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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.

Opening Song

“Brothers, Sisters, Let Us Gladly”

Hymn #484:1-3

Opening Responses

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

Congregation: And also with you!

The greatest thing we could ever experience is the love of God. He is our Creator, and our hearts long for his acceptance and approval. Our sins had separated us from God and deserved his rejection, not his approval. Yet he still loved us. Let’s come with honesty and humility before our Creator, acknowledging our brokenness, and trusting in Jesus for pardon and forgiveness.

Holy and merciful Lord, I confess my sins. All my life, I have so often done what is wrong and failed to do what is good. Though I have fallen and gone astray, you refused to give up on me. Thank you for Jesus. Thank you for the cross. Thank you for saving me so I can be your child!

By the perfect life, innocent death, and resurrection of Jesus, God has removed your guilt forever. Your baptism saves you and washes you clean. You are forgiven and you belong in the family of God—in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit!

Amen!

Prayer

O God, you are the giver of everything good. Inspire us, your humble servants, to long for what is right and, through your gracious guidance, accomplish it to your glory; 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

John 14:15-21

¹⁵ “If you love me, keep my commands. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— ¹⁷ the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. ¹⁸ I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹ Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. ²¹ Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them.”

God's Word

1 Peter 3:13-22

¹³ Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good? ¹⁴ But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. “Do not fear their threats; do not be frightened.” ¹⁵ But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, ¹⁶ keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander. ¹⁷ For it is better, if it is God's will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil. ¹⁸ For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit. ¹⁹ After being made alive, he went and made proclamation to the imprisoned spirits— ²⁰ to those who were disobedient long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water, ²¹ and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also—not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a clear conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²² who has gone into heaven and is at God's right hand—with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him.

Children’s Message

Song

“By Faith”

On screens, st. 1-5

Message from God’s Word

Acts 17:22-31

²² Paul then stood up in the meeting of the Areopagus and said: “People of Athens! I see that in every way you are very religious. ²³ For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: TO AN UNKNOWN GOD. So you are ignorant of the very thing you worship—and this is what I am going to proclaim to you.

²⁴ “The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by human hands. ²⁵ And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything. Rather, he himself gives everyone life and breath and everything else. ²⁶ From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands. ²⁷ God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us. ²⁸ ‘For in him we live and move and have our being.’ As some of your own poets have said, ‘We are his offspring.’

²⁹ “Therefore since we are God’s offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone—an image made by human design and skill. ³⁰ In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent. ³¹ For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to everyone by raising him from the dead.”

A God Who Can Be Known

Statement of Faith

“I Believe in God the Father”

On screens, st. 1-3

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

Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. 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

“My Heart Is Filled with Thankfulness”

On screens, st. 1-3

Silent Prayer

My Lord and my God, I thank you for making yourself known to me in my life. You revealed yourself through your powerful Word. My life would never be the same without you. Lead me to know you better so that, in you, I may know myself better, too. Amen.

Cross of Christ Weekly Newsletter

May 14, 2023

May 14-21	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
Monday	10:00am – Women’s Bible Study 6:00pm – Council Meeting	
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	6:30pm – Confirmation Showcase	10:00am – Mommy & Me (Orah Brandt Park)
Saturday		3:00pm – Marriage Workshop
Sunday	8:30am – Worship w/Communion 9:45am – Confirmation Reception Teen Class (Conf Rm) Kids’ Sunday School (Gym & Classrooms) 11:00am – Worship w/Communion	9:30am – Worship w/Communion 10:45am – Confirmation Reception / Family Bible Study & Kids’ Sunday School

THIS WEEK

Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study (9:45-10:45am)

- **Today, May 14:** Job, part 3 of a deep look at Job and the problem of suffering. Study booklet is available in the lobby (in a basket on the cart by the mailboxes).
- May 21: fellowship time & reception for youth confirmands
- May 28: Job part 4 (final)

Confirmation Showcase: this Friday

May 19, 6:30 pm, Boise Campus gym, with light refreshments.

Plan to come and hear what our youth confirmands have to say on biblical & spiritual topics! The Showcase is their opportunity to show what they believe and have learned over the last few years, and YOUR opportunity to show support and encouragement for them as new members of our congregation.

Marriage Workshop: this Saturday, May 20, 3-6pm

Nampa Campus

Register: cocidaho.org/connect/marriage-workshops

For all who are married or thinking of getting married, plan to attend the marriage workshop this Saturday! (No cost.) All are welcome; invite friends to join you!

