aug 4. Watch for registration to open later this month! For kids age 9 through 16 (entering 4th thru 10th grade); adults & teens age 18-19 invited to volunteer as staff.

General Fund Offerings Planned FY 22-23	\$781,660
General Fund Offerings Planned FYTD	\$631,341
General Fund Offerings FYTD	\$627,794
Total Offerings Last Weekend (All Funds)	\$13,032

People in God's Word this past week	Boise	Nampa	Total
Sunday Morning Adult/Teen Bible Study	45/14	32	91
Kids' Sunday School/Confirmation	30/11	16/5	62
Last Weekend's Worship	83+86	102	271
Women's Bible Study	n/a	n/a	n/a
Cross Connections	7	2	9
Growth Groups <i>(reported next week)</i>			
Livestream Views	7 (Sun)		

Serving	April 23		April 30	
	Nampa	Boise	Nampa	Boise
Music	K. Koepsell, K. Wetzel	J. Hein, F. Fauchaux	S. Wetzel, B. Parsons	J. Lowry, L. Neujahr, Preschool students
AV Tech	TBA	G. Light, D. Hibbs	TBA	C. Klink, B. Berrier, M. Hartman
Altar Care	n/a	T. Yaka, L. Russow	n/a	T. Yaka, L. Russow
Ushers	n/a	R. Hibbs, C. Berrier, T. Stavenau, B. Turley	n/a	C. Berrier, R. Seely
Open & Close	n/a	J. Breckon, M. Brown	n/a	M. Johnson, H. Geary
Coffee	B. Whitaker	B. Robbins, N. Herberger	B. Whitaker	B. Robbins, N. Herberger
Flowers	n/a	Ready	n/a	available
Bulletin Folders	n/a	Prigge, Tweedy, Foreman	n/a	Y. Whitlach, R. Ritger
Tellers	Rule, Turley, Hudson		Turley, Rule, Rule	