



**CROSS OF CHRIST**

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# Cross of Christ Lutheran Church

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## April 14, 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 worshiping 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).

## Opening Song “Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven”



1 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Hearts to heav'n and voic - es raise:  
2 Al - le - lu - ia, Christ is ris - en! Death at last has met de - feat:  
3 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry be to God on high:



sing to God a hymn of glad-ness, sing to God a hymn of praise;  
see the an-cient pow'rs of e - vil in con - fu - sion and re - treat;  
al - le - lu - ia to the Sav - ior who has gained the vic - to - ry;



he who on the cross a vic-tim for the world's sal - va - tion bled—  
once he died, and once was bur-ied: now he lives for - ev - er - more,  
al - le - lu - ia to the Spir - it, fount of love and sanc - ti - ty!



Je - sus Christ, the King of glo - ry, now is ris - en from the dead.  
Je - sus Christ, the world's Re-deem-er, whom we wor-ship and a - dore.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia to the tri - une Maj - es - ty!

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## A Dialogue of Repentance and Forgiveness with “Every Morn Your Mercies New”

**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.

The Lord is the God who saves. In his great love, he came to us when we were held in slavery to sin and the devil. And by his mighty power, he set us free and gave us a place in his family. When we confess our sins together, we're led to approach God with humility. Confessing our sins will also lead to greater joy and gratitude for God's saving love that rescued us.

1 Ev - 'ry morn your mer - cies new fall as fresh as  
 morn - ing dew; As we wor - ship let us pay  
 tri - bute with our hearts this day. For your mer - cies,  
 Lord, are sure; your com - pas - sions  
 will en - dure. Ev - 'ry morn your mer - cies new  
 fall as fresh as morn - ing dew.

**Just and merciful God, I acknowledge my brokenness and sins. From birth, I have so often followed my sinful nature in my thoughts, words, and actions. My sins deserved your just punishment. But you sent Jesus as my Savior. Thank you for forgiving me. Thank you for giving me life and peace. Thank you for making me your child!**

2 Still your kind-ness and your love ev - 'ry day our  
sins re - move, Dai - ly far as east from west,  
lift the bur - den from our breast, Giv - ing free to  
those who pray strength to live for  
you each day. Still your kind - ness and your love  
ev - 'ry day our sins re - move.

By the perfect life, innocent death, and resurrection of Jesus, your sins are forgiven, and your guilt is removed forever! The Son has set you free. By trusting in Jesus, God calls you his holy child, and he sends you his Spirit to empower you to live as his child.

**Amen!**



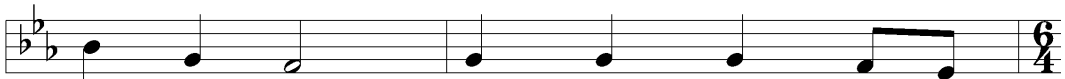
3 We are just - i - fied by grace; we en - joy the  
4 As our prais - es rise to you, shroud us with your



Sa - vior's peace. All our sins are washed a - way;  
grace a - new; As we lis - ten to your Word,



we shall stand in God's great day. Blessed are we, the  
may our hearts and faiths be stirred. Feed us with your



saints of God: We are bought with  
Bread of Life; arm us for our



Christ's own blood. We are just - i - fied by grace;  
dai - ly strife. As our prais - es rise to you,



we en - joy the Sa - vior's peace.  
shroud us with your grace a - new!

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## God's Word

John 15:1-8

<sup>1</sup>"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. <sup>2</sup>He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. <sup>3</sup>You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup>Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

<sup>5</sup>"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup>If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. <sup>7</sup>If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.

<sup>8</sup>This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples."

## God's Word

Acts 4:32-37

<sup>32</sup>All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had. <sup>33</sup>With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all <sup>34</sup>that there were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned land or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales <sup>35</sup>and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone who had need.

<sup>36</sup>Joseph, a Levite from Cyprus, whom the apostles called Barnabas (which means "son of encouragement"), <sup>37</sup>sold a field he owned and brought the money and put it at the apostles' feet.

## Children's Message

## Song

## “Holy Spirit, Light Divine”



1 Ho - ly Spir - it, light di - vine, shine up - on this heart of mine;  
2 Ho - ly Spir - it, love di - vine, cleanse this guilt - y heart of mine;  
3 Ho - ly Spir - it, joy di - vine, cheer this sad - dened heart of mine;  
4 Ho - ly Spir - it, pow'r di - vine, dwell with - in this heart of mine;



chase the gloom of night a - way, turn the dark - ness in - to day.  
in your mer - cy pit - y me, from sin's bond - age set me free.  
fill me with your heav'n - ly peace, let it grow and still in - crease.  
cast down ev - 'ry i - dol throne, reign su - preme and reign a - lone.

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## Message from God's Word

## Romans 8:5-17

<sup>5</sup>Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. <sup>6</sup>The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace. <sup>7</sup>The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so.

<sup>8</sup>Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God.

<sup>9</sup>You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ. <sup>10</sup>But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup>And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.



<sup>12</sup>Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation—but it is not to the flesh, to live according to it. <sup>13</sup>For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live.

