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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 those areas 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.

Preschool Song

“Nothing but the Blood”

On screens, 11:00 am service

Opening Song

“Speak, O Lord”

On screens, st. 1-3

Opening Responses

with Psalm 23

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

Congregation: Amen.

The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing.

He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil.

For you are with me, your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life,

And I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

We gather together in the presence of our Shepherd God, who calls us each by name, who restores our souls, who leads us in the way of righteousness, and whose goodness and love never stop pursuing us. This is the God we have come to worship!

Lord, you made me and I am yours. We are all your people, the sheep of your pasture. But foolishly, like a lost sheep, I have so often wandered from your ways, and chosen a selfish path for my life. My sins offend you and deserved your punishment forever. I thank you for sacrificing Jesus for me.

God sent his Son, Jesus, to be the Lamb who took our sins away by his sacrifice on the cross. By his wounds we are healed, for the Lord is good. His unending love endures forever. Jesus rose to life again and is now the Shepherd of our souls. The one who has created us, sustains us, and redeems us is the one who walks beside us in good times and bad, and who calls us to follow him. This is our God! Because of all that Jesus has done, you are forgiven.

Amen.

Prayer

O Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Good Shepherd who laid down your life for the sheep. Lead us now to the still waters of your life-giving Word that we may dwell in your Father's house forever; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen!

God's Word

Acts 2:42-47

⁴² They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. ⁴³ Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. ⁴⁴ All the believers were together and had everything in common. ⁴⁵ They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. ⁴⁶ Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

God's Word

John 10:1-10

¹ “Very truly I tell you Pharisees, anyone who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. ² The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴ When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵ But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger's voice.” ⁶ Jesus used this figure of speech, but the Pharisees did not understand what he was telling them.

⁷ Therefore Jesus said again, “Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸ All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them. ⁹ I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture. ¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

Children's Message

Song

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

Hymn 375:1,3,4,6

Message from God's Word

1 Peter 2:19-25

¹⁹ For it is commendable if someone bears up under the pain of unjust suffering because they are conscious of God. ²⁰ But how is it to your credit if you receive a beating for doing wrong and endure it? But if you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God. ²¹ To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.

²² “He committed no sin,
and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

²³ When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly. ²⁴ “He himself bore our sins” in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; “by his wounds you have been healed.” ²⁵ For “you were like sheep going astray,” but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

A Shepherd Worth Following

Song

“You Never Let Go”

On screens

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 grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all!

Amen!

Closing Song

“I Am Jesus’ Little Lamb”

Hymn 432:1-3

Silent Prayer

Good Shepherd, it is so good to be here and to be gathered with your flock to worship you. Guide me in paths of righteousness so that my words and actions might lead others to glorify you. Where the paths become difficult, please protect me according to your faithfulness and give me an extra measure of your strength that I may always follow you. 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 30, 2023

Apr 30-May 7	Boise (11655 W. McMillan Road)	Nampa (6134 Birch Lane)
Sunday	8:30am – Worship 9:45am – Time of Grace Ministry Presentation (Chapel) Teen Class (Conf Rm) Confirmation Class (Rm 5) Kids’ Sunday School (Gym & Classrooms) 11:00am – Worship 1:00pm – Family Board Games	9:30am – Worship 10:45am – Time of Grace Ministry Presentation & Kids’ Sunday School 4:00pm – Confirmation Class
Monday	10:00am – Women’s Bible Study 6:30pm – Community Awareness - Stanton Healthcare	
Tuesday	6:30am – Men’s Bible Study	
Wednesday	4:00pm – Cross Connections 6:15pm – Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm – CrossTrainers	
Thursday	6:30pm – Cross Connections	
Friday		10:00am – Mommy & Me (Nampa)
Saturday	3:00pm – Marriage Seminar (Boise)	
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THIS WEEK

Pastor Steinbrenner – Call Received

Pastor Steinbrenner was asked by Peace Lutheran Church in Trinity, FL to serve as their pastor. Please pray for him as he considers this call and the ministry opportunities God has put before him. Please also feel free to reach out to him with your encouragement and thoughts: john.steinbrenner@cocidaho.org.

Time of Grace Ministry Visit Today – during Bible Study hour

Today during bible study hour, 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,” TOMORROW, Monday, May 1, 10:00 am on the Boise campus. This is a standalone, one-session study; come check it out!

Family Board Games

Join us today from 1:00-4:00 pm, here on the Boise campus for 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).

Community Awareness Night: Stanton Healthcare – TOMORROW EVENING

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!

NEXT MONTH

Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study Schedule

- May 7: Boise Campus Ministry Discussion – all encouraged to participate!
- May 14: Job part 3 – continuation of our deep look at Job and the problem of suffering. If you haven't yet, grab a study booklet from the lobby (in a basket on the cart by the east mailboxes) for notes and questions to go along with your reading.
- May 21: fellowship time & reception for youth confirmands
- May 28: Job part 4 (final)

Marriage Workshops in Boise and Nampa

Register today at coidaho.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.

Have the babysitter plan on staying later and make a reservation for date night after the workshop! All are welcome; invite friends to join you!

Sisters in Christ Plant Swap

Next 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 plant-loving friends – or someone who might want to give this hobby a try – 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 leadership of Cross of Christ 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, so 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

Please let us know if you plan to attend either on the lobby bulletin board or online at tinyurl.com/COCLONGRANGE.

Confirmation Showcase

Friday, May 19, 6:30 pm, in the gym at Boise, with light refreshments. The Showcase is this year’s youth confirmands’ opportunity to show what they believe and have learned over the last several years, and YOUR opportunity to show your support and encouragement for them as new members of our congregation. All are welcome to attend and participate, by listening to what these young adults have to say on biblical & spiritual topics!

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	\$646,373
General Fund Offerings FYTD	\$636,558
Total Offerings Last Weekend (All Funds)	\$9,004

People in God's Word this past week	Boise	Nampa	Total
Sunday Morning Adult/Teen Bible Study	40/10	26	76
Kids' Sunday School/Confirmation	26/9	14/4	40/13
Last Weekend's Worship	73+103	103	279
Men's/Women's Bible Study	6/9	n/a	15
Cross Connections	8	2	10
CrossTrainers	12		
Growth Groups (previous week)	5+4+8+9+10+9+5=50		
Livestream Views	11		

Serving	April 30		May 7	
	Nampa	Boise	Nampa	Boise
Music	S. Wetzel, B. Parsons	J. Lowry, L. Neujahr, Preschool students	R. Dodd, B. Evans, C. Trull, J. Lowry	K. Koepsell
AV Tech	J. Malnes, J. Parsons	C. Klink, B. Berrier, M. Hartman	TBA	TBA
Altar Care	n/a	T. Yaka, L. Russow	n/a	D. McLain, C. Biggs
Ushers	n/a	C. Berrier, R. Hibbs, R. Seely, B. Turley	n/a	J. Breckon, B. Turley
Open & Close	n/a	M. Johnson, H. Geary	n/a	KC Broyles, L. Manglos
Coffee	B. Whitaker	B. Robbins, N. Herberger	B. Whitaker	C. Berrier, D. McLain
Flowers	n/a	n/a	n/a	Loring
Lawn Crew	n/a	E. Uhlenoff	n/a	R. Lange
Kitchen Cleaning	n/a	M. Boltz	n/a	n/a
Bulletin Folders	n/a	Y. Whitlach, R. Ritger	n/a	Ritger, Ford, Ashley
Tellers	Turley, Rule, Rule		TBA	

