



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

“God Himself Is Present”

On screens, stanzas 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.

Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

(♩) **Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy on me.
Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy on me.**

(spoken)

**Lord of life, I confess that apart from you I was dead in sin.
For faithless worrying and selfish pride,
For sins of habit and sins of choice,
For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,
I deserved to be cast away from your presence forever.
O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.**

(♩) **Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy on me.
Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy on me.**

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, you are at peace with God. May he give you strength to live according to his will.

Amen!

God's Word

Exodus 20:1-17

¹And God spoke all these words:

²"I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.

³"You shall have no other gods before me.

⁴"You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. ⁵You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, ⁶but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷"You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.

⁸"Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labor and do all your work, ¹⁰but the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your male or female servant, nor your animals, nor any foreigner residing in your towns. ¹¹For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

¹²"Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you.

¹³"You shall not murder.

¹⁴"You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵"You shall not steal.

¹⁶"You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

¹⁷"You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male or female servant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor."

God's Word

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

¹⁸For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written:

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise;
the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate.”

²⁰Where is the wise person? Where is the teacher of the law? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?

²¹For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe. ²²Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, ²³but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

Children's Message

Song

“All I Have Is Christ”

On screens, stanzas 1-3

Message from God's Word

John 2:13-22

¹³When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴In the temple courts he found people selling cattle, sheep and doves, and others sitting at tables exchanging money. ¹⁵So he made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the temple courts, both sheep and cattle; he scattered the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶To those who sold doves he said, "Get these out of here! Stop turning my Father's house into a market!" ¹⁷His disciples remembered that it is written: "Zeal for your house will consume me."

¹⁸The Jews then responded to him, "What sign can you show us to prove your authority to do all this?"

¹⁹Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days."

²⁰They replied, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?" ²¹But the temple he had spoken of was his body. ²²After he was raised from the dead, his disciples recalled what he had said. Then they believed the scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken.

Rethinking Worship

Statement of Faith

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. 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.

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 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

Hymn #125:1-4

Blessing

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

Amen.

Closing Song Raise"

"Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We

Hymn #321:1-2,4

Silent Prayer

Lord, apart from your strength and presence, I can do nothing. Give me power by your Spirit to think and do what is good and to live as your child. Cover over me with the grace of your Son, my Savior, so that I may remain your child 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

March 3, 2024

Mar 3-10	Boise (11655 W. McMillan Road)	Nampa (6134 Birch Lane)
Sunday	8:30am - Worship w/ Holy Communion 9:45am - Monthly Ministry Discussion (Chapel) Teen Class (Conference Rm) Confirmation Class (Rm 5) Kids' Sunday School (Gym & Classrooms) 11:00am - Worship	9:30am - Worship 10:45am - Monthly Ministry Planning Meeting Confirmation Class (no Kids' Sunday School)
Monday	10:00am - Women's Bible Study	
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	7:00pm - Young Adult Group	5:00 & 6:30pm - Cross Connections 6:30pm - Women's Bible Study 6:30pm - Men's Bible Study
Saturday	9:30am - Digging Deeper	
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 w/ Holy Communion 10:45am - Adult Bible Study Confirmation Class Kids' Sunday School

THIS WEEK

Ministry Discussion Today

Today we'll use the adult Bible class hour (9:45am-10:45am) for this 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!

Find Your Five

We all have a role in God's mission for us to impact lives for eternity. Let's go and do it! But where do we start? This month of March, 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, family member, friend. Pray that God would give you an opportunity to share Jesus with them, and then be sure to take that opportunity. May God bless this month as we all find our five!

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. This next session we'll discuss ways we can shine the light of Christ in discussions surrounding LGBTQ+ issues. Friends very welcome! Note that this month's session is a different day of the week, to avoid conflicting with Lent worship.

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. 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!

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.

Preschool Registration

General registration for next fall at Cross of Christ Preschool is now open! Pick up a paper application from the lobby bulletin board or visit cocidaho.org/preschool to apply online. Don't have preschool-age kids in your home? Share the website with someone who does! Contact Mandy (admin@cocidaho.org) with questions.

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!

Daylight Saving Time Next Sunday

Set your clocks **AHEAD** one hour before you go to bed Saturday night, March 9, so you don't miss worship next Sunday!

UPCOMING

Quarterly Community Partner: International Rescue Committee in Boise

Plan to attend this Community Awareness Night: Monday, March 11, 6:30 pm here on the Boise campus. Learn about 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.

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

People in God's Word this past week	Boise	Nampa	Total
Last Weekend's Worship	77/107	101	285
Livestream Views	10		
Lent Wednesday Worship / Livestream	113/9		
Sunday Morning Adult/Teen Bible Study	60/10	43	103/10
Kids' Sunday School/Confirmation	27/9	16/3	43/12
Men's Bible Study/Women's Bible Study	4/7	8/11	12/18
Cross Connections	6	8	14

<i>General Fund Offerings Planned FY 23-24</i>	\$808,840
General Fund Offerings Planned FYTD	\$534,140
General Fund Offerings FYTD	\$495,735
Total Offerings Last Weekend (All Funds)	\$10,710

Serving	Mar 3		Mar 10	
	Nampa	Boise	Nampa	Boise
Altar Care	Sexton	K. Struthers	n/a	K. Struthers
AV Tech	C. & D. Whitaker	E. Christianson, C. Kennedy, J. Meier	TBD	G. Light R. Jorgensen J. Meier
Bulletins	n/a	L. Kimmel, Y. Whitlach	n/a	R. Ritger, B. Ford, D. Ashley
Cleaning	TBD	Banner, Ehlke	TBD	n/a
Coffee	Sexton	C. Berrier, K. Struthers	TBD	C. Berrier K. Struthers
Flowers	n/a	Butterfield	n/a	Rule
Music	R. Dodd	A. Lange, A. Scott	J. Lowry	J. Hein, T. Russow
Open & Close	n/a	G. Whitlach, R. Lange	n/a	B. Masters, M. Brown
Tellers	Harris, Davidson, Hudson		Turley, Davidson, Christianson	
Ushers	TBD	C. Berrier, Geary	n/a	C. Berrier, B. Turley