



CROSS OF CHRIST

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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 the lobby 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 on either side 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.



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LUTHERAN CHURCH

Reformation: 506th Anniversary

On October 31, 1517, Dr. Martin Luther nailed 95 theses (statements he wished to defend in a public debate) to the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Saxony, Germany. His theses challenged the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church, which had become misled by a dangerous emphasis on unscriptural traditions and man-made laws during the Dark Ages of medieval Europe.

As an Augustinian monk, a Roman Catholic priest, and a professor of theology, Dr. Martin Luther wanted to reform the many abuses he saw in the medieval church and return to the Holy Bible as the only source of true teaching. This desire for reform led to the formation of a new visible church (the Lutheran church). Thankfully, through this reformation, God has preserved the truth that our salvation was won for us completely by our Savior Jesus Christ. The exclamation, “Sola gratia! Sola fide! Sola Scriptura! Solus Christus! (By grace alone! By faith alone! By Scripture alone! In Christ Alone!)” became the rallying cry for the proclamation of the gospel.

Today we celebrate the 506th anniversary of the beginning of the Reformation. Soli Deo gloria! (To God alone be glory!)

Opening Song

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

Hymn #201:1-2

A Dialogue of Repentance and Forgiveness

Selected sections of Martin Luther’s 95 Theses with supporting Bible verses

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

Congregation: Amen.

When our Lord and Master Jesus Christ said, “Repent,” he willed the entire life of believers to be one of repentance. (*Thesis 1*)

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. (*Psalms 51:1-2*)

Any truly repentant Christian has a right to full remission of penalty and guilt, even without indulgence letters. *(Thesis 36)*

There is no difference, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified freely by his grace, through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. *(Romans 3:22b-24)*

(♫) **Though devils all the world should fill, All eager to devour us,
We tremble not, we fear no ill; They shall not over pow'r us.
This world's prince may still Scowl fierce as he will,
He can harm us none, He's judged; the deed is done!
One little world can fell him.** *"A Mighty Fortress" stanza 3*

The true treasure of the church is the most holy gospel of the glory and grace of God. *(Thesis 62)*

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. *(Romans 5:1)*

Christians should be exhorted to be diligent in following Christ, their Head, through penalties, death, and hell, and thus be confident of entering into heaven through many tribulations rather than through the false security of peace. *(Theses 94 & 95)*

And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm, and steadfast. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen. *(1 Peter 5:10-11)*

(♫) **The Word they still shall let remain, Nor any thanks have for it;
He's by our side upon the plain With his good gifts and Spirit.
And do what they will Hate, steal, hurt, or kill
Though all may be gone, Our victory is won;
The kingdom's ours forever!** *"A Mighty Fortress" stanza 4*

Prayer

Gracious Lord, our refuge and strength, pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your Word, protect and comfort them in all temptations, defend them against all their enemies, and bestow on the church your saving peace; 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

Matthew 10:16-23

¹⁶"I am sending you out like sheep among wolves. Therefore be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves. ¹⁷Be on your guard; you will be handed over to the local councils and be flogged in the synagogues. ¹⁸On my account you will be brought before governors and kings as witnesses to them and to the Gentiles. ¹⁹But when they arrest you, do not worry about what to say or how to say it. At that time you will be given what to say, ²⁰for it will not be you speaking, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.

²¹"Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child; children will rebel against their parents and have them put to death. ²²You will be hated by everyone because of me, but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved. ²³When you are persecuted in one place, flee to another. Truly I tell you, you will not finish going through the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes."

God's Word

Romans 3:19-28

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world held accountable to God. ²⁰Therefore no one will be declared righteous in God's sight by the works of the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of our sin.

²¹But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. ²²This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, ²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. ²⁵God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished— ²⁶he did it to demonstrate his righteousness at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.

²⁷Where, then, is boasting? It is excluded. Because of what law? The law that requires works? No, because of the law that requires faith. ²⁸For we maintain that a person is justified by faith apart from the works of the law.

Song

“Reformation Song”

On screens, stanzas 1-5

Children’s Message

Message from God’s Word

Daniel 6:10–12,16–23

¹⁰Now when Daniel learned that the decree had been published, he went home to his upstairs room where the windows opened toward Jerusalem. Three times a day he got down on his knees and prayed, giving thanks to his God, just as he had done before. ¹¹Then these men went as a group and found Daniel praying and asking God for help. ¹²So they went to the king and spoke to him about his royal decree: “Did you not publish a decree that during the next thirty days anyone who prays to any god or human being except to you, Your Majesty, would be thrown into the lions’ den?”

The king answered, “The decree stands—in accordance with the law of the Medes and Persians, which cannot be repealed.”

¹⁶So the king gave the order, and they brought Daniel and threw him into the lions’ den. The king said to Daniel, “May your God, whom you serve continually, rescue you!”

¹⁷A stone was brought and placed over the mouth of the den, and the king sealed it with his own signet ring and with the rings of his nobles, so that Daniel’s situation might not be changed. ¹⁸Then the king returned to his palace and spent the night without eating and without any entertainment being brought to him. And he could not sleep.

