

A
Better
Way to Live

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

A Better Way to Live: The Second Commandment

Opening Song

“Surely It Is God Who Saves Me”

On screens, st. 1-3

Welcomed into the Family of God

Pastor: The Bible tells us: “The name of the Lord is a fortified tower; the righteous run to it and are safe” (Proverbs 18:10). We come before our God today calling on his name—his strong, saving name. The name he placed upon us when we were baptized into his family:

Congregation: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit!

The Bible’s message is intended to make us the humblest people on earth. It was nothing in us that made us worthy of God’s love. Each of us falls so far short of the glory of God. As we confess our sins together, we come equally in need of a Savior. And we equally stand in awe of God’s grace for all of us.

Holy and gracious Lord, I confess my many faults. Throughout my life, I have sinned against you and against others in my thoughts, words, and actions. There’s no excuse, and I am sorry. Thank you for rescuing me in your strength. Thank you for sending Jesus to be my Savior. I trust in him for forgiveness.

Jesus’ name means Savior, and that’s exactly who he is. By his perfect life in your place, death on the cross, and resurrection, he has removed your sin and guilt forever. By believing in Jesus, God calls you his holy child. God give you his power to live as his child!

Amen!

Prayer

Almighty God and Lord, your very name is our strength and blessing. Lead us to always speak and use your name for good, that your mercy and power may be with us as we call on you; 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

Luke 11:1-13

¹ One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples."

² He said to them, "When you pray, say:

“ ‘Father,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come.

³ Give us each day our daily bread.

⁴ Forgive us our sins,
for we also forgive everyone who sins against us.
And lead us not into temptation.’ ”

⁵ Then Jesus said to them, "Suppose you have a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; ⁶ a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I have no food to offer him.' ⁷ And suppose the one inside answers, 'Don't bother me. The door is already locked, and my children and I are in bed. I can't get up and give you anything.' ⁸ I tell you, even though he will not get up and give you the bread because of friendship, yet because of your shameless audacity he will surely get up and give you as much as you need.

⁹ "So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. ¹⁰ For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

¹¹ “Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? ¹² Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? ¹³ If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

God’s Word

James 3:9-12

⁹ With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse human beings, who have been made in God’s likeness. ¹⁰ Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this should not be. ¹¹ Can both fresh water and salt water flow from the same spring? ¹² My brothers and sisters, can a fig tree bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Neither can a salt spring produce fresh water.

Children’s Message

Song

“All Praise to Him”

On screens, st. 1-3

Message from God’s Word

Exodus 20:7

⁷ “You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.”

Using God’s Name Well

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.

New Member Welcome

Wanda Schewe

11:00 am service

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

"This Broken Bread"

On screens, st. 1-3

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

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

On screens, st. 1-3

Silent Prayer

Thank you, Lord, for this time in your house. Let your Spirit fill my heart by your Word and sacrament, that I may take up and call on your strong name for good. Guide me in your ways, for your will is always best. Amen.

Cross of Christ Weekly Newsletter

June 18, 2023

Jun 18-25	Boise (11655 W. McMillan Road)	Nampa (6134 Birch Lane)
Sunday	8:30am - Worship w/Communion 9:45am - Adult/Teen Bible Study (Chapel) Kids' Sunday School (Gym & Classrooms) 11:00am - Worship w/Communion	9:30am - Worship w/Communion 10:45am - Family Bible Study (all ages)
Mon-Wed		
Thursday		11:00am - Pizza w/ students at Breaking Chains
Fri-Sat		
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THIS WEEK

Pastor Steinbrenner – Call Returned

Pastor Steinbrenner has returned his call to Peace Lutheran Church in Trinity, FL, and will continue to serve both Cross of Christ and our Pacific Northwest District. We thank God for him and Carrie and their ministry with us, and ask God's continued blessings for them!

Sunday Morning Bible Study

9:45-10:45 am, in the chapel. All adults and teens are welcome as we continue this study on prayer, particularly focusing on the Lord's Prayer.

Summer Worship Series: “A Better Way to Live”

Our worship series on the 10 Commandments is underway! These top ten rules of the Old Testament are a summary and springboard to focus on God's will for our lives still today. God knows how life works best. “A Better Way to Live” will explore the wisdom of God's design for our lives to give us freedom, laying out a path of real purpose that leads to real connection with God and others.

We're Hiring!

For further information about these positions, applying, and scheduling an interview with members of the church Council, contact the individuals listed below.

