



**CROSS OF CHRIST**

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# 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 worshipping 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

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

## A Dialogue of Repentance and Forgiveness with “Blessed Jesus, at Your Word”

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.**

Oh, how I love your law!

**I meditate on it all day long.** (*Psalm 119:97*)

Your commands make me wiser than my enemies,

**For they are ever with me.** (*Psalm 119:98*)

How sweet are your words to my taste,

**Sweeter than honey to my mouth!** (*Psalm 119:103*)

(♪) **Blessed Jesus, at your Word**

**We are gathered all to hear you.**

**Let our hearts and souls be stirred**

**Now to seek and love and fear you,**

**By your teachings, sweet and holy,**

**Drawn from earth to love you solely.**

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness,

**So that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.** (*2 Timothy 3:16-17*)

Yet so often we have despised God’s Word and failed to gladly hear and learn it. For this and all our sins, we come before God and humbly ask his forgiveness.

**Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I do not always put you first in my life. Instead, I often myself before others, and my love for this world ahead of my love for you. But I am truly sorry for my sins. I trust in your mercy and in the cross of Christ for forgiveness.**

**(♪) All our knowledge, sense, and sight  
Lie in deepest darkness shrouded  
Till your Spirit breaks our night  
With the beams of truth unclouded.  
You alone to God can win us;  
You must work all good within us.**

**Gracious Savior, good and kind,  
Light from Light, from God proceeding,  
Open now our heart and mind;  
Help us by your Spirit's pleading.  
Hear the cry your Church now raises;  
Hear and bless our prayers and praises.**

God gave his Word so “that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name” (*John 20:31*). The Scriptures testify about Jesus, who lived a perfect life for you, died on the cross to pay for all your sins, and rose again to assure you of your salvation. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen!**

**(♪) Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
Praise to you and adoration!  
Grant that we your Word may trust,  
Confident of our salvation,  
While we here below must wander,  
Till we sing our praises yonder.**

## God's Word

## 1 Kings 17:17-24

<sup>17</sup>Some time later the son of the woman who owned the house became ill. He grew worse and worse, and finally stopped breathing. <sup>18</sup>She said to Elijah, "What do you have against me, man of God? Did you come to remind me of my sin and kill my son?"

<sup>19</sup>"Give me your son," Elijah replied. He took him from her arms, carried him to the upper room where he was staying, and laid him on his bed. <sup>20</sup>Then he cried out to the LORD, "LORD my God, have you brought tragedy even on this widow I am staying with, by causing her son to die?" <sup>21</sup>Then he stretched himself out on the boy three times and cried out to the LORD, "LORD my God, let this boy's life return to him!"

<sup>22</sup>The LORD heard Elijah's cry, and the boy's life returned to him, and he lived.

<sup>23</sup>Elijah picked up the child and carried him down from the room into the house. He gave him to his mother and said, "Look, your son is alive!"

<sup>24</sup>Then the woman said to Elijah, "Now I know that you are a man of God and that the word of the LORD from your mouth is the truth."

## God's Word

## 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

<sup>18</sup>For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup>For it is written:

"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise;  
the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate."

<sup>20</sup>Where is the wise person? Where is the teacher of the law? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?

<sup>21</sup>For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup>Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, <sup>23</sup>but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup>but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup>For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

# Children's Message

## Song

## "Let Us Fix Our Eyes on Jesus"

*On screens, stanzas 1-4*

## Message from God's Word

## John 4:46-54

<sup>46</sup>Once more he visited Cana in Galilee, where he had turned the water into wine. And there was a certain royal official whose son lay sick at Capernaum.

<sup>47</sup>When this man heard that Jesus had arrived in Galilee from Judea, he went to him and begged him to come and heal his son, who was close to death.

<sup>48</sup>"Unless you people see signs and wonders," Jesus told him, "you will never believe."

<sup>49</sup>The royal official said, "Sir, come down before my child dies."

<sup>50</sup>"Go," Jesus replied, "your son will live."

The man took Jesus at his word and departed. <sup>51</sup>While he was still on the way, his servants met him with the news that his boy was living. <sup>52</sup>When he inquired as to the time when his son got better, they said to him, "Yesterday, at one in the afternoon, the fever left him."

