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GRACE



*Generosity*

**CROSS OF CHRIST**

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# Cross of Christ Lutheran Church

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## November 5, 2023

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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](http://cocidaho.org).



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LUTHERAN CHURCH

## Opening Song

## “My God Is All I Need”

*On screens*

## Opening Responses

## with “All I Have Is Christ”

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

**Congregation: Amen.**

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:8-9)

*Please join to sing as you are comfortable*

**(♪) I once was lost in darkest night, yet thought I knew the way.**

**The sin that promised joy and life had led me to the grave.**

**I had no hope that you would own a rebel to your will,**

**And if you had not loved me first, I would refuse you still.**

I confess to God Almighty, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, deed and in what I have failed to do, by my fault, by my own fault, by my own grievous fault; so I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life.

**The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins.**

Amen.

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**Amen.**

**(♪) But as I ran my hell-bound race indiff'rent to the cost,  
You looked upon my helpless state and led me to the cross.  
And I beheld God's love displayed – you suffered in my place.  
You bore the wrath reserved for me; now all I know is grace.**

**Hallelujah! All I have is Christ.**

**Hallelujah! Jesus is my life.**

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**Hallelujah! Jesus is my life.**

By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ, and in him we are forgiven.

**(♪) Now, Lord, I would be yours alone and live so all might see  
The strength to follow your commands could never come from me.  
O Father, use my ransomed life in any way you choose,  
And let my song forever be: My only boast is you.**

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**Baptism**

**Dawson Doshier (8:30)**

**Ophelia Hill (11:00)**

**God's Word**

**Genesis 45:1-11**

<sup>1</sup>Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all his attendants, and he cried out, "Have everyone leave my presence!" So there was no one with Joseph when he made himself known to his brothers. <sup>2</sup>And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard him, and Pharaoh's household heard about it.

<sup>3</sup>Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph! Is my father still living?" But his brothers were not able to answer him, because they were terrified at his presence.

<sup>4</sup>Then Joseph said to his brothers, “Come close to me.” When they had done so, he said, “I am your brother Joseph, the one you sold into Egypt! <sup>5</sup>And now, do not be distressed and do not be angry with yourselves for selling me here, because it was to save lives that God sent me ahead of you. <sup>6</sup>For two years now there has been famine in the land, and for the next five years there will be no plowing and reaping. <sup>7</sup>But God sent me ahead of you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to save your lives by a great deliverance.

<sup>8</sup>“So then, it was not you who sent me here, but God. He made me father to Pharaoh, lord of his entire household and ruler of all Egypt. <sup>9</sup>Now hurry back to my father and say to him, ‘This is what your son Joseph says: God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me; don’t delay. <sup>10</sup>You shall live in the region of Goshen and be near me—you, your children and grandchildren, your flocks and herds, and all you have. <sup>11</sup>I will provide for you there, because five years of famine are still to come. Otherwise you and your household and all who belong to you will become destitute.’ ”

## God’s Word

## Ephesians 4:29-32

<sup>29</sup>Do 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. <sup>30</sup>And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. <sup>31</sup>Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. <sup>32</sup>Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

## Song

## “Amazing Grace”

*Hymn #379:1-3*

## Children’s Message

## Message from God's Word

## Matthew 18:21-35

<sup>21</sup>Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?"

<sup>22</sup>Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.

<sup>23</sup>"Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. <sup>24</sup>As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of gold was brought to him. <sup>25</sup>Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt.

<sup>26</sup>"At this the servant fell on his knees before him. 'Be patient with me,' he begged, 'and I will pay back everything.' <sup>27</sup>The servant's master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go.

<sup>28</sup>"But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins. He grabbed him and began to choke him. 'Pay back what you owe me!' he demanded.

<sup>29</sup>"His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay it back.'

<sup>30</sup>"But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. <sup>31</sup>When the other servants saw what had happened, they were outraged and went and told their master everything that had happened.

<sup>32</sup>"Then the master called the servant in. 'You wicked servant,' he said, 'I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. <sup>33</sup>Shouldn't you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?' <sup>34</sup>In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed.

<sup>35</sup>"This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

### Generosity and Grace

## 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

**"Chief of Sinners Though I Be"**

*Hymn #385:1-5*

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

**"His Mercy Is More"**

*On screens, stanzas 1 & 3*



## Silent Prayer

God, trusting in your forgiveness, I ask for the strength to forgive those who have wronged me. Work in me and help me release the weight of anger and hurt, and fill my heart with the love and peace of Christ, who has forgiven me. Amen.

