



**SUNDAY OF THE
PASSION**

Palm Sunday

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

GATHERING

Opening Song

“The King of Glory Comes”

Hymn #363:1,3

Opening Responses

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God the Father and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

Dear friends in Christ, we have been preparing for the celebration of our Lord’s sacrifice and resurrection. Today we come together to begin the solemn celebration of Holy Week. Christ entered in triumph into the city of his own people to complete his work as our promised Savior: to suffer, to die, and to rise again. As we remember his entry that culminated at the empty tomb, let us follow him with a lively faith. United with him by Baptism, we share in his resurrection and new life.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest!

Let the Lord enter;

He is the King of glory. (Psalm 24)

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;

His love endures forever.

Open the gates of righteousness;

I will enter and give thanks to the LORD.

Christ is the gate of the LORD through which the faithful may enter.

O LORD, save us.

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;

His love endures forever. (Psalm 118)

Let us go forth in peace,

In the name of the Lord.

Song of Praise

“The Battle Belongs to the Lord”

11:00 am, sung by the Sunday School students

A Dialogue of Repentance and Forgiveness

Let us confess our sins.

Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions.

Lord, have mercy on us.

I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserved your punishment both now and in eternity.

Christ, have mercy on us.

But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Lord, have mercy on us. Amen.

God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. 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!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest!

And let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you sent your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon himself our flesh and suffer death upon the cross. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of his great humility and patience and be made partakers of his resurrection; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD

Children's Message

God's Word: Palm Sunday

Mark 11:1-10

Chair Bible page 1523

Song

"Ride On, Ride On, in Majesty"

Hymn #133:1,5

God's Word: Plot, Passover, Lord's Supper **Mark 14:12-26**

Chair Bible page 1530

Song

"What Wondrous Love Is This"

Hymn #120:1-2

God's Word: Gethsemane

Mark 14:27-42

Chair Bible page 1530

Song

"Your Will Be Done"

On screens, st. 2-4

God's Word: Trial Before the High Priest Mark 14:43-65

Chair Bible page 1531

Song

“My Song Is Love Unknown”

Hymn #110:3,5,7

God's Word: Trial Before Pilate

Mark 14:66-15:15

Chair Bible page 1532

Song

“Christ the Life of All the Living”

Hymn #114:1,3,5

God's Word: Death & Burial

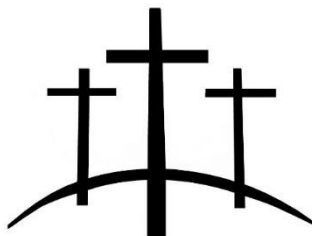
Mark 15:16-47

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Song

“What Grace Is This”

On screens, st. 3-5



THANKSGIVING

Prayer & the Lord's Prayer

God our Father, we remember how Jesus entered Jerusalem and was welcomed as a king by those who shouted "Hosanna" and spread their clothing and palm branches in his path. Accept our praise, and listen to our prayers as we rejoice in our triumphant King, Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

Amen.

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.

Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, as like those bearing the palms from so long ago we are gathered in celebration and rejoicing, eager to greet the One who saves. As we consider this week the way of the cross, may we find in it none other than the way of life and peace. Prepare our hearts for that day when every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Christ is Lord and King, to the eternal glory of him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, 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

“Jesus, Thank You”

On screens, st. 1-2

Silent Prayer

God, I praise you for the great acts of love by which you have redeemed me through your Son, Jesus Christ. As he was acclaimed by those who scattered their coats and palm branches in his path, help me also hail him as my King and follow him with humility, confidence, and joy. 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.



SCAN TO GIVE

Cross of Christ Weekly Newsletter

Mar 24-31	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) Easter For Kids! (Gym) 11:00am – Worship	9:30am – Worship 10:45am – Adult Bible Study Confirmation Class Kids’ Sunday School
Monday	10:00am – Women’s Bible Study	
Tuesday	6:30am – Men’s Bible Study 6:30pm – Cross Connections	
Wednesday	6:15pm – Adult Choir Rehearsal	
Thursday	6:30pm – Holy Thursday Worship (Holy Communion)	6:30pm – Holy Thursday Worship (Holy Communion)
Friday	6:30pm – Good Friday Worship	6:30pm – Good Friday Worship
Easter Sunday!	8:30am – Easter Worship 9:30-10:45am – Easter Breakfast (Gym) 10:20am – Kids’ Egg Hunt 11:00am – Easter Worship	9:30am – Easter Worship Easter brunch & kids’ egg hunt between services 11:30am – Easter Worship

THIS WEEK

Holy Week Worship: Who will you invite?

	<i>Boise</i>	<i>Nampa</i>
Holy 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 9:30-10:45 Kids' egg hunt 10:20 am	Easter Brunch & kids' egg hunt between services

Find Your Five

We each have a role in God's mission for us to impact lives for eternity. Let's do it – but where to start? This month, leading up to Easter, let's commit to **finding five people in our lives** who don't know Jesus or don't have a way of connecting regularly to him: a neighbor, coworker, relative, friend. **Ask** God give you an opportunity to share Jesus with them, and then be sure to **take** that opportunity!

Hospitality Opportunities for Easter Breakfast

Easter Sunday gives us amazing opportunities to offer hospitality to guests and visitors! Many such opportunities are during our Easter breakfast. Check out the list of options on the lobby bulletin board, at tinyurl.com/COCEasterbreakfast24, or by scanning this QR code, and consider helping with one of the remaining needs! Contact Ray Dodd to get more details or ask questions about any of these roles (call or text 208-949-8787 / raymondjaydodd@gmail.com).



Local Easter Outreach: Grab & Go!

