



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 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.



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LUTHERAN CHURCH

Opening Song

“Show Us Christ”

On screens, stanzas 1-2

A Dialogue of Repentance and Forgiveness

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.

Come and see the glory of Jesus, the Light of the world. He is the holy Son of God who shines in radiant majesty. When we gather for worship, we come before a holy and glorious God. And we can come with confidence because of the forgiveness of our sins. Together, we remember how Jesus overcame the devastating results of our sin so we can have a place by our God’s side forever.

God of glory, left to myself, I would have no right to come into your presence. My sinful thoughts, words, and actions deserved separation from you, in darkness forever. I praise you for overcoming my sin by sending Jesus to suffer in my place. I trust in you for forgiveness and life.

Jesus came to this world, not to crush sinners, but to save them. He set aside his glory in humility to face the punishment our sins deserved. He rose to life again in majesty and power, and no darkness can overcome his light. Your glorious Savior makes you glorious in God’s sight. You can come to him without fear. You are forgiven, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit!

Amen!

God's Word

2 Kings 2:1-12a

¹When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven in a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ²Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; the LORD has sent me to Bethel."

But Elisha said, "As surely as the LORD lives and as you live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel.

³The company of the prophets at Bethel came out to Elisha and asked, "Do you know that the LORD is going to take your master from you today?"

"Yes, I know," Elisha replied, "so be quiet."

⁴Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here, Elisha; the LORD has sent me to Jericho."

And he replied, "As surely as the LORD lives and as you live, I will not leave you." So they went to Jericho.

⁵The company of the prophets at Jericho went up to Elisha and asked him, "Do you know that the LORD is going to take your master from you today?"

"Yes, I know," he replied, "so be quiet."

⁶Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; the LORD has sent me to the Jordan."

And he replied, "As surely as the LORD lives and as you live, I will not leave you." So the two of them walked on.

⁷Fifty men from the company of the prophets went and stood at a distance, facing the place where Elijah and Elisha had stopped at the Jordan. ⁸Elijah took his cloak, rolled it up and struck the water with it. The water divided to the right and to the left, and the two of them crossed over on dry ground.

⁹When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me, what can I do for you before I am taken from you?"

"Let me inherit a double portion of your spirit," Elisha replied.

¹⁰"You have asked a difficult thing," Elijah said, "yet if you see me when I am taken from you, it will be yours—otherwise, it will not."

¹¹As they were walking along and talking together, suddenly a chariot of fire and horses of fire appeared and separated the two of them, and Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind. ¹²Elisha saw this and cried out, "My father! My father! The chariots and horsemen of Israel!"

God's Word

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

³And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. ⁶For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ.

Children's Message

Song

"Christ Begins"

On screens, stanzas 1,3-4

Message from God's Word

Mark 9:2-9

²After six days Jesus took Peter, James and John with him and led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone. There he was transfigured before them. ³His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them. ⁴And there appeared before them Elijah and Moses, who were talking with Jesus.

⁵Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." ⁶(He did not know what to say, they were so frightened.)

⁷Then a cloud appeared and covered them, and a voice came from the cloud: "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!"

⁸Suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus.

⁹As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus gave them orders not to tell anyone what they had seen until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Glory for the Valleys

Song

“How Good, Lord, to Be Here”

On screens, stanzas 1,3,5-6

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 “My Heart Is Filled with Thankfulness”

On screens, stanzas 1-3

Silent Prayer

Glorious God, how dark my life would be without you. Thank you for entering the darkness of this world and my sin to save me. Strengthen my trust in your presence and light so that I never fear the darkness. Keep me in that light so that I may enter the glory of your heavenly home 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

February 11, 2024

Feb 11-18	Boise (11655 W. McMillan Road)	Nampa (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	9:30am – Worship 10:45am – Adult Bible Study Confirmation Class Kids’ Sunday School
Monday	10:00am – Women’s Bible Study 6:30pm – Church Council Meeting	7:00pm – Young Adult Group
Tuesday	6:30am – Men’s Bible Study 6:30pm – Cross Connections	
Wednesday	5:00pm – Lent Soup Supper 6:30pm – Ash Wednesday Worship 7:15pm – Adult Choir Rehearsal	
Thursday	10:00am – Active Seniors Meet-Up	6:30pm – Cross Connections 6:30pm – Women’s Bible Study 6:30pm – Men’s Bible Study
Friday		10:00am – Mommy & Me (offsite)
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THIS WEEK

New Sunday Morning Bible Study Begins Today

In the chapel, 9:45am. We'll explore the "bloodstained path to God" that his people experienced in the Old Testament. Religious festivals, strict worship rules, animal sacrifices, regulations for personal cleanliness? These aren't arbitrary rules from an erratic God, but intentional signposts pointing out the bloodstained path to the cross and our Savior.

Young Adult Group: this Monday, Feb 12 (Nampa campus)

For folks roughly 18 (post-high school) through early 30s, to hang out, make connections, and discuss real-life topics. Note that month's meet-up is a different day of the week: this **Monday, Feb 12, 7pm at the Nampa campus** (6134 Birch Lane). All things love, singleness, and dating. Friends very welcome!