Every marriage requires ongoing investment and attention to things like communication, dealing with conflict, and growing closer through difficult seasons. We'll acknowledge that marriage can be difficult and work on practical ways to grow and enjoy the blessings God gives husbands and wives.

Pastor Steinbrenner – Call Received

Pastor Steinbrenner has been 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.

THIS MONTH

Long-Range Plan Q&A in Nampa: May 22

Monday, May 22, 6:30 pm at the Nampa Campus

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. *Pastor Hein will lead this “questions and answers” session so that you can voice your thoughts, ask questions, and discuss the plan together to God’s glory!* Please RSVP at tinyurl.com/COCLONGRANGE.

Red Cross Blood Drive at Boise: May 30

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! To make an appointment, go to redcrossblood.org and under “Find a Blood Drive” enter COCLUTHERAN. Walk-ins are welcome, too!

SUMMER STUFF!

Summer Reading Plan

Would you like to spend more time reading the Bible, but you don’t know where to start? Or do you have trouble keeping the habit up after you begin? Join our summer Bible reading plan starting on June 1 as we spend 90 days walking with Jesus through the Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John). Next week we’ll have instructions in the Friday email for how to join an online reading group through the YouVersion Bible App. We’ll also make available a printed version of the reading schedule if you’d prefer. We know God will bless it no matter how you participate!

Summer Kick-Off: June 1

Invite friends to welcome summer with you! Thursday, June 1, on the Boise campus, 5:00-7:00(ish) pm. Mainly outdoors on the back field.

- Outdoor Music
- Food Truck
- Bounce house & yard games

Come eat good food, enjoy the outdoors, and hang out with awesome people as we celebrate the start of summer. Bring lawn chairs or blankets for lawn seating.

All-Congregation Open Forum: June 4

Sunday, June 4, 1:00 pm on the Boise campus (virtual access will be made available to members). All members are encouraged to attend, ask questions, and offer input as we give thanks for the ministry opportunities God has given us and what we hope to see in the future. Voting members of the congregation are particularly encouraged to attend to participate in the official business decisions needed. Childcare available for ages 2 & up.

Vacation Bible School: July 10-13, 9am-12pm @ Boise

For kids age 3 through entering 6th grade, registration coming soon! Adults & teens 7th grade & older, let Pastor Snyder know if you'd like to volunteer (brad.snyder@cocidaho.org).

Camp Christos: July 30-Aug 4

For kids age 9 through 16 (entering 4th thru 10th grade), at Camp Elkanah, near La Grande, OR. **Registration is open** at tinyurl.com/campchristos! Adults & teens age 17-19 are invited to volunteer (staff registration at same link). Contact Deb Arstein with questions (deb.arstein@cocidaho.org).

People in God's Word this past week	Boise	Nampa	Total
Sunday Morning Adult/Teen Bible Study	28/7	51	86
Kids' Sunday School/Confirmation	24/7	n/a	31
Last Weekend's Worship	85+93	82	260
Livestream Views	7		
Men's/Women's Bible Study	3/10	n/a	10
Cross Connections	8	n/a	8
CrossTrainers	12		
Growth Groups (previous week)	5+5+8+8+7+9+10+4		

General Fund Offerings Planned FY 22-23	\$781,660
General Fund Offerings Planned FYTD	\$676,437
General Fund Offerings FYTD	\$664,856
Total Offerings Last Weekend (All Funds)	\$19,692

Serving	May 14		May 21	
	Nampa	Boise	Nampa	Boise
Music	K. Koepsell	A. Lange, L. Rule	R. Dodd, K. Wetzel	K. Koepsell, E. Hein, E. Berrier, E. Bollinger, A. Manglos
AV Tech	G. Light, S. Tews	C. Klink, C. Kennedy, J. Meier	TBA	E. Christianson, M. Hartman, J. Meier
Altar Care	n/a	D. McLain, C. Biggs	Guthmiller	D. McLain, C. Biggs
Ushers	n/a	J. Harris, TBA	Wudarcki	R. Seely, TBA
Open & Close	n/a	B. Masters, R. Lange	n/a	E. Christianson, M. Brown
Coffee	Guthmiller, Whitaker	C. Berrier, D. McLain	Hopkins, Whitaker	C. Berrier, D. McLain
Flowers	n/a	Thompson	n/a	available
Lawn Crew	n/a	E. Uhlenhoff	n/a	L. Dold, T. Russow
Kitchen Cleaning	n/a	R&H Burke	n/a	n/a
Bulletin Folders	n/a	Guthmiller, Ritger	n/a	Prigge, Tweedy, Foreman
Tellers	Rule, Hudson, Butterfield		Turley, Harris, Hudson	

**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.
