



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.



CROSS OF CHRIST
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Opening Song

“Let Us Fix Our Eyes on Jesus”

On screens, stanzas 1-2

A Dialogue of Repentance and Forgiveness with “Drawn to the Cross”

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.

**(♩) Drawn to the cross, which you have blessed
With healing gifts for souls distressed,
To find in you my life, my rest,
Christ crucified, I come.**

Life can be a struggle for all of us. There are burdens and crosses we carry that are crushing and overwhelming. God knows this. And he tells us that we never have to face life’s challenges alone. He carried the heaviest cross for us so we can have a place in his family now and forever. As we confess our sins together, let’s lay every burden, every sorrow, every sin, and all our guilt at the cross, trusting in Jesus for our forgiveness.

**(♩) How well you know my griefs and fears,
Your grace abused, my misspent years;
So now to you with contrite tears,
Christ crucified, I come.**

(spoken)

Holy God, gracious Father, I acknowledge my brokenness. I confess my sins. All my life, in countless ways, I have not lived as I should. You know all my thoughts, words, and actions. I am sorry for my sins. Thank you for rescuing me when I was lost. Thank you for sending Jesus to be my Savior. Thank you for making me your forgiven child!

**(♩) Wash me and take away each stain;
Let nothing of my sin remain.
For cleansing through your cross and pain,
Christ crucified, I come.**

Through every trial and every sorrow, God will be faithful. He will never give up on you! The proof is the cross. Jesus' perfect life, innocent death, and resurrection removed your sins forever. By believing in Jesus, you are a member of God's holy family. Which means he loves you. He will always do what is best for you. You have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen!

Prayer

I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, that you have kept me this night from all harm and danger. Keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please you. Into your hands I commend my body and soul and all things. Let your holy angel be with me, that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.

God's Word

Romans 5:1-11

¹Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. ³Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; ⁴perseverance, character; and character, hope. ⁵And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

⁶You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a

good person someone might possibly dare to die. ⁸But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

⁹Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! ¹⁰For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! ¹¹Not only is this so, but we also boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

God's Word

Mark 8:31-38

³¹He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. ³²He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.

³³But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. "Get behind me, Satan!" he said. "You do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns."

³⁴Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it. ³⁶What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? ³⁷Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? ³⁸If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels."

Children's Message

Song

“Afflicted Saint, to Christ Draw Near”

On screens, stanzas 1-2,4

Message from God’s Word

Job 1:13-22

¹³One day when Job’s sons and daughters were feasting and drinking wine at the oldest brother’s house, ¹⁴a messenger came to Job and said, “The oxen were plowing and the donkeys were grazing nearby, ¹⁵and the Sabeans attacked and made off with them. They put the servants to the sword, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!”

¹⁶While he was still speaking, another messenger came and said, “The fire of God fell from the heavens and burned up the sheep and the servants, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!”

¹⁷While he was still speaking, another messenger came and said, “The Chaldeans formed three raiding parties and swept down on your camels and made off with them. They put the servants to the sword, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!”

¹⁸While he was still speaking, yet another messenger came and said, “Your sons and daughters were feasting and drinking wine at the oldest brother’s house, ¹⁹when suddenly a mighty wind swept in from the desert and struck the four corners of the house. It collapsed on them and they are dead, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!”

²⁰At this, Job got up and tore his robe and shaved his head. Then he fell to the ground in worship ²¹and said:

“Naked I came from my mother’s womb,
and naked I will depart.

The LORD gave and the LORD has taken away;
may the name of the LORD be praised.”

²²In all this, Job did not sin by charging God with wrongdoing.

What You Gain When You Lose

Song

“It Is Well with My Soul”

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 & 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.

Song of Praise

“From the Rising of the Sun”

On screens

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

“Day by Day”

On screens, stanzas 1-3

Silent Prayer

Lord almighty, your ways are far beyond our understanding. Yet you come to us in our weakness and sorrows, you're always present, and you love us through it all. Be our strength under the crosses you call on us to carry, and, through it all, draw us closer to you. 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.

THIS WEEK

Current Sunday Morning Bible Study

In the chapel, 9:45am. We're following 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.

Midweek Worship for Lent:

Wednesdays on the Boise Campus, through March 20

Worship at 6:30 pm, Soup Supper 5:00-6:15pm

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!

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 the Boise office (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!

Preschool Early Registration

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 on the lobby bulletin board; contact Mandy (admin@cocidaho.org) to receive the online registration link.

