



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 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 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.



CROSS OF CHRIST
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Opening Song

“Speak, O Lord”
On screens, stanzas 1-3

Welcomed into the Family of God

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

The good news of Jesus is a message God wants us to take to the world. And it's a message for our own hearts. It's the good news that the Lord of all the earth would see us in our sins and choose to rescue us so we can be welcomed home in his family. As we confess our sins together, we lay them at Jesus' feet and see again how great God's love is to save and forgive us.

Almighty and merciful God, I acknowledge all my brokenness and sins. I have so often failed to live as your child and turned away from your good design for my life. My sins deserved your punishment, but you were determined to rescue me. Thank you for your amazing love! Thank you for sending Jesus as my Savior! I trust in him alone for forgiveness.

Because of Jesus, you are set free! His perfect life, innocent death, and resurrection removed your guilt forever. By believing in him, you are God's holy child. How beautiful is this news! How beautiful is our Savior! All sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen!

Prayer

Lord God, you want all people to be saved. You have given us the gospel to change our hearts and to share with the world. Send us out with confidence and love that more and more souls will believe and be saved by trusting in 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

Isaiah 6:1-8

¹In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple. ²Above him were seraphim, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. ³And they were calling to one another:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty;
the whole earth is full of his glory.”

⁴At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke.

⁵“Woe to me!” I cried. “I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty.”

⁶Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. ⁷With it he touched my mouth and said, “See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for.”

⁸Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?”

And I said, “Here am I. Send me!”

God's Word

Romans 10:11-17

¹¹As Scripture says, “Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame.”

¹²For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, ¹³for, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

¹⁴How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? ¹⁵And how can anyone preach unless

they are sent? As it is written: “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

¹⁶But not all the Israelites accepted the good news. For Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed our message?” ¹⁷Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ.

Children’s Message

Song

“Show Us Christ”

On screens, stanzas 1-2

Message from God’s Word

Luke 10:38-42

³⁸As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. ³⁹She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord’s feet listening to what he said. ⁴⁰But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, “Lord, don’t you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!”

⁴¹“Martha, Martha,” the Lord answered, “you are worried and upset about many things, ⁴²but few things are needed—or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her.”

These Are a Few of My Favorite Things

Song of Response “My Soul Finds Rest in God Alone”

On screens, stanzas 1-3

Statement of Faith

The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayer of the Church & the Lord’s Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer is sung, following 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

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

“Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying”

Hymn #573:1-4

Silent Prayer

Gracious God, the gift of your gospel is the most precious gift I have. Empower me to treasure it as I set aside time to enjoy it for myself. Empower me to treasure it as I share its power with others. Please bless my personal ministry, the mission of my church family, and the work of Martin Luther College as we all work together to impact lives for eternity according to your good plans and promises. 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 8, 2023

Oct 8-Oct 15	Boise (11655 W. McMillan Road)	Nampa (6134 Birch Lane)
Sunday	8:30am – Worship 9:45am – Guest Speaker from Martin Luther College (Chapel) Confirmation Class (Rm 5) Kids’ Sunday School (Gym & Classrooms) 11:00am – Worship 2:00pm – Family Volleyball	9:30am – Worship 10:45am – Guest Speaker from Martin Luther College Confirmation Class Kids’ Sunday School
Monday	10:00am – Women’s Bible Study 6:00pm – Council Meeting	6:30pm – Women’s Bible Study
Tuesday	6:30am – Men’s Bible Study 7:00pm – GriefShare	6:30pm – Cross Connections
Wednesday	6:15pm – Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm – CrossTrainers (HS)	
Thursday	6:30pm – Cross Connections	
Friday	<i>Sisters in Christ Ladies’ Retreat thru Sunday</i>	
Saturday		
Sunday	8:30am – Worship 9:45am – Adult/Teen Bible Study (Chapel) Confirmation Class (Rm 5) Kids’ Sunday School (Gym & Classrooms) 11:00am – Worship	9:30am – Worship 10:45am – Adult/Teen Bible Study Confirmation Class Kids’ Sunday School

THIS WEEK

Guest Preacher & Presenter Today, Oct 8

Martin Luther College is our church body's training college for pastors, teachers, and staff ministers – all of Cross of Christ's called workers attended MLC, and through the Congregational Partnership Program, we have financially supported several members in their training there as well! Today at both campuses, Pastor Dave Scharf (Professor of Theology) will bring us the message for the morning, and Mr. Mark Maurice (VP of Mission Advancement) will share information about the school and its ministry training programs during the Bible study hour.

Volleyball at Cross of Christ

Family Volleyball today!

- 2:00-3:30 pm, second Sunday of the month, Boise campus gym
- *First session today, October 8*
- All skill levels welcome!
- No signup needed, just show up! Friends very welcome.

Women's Bible Study: Mondays

All women are invited to come and connect with other Christian women over God's Word in a friendly, discussion-filled environment. This will be an 8-week session.