<sup>14</sup>For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. <sup>15</sup>The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, “Abba, Father.” <sup>16</sup>The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children. <sup>17</sup>Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

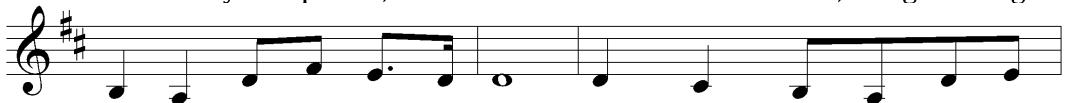
## Great Power

### Song

### “Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God”



1 Ho - ly Spi - rit, liv - ing breath of God, breathe new  
2 Ho - ly Spi - rit, come a - bide with - in; may your  
3 Ho - ly Spi - rit, from cre - a - tion's birth, giv - ing



life in - to my will - ing soul; bring the pres - ence of the  
joy be seen in all I do. Love e - nough to cov - er  
life to all that God has made. Show your pow - er once a -



Ri - sen Lord, to re - new my heart and make me whole.  
ev' - ry sin in each thought and word and at - ti - tude.  
gain on earth; cause your church to hun - ger for your ways.



Cause your Word to come a - live in me;  
 Kind - ness to the great - est and the least,  
 Let the frag - rance of our prayers a - rise;  
 give me faith for what I can - not see. Give me pas - sion for your  
 gen - tle - ness that sows the path of peace. Turn my striv - ing in - to  
 lead us on the road of sac - ri - fice, that in u - ni - ty the  
 pur - i - ty; Ho - ly Spi - rit, breathe new life in me.  
 works of grace; Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.  
 face of Christ will be clear for all the world to see.

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## 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.**

## 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 "Go, My Children, with My Blessing"



- 1 Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
- 2 Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
- 3 Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour-ished, clos - er to me;



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you; you are my own.  
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for -  
Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry; here you touched him, saw his  
Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you; here his ten - der com - fort



ev - er. Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own.  
glo - ry. Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.  
stilled you. Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free.

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## Silent Prayer

O risen Lord, I am in awe of the power you displayed through your resurrection. What a wonder it is that this power is at work in me through the Holy Spirit. Strengthen my faith in the presence of the Spirit so that I always live according to who I am in you: your beloved, forgiven child. 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, out of gratitude to our gracious God, 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

<b>April 14-21</b>	<b>Boise (11655 W. McMillan Road)</b>	<b>Nampa (6134 Birch Lane)</b>
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
Monday	10:00am – Women’s Bible Study 6:00pm- Council Meeting	
Tuesday	6:30am – Men’s Bible Study	
Wednesday	6:15pm- Adult Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm- 55+ Pie & Ice Cream Social 7:00pm – Cross Trainers	
Thursday		5:00 & 6:30pm – Cross Connections 6:30pm – Women’s & Men’s Bible Study
Friday		10:00am – Mommy & Me (offsite)
Saturday		10:30am – Grocery Outreach
Sunday	8:30am – Worship (communion) 9:45am – Adult Bible Study (Chapel) Teen Class (Conference Rm) Confirmation Class (Rm 5) Kids’ Sunday School (Gym & Classrooms) 11:00am – Worship (communion)	9:30am – Worship (communion) 10:45am – Adult Bible Study Confirmation Class Kids’ Sunday School

# THIS WEEK

## **Current Worship Series**

There are some chapters in the Bible where it seems nearly every verse deserves to be highlighted, studied, and memorized. **Romans chapter 8** is one of them! In this series we will unpack over the course of five weeks the greatness of our gracious God and the many great promises he has made to us—all guaranteed by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

## **New Sunday Adult Bible Study Begins Today (9:45am)**

Bible Book of Jude: It's a tiny book (one chapter!) but it packs a punch! We'll spend three weeks immersing ourselves in the deep truths of these 25 verses. (This study will be repeated at the Nampa campus in May.)

## **Spring Growth Groups**

The spring session of Growth Groups started last week; if you haven't picked a group yet, you still can! This session 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. Check out the available groups and register at [tinyurl.com/SpringGG2024](https://tinyurl.com/SpringGG2024).

## **Pastor Snyder Call**

Please pray for Pastor Snyder and his family as he has received a divine Call to serve at St. Croix Lutheran Academy in West St. Paul, MN: to teach religion, oversee student dorms, and lead student outreach. He welcomes your encouragement and thoughts at [brad.syder@cochoise.org](mailto:brad.syder@cochoise.org).

## **Seniors' Pie Social**

If you're 55 or over, you're invited! Pie & ice cream social, this Wednesday April 17, 6:30pm here at the Boise campus. We're also inviting our friends from our sister congregations, Messiah and Peace in Jesus. Please RSVP to Mark Wilson ([Dandmwilson@hotmail.com](mailto:Dandmwilson@hotmail.com)). We hope to see you there!

## **Mommy & Me Field Trip This Friday, April 19**

You're invited to a nature walk playdate at Kathryn Albertson Park, Friday, April 19. Meet in the parking lot at 10:00 am (1001 S. American Blvd, Boise); bring strollers and snacks. For kids age 5 & under with a caregiver. Come and invite a friend! If you're brand new to Mommy and Me, please register at [coidaho.org/connect/mommy-and-me/](https://coidaho.org/connect/mommy-and-me/) or the QR code.



