



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

Opening Song

“Ten Thousand Reasons”

On screens

Welcomed into the Family of God

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

Congregation: Amen.

God loves to care for his children and provide for us. He richly supplies all our needs. Therefore, it's okay to be needy when you come to God. It's good to hunger and thirst for what he gives. Together, let's come before God, confess our sins, and thank him for all he's done for us in Jesus.

God, you are good, holy, and right. But I have sinned against you. My sins separated me from you. Left to myself, I would have been powerless to change. Thank you for coming to me and meeting my needs in Jesus. Trusting in him, I ask you to receive me as your forgiven child.

Jesus is the bread of life who came from heaven. His perfect life was offered in place of ours. His suffering and death paid for our sins. His resurrection to life proves that we are forgiven. Whoever comes to him will never go hungry, and whoever believes in him will never be thirsty. Be at peace and let your soul be satisfied in him.

Amen!

God's Word

1 Kings 17:1-6

¹Now Elijah the Tishbite, from Tishbe in Gilead, said to Ahab, "As the LORD, the God of Israel, lives, whom I serve, there will be neither dew nor rain in the next few years except at my word."

²Then the word of the LORD came to Elijah: ³"Leave here, turn eastward and hide in the Kerith Ravine, east of the Jordan. ⁴You will drink from the brook, and I have directed the ravens to supply you with food there."

⁵So he did what the LORD had told him. He went to the Kerith Ravine, east of the Jordan, and stayed there. ⁶The ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning and bread and meat in the evening, and he drank from the brook.

God's Word

1 Timothy 4:4-5

⁴For everything God created is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving, ⁵because it is consecrated by the word of God and prayer.

Children's Message

Song

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

On screens, stanzas 1-3

Message from God's Word

Matthew 14:13-21

¹³When Jesus heard what had happened, he withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place. Hearing of this, the crowds followed him on foot from the towns.

¹⁴When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick.

¹⁵As evening approached, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a remote place, and it's already getting late. Send the crowds away, so they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food."

¹⁶Jesus replied, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat."

¹⁷"We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish," they answered.

¹⁸"Bring them here to me," he said. ¹⁹And he directed the people to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people. ²⁰They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over.

²¹The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Do You Focus on Problems or Promises?

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 "Afflicted Saint, to Christ Draw Near"

On screens, stanzas 1-4

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

“Let All Things Now Living”

Hymn #260:1-2

Silent Prayer

Almighty God, you are always ready to listen and to meet our every need. Focus our hearts on your gracious promises. In your mercy, continue to care for us, forgive us, and abundantly give us all good things. 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

August 20, 2023

Aug 20-27	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-Tues		
Wednesday	1:00pm – Graduation celebration w/ Breaking Chains Academy	
Thurs-Sat		
Sunday	8:30am – Worship 9:45am – Adult/Teen Bible Study (Chapel) Kids’ Sunday School (Gym & Classrooms) 11:00am – Worship 1:00pm – Congregational Open Forum	9:30am – Worship 10:45am – Family Bible Study (all ages)

THIS WEEK

Sunday Morning Bible Study

Today, we’ll continue our seven-week End Times Bible study, meeting in the chapel 9:45-10:45 am. 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 seven 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

Three weeks left to contribute! McMillan Elementary School, just down the road, 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 the following needs as this quarter's Boise campus community partner:*

- *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 the Sunday of Labor Day Weekend, 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!

UPCOMING

Congregational Open Forum: NEXT Sunday

August 27, 1:00 pm on the Boise campus (virtual access will be available to members). Everyone is encouraged to attend, ask questions, and offer input as we give thanks for the ministry opportunities God has already given us and what hope to see in the future. This ministry is your ministry – see you there! Voting members of the congregation are particularly encouraged to attend to participate in the official business decisions needed. (If onsite childcare would make it possible for you to attend, please let Stefanie know: admin@cocidaho.org.)

**Cross Connections - Thursdays at 6:30pm @ Boise
Beginning August 31st**

Cross Connections (our Bible Information Class) is the perfect course to connect to God, purpose, and community at the cross of Christ. In a simple, easy-to-follow format, we lay out the message of Jesus and the Bible to give you certainty about your relationship with God and answer life's biggest questions.

Cross Connections can serve as a great spiritual refresher to grow in your faith or as an introduction to Christianity and what we're all about at Cross of Christ, which presents an especially great opportunity for you to participate and to bring a friend! **Register at:** cocidaho.org/connect/cross-connections/.

Mommy & Me - September 1 @ 10:00 am

Mommy & Me is back with themed playdates for kids 5 and under and a caregiver. The first Friday of each month we have a themed session at our Nampa campus. The third Friday of each month we go on a field trip to a location in the Treasure Valley. This is a great way to meet other moms and for your child to socialize.



This month: hot air balloons (Sept. 1) and a trip to Zoo Boise (Sept. 15)!
More info and registration at cocidaho.org or use the QR code.
The Sept. 1 session is free!