¹⁹At the first light of dawn, the king got up and hurried to the lions’ den.

²⁰When he came near the den, he called to Daniel in an anguished voice, “Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve continually, been able to rescue you from the lions?”

²¹Daniel answered, “May the king live forever! ²²My God sent his angel, and he shut the mouths of the lions. They have not hurt me, because I was found innocent in his sight. Nor have I ever done any wrong before you, Your Majesty.” ²³The king was overjoyed and gave orders to lift Daniel out of the den. And when Daniel was lifted from the den, no wound was found on him, because he had trusted in his God.

Life in the Lion’s Den

Song of Faith

“You Are God; We Praise You”

On screens, stanzas 1-3

The Lord's Prayer

This responsive version uses commentary from Martin Luther for each petition.

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,

Here we pray that God our Father in heaven would look with mercy on all his children on earth. We ask him to give us grace that we might proclaim his Word faithfully and live our lives according to his will, for then we show that his name is precious to us. We also pray that he would keep us from any teaching and living which would dishonor his name.

Your kingdom come,

We pray that his kingdom and the rule of his grace might come to us and grow in us each day; that all who are still captives in Satan's kingdom might be brought to know Jesus Christ, his Son, so that the Christian Church might grow and prosper.

Your will be done on earth as in heaven.

We pray that the Holy Spirit would strengthen us to do and accept God's will in life and death, in good times and in bad, and that we might have power to put down our own sinful will and its desires.

Give us today our daily bread.

We pray that our Father would also give us our daily bread, preserve us from greed and selfish desires, and help us to trust that he will provide for all our needs.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

We ask that God would forgive our sins as we forgive those who sin against us so that our hearts may rest and rejoice in a good conscience before him, and that no sin may ever frighten or alarm us.

Lead us not into temptation.

We pray here that God would protect us from all temptations and help us by his Spirit to put down our sinful flesh, to despise the world and its vices, and to overcome the devil and all his trickery.

But deliver us from evil.

And finally we pray that God would deliver us from all evils of body and soul now and forever.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever.

Amen.

All those who sincerely desire these things will say from their hearts “Amen,” trusting without doubt that their prayers are answered in heaven, as Christ has promised: “Whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you will receive it, and it will be yours.”

Blessing

Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

Amen!

Closing Song

“Ancient of Days”

On screens, stanzas 1-4

Silent Prayer

Almighty God, thank you for giving to the world the tremendous gift of the gospel and for protecting and preserving it so that it could come to me. Please continue to be my refuge and strength, especially in times of temptation or persecution. Keep me always in your kingdom so that I may confidently stand in your grace now and forever. 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

October 29, 2023

Oct 29-Nov 5	Boise (11655 W. McMillan Road)	Nampa (6134 Birch Lane)
Sunday	8:30am - Worship 9:45am - Adult/Teen Bible Study (Chapel) Confirmation Class (Rm 5) Kids' Sunday School (Gym & Classrooms) 11:00am - Worship 3:00pm - Fall Festival	9:30am - Worship 10:45am - Adult/Teen Bible Study Confirmation Class Kids' Sunday School 3:00pm - Fall Festival
Monday	10:00am - Women's Bible Study	6:30pm - Women's Bible Study
Tuesday	6:30am - Men's Bible Study 7:00pm - GriefShare	6:30pm - Cross Connections
Wednesday	7:00pm - CrossTrainers (HS) 7:00pm - Young Adult Group	
Thursday	6:30pm - Cross Connections	
Friday		10:00am - Mommy & Me (onsite)
Saturday		
Sunday	8:30am - Worship w/ Holy Communion 9:45am - Monthly Ministry Discussion (Chapel) Teen Class (Conference Rm) Confirmation Class (Rm 5) Kids' Sunday School (Gym & Classrooms) 11:00am - Worship w/ Holy Communion	9:30am - Worship w/ Holy Communion 10:45am - Monthly Ministry Meeting Confirmation Class (no Sunday School)

THIS WEEK

Current Sunday Adult/Teen Bible Study: 9:45 am in Chapel

Part three of a Bible study on sex. Why this topic? Because the world talks about it, and the Bible talks about it, but Christians and parents often don't. Let's seek to learn what sex *is not* from the ways we've been victimized or by what we might witness online. Let's seek to know what sex *is* from the one who came up with the idea in the first place: We'll learn from God's Word, the ultimate authority, and gain a biblical perspective of what is true.

Fall Festival Today!

Come on out this afternoon to connect with your church family and members of our community! **3:00 to 6:00pm here at church:** chili cook-off, picnic meal (brats & hot-dogs), crafts (not just for kids!), face-painting, games & bounce-house, and trunk-or-treat (3:30-4:30pm). Bring a friend or two!

