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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 by walking them in the lobby. Video & audio of the worship service are available in the lobby to assist families with their worship. A private parents' room is located in the alcove to your left as you exit the chapel.

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

“Beautiful Savior”

Hymn #369:1-4

Welcomed into the Family of God with “Lord, to You I Make Confession”

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

Congregation: Amen.

Vocalist: We have come into God’s presence,
Maker of the heav’ns and earth.
He created us to love him,
To serve him as his precious child.
We have disobeyed and erred,
Thus deserving wrath and anger.

Therefore, let us confess our sins to God and plead for his mercy.

**All: Lord to you I make confession:
I have sinned and gone astray;
I have multiplied transgression,
Chosen for myself my way.
Led by you to see my errors,
Lord, I tremble at your terrors.**

“These are the ones I look on with favor: those who are humble and contrite in spirit, and who tremble at my word,” declares the LORD. (Isaiah 66:2)

**Lord, on you I cast my burden—
Sink it in the depths below!
Let me know your gracious pardon;
Wash me, make me white as snow.
Let your Spirit leave me never;
Make me only yours forever.**

God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

**For your Son has suffered for me,
Giv'n himself to rescue me,
Died to save me and restore me,
Reconciled and set me free.
Jesus' cross alone can vanquish
These dark fears and soothe this anguish.**

God's Word

Acts 4:8-12

⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: "Rulers and elders of the people! ⁹If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a man who was lame and are being asked how he was healed, ¹⁰then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed. ¹¹Jesus is

"the stone you builders rejected,
which has become the cornerstone."

¹²Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved."

God's Word

1 Peter 2:4-10

⁴As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him— ⁵you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶For in Scripture it says:

"See, I lay a stone in Zion,
a chosen and precious cornerstone,
and the one who trusts in him
will never be put to shame."

⁷Now to you who believe, this stone is precious. But to those who do not believe,

"The stone the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone,"

⁸and,

“A stone that causes people to stumble
and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the message—which is also what they were destined for.

⁹ But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. ¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Children’s Message

Message from God’s Word

John 14:1-11

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me.

² My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. ⁴ You know the way to the place where I am going.”

⁵ Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?”

⁶ Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.”

⁸ Philip said, “Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us.”

⁹ Jesus answered: “Don’t you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰ Don’t you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. ¹¹ Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves.”

Know the Way

Song

“Do Not Let Your Hearts Be Troubled”

On screens, st. 1-3

Prayer & 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

The Scriptures teach that the celebration of the Lord’s Supper connects us intimately with Christ and with one another as Christians, united around a common confession of faith. Therefore, we ask only those who have made that public confession of faith by being a member of our congregation or another WELS or ELS congregation come forward to receive Communion. Guests, please ask one of our pastors if you have questions. We are eager to listen and visit with you about the blessings of this Supper and of that unity at a convenient time.

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.

Distribution Song

“Take and Eat”

On screens, st. 1-4

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

“In Christ Alone”

On screens, st. 1-3

Silent Prayer

O God, make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that among the many changes of this world, our hearts may ever yearn for the lasting joys of heaven. 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

May 7, 2023

May 7-14	Boise (11655 W. McMillan Road)	Nampa (6134 Birch Lane)
Sunday	8:30am - Worship w/Communion 9:45am - Ministry Discussion (Chapel) Teen Class (Conf Rm) Confirmation Class (Rm 5) Kids' Sunday School (Gym & Classrooms) 11:00am - Worship w/Communion 12:00pm - Ladies' Plant Swap	9:30am - Worship w/Communion 10:45am - Monthly Ministry Planning Meeting 4:00pm - Confirmation Class 5:00pm - CrossTrainers (offsite)
Monday	10:00am - Women's Bible Study	
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		
Saturday	9:30am - Long-Range Planning Q&A	
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

THIS WEEK

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.

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

- **Today, May 7: Monthly Ministry Discussion – all encouraged to participate!**
Let's discuss together the ministry work we've done recently, new plans for the summer, and what God says about being the church we want to be.
- 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)

Sisters in Christ Plant Swap

Today, 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 just come get a new one! Direct questions to Mandy Watkins (amanda.watkins99@yahoo.com). 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.

Nampa Youth Group

Today, Sunday, May 7, 5:00-8:00 pm, the Parsons family will graciously host a CrossTrainers gathering at their home (10473 Baker Lake St, Nampa). All 7th-12th graders are welcome, bring a friend, hope to see you there!

Long-Range Plan Q&A

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

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 a "questions and answers" session at both campuses this month so that you can voice your thoughts, ask questions, and discuss the plan together to God's glory!* Please RSVP on the lobby bulletin board or at tinyurl.com/COCLONGRANGE.

Community Awareness Night

We thank the representatives from Stanton Healthcare for coming this past Monday to raise awareness for their work in our community. We also thank all those who attended their presentation. If you weren't able to come and yet are interested in learning more about how they offer life-affirming solutions and resources to women experiencing an unexpected pregnancy, please contact Pastor Hein for more info about what they do and how to support them. We look forward to hearing from more local community partners in the future!

THIS MONTH

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!

Marriage Workshop in Nampa: Saturday, May 20, 3-6pm

Register: cocidaho.org/connect/marriage-workshops

For all who are married or thinking of getting married, mark your calendars for a second opportunity to attend our marriage workshop in May! (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.

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! 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, 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 and/or picnic blanket for lawn seating, and be sure to invite your local friends and family. It'll be a great time!

All-Congregation Open Forum

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.

Vacation Bible School: Mon-Thurs 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, near La Grande, OR. **Registration is open** at tinyurl.com/campchristos! For kids age 9 through 16 (entering 4th thru 10th grade); 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	68	29	97
Kids' Sunday School/Confirmation	26/11	12/5	54
Last Weekend's Worship	75+155	74	304
Livestream Views	10		
Men's/Women's Bible Study	6/19	n/a	25
Cross Connections	6	2	8
CrossTrainers	11		
Growth Groups (previous week)	5+8+8+6+8+4		

General Fund Offerings Planned FY 22-23	\$781,660
General Fund Offerings Planned FYTD	\$661,405
General Fund Offerings FYTD	\$645,634
Total Offerings Last Weekend (All Funds)	\$9,110

Serving	May 7		May 14	
	Nampa	Boise	Nampa	Boise
Music	R. Dodd, B. Evans, C. Trull	K. Koepsell, S. DeWall	K. Koepsell	A. Lange, L. Rule
AV Tech	S. Tews, J. Malnes	G. Light, D. Hibbs	TBA	C. Klink, C. Kennedy, J. Meier
Altar Care	K. Guthmiller, A. Fuentes	D. McLain, C. Biggs	n/a	D. McLain, C. Biggs
Ushers	I. Garza	J. Breckon, B. Turley	n/a	J. Harris, TBA
Open & Close	n/a	KC Broyles, L. Manglos	n/a	B. Masters, R. Lange
Coffee	Guthmiller	C. Berrier, D. McLain	Guthmiller	C. Berrier, D. McLain
Flowers	n/a	Loring	n/a	Thompson
Lawn Crew	n/a	R. Lange	n/a	E. Uhlenhoff
Kitchen Cleaning	n/a	n/a	n/a	R&H Burke
Bulletin Folders	n/a	Ritger, Ford, Ashley	n/a	Guthmiller, Ritger
Tellers	Harris, Turley, Walden		Rule, Hudson, Butterfield	