Mommy & Me: Friday, March 1, 10:00 am

Free, themed playdates for kids 5 and under and a caregiver, the first Friday of each month on the Nampa campus. This month: Caterpillars, Butterflies, & Easter Joy! More info and registration at cocidaho.org/connect/mommy-and-me/.

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 / 208-375-3992).

Meditations Devotional

The March-May Meditations is available for you on the tables in the lobby. This daily devotional provides food for your faith and encouragement for life. Please take one!

UPCOMING

Ministry Discussion Next Sunday: Boise Campus

Next Sunday, March 3, we'll use the adult Bible class hour (9:45am-10:45am) for the coming month's ministry discussion. We'll look at *evangelism plans leading up to Easter, some non-profit partnership updates, and ways to create a culture of support as a family in Christ*. Stay informed and be part of the conversations shaping our ministry!

Young Adult Group: Thursday, March 7 (Boise Campus)

For folks roughly 18 (post-high school) through early 30s, to hang out, make connections, and discuss real-life topics. Friends very welcome! Note that this month's session is a different day of the week, to avoid conflicting with Lent worship.

Quarterly Community Partner: International Rescue Committee in Boise

Plan to attend this 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.

Easter Flower Orders

To help adorn our Savior's altar on Easter morning, sign up on the lobby bulletin board and choose the flowering plants you'd like. (You're welcome to enjoy the flowers at home after the final Easter service!) **Order deadline is March 12.** Checks payable to Dick & Kay Guthmiller can be put in mailbox #12 in the lobby.

Spring Cleanup on the Boise Campus

Saturday, March 23, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm. Come for as long or as short as you can. Everybody can contribute in some way, with plenty of tasks both large and small to polish up our facilities before Easter, indoors and out. Materials & instructions provided; please bring work gloves if you'd like to work outside.

Easter Candy

Easter Sunday will include a kids' egg hunt! Would you consider donating candy? Place wrapped candy in the kitchen at Boise by **Sunday, March 24** (in the labeled box on the back counter, across from the refrigerators). Gluten-, dairy-, and/or nut-free options always welcome for kiddos with allergies or sensitivities (please label). You can contact Amanda Watkins (amanda.watkins99@gmail.com) with questions.

Holy Week Worship

	<i>Boise</i>	<i>Nampa</i>
Palm Sunday	Mar 24, 8:30 & 11:00 am	Mar 24, 9:30 am
Maundy Thursday <i>with Holy Communion</i>	Mar 28, 6:30 pm	Mar 28, 6:30 pm
Good Friday	Mar 29, 6:30 pm	Mar 29, 6:30 pm
Easter Sunday	Mar 31, 8:30 & 11:00 am	Mar 31, 9:30 & 11:30 am
	Easter Breakfast & egg hunt between services	Easter Brunch between services

Save the Date: Vacation Bible School

Mon-Thurs, July 8-11, 9am-12pm. For kids age 3 through entering 6th grade. Adults and youth entering 7th grade & older are invited to volunteer!

People in God's Word this past week	Boise	Nampa	Total
Last Weekend's Worship	78/72	106	256
Livestream Views	12		
Lent Wednesday Worship / Livestream	118 / 3		
Sunday Morning Adult/Teen Bible Study	43/7	49	92/7
Kids' Sunday School/Confirmation	23/6	16/2	39/8
Men's Bible Study/Women's Bible Study	6 / n/a	9/10	15/10
Cross Connections	6	7	13

<i>General Fund Offerings Planned FY 23-24</i>	\$808,840
General Fund Offerings Planned FYTD	\$518,840
General Fund Offerings FYTD	\$485,120
Total Offerings Last Weekend (All Funds)	\$12,002

Serving	Feb 25		Mar 3	
	Nampa	Boise	Nampa	Boise
Altar Care	n/a	D. McLain C. Biggs	TBD	K. Struthers
AV Tech	J. Malnes, J. Parsons	C. Klink, T. Russow, T. Butterfield	TBD	E. Christianson, C. Kennedy, J. Meier
Bulletins	n/a	Prigge, Tweedy	n/a	L. Kimmel, Y. Whitlach
Cleaning	TBD	n/a	TBD	Banner, Ehlke
Coffee	TBD	C. Berrier, D. McLain	TBD	C. Berrier, K. Struthers
Flowers	n/a	TBD	n/a	Butterfield
Music	K. Koepsell	L. Becker, K. Christianson	R. Dodd	A. Lange, A. Scott
Open & Close	n/a	KC Broyles, E. Christianson	n/a	G. Whitlach, R. Lange
Tellers	Harris, Walden, Butterfield		TBD	
Ushers	n/a	C. Berrier, Manglos	TBD	C. Berrier, TBD