

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 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.

A Better Way to Live: The Third Commandment

Opening Song

“Speak, O Savior, I Am Listening”

Hymn #283:1-3

Opening Responses

with “Confession”

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

Congregation: Amen.

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. *(1 John 1:8-10)*

♪ **I confess to you, O Lord, that I have sinned.**

I confess to you, O Lord, all my sin within.

I have failed to live for you in the things I say and do,

And have fallen short of living in your love.

Lord, have mercy on me.

Lord, have mercy, set me free.

Oh, forgive me, Lord, I pray and take my sin away,

By the cross and empty grave for my soul.

I confess to you, O Lord, that I have sinned.

I confess to you, O Lord, all my sin within.

I have placed myself above, and have hurt the ones I love,

And I know that only you can set me free.

Lord, have mercy on me.

Lord, have mercy, set me free.

Oh, forgive me, Lord, I pray and take my sin away,

By the cross and empty grave for my soul.

Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others. I deserved your punishment forever. But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death. Trusting in him, I pray:

♩ **Lord, have mercy on me.**

Lord, have mercy, set me free.

Oh, forgive me, Lord, I pray and take my sin away,

By the cross and empty grave for my soul.

Jesus Christ, our true God, gave his life as the sacrifice for the sins of the whole world, and you are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

♩ **Lord, your mercy covers me.**

Lord, your mercy has set me free.

You've forgiven me today, and my sins are washed away

By the cross and empty grave for my soul.

God's Word

Exodus 20:8-11

⁸ "Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. ⁹ Six days you shall labor and do all your work, ¹⁰ but the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your male or female servant, nor your animals, nor any foreigner residing in your towns. ¹¹ For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy."

God's Word

Hebrews 4:9-11

⁹ There remains, then, a Sabbath-rest for the people of God; ¹⁰ for anyone who enters God's rest also rests from their works, just as God did from his. ¹¹ Let us, therefore, make every effort to enter that rest, so that no one will perish by following their example of disobedience.

Children’s Message

Song

“By Grace I’m Saved”

Hymn #384:1-3

Message from God’s Word

Luke 10:38-42

³⁸ As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. ³⁹ She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord’s feet listening to what he said. ⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, “Lord, don’t you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!”

⁴¹ “Martha, Martha,” the Lord answered, “you are worried and upset about many things, ⁴² but few things are needed—or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her.”

A Better Way to Live: Rest

Song

“My Soul Find Rest in God Alone”

On screens, stanzas 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.

Installation of Newly Elected Council Members 8:30 am

Ray Dodd
Gene Whitlach
Cameron Sullivan (at our Nampa campus)

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

**“Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name
We Raise”**

Hymn #321:1, 4

Silent Prayer

O God, you know how weary we can become. Lead us to find rest for our bodies and minds, and give us the respite for our souls we can only find in you. Because you have already done everything that really needs to be done, keep us aware of your daily mercies that we may live secure and content in your eternal love. 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

June 25, 2023

Jun 25-Jul 2	Boise (11655 W. McMillan Road)	Nampa (6134 Birch Lane)
Sunday	8:30am – Worship 9:45am – Adult/Teen Bible Study (Chapel) Kids’ Sunday School (Gym & Classrooms) 11:00am – Worship w/Communion	9:30am – Worship 10:45am – Family Bible Study (all ages)
Monday	6:00pm – Council Meeting	
Wednesday	5:00pm – Teens’ Pool Party (offsite)	
Sunday	8:30am – Worship w/Communion 9:45am – Adult/Teen Bible Study (Chapel) Kids’ Sunday School (Gym & Classrooms) 11:00am – Worship w/Communion 4:00pm – “Backyard” BBQ	9:30am – Worship w/Communion 10:45am – Monthly Ministry Planning Meeting

THIS WEEK

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). **Final inquiries must be submitted today, June 25; interviews will begin this week.**
- Part-time preschool aide/support teacher on the Boise campus. Contact: Pastor Snyder (brad.snyder@cocidaho.org / 208-996-0862).

Teens' Pool Party THIS WEDNESDAY

Cross of Christ teens' pool party this Wednesday, June 28, 5:00 pm at the Browns' (4903 N Craig James Ln, Eagle, 83616). We'll grill burgers & hot dogs. If you can/would like to bring something to share: last names beginning with A-J can bring chips, last names K-Z can bring a 2-liter bottle of soda. Contact Casi Berrier (208-789-0455) for help finding a ride!

Vacation Bible School: July 10-13

→ **Register by Friday, June 30: 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 signed up and invite your friends who don't know Jesus!



Camp Christos: July 30-Aug 4

→ **Registration deadline Friday, 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).

UPCOMING

“Backyard” Independence Day BBQ July 2

Cross of Christ invites you to an Independence Day Barbeque, next 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.

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.

Talk to Kristen Koepsell (kristen.koepsell@cocidaho.org) with questions about any of these.

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

→ Donate or loan:

- Empty flip-top water bottles (plastic disposable)
- Empty boxes (small to medium)
- Rustic-looking blanket (like Bible times) (loan, will be sat on indoors)
- Flashlights (with working batteries) (loan)
- Stuffed animal sheep, donkey (loan)

→ Volunteer! Sign up for any of the options listed below (or find a little more info) at tinyurl.com/CoCVBSVols2023.

- check-in (Monday only)
- helper for a group of kids or an activity station (Bible lesson or science-y demonstrations!)
- make decorations ahead of time (cutting, taping, painting)
- set-up/decorating (Sun July 9, 12-3ish)
- take-down/clean-up (Thurs July 13, 11-1)

Ministry Planning & Discussion July 9

On Sunday, July 9, we'll use the adult/teen Bible class hour (9:45am-10:45am) for our monthly discussion of ministry opportunities, plans, and guiding principles at the Boise campus. All are encouraged to participate in these conversations with questions, input, and ideas!

<i>General Fund Offerings Planned FY 22-23</i>	\$781,660
General Fund Offerings Planned FYTD	\$766,628
General Fund Offerings FYTD	\$733,332
Total Offerings Last Weekend (All Funds)	\$11,010

People in God's Word this past week	Boise	Nampa	Total
Sunday Morning Adult/Teen Bible Study	40	28	68
Kids' Sunday School	27	n/a	27
Last Weekend's Worship	95+71	59	225
Livestream Views	8		
Cross Connections	n/a	2	2

Serving	June 25		July 2	
	Nampa	Boise	Nampa	Boise
Music	A. Lange K. Wetzel	J. Hein, C. Masters	K. Koepsell	J. Hein, K. Christianson
AV Tech	J. Parsons, S. Tews	G. Light, M. Hartman, D. Hibbs	J. Parsons, TBA	G. Light, M. Hartman, J. Meier
Altar Care	n/a	K. Struthers	Guthmiller	T. Yaka, L. Russow
Ushers	n/a	B. Turley, R. Seely	D. Malnes, B. Whitaker	J. Harris, T. Stavenau
Open & Close	n/a	E. Christianson, H. Geary	n/a	J. Breckon, L. Manglos
Coffee	Guthmiller	Ritger, Struthers	Whitaker	B. Robbins, N. Herberger
Flowers	n/a	Hudson	n/a	Watkins
Lawn Crew	n/a	J. Trentz, J. Malnes	n/a	Team Geary
Cleaning	Strickler, Wetzel	J&J Trentz	Olsoe	n/a
Bulletin Folders	n/a	Kimmel, Whitlach	n/a	Ritger, Ford, Ashley
Tellers	Turley, Hudson, Butterfield		Turley, Hudson, Butterfield	