<sup>53</sup>Then the father realized that this was the exact time at which Jesus had said to him, "Your son will live." So he and his whole household believed.

<sup>54</sup>This was the second sign Jesus performed after coming from Judea to Galilee.

## At His Word

## 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 & 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.**

## Blessing

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“Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”

*Hymn #353:1-3*

## Silent Prayer

Merciful God, thank you for the miracle of Jesus and all his work in my life.  
Thank you for the miracle of your Word and the faith you work in my heart.  
Please strengthen my trust in you so that I daily take you at your word.  
Through it, grant me the peace that surpasses all understanding. 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

## January 28, 2024

<b>Jan 28-Feb 4</b>	<b>Boise</b> (11655 W. McMillan Road)	<b>Nampa</b> (6134 Birch Lane)
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 12:10pm – Youth Rally Info Mtng 12:30pm – New Member Welcome Luncheon	9:30am – Worship 10:45am – Adult Bible Study Confirmation Class Kids’ Sunday School
Tuesday	6:30am – Men’s Bible Study 6:30pm – Cross Connections Class	
Wednesday	7:00pm – CrossTrainers (HS)	
Thursday		6:30pm – Cross Connections 6:30pm – Women’s Bible Study 6:30pm – Men’s Bible Study
Friday	6:30pm – Bingo Night	10:00am – Mommy & Me
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 1:00pm – All-Church Open Forum	9:30am – Worship w/ Holy Communion 10:45am – Monthly Ministry Planning Meeting Confirmation Class (no kids’ Sunday school)

# THIS WEEK

## **New Member Welcome Luncheon Today**

Today we're excited to welcome and continue to get to know the new members who joined our church family in 2023!

## **Youth Rally Info Meeting Today**

Teens and parents are invited to a no-commitment Youth Rally info session **today at 12:10 pm, here on the Boise campus**. The WELS International Youth Rally is a unique opportunity for spiritual growth for teens finishing 8th-12th grades (entering high school through graduating high school). If you can't make the meeting today, contact Pastor Snyder for the info ([brad.snyder@cocidaho.org](mailto:brad.snyder@cocidaho.org)).

## **Ministry Calls**

Please pray for these individuals as they consider the opportunities God has given them to serve! They welcome your input and encouragement.

- Pastor Steinbrenner ([john.steinbrenner@cocidaho.org](mailto:john.steinbrenner@cocidaho.org)) continues to deliberate his Call to serve as associate pastor at Martin Luther Church & School in Oshkosh, Wisconsin.
- We have Called Mrs. Julie Hein ([julie.hein.13@gmail.com](mailto:julie.hein.13@gmail.com)) to serve as Director for Cross of Christ Preschool.
- Pastor Wetzel ([kurt.wetzel@cocidaho.org](mailto:kurt.wetzel@cocidaho.org)) has received a Call to serve as pastor for Rock of Ages Lutheran Church in Kansas City, Missouri.

## **Cross Connections Class**

Tuesdays at 6:30 pm, on the Boise campus. Cross Connections can serve as a great spiritual refresher to grow in faith or as an introduction to Christianity and what we're about at Cross of Christ. The current session began last week, and you can still jump in – and invite a friend! Register online [cocidaho.org/connect/cross-connections](https://cocidaho.org/connect/cross-connections) or talk to Pastor Hein ([greg.hein@cocidaho.org](mailto:greg.hein@cocidaho.org) / 480-433-3084).

## **Valentine Event for Couples: Registration Deadline Feb 1**

Cross of Christ is hosting a free, fun couples' dinner and entertainment, Friday, February 9, 6:30 pm, at our Nampa campus (6134 Birch Ln). Come enjoy a homemade Italian meal, and invite some friends to join you! This event is for 18 and older, so secure childcare and make your plans for this fun-filled evening. Text or call Becky S to reserve your spot: 208-963-0474.

## **Bingo! Friday, Feb 2, 6:30 pm**

Cross of Christ Preschool is hosting a Bingo night, and you're invited! Come on over to the Boise campus gym to have some fun and connect with our Preschool families. If you can, please RSVP on the bulletin board to help with the planning!

