

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 Eighth Commandment

Opening Responses with “Blessed Jesus, at Your Word”

Hymn #221

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

Congregation: Amen!

♪ **Blessed Jesus, at your Word**

We are gathered all to hear you.

Let our hearts and souls be stirred

Now to seek and love and fear you,

By your teachings, sweet and holy,

Drawn from earth to love you solely.

Family of God, we have come to hear about and declare again the wondrous things our God has done. Though we have wandered from his ways and sinned, he saved us and made us his children. As we confess our sins, we place our trust in Jesus, confident in all he’s done to rescue us.

♪ **All our knowledge, sense, and sight**

Lie in deepest darkness shrouded

Till your Spirit breaks our night

With the beams of truth unclouded.

You alone to God can win us;

You must work all good within us.

(spoken)

Holy and merciful Father in heaven, I acknowledge my brokenness. In countless ways, I have sinned against you and failed to live as your child. Often, in the ways I speak and talk about others, I show my selfishness, and I hurt others. Thank you for sparing me what my sins deserved. I trust in Jesus as I ask for your forgiveness.

♪ **Gracious Savior, good and kind,
Light from Light, from God proceeding,
Open now our heart and mind;
Help us by your Spirit's pleading.
Hear the cry your people raises;
Hear and bless our prayers and praises.**

Jesus lived a perfect life for you, died in your place, and came back to life. He has paid for all your sins and opened the door to heaven! Because of his unending grace, you are forgiven in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. God welcomes you home in his family and calls you his holy child. May God fill you with his love to live as his child.

Amen!

♪ **Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Praise to you and adoration!
Grant that we your Word may trust,
Confident of our salvation,
While we here below must wander,
Till we sing your praises yonder.**

God's Word

Mark 14:53-62

⁵³They took Jesus to the high priest, and all the chief priests, the elders and the teachers of the law came together. ⁵⁴Peter followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest. There he sat with the guards and warmed himself at the fire.

⁵⁵The chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were looking for evidence against Jesus so that they could put him to death, but they did not find any. ⁵⁶Many testified falsely against him, but their statements did not agree.

⁵⁷Then some stood up and gave this false testimony against him: ⁵⁸"We heard him say, 'I will destroy this temple made with human hands and in three days

will build another, not made with hands.’ ” ⁵⁹Yet even then their testimony did not agree.

⁶⁰Then the high priest stood up before them and asked Jesus, “Are you not going to answer? What is this testimony that these men are bringing against you?” ⁶¹But Jesus remained silent and gave no answer.

Again the high priest asked him, “Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?”

⁶²“I am,” said Jesus. “And you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven.”

God’s Word

Ephesians 4:20-32

²⁰That, however, is not the way of life you learned ²¹when you heard about Christ and were taught in him in accordance with the truth that is in Jesus. ²²You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; ²³to be made new in the attitude of your minds; ²⁴and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

²⁵Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbor, for we are all members of one body. ²⁶“In your anger do not sin”: Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, ²⁷and do not give the devil a foothold. ²⁸Anyone who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with their own hands, that they may have something to share with those in need.

²⁹Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. ³⁰And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. ³¹Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. ³²Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

Children's Message

Song

"Christ Be in My Waking"

On screens, stanzas 1-4

Message from God's Word

Exodus 20:16

¹⁶ "You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor."

The Power of Words

Statement of Faith **"Holy God, We Praise Your Name"**

Hymn #278: 1-4

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

The almighty and merciful Lord – the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit – bless us and keep us.

Amen.

Closing Song

“Forth in Your Name”

On screens, st. 1-4

Silent Prayer

O God, you treat me with dignity and speak well of me, despite my many flaws. Lead me, in love, to speak well of others, that my words may always uplift and encourage my neighbors. 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 30, 2023

Jul 30-Aug 6	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	9:30am – Worship 10:45am – Family Bible Study (all ages)
Sun-Fri	Camp Christos (La Grande, OR)	
Tuesday	5:30pm – National Night Out	5:00pm – National Night Out (Orah Brandt Park)
Sunday	8:30am – Worship w/Communion 9:45am – Ministry Discussion (Chapel) Kids’ Sunday School (Gym & Classrooms) 11:00am – Worship w/Communion	9:30am – Worship w/Communion 10:45am – Family Bible Study (all ages)

THIS WEEK

“Ask the Pastor” Bible Study Today

Today’s adult/teen Bible study, at 9:45am in the chapel, is based on the questions you submitted last week! Plan to attend this great exploration of faith and life.

National Night Out with Cross of Christ

This Tuesday, August 1 – make plans to come over for this community event and invite folks to come hang out with you!

