



**CROSS OF CHRIST**

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# Cross of Christ Lutheran Church

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## February 18, 2024

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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

## “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

*Hymn #201:1-3*

### A Dialogue of Repentance and Forgiveness

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.  
(1 John 1:8)

**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins  
and purify us from all unrighteousness.** (1 John 1:9)

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

**O Lord, do not rebuke me in your anger or discipline me in your wrath. Be  
merciful to me, O Lord, and deliver me; save me because of your unending  
love.** (Psalm 6:1,4)

*Please join to sing as you feel comfortable.*

**All: (♩) Will your grace run out, if I let you down?**

**‘Cause all I know is how to run.**

**‘Cause I am a sinner, if it’s not one thing it’s another,**

**Caught up in words, tangled in lies.**

**But you are a Savior and you take brokenness aside**

**And make it beautiful, beautiful.**

**Will you call me child when I tell you lies?**

**‘Cause all I know is how to cry.**

**‘Cause I am a sinner, if it’s not one thing it’s another,**

**Caught up in words, tangled in lies.**

**But you are a Savior and you take brokenness aside**

**And make it beautiful, beautiful.**

*(spoken)*

**Christ our Lord, you are merciful, abounding in love and faithfulness. When our sins overwhelm us, help us to turn to you, who truly bore the weight of them all. Because you endured God's wrath, assure us that the debt of our sin has been paid in full. Hear us because of your tender mercy, so the devil dare not accuse us but must flee in shame. Turn to us in our anguish over sin and hear our cry for mercy, that we may be at peace; for you live and rule with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Our gracious God has been merciful to us. He did not spare his own Son, whom he loves, but sent to us his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. The Lord almighty grants you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins. Your sin is forgiven. You are at peace with God.

**Amen.**

**All: (♩) Oh, you are a Savior and you take brokenness aside  
And make it beautiful, beautiful.  
Oh, you are a Savior and you take brokenness aside  
And make it beautiful, beautiful.**

## God's Word

Mark 1:12-15

<sup>12</sup>At once the Spirit sent him out into the wilderness, <sup>13</sup>and he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and angels attended him.

<sup>14</sup>After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. <sup>15</sup>"The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!"

## God's Word

Romans 8:31-39

<sup>31</sup>What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? <sup>32</sup>He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?

<sup>33</sup>Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup>Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. <sup>35</sup>Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? <sup>36</sup>As it is written:

“For your sake we face death all day long;  
we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.”

<sup>37</sup>No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup>For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, <sup>39</sup>neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## Children's Message

### Song

### “The Lamb”

*On screens, stanzas 1-4*

## Message from God's Word

## Genesis 22:1-18

<sup>1</sup>Some time later God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!"

"Here I am," he replied.

<sup>2</sup>Then God said, "Take your son, your only son, whom you love—Isaac—and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain I will show you."

<sup>3</sup>Early the next morning Abraham got up and loaded his donkey. He took with him two of his servants and his son Isaac. When he had cut enough wood for the burnt offering, he set out for the place God had told him about. <sup>4</sup>On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance. <sup>5</sup>He said to his servants, "Stay here with the donkey while I and the boy go over there. We will worship and then we will come back to you."

<sup>6</sup>Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and placed it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. As the two of them went on together, <sup>7</sup>Isaac spoke up and said to his father Abraham, "Father?"

"Yes, my son?" Abraham replied.

"The fire and wood are here," Isaac said, "but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?"

<sup>8</sup>Abraham answered, "God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son." And the two of them went on together.

<sup>9</sup>When they reached the place God had told him about, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. <sup>10</sup>Then he reached out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. <sup>11</sup>But the angel of the LORD called out to him from heaven, "Abraham! Abraham!"

"Here I am," he replied.

<sup>12</sup>"Do not lay a hand on the boy," he said. "Do not do anything to him. Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son."

<sup>13</sup>Abraham looked up and there in a thicket he saw a ram caught by its horns. He went over and took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son. <sup>14</sup>So Abraham called that place The LORD Will Provide. And to this day it is said, “On the mountain of the LORD it will be provided.”

<sup>15</sup>The angel of the LORD called to Abraham from heaven a second time <sup>16</sup>and said, “I swear by myself, declares the LORD, that because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, <sup>17</sup>I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will take possession of the cities of their enemies, <sup>18</sup>and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed me.”

### **Love Measured by Sacrifice**

## **Song of Faith      “Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery”**

*On screens, stanzas 1-4*

### **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. Amen.**

## Distribution Song

## "Washed by the Blood"

*On screens, stanzas 1-3*

## Blessing

Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another, and 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

## “How Deep the Father’s Love for Us”

*On screens, stanzas 1-3*

## Silent Prayer

Lord our strength, the battle of good and evil rages within and around us, and our ancient foe tempts us with deceits and empty promises. Strengthen our faith your Word and Christ’s mighty victory that we may battle with courage and confidence, and when we fall, raise us up again and restore us. 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