Midweek Worship for Lent

This week we begin setting 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 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 it's 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. This is a valuable service to our church family, so that worshipping our Savior can be our top priority! Contact Mandy in the Boise office (admin@cocidaho.org / 208-375-3992) with any questions.

Active Seniors Meet-Up This Thursday

All active seniors are invited to the next meet-up: Thursday, February 15, 10:00 am, on the Boise campus. Let's connect and make some plans for the rest of spring!

Mommy & Me Field Trip: this Friday, Feb 16

You're invited to Planet Kid (wingscenter.com) in Boise, Friday, February 16, 10:00 am. We'll meet there; cost is \$8 per child, kids age 1 & under are free. Come and invite a friend! If you're brand new to Mommy and Me, please register at cocidaho.org/connect/mommy-and-me/.

Women's Bible Study on Mondays

Just one week into the new session of the Boise campus Women's Bible Study, participants are still welcome to jump in! Mondays at 10:00 am. Our study is based on the book "Soul Care" by Amber Albee Swenson (provided for participants).

Ministry Calls

Pastor Wetzel (kurt.wetzel@cocidaho.org) has returned (declined) his Call to serve as pastor for Rock of Ages Lutheran Church in Kansas City. We thank God for his continued service with us!

Please continue to keep Julie Hein in your prayers as she considers the Call to serve as Director for Cross of Christ Preschool. She welcomes your input and encouragement (julie.hein.13@gmail.com).

UPCOMING

Next Sunday Worship Series Begins February 18: Led to the Cross

Beginning next Sunday, February 18, walk with us down the road to the foot of Jesus' blessed cross. We'll spend the next month during the season of Lent seeing the reasons why this cross was so necessary. Along the way we'll observe the humbling honesty of sin, the life-giving power of forgiveness, and the unwavering faithfulness of Christ's love for us. We pray that you, your family, and your friends make this important journey with us!

2023 Giving Statements

Members' 2023 giving statements will be mailed to their home address in the next few weeks. Guests' statements will be mailed if an address is available. Contact the church office (admin@cocidaho.org / 208-375-3992) with questions.

February Volleyball

Family volleyball (all ages & levels of skill/experience welcome): Sunday, February 18, 2:30pm. In the Boise campus gym, friends very welcome!

Care Packages for College Students

Living away from home for the first time has joys and challenges. Our congregation has several young adults away at college, and at this point the excitement of a new school year has passed, and the drag of winter is setting in. We want to reach out in support and encouragement and let them know they're loved by their church family – so we'll be sending them care packages this month!

Want to contribute? Bring the following items to the box in the Boise lobby:

- Skittles, goldfish crackers, beef jerky
- Homemade cookies
- Microwavable snacks that don't need to be refrigerated
- Dryer sheets
- Gift cards (\$5-10, fast food, coffee, Walmart/Target, etc.)

Want to help pack the boxes and/or write a personal note of encouragement? Contact Pastor Snyder (brad.snyder@cocidaho.org).

Early Preschool Registration: February 15

Cross of Christ Preschool will open early registration for next school year to *the families of current students and Cross of Christ members* on February 15. (General registration will open March 1.) Applications will be available at cocidaho.org/preschool or in person in the office on the Boise campus.

People in God's Word this past week	Boise	Nampa	Total
Last Weekend's Worship	104/79	101	284
Livestream Views	7		
Sunday Morning Adult/Teen Bible Study	35/5	57	97
Kids' Sunday School/Confirmation	31 / 5	n/a / 2	31/7
Men's Bible Study/Women's Bible Study	4 /8	6 / 11	10/19
Cross Connections	4	n/a	4
CrossTrainers	7	n/a	7
Growth Groups	3+9+8		

General Fund Offerings Planned FY 23-24	\$808,840
General Fund Offerings Planned FYTD	\$488,356
General Fund Offerings FYTD	\$460,767
Total Offerings Last Weekend (All Funds)	\$14,366

Serving	Feb 11		Feb 18	
	Nampa	Boise	Nampa	Boise
Altar Care	n/a	D. McLain C. Biggs	TBD	D. McLain C. Biggs
AV Tech	J. Malnes, J. Parsons	G. Light, C. Kennedy, T. Butterfield	TBD	G. Light, R. Jorgensen, TBD
Bulletins	n/a	Ritger, Ford, Ashley	n/a	L. Bafus K. Guthmiller
Cleaning	TBD	n/a	TBD	Rule
Coffee	C. Whitaker	C. Berrier, D. McLain	TBD	C. Berrier, D. McLain
Flowers	n/a	Butterfield	n/a	available
Music	L. Becker, K. Wetzel	J. Hein, L. Neujahr	R. Dodd, C. Trull	K. Koepsell
Open & Close	n/a	J. Breckon, M. Brown	n/a	M. Johnson G. Whitlach
Tellers	Rule, Davidson, Hudson		Turley, Walden, Christianson	
Ushers	n/a	Breckon, Turley, Harris	Merklinger	B. Adams, TBD