

A  
Better  
Way to Live

**CROSS OF CHRIST**

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# 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](http://cocidaho.org).



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LUTHERAN CHURCH

# A Better Way to Live: The Sixth Commandment

Opening Song

“Beautiful Savior”

*Hymn #369:1,2,4*

Opening Responses

with “Brokenness Aside”

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

*Please join to sing as you feel comfortable.*

**All: (♩) Will your grace run out, if I let you down?**

**‘Cause all I know is how to run.**

**‘Cause I am a sinner, if it’s not one thing it’s another,**

**Caught up in words, tangled in lies.**

**But you are a Savior and you take brokenness aside**

**And make it beautiful, beautiful.**

**Will you call me child when I tell you lies?**

**‘Cause all I know is how to cry.**

**‘Cause I am a sinner, if it’s not one thing it’s another,**

**Caught up in words, tangled in lies.**

**But you are a Savior and you take brokenness aside**

**And make it beautiful, beautiful.**

Pastor: Life is a struggle. We stumble and fall into temptation. We are broken in so many ways. But God gives grace instead of punishment. Through the life, death, and resurrection of Christ, God makes the broken beautiful. We are sinners caught up in lies, but God gives us beautiful Jesus, beautiful grace and beautiful existence eternally. Amen.

**All: (♩) ‘Cause I am a sinner, if it’s not one thing it’s another,  
Caught up in words, tangled in lies.  
But you are a Savior and you take brokenness aside  
And make it beautiful, beautiful. Repeat**

## God’s Word

Matthew 5:27-32

<sup>27</sup>“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ <sup>28</sup>But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart. <sup>29</sup>If your right eye causes you to stumble, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. <sup>30</sup>And if your right hand causes you to stumble, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to go into hell.

<sup>31</sup>“It has been said, ‘Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a certificate of divorce.’ <sup>32</sup>But I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, makes her the victim of adultery, and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery.”

## God’s Word

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

<sup>12</sup>“I have the right to do anything,” you say—but not everything is beneficial. “I have the right to do anything”—but I will not be mastered by anything. <sup>13</sup>You say, “Food for the stomach and the stomach for food, and God will destroy them both.” The body, however, is not meant for sexual immorality but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. <sup>14</sup>By his power God raised the Lord from the dead, and he will raise us also. <sup>15</sup>Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ himself? Shall I then take the members of Christ and unite them with a prostitute? Never! <sup>16</sup>Do you not know that he who unites himself with a prostitute is one with her in body? For it is said, “The two will become one flesh.” <sup>17</sup>But whoever is united with the Lord is one with him in spirit.

<sup>18</sup>Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a person commits are outside the body, but whoever sins sexually, sins against their own body. <sup>19</sup>Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; <sup>20</sup>you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies.

## Children's Message

Song

**“Brothers, Sisters, Let Us Gladly”**

*Hymn #484:1-3*

Message from God's Word

Exodus 20:14

<sup>14</sup>“You shall not commit adultery.”

**God's Gifts Are Good; Jesus Is the Best**

Statement of Faith

**“We Believe in God the Father”**

*On screens, stanzas 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 Songs      "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"**

*Hymn 411:1-3*

**"Washed by the Blood"**

*On screens, stanzas 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**

**“Day by Day”**

*On screens, stanzas 1-3*

## **Silent Prayer**

Lord God, you made man and woman, and you have blessed us all. Lead me to cherish what is good and avoid all evil, trusting that you desire and love me more than anyone else does. Amen.

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**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](http://cocidaho.org/give).*

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# Cross of Christ Weekly Newsletter

## July 16, 2023

<b>Jul 16-July 23</b>	<b>Boise</b> (11655 W. McMillan Road)	<b>Nampa</b> (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)
Monday	6:00pm – Council Meeting	
Tues-Sat		
Sunday	8:30am – Worship 9:45am – Adult/Teen Bible Study (Chapel) Kids’ Sunday School (Gym & Classrooms) 11:00am – Worship	9:30am – Worship 10:45am – Family Bible Study (all ages)

## THIS WEEK

### **Vacation Bible School Thank You!**

What a STELLAR week we had celebrating and having our faiths strengthened by Jesus, the LIGHT of the world! A huge THANK YOU to everyone who made this week possible: by donating, loaning, cleaning, creating, building, decorating, setting up & taking down, rearranging furniture, serving food, planning, printing, teaching, guiding, playing, taking photos, acting, leading, smiling, singing, laughing, praying, and LOVING all these kids with the love of Jesus. Each of you is a gift to God’s kingdom and to Cross of Christ.

## **Summer Worship Series: “A Better Way to Live”**

Our worship series on the 10 Commandments continues! 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.