New Bible Class Opportunity: Digging Deeper

Do you want to know God better? Do you want to see how he acts with his grace and power? Then it's time to dig deeper into the Bible where our Lord clearly proclaims all these things and more! This Fall we're starting a new Bible class opportunity called *Digging Deeper*. This will be a monthly class as we walk together through the entire Bible. Each meeting will require participants to complete bible readings and study guides ahead of time. Then, at the class, a pastor will lead the participants through a study of the big questions and applications from the reading.

Please contact Pastor Hein (480-433-3084, greg.hein@cocidaho.org) if you're interested in learning more about details and scheduling.

GriefShare Offered in Boise: Begins Sept 5

GriefShare is a support group for those who've lost a loved one to death, regardless of how long it's been since the loss. This 13-week program uses teaching videos, a workbook, and group discussion to help you move toward healing. *If this doesn't apply to you right now, it may apply to someone you know. Share the opportunity with them!*

Register online at cocidaho.org. More program info at griefshare.org.

- Tuesdays, 7:00pm at Cross of Christ's Boise campus
- Begins September 5 (participants may join at any time during the 13 weeks)
- \$20 registration fee provides your own GriefShare workbook.

CrossTrainers (high school students) - Wednesdays at 7:00 pm - beginning September 6

Week of September 10

How can you grow with God and others this Fall at Cross of Christ?

Start thinking about all the great opportunities you'll have!

- New worship series: Identity in Christ (the book of Ephesians)
- Teen class restarts (Sundays, 9:45 am, Boise)
- Confirmation class begins (more info below)
- Sunday school students move "up" a grade! (ages 2 - 6th grade)
- Growth Groups (see next announcement)

Youth Confirmation Class: Begins Sept 10

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. This class begins Sunday, Sept 10 and will consist of weekly classes at both campuses, homework that allows for parent involvement, 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).

Sunday School “New Year”

On Sunday, September 10, we’ll kick off the next Sunday school year by gathering in our “new” age-level groups (officially recognizing that we’re all a year older!) for more awesome Bible learning and faith building.

Boise campus	Nampa campus
Age 2 – 6th grade	Age 3 – 6th grade
9:45-10:45 am	10:45-11:45 am

Parents, if you expect your children to participate in Sunday school, at either campus, for this fall semester, please do register them here: tinyurl.com/CoCSUNDAYSCHOOLFall2023. This will help us enormously in planning & prepping for the year, particularly in making sure all classes are properly staffed!

If you have any questions about any aspect of Sunday school, start by contacting Pastor Snyder (brad.snyder@cocidaho.org, 208-996-0862).

Fall Growth Groups: Beginning the Week of September 10

These small group Bible studies meet at church or in members’ homes to connect with fellow Christians, study God’s Word, and help each other live it out. Register for a group at tinyurl.com/COCGGFall2023 or on the Boise bulletin board. This session will run September-October.

Cross of Christ Preschool: Fall Openings

The first day of Preschool is September 5 – only about a week and a half away! – but there are still some openings for the upcoming school year! At this time Monday-Thursday mornings are full, so morning and full-day options are no longer available; however, afternoon options are still available Monday-Friday, as well as full days on Fridays. 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.

Dodgeball at Cross of Christ Boise

Hit us with your best shot! Join your friends every 1st and 3rd Friday of every month at 5 pm in the Boise campus gym for some dodgeball fun and friendly competition – ages 14 and up. First game is September 1st. Contact Connor Mathis @ mathisconnor97@gmail.com to register. Bring more friends!

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

Registration & further info at cocidaho.org/retreat. Cost is \$100, for two nights’ lodging, four meals, activities & materials. Payment deadline is September 25. 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).

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<i>General Fund Offerings Planned FY 23-24</i>	\$808,840
General Fund Offerings Planned FYTD	\$106,828
General Fund Offerings FYTD	\$80,246
Total Offerings Last Weekend (All Funds)	\$12,714

People in God's Word this past week	Boise	Nampa	Total
Sunday Morning Adult/Teen Bible Study	50	43	93
Kids' Sunday School	23	n/a	23
Last Weekend's Worship	95+76	94	265
Livestream Views	6		
Cross Connections	n/a	n/a	n/a

Serving	Aug 20		Aug 27	
	Nampa	Boise	Nampa	Boise
Music	J. Lowry	K. Koepsell, T. Russow	K. Koepsell	L. Becker, K. Christianson
AV Tech	S. Tews, J. Parsons	C. Klink, J. Meier	J. Parsons,	G. Light, C. Kennedy, M. Hartman
Altar Care	Guthmiller	D. McLain, C. Biggs	n/a	D. McLain, C. Biggs
Ushers	D. Lobeck	Team Berrier, Team Geary	n/a	Team Berrier, Team Geary
Open & Close	n/a	TBA	n/a	TBA
Coffee	Guthmillers	C. Berrier, D. McLain	Guthmillers	C. Berrier, D. McLain
Flowers	n/a	Thompson	n/a	Gruenhagen
Lawn Crew	n/a	Team Burke	n/a	R. Ochoa, J. Malnes
Cleaning	TBA	Banner/Ehlke	TBA	n/a
Bulletin Folders	n/a	Kimmel, Whitlach	n/a	Ritger, Ford, Ashley
Tellers	Harris, Walden, Davidson		Rule, Christianson, Hudson	