## **UPCOMING**

### **Congregational Open Forum: Sunday, Feb 4, 1:00 pm**

The leadership will present the plan for reworking our multi-site ministry structure and final changes to our bylaws for voter approval. All members are encouraged to attend, ask questions, and offer input for these important changes! The new bylaws were emailed to members for review ahead of time; printed copies are available in the lobby. Virtual access for the meeting will be made available to members.

### **Boise Campus Women's Bible Study**

Mondays, 10am, beginning Feb 5. We'll read and discuss "Soul Care" by Amber Albee Swenson. The book is provided; please sign up for this study, so we can order the right number! Online at [tinyurl.com/2024WBS](https://tinyurl.com/2024WBS) or on the lobby bulletin board.

### **Special Worship Service: You're Invited**

Saturday, Feb 10, 5:00pm: A special worship service will be held here on our Boise campus to commission Pastor Paul Krueger as the missionary for our new sister congregation, Christ Alone Lutheran Church in Idaho Falls. All are welcome as we rejoice in this blessing for our fourth sister church in Idaho!

### **Young Adult Group: Date Changes**

To avoid conflicting with midweek Lent services, we'll meet on different days in February and March. For folks roughly 18 (post-high school) through early 30s, to hang out, make connections, and discuss real-life topics. Friends very welcome!

- Monday, Feb 12, 7pm, Nampa Campus
- Thursday, March 7, 7pm, Boise Campus

## **Midweek Worship for Lent**

Very soon we'll set aside Wednesday evenings for worship during Lent, the six weeks leading up to Easter Sunday. The modern world often insists on putting God on trial – let's go back to the time God was literally on trial in the person of Jesus Christ, and rejoice in the depth of his love for us and his commitment to save us!

### **Wednesdays on the Boise Campus**

**February 14 – March 20**

**Worship at 6:30 pm**

(Soup supper in the gym 5:00-6:15 pm)

## **Soup Suppers During the Season of Lent**

During Lent, dinner is provided at church, Wednesdays 5:00-6:15 pm, so its easier for everyone to worship during this special season. *Please consider providing a soup, salad, dessert, or serving/clean-up assistance!* Sign up on the lobby bulletin board or at [tinyurl.com/LentSoupSuppers2024](https://tinyurl.com/LentSoupSuppers2024). This is a valuable service to our church family, so that worshipping our Savior can be our top priority! Contact the Boise office ([admin@cocidaho.org](mailto:admin@cocidaho.org) / 208-375-3992) with any questions.

<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	45/7	46	91/7
Kids' Sunday School/Confirmation	24/4	18/3	42/7
Men's Bible Study/Women's Bible Study	6 / n/a	n/a	6
WELS Youth Night (high school)	42	n/a	42
Last Weekend's Worship	87 + 106	94	287
Livestream Views	8		
Growth Groups	9+9+6		

<i>General Fund Offerings Planned FY 23-24</i>	\$808,840
General Fund Offerings Planned FYTD	\$457,834
General Fund Offerings FYTD	\$411,603
Total Offerings Last Weekend (All Funds)	\$15,720

Serving	Jan 28		Feb 4	
	Nampa	Boise	Nampa	Boise
Altar Care	n/a	D. McLain	Sexton	D. McLain
AV Tech	J. Parsons, G. Light	C. Klink, R. Jorgensen, M. Hartman	TBD	E. Christianson, TBD
Bulletins	n/a	Prigge, Tweedy	n/a	Whitlach, TBD
Cleaning	Strickler	n/a	TBD	Inman
Coffee	Guthmiller	B. Robbins	Sexton	C. Berrier, D. McLain
Flowers	n/a	Loring	n/a	K&T Ready
Music	R. Dodd	K. Koepsell, A. Scott	K. Koepsell	A. Lange, T. Russow
Open & Close	n/a	G. Whitlach, E. Christianson	n/a	B. Masters R. Lange
Tellers	Rule, Hudson, Davidson		Harris, Davidson, Christianson	
Ushers	n/a	J. Breckon, TBD	Sobolewski, Sullivan	J. Berrier, TBD