## **UPCOMING**

### **Eagle Island Beach Party!!**

6th-12th graders are invited to a fun beach day at Eagle Island on Thursday, July 20th. From 10am-4pm, we will have fun in the sun and enjoy grilling hot dogs for lunch. Contact Mandy Watkins ([amanda.watkins99@yahoo.com](mailto:amanda.watkins99@yahoo.com)) for more info.

### **How to Support Camp Christos!**

#### *Volunteer Staff:*

Adults & teens age 17-19 are invited to volunteer as staff for Camp Christos, July 30-August 4 near La Grande, OR. **We’re particularly looking for one additional male cabin counselor, and an individual to serve as camp nurse.** You can register as staff at [tinyurl.com/campchristos](http://tinyurl.com/campchristos), or get in touch with Pastor Snyder ([brad.snyder@cocidaho.org](mailto:brad.snyder@cocidaho.org)).

#### *Food Donations:*

Find the list of needed items at [bit.ly/christos2023](http://bit.ly/christos2023) or on the bulletin board in the lobby. Contact Kristin Caudill ([kdhaight@gmail.com](mailto:kdhaight@gmail.com)) with questions. Please deliver donations to the church kitchen by Saturday, July 29, so we can pack everything up. Thank you for your support!

## **National Night Out with Cross of Christ**

Save the date: Tuesday, August 1. So much cool stuff in the works! Make plans to come on out for this community event and to invite everyone you know to come along with you.

- 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm at Orah Brandt Park in Nampa
- 5:30-7:30 pm on the Boise campus

Sounds like something you'd like to help out with? (Planning, set-up, acquiring supplies, hosting the church "booth," supervising kid activities, greeting guests, take-down & clean-up, etc.) Talk to Chloe Whitaker for the Nampa event ([nampa.admin@cocidahoh.org](mailto:nampa.admin@cocidahoh.org)) and Pastor Hein for the Boise event ([greg.hein@cocidahoh.org](mailto:greg.hein@cocidahoh.org)).

## **Loving our Neighbors at McMillan Elementary**

You can make a difference for our Boise neighbors who are struggling. Our nearby neighborhood school, McMillan Elementary, serves many low-income families who live right around us. They reached out to us with a list of needs many families have, so we'd love to meet those needs as this quarter's Boise campus community partner. We are looking for:

- *Items for hygiene kits:* full sized shampoo and conditioner, body wash or bar soap, full size deodorant, toothbrush, and full-size toothpaste
- *Household items:* full sized laundry detergent, all-purpose cleaner, hand soap, dish soap, toilet paper, paper towels, and small boxes of garbage bags

Place your gifts in the bin in the Boise lobby no later than Labor Day Weekend, Sunday, September 3. Cross of Christ teens will assemble these items into kits for the school to hand out. Please consider donating as a way to share God's love!

## **Sisters in Christ Ladies' Retreat 2023**

Friday-Sunday, October 13-15

**This year: Only \$100 to attend!** Join us for a peaceful and joyful opportunity for fellowship, relaxation (both physical and spiritual), and study of God's Word as we gather for our two-day ladies' retreat in beautiful Donnelly, ID. Registration and more details coming soon!



<b>People in God's Word this past week</b>	<b>Boise</b>	<b>Nampa</b>	<b>Total</b>
Sunday Morning Adult/Teen Bible Study	35	36	71
Kids' Sunday School	19	n/a	19
Last Weekend's Worship	89+92	93	274
Livestream Views	6		
Cross Connections	n/a	3	3

<i>General Fund Offerings Planned FY 23-24</i>	\$808,840
General Fund Offerings Planned FYTD	\$30,522
General Fund Offerings FYTD	\$27,397
Total Offerings Last Weekend (All Funds)	\$23,249

Serving	July 16		July 23	
	Nampa	Boise	Nampa	Boise
Music	R. Dodd	K. Koepsell, Lund Family	S. Wetzel, B. Parsons	K. Koepsell, Lund Family
AV Tech	S. Tews	A. Becker, B. Berrier, J. Meier, M. Hartman	TBA	C. Klink, C. Kennedy, G. Light
Altar Care	Guthmiller	T. Yaka, L. Russow	n/a	T. Yaka, L. Russow
Ushers	TBA	R. Hibbs, B. Turley, R. Seely	n/a	R. Hibbs
Open & Close	n/a	KC Broyles, M. Brown	n/a	B. Masters, H. Geary
Coffee	TBA	B. Robbins, N. Herberger	TBA	B. Robbins, N. Herberger
Flowers	n/a	available	n/a	available
Lawn Crew	n/a	Team Burke	n/a	B. Turley, B. Zimmerman
Cleaning	TBA	n/a	TBA	K. Inman
Bulletin Folders	n/a	Prigge, Tweedy	n/a	Kimmel, Ritger
Tellers	Turley, Davidson, Butterfield		Harris, Davidson, Rule	