➔ 5:30-7:30 pm here on the Boise campus: guests & vehicles from Boise Fire Dept. and Boise Police K9 Unit, bounce houses, face-painting, food truck, and more!

Could you help? Contact Pastor Hein today (greg.hein@cocidaho.org).

- Assist with set-up 4:30-5:30pm Aug 1
- Host the welcome table & talk to guests
- Assist with take-down 7:30-8:30ish Aug 1

➔ Also 5:00–8:00 pm at Oran Brandt Park in Nampa: trucks & emergency vehicles from Nampa Fire & Police, snow cones, games, and bounce houses!

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

Ministry Planning & Discussion August 6

Next Sunday, August 6, 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!

Upcoming Sunday Morning Bible Study

Starting August 13, we'll have a seven-week End Times Bible study for adults & teens. This study will provide a thorough examination of what Scripture teaches about the topic of eschatology, which means "the end times". The study covers the following topics:

- God's Word on the Future: Jesus Is Coming!
- The Unknown Day and Hour of Jesus' Return
- While We Wait for Jesus' Return
- The Events of Judgment Day
- The Judgment
- Millennialism and Dispensationalism
- The Present Life in Light of Jesus' Future Coming

Loving our Neighbors at McMillan Elementary

You can make a difference for our neighbors who are struggling. Our nearby school, McMillan Elementary, serves many low-income families who live right around us. The school 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. Thank you for showing God's love in this concrete way!

Sisters in Christ Ladies' Retreat: Oct 13-15, 2023

Registration is now open at cocidaho.org/retreat! Cost is \$100, for two nights' lodging, four meals, activities & materials. 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. Direct questions to Mandy Watkins (210-425-3270, amanda.watkins99@yahoo.com).



Youth Confirmation Class

Confirmation class is designed to help parents of our congregation educate their adolescent children in basic doctrinal truths and prepare them for God-pleasing reception of the Lord's Supper. Confirmation class begins Sunday, September 10 and will consist of weekly classes at both locations, homework lessons that allow for parental involvement and online quizzes when classes are missed, and some long-term assignments. *If you have a child 7th grade or older and would like to begin Confirmation class, contact Pastor Snyder to arrange a meeting at church or at your home to get started (208-996-0862, brad.snyder@cocboise.org).*

Cross of Christ Preschool: Fall Openings

Preschool still has openings for the upcoming school year, offering half and full day options! SHARE this info with friends & acquaintances, REGISTER online at cocidaho.org/preschool or get a packet from the office, or CONTACT Andrea Becker (registrar@cocboise.org) with questions.

Prayer Ministry

Prayer is a gift from God, and he invites us to come before him with all requests, including prayers for our brothers and sisters in Christ. Cross of Christ uses a prayer chain to share prayer requests with those committed to lifting up members at our church in prayer during times of difficulty as well as times of joy. If you would like to receive email updates on specific ways to pray for your church family, please contact Pastor Hein (greg.hein@cocidaho.org) with that request.

People in God's Word this past week	Boise	Nampa	Total
Sunday Morning Adult/Teen Bible Study	28	37	65
Kids' Sunday School	20	n/a	20
Last Weekend's Worship	62+78	73	213
Livestream Views	9		
Cross Connections	n/a	n/a	0

General Fund Offerings Planned FY 23-24	\$808,840
General Fund Offerings Planned FYTD	\$61,045
General Fund Offerings FYTD	\$46,057
Total Offerings Last Weekend (All Funds)	\$8,100

Serving	July 30		Aug 6	
	Nampa	Boise	Nampa	Boise
Music	K. Koepsell	A. Lange, A. Scott	L. Becker, C. Masters	A. Lange, M. Biondi, SS Students
AV Tech	J. Malnes	G. Light, M. Hartman	J. Malnes, J. Parsons	G. Light, D. Hibbs
Altar Care	n/a	T. Yaka, L. Russow	Guthmiller	D. McLain, C. Biggs
Ushers	n/a	R. Hibbs, Team Geary	Whitaker	B. Adams, TBA
Open & Close	n/a	E. Christianson, L. Manglos	n/a	TBA
Coffee	Guthmiller	B. Robbins, N. Herberger	Whitaker	C. Berrier, D. McLain
Flowers	n/a	available	n/a	available
Lawn Crew	n/a	N. Tessmer, T. Russow	n/a	P. Jossis, M. Hartman
Cleaning	Hopkins	n/a	Olsoe	D&L Rule
Bulletin Folders	n/a	Ritger, Ford, Ashley	n/a	Bafus, Guthmiller
Tellers	Turley, Butterfield, Hudson		TBA	