## February 18, 2024

<b>Feb 18-25</b>	<b>Boise</b> (11655 W. McMillan Road)	<b>Nampa</b> (6134 Birch Lane)
Sunday	8:30am – Worship w/ Holy Communion 9:45am – Adult Bible Study (Chapel) Teen Class (Conference Rm) Confirmation Class (Rm 5) Kids’ Sunday School (Gym & Classrooms) 11:00am – Worship w/ Holy Communion 2:00pm – Family Volleyball	9:30am – Worship w/ Holy Communion 10:45am – Adult Bible Study Confirmation Class Kids’ Sunday School
Monday	(no Women’s Bible study today)	
Tuesday	6:30am – Men’s Bible Study 6:30pm – Cross Connections	
Wednesday	5:00pm – Lent Soup Supper 6:30pm – Lent Worship 7:15pm – Adult Choir Rehearsal	
Thursday		6:30pm – Cross Connections 6:30pm – Women’s Bible Study 6:30pm – Men’s Bible Study
Saturday		10:30am – Grocery Outreach
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

# THIS WEEK

## **New Worship Series Begins Today: Led to the Cross**

Let's walk together 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 valuable journey with us!

## **Current Sunday Morning Bible Study**

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.

## **February Volleyball: Today**

Family volleyball (all ages & levels of skill/experience welcome): Today, 2:00pm. In the Boise campus gym, friends very welcome!

## **Midweek Worship for Lent**

We continue to 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 and his commitment to save us!

### **Wednesdays on the Boise Campus, through 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](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.

### **Knife Sharpening**

Cross of Christ member Bill Adams is offering his skills for free in service to his church family: If you have knives that could use a sharpening, bring them to the church kitchen during soup suppers on Wednesdays (at Boise, 5:00-6:15 pm, through Mar 20) and Bill will get them fixed up for you!

### **Ministry Call**

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.hein13@gmail.com](mailto:julie.hein13@gmail.com)).

### **2023 Giving Statements**

Members' 2023 giving statements have been mailed to their home address this past week. Guests' statements have been mailed if an address is available. Contact the church office ([admin@cocidaho.org](mailto:admin@cocidaho.org) / 208-375-3992) with questions.

### **Preschool Early Registration Open**

Cross of Christ Preschool early registration for next school year is now open to *the families of current students and Cross of Christ members*. (General registration will open March 1.) Paper applications are available in the office; contact Mandy ([admin@cocidaho.org](mailto:admin@cocidaho.org)) to receive the online registration link.

# UPCOMING

## **Care Packages for College Students**

Our congregation has several young adults away at college; at this point the excitement of a new school year has passed and the drag of second semester is setting in. We want to reach out to let them know they're loved by their church family – so we'll be sending them care packages this month!

Want to contribute? Bring items to the box in the Boise lobby, **by February 25:**

- 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](mailto:brad.snyder@cocidaho.org)).

## **Quarterly Community Partner: International Rescue Committee in Boise**

Save the date for a Community Awareness Night to learn more: Monday, March 11, 6:30 pm here on the Boise campus. An introduction to the challenges refugees face in our community and ways we can serve them.

## **Pacific Northwest Men's Retreat**

April 26-28, 2024, Fort Worden State Park near Port Townsend, WA. A weekend of biblical learning, spiritual growth, and mutual encouragement! Registration deadline is March 1; for more information, please contact the Boise office ([admin@cocidaho.org](mailto:admin@cocidaho.org) / 208-375-3992).

## **Save the Date: Vacation Bible School**

Mon-Thurs, July 8-11, 9am-12pm. For kids age 3 through entering 6th grade.

<b>People in God's Word this past week</b>	<b>Boise</b>	<b>Nampa</b>	<b>Total</b>
Last Weekend's Worship	93/92	96	281
Livestream Views	10		
Sunday Morning Adult/Teen Bible Study	46/7	44	90/7
Kids' Sunday School/Confirmation	34/6	10/3	44/9
Men's Bible Study/Women's Bible Study	8/10	7/12	15/22
Cross Connections	5	n/a	5

<i>General Fund Offerings Planned FY 23-24</i>	\$808,840
General Fund Offerings Planned FYTD	\$503,617
General Fund Offerings FYTD	\$473,274
Total Offerings Last Weekend (All Funds)	\$12,657

Serving	Feb 18		Feb 25	
	Nampa	Boise	Nampa	Boise
Altar Care	Guthmiller	D. McLain C. Biggs	n/a	D. McLain C. Biggs
AV Tech	C. Whitaker, TBD	G. Light, R. Jorgensen, D. Wilson	TBD	C. Klink, T. Butterfield, TBD
Bulletins	n/a	L. Bafus K. Guthmiller	n/a	Prigge, Tweedy
Cleaning	TBD	Rule	TBD	n/a
Coffee	Guthmiller	C. Berrier, D. McLain	TBD	C. Berrier, D. McLain
Flowers	n/a	Loring	n/a	available
Music	R. Dodd, C. Trull	K. Koepsell, C. Masters	K. Koepsell	L. Becker, K. Christianson
Open & Close	n/a	M. Johnson G. Whitlach	n/a	KC Broyles, E. Christianson
Tellers	Turley, Walden, Christianson		Harris, Walden, Butterfield	
Ushers	Merklinger, Sullivan	B. Adams, TBD	n/a	Manglos, TBD