- Part-time admin assistant for the Boise campus: 20 hours/week, Mon-Fri afternoons. Contact: Kristen Koepsell (kristen.koepsell@cocidaho.org / 208-922-8422). **Please submit inquiries by Friday, June 23; interviews will begin the week of June 25.**
- Part-time preschool aide/support teacher on the Boise campus. Contact: Pastor Snyder (brad.snyder@cocidaho.org / 208-996-0862).
- Part-time custodian, Boise campus, 8-12 hours/week. Contact: Stefanie DeWall (admin@cocidaho.org). **Submit inquiries by this Monday, June 19.**

Summer Bible Reading Plan

Starting any time is a good idea! To get in on this 90-day reading schedule that walks with Jesus through the Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John), see your most recent Friday news email to join the group plan in the YouVersion Bible app, contact admin@cocidaho.org, or pick up a printed schedule from the lobby tables.

Meditations Devotional

The Jun-Aug Meditations is available for you on the lobby tables. This daily devotional provides food for your faith and encouragement for life. Feel free to take one for yourself and one for a friend!

UPCOMING

“Backyard” Independence Day BBQ July 2

Cross of Christ invites you to an Independence Day Barbeque, Sunday July 2, 4-6ish pm on the Boise campus. Enjoy pulled pork sandwiches with all the trimmings while celebrating the blessings of independence with your church family. Bring a side to share, a cold beverage, or just come! Signup is not required but is helpful for planning: tinyurl.com/COCBACKYARDBBQ or on the lobby bulletin board. Friends very welcome! Contact Mandy Watkins (amanda.watkins99@yahoo.com) with any questions.

Camp Christos: July 30-Aug 4

Registration deadline June 30!

- At Camp Elkanah, near La Grande, OR.
- For kids age 9 through 16 (entering 4th thru 10th grade).
- Adults & teens age 17-19 are invited to volunteer.
- **Register campers and volunteer staff** at [tinyurl.com/campchristos!](https://tinyurl.com/campchristos)

Registration questions: Deb Arstein (deb.arstein@cocidaho.org). Volunteering & general camp questions: Pastor Snyder (brad.snyder@cocidaho.org).

Vacation Bible School: July 10-13

Registration: tinyurl.com/2023COCVBS

For kids age 3 – entering 6th grade. Vacation Bible School provides our kids with a fun and exciting opportunity for spiritual growth during the summer. Kids will have a **STELLAR** experience of seeing & shining Jesus’ light! Get registered and invite your friends who don’t know Jesus!



VBS = Volunteers Being (Super) Servants!

VBS is July 10-13, 9am-12pm on the Boise campus. Here are some ways you could support this ministry and help kids connect to Jesus:

Go grocery shopping! Pick a food item to donate at tinyurl.com/CoCvbssnacks23.

Volunteer! Sign up for any of the options listed below (or find a little more info) at tinyurl.com/CoCVBSVols2023. Talk to Kristen Koepsell with ANY questions about volunteering (kristen.koepsell@cocidaho.org).

- check-in (Monday only)
- helper for a group of kids or an activity station: games, Bible lesson, or science-y demonstrations!
- childcare (for volunteers' kids younger than 3)
- set-up/decorating (Sun July 9, 12-3ish)
- take-down/clean-up (Thurs July 13, 11-1)

General Fund Offerings Planned FY 22-23	\$781,660
General Fund Offerings Planned FYTD	\$751,596
General Fund Offerings FYTD	\$722,733
Total Offerings Last Weekend (All Funds)	\$13,604

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.

People in God's Word this past week	Boise	Nampa	Total
Sunday Morning Adult/Teen Bible Study	37	46	83
Kids' Sunday School	22	n/a	22
Last Weekend's Worship	82+79	100	261
Livestream Views	1		
Cross Connections	n/a	3	3

Serving	June 18		June 25	
	Nampa	Boise	Nampa	Boise
Music	R. Dodd	K. Koepsell, T. Russow	A. Lange, K. Wetzel	J. Hein, C. Masters
AV Tech	S. Tews	C. Klink, C. Kennedy, J. Meier	J. Parsons, TBA	G. Light, M. Hartman, D. Hibbs
Altar Care	Guthmiller	K. Struthers	n/a	K. Struthers
Ushers	D. Malnes, I. Garza	J. Harris, B. Turley	n/a	B. Turley, R. Seely
Open & Close	n/a	B. Masters, M. Brown	n/a	E. Christianson, H. Geary
Coffee	Guthmiller	Ritger, Struthers	Guthmiller	Ritger, Struthers
Flowers	n/a	Arstein	n/a	Hudson
Lawn Crew	n/a	R. Ochoa, J&M Grant	n/a	J. Trentz, J. Malnes
Cleaning	Wetzel	n/a	Strickler, Wetzel	n/a
Bulletin Folders	n/a	Prigge, Tweedy	n/a	Kimmel, Whitlach
Tellers	Turley, Harris, Butterfield		Turley, Hudson, Butterfield	