



**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

## “Come, O Come, Let Us Sing”

*On screens, stanzas 1-3*

## A Dialogue of Repentance

## with “Confession”

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

**Congregation: And also with you.**

Let us confess our sins, asking God to teach us to live in love and newness of life.

**(♩) I confess to you, O Lord, that I have sinned.**

**I confess to you, O Lord, all my sin within.**

**I have failed to live for you in the things I say and do,**

**And have fallen short of living in your love.**

*Refrain*

**Lord, have mercy on me.**

**Lord, have mercy, set me free.**

**Oh, forgive me, Lord, I pray and take my sin away,**

**By the cross and empty grave for my soul.**

**I confess to you, O Lord, that I have sinned.**

**I confess to you, O Lord, all my sin within.**

**I have placed myself above, and have hurt the ones I love,**

**And I know that only you can set me free. *Refrain***

*Silence for personal examination and confession*

*(spoken)*

**Almighty and merciful Lord, we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.**

**We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts. We have**

**offended you and sinned against you. Have mercy on us, Lord.**

**(♩) Take us back to the water. Wash away our sins.  
Welcome us, O Father, back to your home again.  
Bless your sons and daughters,  
And let the feast begin, let it begin!**

**Lord, have mercy on me.**

**Lord, have mercy, set me free.**

**Oh, forgive me, Lord, I pray and take my sin away,  
By the cross and empty grave for my soul.**

God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

**Amen!**

**(♩) You take us back to the water. You wash away our sins.  
You welcome us, O Father, back to your home again.  
You bless your sons and daughters.  
Now let the feast begin, let it begin!**

**Lord, your mercy covers me.**

**Lord, your mercy has set me free.**

**You've forgiven me today, and my sins are washed away  
By the cross and empty grave for my soul.**

## God's Word

## Numbers 21:4-9

<sup>4</sup>They traveled from Mount Hor along the route to the Red Sea, to go around Edom. But the people grew impatient on the way; <sup>5</sup>they spoke against God and against Moses, and said, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? There is no bread! There is no water! And we detest this miserable food!"

<sup>6</sup>Then the LORD sent venomous snakes among them; they bit the people and many Israelites died. <sup>7</sup>The people came to Moses and said, "We sinned when we spoke against the LORD and against you. Pray that the LORD will take the snakes away from us." So Moses prayed for the people.

<sup>8</sup>The LORD said to Moses, "Make a snake and put it up on a pole; anyone who is bitten can look at it and live." <sup>9</sup>So Moses made a bronze snake and put it up on a pole. Then when anyone was bitten by a snake and looked at the bronze snake, they lived.

## God's Word

## Ephesians 2:1-10

<sup>1</sup>As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, <sup>2</sup>in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient.

<sup>3</sup>All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath. <sup>4</sup>But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, <sup>5</sup>made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. <sup>6</sup>And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup>in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup>For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— <sup>9</sup>not by works, so that no one can boast. <sup>10</sup>For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

## Children's Message

Song

**“By Grace I’m Saved”**

*Hymn #384:1-3, 5*

**Message from God’s Word**

**John 3:14-21**

<sup>14</sup>Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.”

<sup>16</sup>For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup>For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. <sup>18</sup>Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God’s one and only Son. <sup>19</sup>This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. <sup>20</sup>Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed. <sup>21</sup>But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what they have done has been done in the sight of God.

**Light that Takes Your Breath Away**

Song of Response

**“Create in Me”**

*On screens*

## Statement of Faith

## The Apostles' Creed

Living in a world where people believe the universe was formed through chance and accident, what do you believe?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

Living in a world where people are confronted with the guilt and punishment of sin, what do you believe Jesus did for you?

**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.**

Living in a world where people are without hope and certainty, what do you believe?

**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 is sung following 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

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

**“His Mercy Is More”**

*On screens, stanzas 1-3*

## Silent Prayer

God, grant that I am confident in your pardon and peace that I may be cleansed from all my sins and their guilt, and serve you with a life that strives to know you and be like you. 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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