

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 Fourth Commandment

Opening Song

“Show Us Christ”

On screens, stanzas 1-2

Welcomed into the Family of God

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

Congregation: Amen.

We have gathered to worship the King of kings and Lord of lords. Our God calls us to give honor and respect to those in authority here on earth. At the same time, we remember that no one is above God. He is our perfect Father, our Savior, and our Advocate. We come before him recognizing he alone is the almighty God. We confess how far we've fallen short of his ways. And we trust in his saving love for forgiveness and acceptance in his family.

God almighty, I acknowledge all my sins. Throughout my life, in what I have done and left undone, I have failed to live as your child. My sins deserved your just punishment forever. But you sent Jesus as my substitute. Thank you for still loving me! Thank you for forgiving me! Thank you for making me your child!

Our holy God is also overflowing with mercy and love. In love, he sent his Son to keep all his commands in our place and to face the punishment required to pay for our sins. Jesus' perfect life, death, and resurrection have set you free! All guilt is forever removed. The almighty God of the universe is delighted to call you his holy child! May he give you strength to live as his child.

Amen!

God's Word

Luke 2:41-51

⁴¹Every year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the Festival of the Passover.

⁴²When he was twelve years old, they went up to the festival, according to the custom. ⁴³After the festival was over, while his parents were returning home, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but they were unaware of it.

⁴⁴Thinking he was in their company, they traveled on for a day. Then they began looking for him among their relatives and friends. ⁴⁵When they did not find him, they went back to Jerusalem to look for him. ⁴⁶After three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷Everyone who heard him was amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸When his parents saw him, they were astonished. His mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously searching for you."

⁴⁹"Why were you searching for me?" he asked. "Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?" ⁵⁰But they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁵¹Then he went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. But his mother treasured all these things in her heart.

God's Word

Ephesians 6:1-8

¹Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. ²"Honor your father and mother"—which is the first commandment with a promise— ³"so that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth."

⁴Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.

⁵Slaves, obey your earthly masters with respect and fear, and with sincerity of heart, just as you would obey Christ. ⁶Obey them not only to win their favor when their eye is on you, but as slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from your heart. ⁷Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not people, ⁸because you know that the Lord will reward each one for whatever good they do, whether they are slave or free.

Children's Message

Song

"Ancient of Days"

On screens, stanzas 1-3

Message from God's Word

Exodus 20:12

¹²"Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you."

The Commandment with a Promise

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.

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

“We Give You Thanks”

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

“Forth in Your Name”

On screens, stanzas 1-3,5

Silent Prayer

Almighty God, you are our ultimate authority. We give thanks for the ways you provide for us through all the other authorities in our lives. Lead us to honor them as you honor us in your grace. Especially empower and strengthen our homes, parents and children, so that families may enjoy more and more of your blessings through the love and honor of each other. 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
July 2, 2023

THIS WEEK

Jul 2-Jul 9	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 4:00pm – “Backyard” BBQ	9:30am – Worship w/Communion 10:45am – Monthly Ministry Discussion
Mon-Sat		
Sunday	8:30am – Worship 9:45am – Ministry Discussion (Chapel) Kids’ Sunday School (Gym & Classrooms) 11:00am – Worship 12:15pm – VBS Set-up & Decorating	9:30am – Worship 10:45am – Family Bible Study (all ages)

“Backyard” Independence Day BBQ TODAY

Cross of Christ invites you to an Independence Day Barbeque today, 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 isn’t required but is still helpful for planning: tinyurl.com/COCBACKYARDBBQ or on the lobby bulletin board. Friends very welcome! Contact Mandy Watkins with any questions (amanda.watkins99@yahoo.com).

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.

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.

We’re Hiring!

Part-time preschool aide/support teacher on the Boise campus. For further info about this position, applying, and scheduling an interview with members of the church Council, contact Pastor Snyder (brad.snyder@cocidaho.org / 208-996-0862).

Remaining Vacation Bible School Needs

One week until VBS!! Could you support this ministry in any of these ways? Contact Kristen Koepsell (kristen.koepsell@cocidaho.org) with any questions.

→ Donate or loan (drop off at church office by July 9):

- Empty flip-top water bottles (plastic disposable) (need 70!)
- Empty boxes (small to medium)
- Rustic-looking blanket (like Bible times) (loan, will be sat on indoors)
- Flashlights (with working batteries) (loan) (need at least 6)
- 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) (1 needed)
- helper with a group of kids (2 needed)
- set-up/decorating (Sun July 9, 12-3ish)
- take-down/clean-up (Thurs July 13, 11-1)

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

UPCOMING

Ministry Planning & Discussion Next Sunday

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. We'd love for you to participate in these conversations with your questions, input, and ideas.

Camp Christos Volunteer Staff Needs

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 a couple more male cabin counselors.** You can register as staff at tinyurl.com/campchristos, or get in touch with Pastor Snyder (brad.snyder@cocidaho.org).

General Fund Offerings Planned FY 22-23	\$781,660
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General Fund Offerings FYTD	\$746,432
Total Offerings Last Weekend (All Funds)	\$13,224

People in God's Word this past week	Boise	Nampa	Total
Sunday Morning Adult/Teen Bible Study	43	45	88
Kids' Sunday School	21	n/a	21
Last Weekend's Worship	77+91	97	265
Livestream Views	6		
Cross Connections	n/a	3	3

Serving	July 2		July 9	
	Nampa	Boise	Nampa	Boise
Music	K. Koepsell	J. Hein, K. Christianson	L. Becker, B. Snyder	K. Koepsell
AV Tech	J. Parsons, TBA	G. Light, M. Hartman, J. Meier	TBA	A. Becker, E. Christianson
Altar Care	Guthmiller	T. Yaka, L. Russow	n/a	T. Yaka, L. Russow
Ushers	D. Malnes, B. Whitaker	J. Harris, T. Stavenau	n/a	B. Turley, R. Seely
Open & Close	n/a	J. Breckon, L. Manglos	n/a	M. Johnson, R. Lange
Coffee	Whitaker	B. Robbins, N. Herberger	Guthmiller	B. Robbins, N. Herberger
Flowers	n/a	Watkins	n/a	McLain
Lawn Crew	n/a	Team Geary	n/a	L. Dold, M. Boltz
Cleaning	Olsoe	n/a	Wetzel	D. McLain
Bulletin Folders	n/a	Ritger, Ford, Ashley	n/a	Bafus, Guthmiller
Tellers	Turley, Hudson, Harris		Rule, Walden, Turley	