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**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](http://cocidaho.org/give).*

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# Cross of Christ Weekly Newsletter

## November 5, 2023

<b>Nov 5-12</b>	<b>Boise</b> (11655 W. McMillan Road)	<b>Nampa</b> (6134 Birch Lane)
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)
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)	
Thursday	6:30pm – Cross Connections	
Friday		
Saturday	9:30am – Digging Deeper Class	Rake Up Nampa (morning)
Sunday	8:30am – Worship 9:45am – Adult Bible Study (Chapel) Teen Class (Conference Rm) Confirmation Class (Rm 5) Kids’ Sunday School (Gym & Classrooms) 11:00am – Worship 1:00pm – All-Church Open Forum	9:30am – Worship 10:45am – Adult/Teen Bible Study Confirmation Class Kids’ Sunday School

# THIS WEEK

## Happening Today, 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.

### New 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.

	<b>Nampa Campus</b>	<b>Boise Campus</b>
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

### Giving Planning Worksheet

How do you approach the thank offerings you give to God in worship? Our God guides us to give in a way that is *proportional* to what we've been given, *regular* in frequency, and *motivated* by love and thankfulness. We've put together a tool

to assist you in doing just that: a personal giving plan form. We encourage you to:

- pick up a form & envelope from the lobby,
- prayerfully reflect on what you plan to give in the next year,
- fill out the form,
- seal it in the envelope with your full name on the front, and
- place it in an offering plate at church by Thanksgiving Eve, Nov 22.

*These envelopes will remain unopened, and in a year they will be mailed back to you. In this way you can reflect on this important fruit of faith between you and God in light of his faithfulness and grace. May God bless you in this process! You can contact the office (admin@cocidaho.org) with any questions.*

### **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, with any questions you may have, or to submit your resume/application (208-922-8422 / [kristen.koepsell@cocidaho.org](mailto:kristen.koepsell@cocidaho.org)).

### **Gauging Interest for Active Seniors' Group**

Would you be interested in joining other Cross of Christ active seniors in fun fellowship, dining, outings, adventure, etc.? (We can't let the young adult group have all the fun!) If this sounds like something you might enjoy participating in, please let the Boise office know (admin@cocidaho.org / 208-375-3992) so we can judge the interest level and proceed accordingly.

## **UPCOMING**

### **Sunday Morning Bible Study: Let's Go**

"I WANT to talk to my friends about my faith and about Jesus, but sometimes I just don't know HOW to do it." Let's work on that together! This study will use videos, discussion, and Scripture (of course!) in the framework of LOVE/LISTEN/LEAD to help us learn some simple, practical ways to connect with others on spiritual matters. Sundays at 9:45 am, November 12 – December 17.

### **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 important 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!

### **November Volleyball**

In the Boise campus gym, friends very welcome!

- Teen+ (some level of experience/basic skills recommended): Thursday, November 16, 6:30pm
- Family (all ages & levels of skill/experience welcome): Sunday, November 19, 2:00pm

### **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](mailto:brad.snyder@cocidaho.org) / 208-996-0862).*

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

<b>People in God's Word this past week</b>	<b>Boise</b>	<b>Nampa</b>	<b>Total</b>
Sunday Morning Adult/Teen Bible Study	44	32	76
Kids' Sunday School/Confirmation	20/6	14/2	34/8
Last Weekend's Worship	97+89	105	291
Men's Bible Study/Women's Bible Study	7 / 5	n/a / 4	7 / 9
CrossTrainers	11	n/a	11
Livestream Views	7		
Cross Connections	10	8	18

<i>General Fund Offerings Planned FY 23-24</i>	\$808,840
General Fund Offerings Planned FYTD	\$274,700
General Fund Offerings FYTD	\$210,684
Total Offerings Last Weekend (All Funds)	\$9,200

Serving	Nov 5		Nov 12	
	Nampa	Boise	Nampa	Boise
Altar Care	TBD	D. McLain, C. Biggs	Guthmiller	D. McLain, C. Biggs
AV Tech	J. Parsons, TBD	G. Light, C. Kennedy, M. Hartman	TBD	C. Klink, C. Kennedy, J. Meier
Bulletins	n/a	Prigge, Tweedy	n/a	Kimmel, Whitlach
Cleaning	Olsoe	n/a	TBD	Ochoa
Coffee	TBD	C. Berrier, D. McLain	TBD	C. Berrier, D. McLain
Flowers	n/a	H. Miller	n/a	Beaston
Greeters	n/a	TBD	n/a	TBD
Music	R. Dodd	A. Lange, K. Koepsell, Sunday school students	J. Lowry, L. Neujahr, R. Dodd, M. Dorn	A. Lange, A. Scott
Open & Close	n/a	M. Johnson, E. Christianson	n/a	KC Broyles, R. Lange
Tellers	Turley, Morgan, Butterfield		Rule, Christianson, Walden	
Ushers	TBD	J. Harris, B. Turley, TBD	Sullivan, TBD	T. Stavenau, TBD