

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 Ninth & Tenth Commandments

Sunday School Songs

“Jesus Loves Me”
“The Law of the Lord”

11:00 am

Opening Song

“By Faith”

On screens, stanzas 1-5

Welcomed into the Family of God

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

Congregation: Amen.

Our Lord in heaven loves us dearly and sees to our every need. We’ve come to worship him! In our weakness, though, we can often fail to trust him and wander from his ways. As we confess our sins together, we come as equals. Equally flawed and equally loved by God. Let’s place our trust in Jesus alone for our forgiveness.

Holy and gracious Father, I acknowledge all my sins. In what I have done and left undone, I have so often sinned against you and others. My times of greed and lack of trust show how much my heart needs your cleansing. Thank you for sending Jesus to be my Savior. Thank you for the cross and empty tomb where you took my sins away!

Let your heart be filled with the faithful, never-ending love of God! He has taken your sin away forever. By believing in Jesus, God calls you his holy child and still welcomes you home in his family. May God give you all the strength you need to live as his child!

Amen!

Prayer

Almighty God, you have promised that you will never leave or forsake your children. With you, we have everything. Give us contentment in life and gratitude for every good gift; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

God's Word

Luke 12:13-21

¹³Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me."

¹⁴Jesus replied, "Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?" ¹⁵Then he said to them, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions."

¹⁶And he told them this parable: "The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. ¹⁷He thought to himself, 'What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.'

¹⁸"Then he said, 'This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. ¹⁹And I'll say to myself, "You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry." '

²⁰"But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?'

²¹"This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God."

God's Word

1 Timothy 6:6-19

⁶But godliness with contentment is great gain. ⁷For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. ⁸But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. ⁹Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

¹¹But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness. ¹²Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³In the sight of God, who gives life to everything, and of Christ Jesus, who while testifying before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you ¹⁴to keep this command without spot or blame until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵which God will bring about in his own time—God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords, ¹⁶who alone is immortal and who lives in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or can see. To him be honor and might forever. Amen.

¹⁷Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. ¹⁹In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

Children's Message

Song

“My Worth Is Not in What I Own”

On screens, stanzas 1-5

Message from God's Word

Exodus 20:17

¹⁷"You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male or female servant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor."

Coveting & Contentment

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

**"Draw Near and Take
the Body of the Lord"**

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

“Forth in Your Name”

On screens, stanzas 1-4

Silent Prayer

Thank you, God, for giving me all I need in life. Help me to trust you most of all. Lead me in gratitude and contentment throughout my life, knowing that you are the one who satisfies my heart, now and eternally. 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 6, 2023

Aug 6-Aug 13	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-Sat		
Sunday	8:30am – Worship 9:45am – Ministry Discussion (Chapel) Kids’ Sunday School (Gym & Classrooms) 11:00am – Worship	9:30am – Worship 10:45am – Monthly Ministry Discussion

THIS WEEK

New Sunday Morning Bible Study

Today, we'll begin a seven-week End Times Bible study. 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 lessons:

- 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

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.

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 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 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!

UPCOMING

Ministry Planning & Discussion Next Sunday

Next Sunday, August 13, 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!

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. 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).

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 Connections – Coming Soon This Fall!

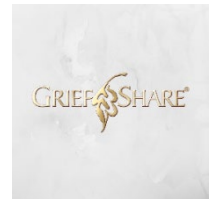
Cross Connections (our Bible Information Class) is the perfect course to connect to God, purpose, and community at the cross of Christ. In a simple, easy-to-follow format, we lay out the message of Jesus and the Bible to give you certainty about your relationship with God and answer life's biggest questions.



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!

GriefShare Offered in Boise

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!*



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

General Fund Offerings Planned FY 23-24	\$808,840
General Fund Offerings Planned FYTD	\$76,306
General Fund Offerings FYTD	\$53,849
Total Offerings Last Weekend (All Funds)	\$33,627

People in God's Word this past week	Boise	Nampa	Total
Sunday Morning Adult/Teen Bible Study	67	13	80
Kids' Sunday School	20	n/a	20
Last Weekend's Worship	90+103	71	264
Livestream Views	6		
Cross Connections	n/a	3	3

Serving	Aug 6		Aug 13	
	Nampa	Boise	Nampa	Boise
Music	L. Becker, C. Masters	A. Lange, M. Biondi, SS Students	K. Koepsell, Camp Christos kids/staff	J. Hein, R. Dodd, Camp Christos kids/staff
AV Tech	J. Malnes, J. Parsons	G. Light, B. Berrier	J. Malnes, J. Parsons	E. Christianson, J. Meier, M. Hartman
Altar Care	Guthmiller	D. McLain, C. Biggs	n/a	D. McLain, C. Biggs
Ushers	Whitaker	B. Adams, TBA	n/a	B. Adams, TBA
Open & Close	n/a	TBA	n/a	TBA
Coffee	Whitaker	C. Berrier, D. McLain	Guthmiller	C. Berrier, D. McLain
Flowers	n/a	available	n/a	Watkins
Lawn Crew	n/a	P. Jossis, M. Hartman	n/a	R. Lange, J&M Grant
Cleaning	Olsoe	D&L Rule	S. Wetzel	n/a
Bulletin Folders	n/a	Bafus, Guthmiller	n/a	Prigges, Tweedy
Tellers	Harris, Davidson, Hudson		Rule, Christianson, Butterfield	