- Boise campus: Mondays, 10:00am
- Nampa Campus: Mondays, 6:30pm, begins tomorrow, Oct 9

Volunteer Opportunity: Sunday Morning Ushering

By volunteering as an usher, you can serve others by

- being a welcoming presence for all who come to worship,
- greeting and seating guests,
- helping with simple requests, such as pointing out the restrooms or parents' room, and
- assisting with the reception of communion.

This role is open to all men, women, and teens of the congregation. It's an easy yet meaningful way to contribute to worship and make a difference for all who walk through our doors. Please consider serving in this way! To get more information or to volunteer, contact Worship Councilman Ty Stavenau (208-938-0886).

October Sunday School Offering

Sunday school offerings during October will be non-perishable food items for the Idaho Foodbank. If you'd like to donate, bring your food items with you to Sunday school and place them in the receptacle in the hallway. Monetary offerings brought to Sunday school in October will continue to be given to WELS Special Ministries, which was designated as the recipient of our September Sunday school offerings.

UPCOMING

Next Sunday Morning Adult/Teen Bible Study: Oct 15-29

Why a Bible study on sex? Because the world talks about it, and the Bible talks about it, but Christians and parents often don't. And when we do talk about it, there's a lot of assumptions and a lot of judgment. And it all easily leaves us with a lot of confusion. 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.

Boise Campus Fall Clean-Up: Oct 21

Be one of the helpful many to do some seasonal work caring for our property. Saturday, October 21, 9am-12pm. Come for as little or as long as you can; all ages can help! Outdoor and indoor work, instructions and supplies provided. (Plus donuts and coffee, of course.)

Fall Festival: October 29

Here's a way to be others-focused and contribute to building connections with our community and in our church family:

Participate in Fall Festival! **Sunday, October 29, 3:00 to 6:00pm on the Boise campus:** chili cook-off, picnic meal (brats & hot-dogs), crafts (not just for kids!), face-painting, games, and trunk-or-treat (3:30-4:30pm).

How to participate?

- Simply attend! (Costume optional. 😊)
- Invite a friend or neighbor family to come with you!
- Volunteer your time & assistance day-of (set-up, grilling, hospitality team, games, clean-up, etc): tinyurl.com/COCFFvolunteer.

- Decorate your vehicle’s trunk and hand out candy. (Trunk-or-treat will run 3:30-4:30pm.) Please sign up: tinyurl.com/COCFFvolunteer.
- Donate candy so our trunk-decorators don’t have to buy it all! tinyurl.com/FFfooddonations
- Compete in the chili cook-off: tinyurl.com/FFchilicookoff
- Contribute a dessert or side for the meal: tinyurl.com/FFfooddonations

Info & sign-ups also available on the lobby bulletin board. Direct questions to Mandy Watkins (amanda.watkins99@yahoo.com / 210-425-3270).

New Bible Class Opportunity: Digging Deeper

Digging Deeper will meet the second Saturday of each month, starting November 11, 9:30 am, on the Boise campus. This class will walk through the entire Bible, beginning with a study of the Life of Christ. Each class will require participants to complete Bible readings and study guides ahead of time. Then at class a pastor will lead a study of the big questions and applications from the reading. If you’re interested in participating, contact Pastor Snyder (brad.snyder@cocidaho.org) to get your book & start reading!

People in God’s Word this past week	Boise	Nampa	Total
Sunday Morning Adult/Teen Bible Study	43	43	86
Kids’ Sunday School/Confirmation	24 / 6	n/a / 5	24 / 11
Last Weekend’s Worship	79+80	86	245
Men’s Bible Study/Women’s Bible Study	8 / 7	n/a	15
CrossTrainers	11	n/a	11
Livestream Views	7		
Growth Groups	8+13+7+11		
Cross Connections	8	12	20

General Fund Offerings Planned FY 23-24	\$808,840
General Fund Offerings Planned FYTD	\$213,656
General Fund Offerings FYTD	\$161,943
Total Offerings Last Weekend (All Funds)	\$17,784

Serving	Oct 8		Oct 15	
	Nampa	Boise	Nampa	Boise
Music	J. Lowry	K. Koepsell	R. Dodd	A. Lange, M. Biondi
AV Tech	J. Malnes, J. Parsons	E. Christianson, C. Kennedy, J. Meier, M. Hartman	TBD	G. Light, T. Russow, TBD
Altar Care	n/a	T. Yaka, L. Russow	Guthmiller	T. Yaka, L. Russow
Ushers	n/a	B. Adams, TBD	Sullivan, TBD	B. Turley, TBD
Greeters	n/a	TBD	n/a	TBD
Open & Close	n/a	B. Masters KC Broyles	n/a	G. Whitlach, E. Christianson
Coffee	Guthmiller	B. Robbins, N. Herberger	TBD	B. Robbins, N. Herberger
Flowers	n/a	Beaston	n/a	available
Lawn Crew	n/a	Team Geary	n/a	J. Trentz, J. Malnes
Cleaning	Merklinger	n/a	Giumento	Bafus
Bulletin Folders	n/a	Prigge, Tweedy	n/a	Kimmel, Ritger
Tellers	Rule, Butterfield, Hudson		Turley, Christianson, Butterfield	