Young Adult Meet-Up this Wednesday, Nov. 1, 7pm, Boise Campus

For folks roughly 18 (post-high-school) to early 30s – come hang out, make some connections, consider a discussion topic pertinent to your life. This month we'll get honest with the overwhelm that can take over as we observe the current state of the world: wars, inflation, climate change, politics, and the list could go on. Is it possible to find both peace and purpose in the middle of all of it? Let's dive in together! Note the slight change in time – now 7pm – and this month's location, here on the Boise campus. Friends very welcome!

Mommy & Me: Woodland Creatures

Friday, November 3, 10:00 am at the North Nampa campus (6134 Birch Ln): This activity is perfect for caregivers and their children under the age of 6. If it's your first time attending, please register at cocardaho.org/connect/mommy-and-me/.

Happening Next Sunday, November 5

Monthly Ministry Discussion

In the chapel, 9:45 am. Let's discuss what it means to be a grace-filled community, review the ministry activities of Sept-Oct, and look ahead to the ministry activities of the holiday months! All invited & encouraged to participate with questions & input.

Sunday Morning Teen Class Starts

For high school students, in the Conference Room (second door on the left in the hallway) at 9:45 am. During November we'll take a look at the book of Colossians.

Next Sermon Series Begins: Generosity – Transformed by Grace

What does generosity mean to you? During the upcoming holiday season, we tend to emphasize feelings of thankfulness, good will, and joyful generosity. However, for a child of God, these are so much more than seasonal sentiments. Being generous with who we are and what we have flows directly from the immense generosity first shown to us by our God. So let's go into the holidays this year with a firm grasp on God's powerful generosity and how that generosity transforms our life into something new.

	Nampa Campus	Boise Campus
November 5	Generosity & Grace	Generosity & Grace
November 12	Generosity & Gifts	Generosity & Money
November 19	Generosity & Money	Generosity & Gifts
Thanksgiving Eve, Nov. 22, 6:30 pm at both campuses	Generosity & Gratitude	Generosity & Gratitude

Job Opening with Cross of Christ

Part-time or full-time onsite administrative assistant for the Boise campus (20-40 hours/week, Monday-Friday). Contact Kristen Koepsell for a job description and additional details or with any questions you may have (208-922-8422 / kristen.koepsell@cocidaho.org).

UPCOMING

Congregational Open Forum: Sunday, November 12, 1pm, Boise campus

All members are encouraged to attend, ask questions, and offer input as we take a look at updates on various other areas of ministry.

Community Awareness Night, Nampa Campus: November 13, 6:30pm

You're invited to the Nampa campus (6134 Birch Lane) for an evening with Fostering Idaho, to learn about the needs for foster care in the valley, ways we can support, and stories of impact and hope!

Rake Up Boise! November 18

Meet at the Boise campus 9:30am, Saturday, November 18; bring gloves and a rake if you can. We'll gather around God's Word and then put our faith into action by serving others. Lunch is provided; **anyone can participate!** Please RSVP on the Boise bulletin board or to Pastor Brad (brad.snyder@cocidaho.org / 208-996-0862).

In need of raking for your yard? Please contact the office (admin@cocidaho.org / 208-375-3992) and get on the list!

People in God's Word this past week	Boise	Nampa	Total
Sunday Morning Adult/Teen Bible Study	55	38	93
Kids' Sunday School/Confirmation	30/6	18/5	48/11
Last Weekend's Worship	68+91	99	258
Men's Bible Study/Women's Bible Study	6 / 6	n/a / 8	6 / 14
CrossTrainers	18	n/a	18
Livestream Views	6		
Growth Groups	7+11+11+12		
Cross Connections	n/a	5	5

General Fund Offerings Planned FY 23-24	\$808,840
General Fund Offerings Planned FYTD	\$244,178
General Fund Offerings FYTD	\$190,043
Total Offerings Last Weekend (All Funds)	\$16,057

Serving	Oct 29		Nov 5	
	Nampa	Boise	Nampa	Boise
Music	J. Hein, M. Biondi	A. Lange, Adult Choir, B. Breckon	R. Dodd	A. Lange, K. Koepsell, J&J Lund, Sunday school students
AV Tech	J. Malnes, C. Whitaker	C. Klink, T. Russow, J. Meier	TBD	G. Light, C. Kennedy, M. Hartman
Altar Care	n/a	T. Yaka, L. Russow	Guthmiller	D. McLain, C. Biggs
Ushers	n/a	C. Berrier, R. Seely	TBD	J. Harris, B. Turley, TBD
Greeters	n/a	C. Hagedorn- Reilly, TBD	n/a	TBD
Open & Close	n/a	J. Breckon, H. Geary	n/a	M. Johnson, E. Christianson
Coffee	Guthmiller	B. Robbins, N. Herberger	TBD	C. Berrier, D. McLain
Flowers	n/a	Banner/Ehlke	n/a	H. Miller
Cleaning	Wetzel	C. Masters, J. Masters	Olsoe	n/a
Bulletins	n/a	Bafus, Guthmiller	n/a	Prigge, Tweedy
Tellers	Rule, Walden, Davidson		Turley, Morgan, Butterfield	