We want our whole community to know that the good news of Easter is for them! You'll find in the lobby packets of Easter invitation flyers and maps with highlighted local neighborhood routes. Here's how to participate:

- GRAB a packet with a map.
- GO along the highlighted route on the map – neighborhoods around our Boise campus – at your convenience over the next week.
- DROP an invitation at each door.
 - Tuck it in the door handle, in between the door & frame, into the latch on the gate, etc.
 - Please respect “no soliciting signs” and skip those houses.
- PRAY for the people receiving the invitations!

Food Drive for Boise Rescue Mission

During the month of March, our Sunday school students on the Boise campus will be collecting non-perishable food items for the Boise Rescue Mission – and you can participate, too! Just drop donations in the blue barrels in the lobby. Boise Rescue Mission serves those dealing with homelessness and addiction in Ada and Canyon counties. Learn about their mission at boiserm.org.

UPCOMING

Young Adult Group: Wednesday, April 3, Nampa campus

Next gathering is Wednesday April 3, 7:00pm at the Nampa campus. For folks roughly 18 (post-high school) through early 30s, to hang out, make connections, and discuss real-life topics. Friends very welcome!

Highschool Youth Group resumes April 3, Boise campus

CrossTrainers, the youth group for high school students, will resume meeting Wednesdays on the Boise campus, 7-9pm, starting April 3. We meet up for dinner, discussions of faith-related topics, and just hanging out! Friends always welcome.

Monthly Ministry Discussion: Sunday, April 7

On Sunday, April 7, we'll use the adult Bible class hour (9:45am-10:45am) for the coming month's ministry discussion. We'll be discussing ways to love our neighbors through our current community partner, and planning how to build a culture of community and Cross of Christ this summer. Everyone is invited & encouraged to participate – stay informed and be part of the conversations shaping our ministry!

Spring Growth Groups: Sign-ups Beginning

The spring session of Growth Groups starts the week of April 7, and runs for six weeks (through the week of May 12).

These small group Bible studies meet at church and in members' homes to apply God's Word to our lives and get to know each other better. Carry the joy of Easter all the way through spring with this opportunity to get even more out of the Easter season messages from our pastors!

Check out the available groups on the lobby bulletin board or at tinyurl.com/SpringGG2024. If you're interested in or have questions about hosting a group, contact Pastor Snyder (brad.snyder@cocboise.org).

Service Opportunity: Lawn Mowing

To help mow & trim the Boise campus green spaces through this year's growing season, sign up on the lobby bulletin board or contact Roy Lange (idaho.64Lange19@gmail.com) directly. He's also happy to answer any questions you might have!

- Two individuals or families serve each weekend.
- The work is generally done on Friday or Saturday.
- Equipment and training provided.
- Depending on the size of the team, you'll likely serve 2-3 times between April and October.

Vacation Bible School – Save the Date!

Vacation Bible School will be July 8-11, 9am-12pm, on the Boise Campus. This is a fun, free, faith-building event for kids age 3 through entering 6th grade. Adults & teens 7th grade & older can volunteer. Registration coming soon; think about what friends you could invite – especially friends who don't know Jesus!

Camp Christos – Save the Date!

Camp Christos is a sleepaway Bible camp in the great outdoors for youth ages 9-16. This year camp will be held August 4-9 at Dworshak State Park (about an hour east of Lewiston, ID).

The change in location was necessitated by cost and available dates. We don't expect this location to be permanent but are thankful we have a place that will work for this year! Registration coming soon.

Individuals age 17+ are highly encouraged to volunteer as staff. For more information about volunteering or any part of camp, contact Pastor Snyder (brad.snyder@cocidaho.org).

People in God's Word this past week	Boise	Nampa	Total
Last Weekend's Worship	82/101	99	282
Livestream Views	6		
Lent Wednesday Worship / Livestream	106/4		
Sunday Morning Adult/Teen Bible Study	45/9	41/n/a	86/9
Kids' Sunday School/Confirmation	26/5	12/3	38/8
Men's Bible Study/Women's Bible Study	4/9	9/11	13/20
Cross Connections	n/a	12	12

<i>General Fund Offerings Planned FY 23-24</i>	\$808,840
General Fund Offerings Planned FYTD	\$579,923
General Fund Offerings FYTD	\$544,404
Total Offerings Last Weekend (All Funds)	\$7,382

Serving	Passion Sunday, March 24	Holy Thursday, March 28	Good Friday, March 29	Easter Sunday, March 31
Altar Care	K. Struthers	K. Struthers	K. Struthers	K. Struthers
AV Tech	Christianson M. Hartman	C. Klink, J. Meier	Christianson, D. Wilson	Christianson, C. Kennedy, T. Butterfield
Bulletins	Prigge, Tweedy	Ashley, Ford, Bafus, Ritger	Ashley, Ford, Bafus, Ritger	Ashley, Ford, Bafus, Ritger
Cleaning	Spring Clean-up	n/a	n/a	Turley
Coffee	C. Berrier K. Struthers	n/a	n/a	C. Berrier K. Struthers
Flowers	Palm Sunday	n/a	n/a	Easter
Music	K. Koepsell, Sunday School students	A. Lange C. Masters	J. Hein, K. Koepsell	Koepsell, Neujahr, B&M Evans, Russow, Dodd, Breckon, Light, Caudill, Lange, Adult Choir
Open & Close	M. Johnson E. Christianson	TBD	TBD	KC. Broyles R. Lange
Tellers	Harris, Hudson, Christianson	n/a	n/a	Turley, Rule, Butterfield
Ushers	J. Harris, TBD	J. Harris, TBD	B. Adams	J. Harris, TBD