## **UPCOMING**

### **Youth Night: Wednesday, April 24, 6-9pm, Boise campus**

A WELS Youth Night provides an opportunity for high school students (9th-12th grade) from different congregations to get together. Our sister church Messiah is hosting our Treasure Valley congregations here at our Boise campus, and you're invited! We'll connect with Christians our age, learn from others older than us, and encourage each other in following Jesus. It's an evening of music, God's Word, small group discussion, and fun!

### **Child Protection Training Opportunity**

Darkness to Light child protective training will be offered April 25, 6-8:30pm, at our Nampa campus (61344 Birch Lane). Light dinner provided. A professional from the Nampa Family Justice Center will offer training to recognize, prevent, and react responsibly to child sexual abuse. She will also share best practices for a ministry like ours when working with children. All teens and older are welcome to attend. All who work with children at Cross of Christ or in their profession are especially encouraged to attend this valuable training! Please RSVP to [nampa.admin@coidaho.org](mailto:nampa.admin@coidaho.org).

### **Ladies' Tea: Sunday, April 28, 2-4pm, Boise campus**

Join your fellow Sisters in Christ for an afternoon of fellowship and fun! Spend some time in God's Word and enjoy a variety of exquisite teas and delightful tidbits as we usher in Spring. Bring your favorite tea party treat to share, and if you would like you can enter it in the "Great Cross of Christ Bake-Off" with prizes awarded to the star bakers! Please RSVP at [tinyurl.com/sicladiestea](https://tinyurl.com/sicladiestea). Friends very welcome!



### **Women's Bible Study:** Next Boise Session

Four Mondays here on the Boise campus, April 29 - May 20, 10-11am. We'll be studying and discussing 1 Peter, a wonderfully encouraging, God-breathed letter by an apostle of Jesus to sojourning Christians here on earth. All ladies invited!

### **Your Money Made Simple**

With Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University, you will learn how to create (and stick to) a budget, pay off debt fast, save for emergencies, and plan for the future. Doesn't that sound peaceful? Registration is now open at [tinyurl.com/financialuniversity](http://tinyurl.com/financialuniversity) or the QR code.



- Tuesdays, 6:30pm, **beginning May 7**
- nine-week program; sessions are 1-2 hours long
- here at Cross of Christ's Boise campus
- Cost: \$79.99(no physical workbook), \$99.99 (with physical workbook)
- Childcare available (please email [admin@cocidaho.org](mailto:admin@cocidaho.org) with names & ages of children)

### **GriefShare: Your Journey Toward Healing**

You don't have to walk through the challenge of grieving all alone. GriefShare is a support group for those who've lost a loved one to death, regardless of how long it's been since the loss, where you'll find caring people to walk alongside you. This 13-week program uses teaching videos, a workbook, and group discussion to help you move toward healing. Register at [cocidaho.org/connect/griefshare](http://cocidaho.org/connect/griefshare) or the QR code below. Learn more about the program at [griefshare.org](http://griefshare.org).



- Thursdays, 6:30pm, **beginning May 9**
- at Cross of Christ's Nampa campus (6134 Birch Lane)
- participants may join any time during the 13 weeks
- \$20 registration fee provides your own GriefShare workbook.

### **Steinbrenner Farewell Luncheon**

On Sunday, June 9, 2024, Pastor Steinbrenner will preach his final sermon for Cross of Christ, for all three services at both campuses. Shortly after the 11am Boise service, we'll host a luncheon here on the Boise campus, as an opportunity to share our gratitude for Pastor & Carrie's service to Cross of Christ and to wish them well in their new ministry calling in Wisconsin. Your RSVP is requested at [tinyurl.com/steinbrennerluncheon](http://tinyurl.com/steinbrennerluncheon).

### **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!

<b>People in God's Word this past week</b>	<b>Boise</b>	<b>Nampa</b>	<b>Total</b>
Last Weekend's Worship	92/87	103	282
Livestream Views	8		
Sunday Morning Adult/Teen Bible Study	39/7	59 / n/a	98/7
Kids' Sunday School/Confirmation	22/5	n/a / 3	22/8
Men's Bible Study/Women's Bible Study	7/11	/8	/19
Cross Connections	3	10	13

<i>General Fund Offerings Planned FY 23-24</i>	\$808,840
General Fund Offerings Planned FYTD	\$625,706
General Fund Offerings FYTD	\$581,228
Total Offerings Last Weekend (All Funds)	\$11,767

Serving	April 14		April 21	
	Nampa	Boise	Nampa	Boise
Altar Care	n/a	C. Biggs, K. Townsend	Guthmiller	C. Biggs, K. Townsend
AV Tech	S. Tews, D. Whitaker	G. Light, C. Kennedy, J. Meier	J. Malnes, TBD	C. Klink, R. Jorgensen, J. Meier
Bulletins	n/a	L. Bafus, K. Guthmiller	n/a	L. Kimmel, Y. Whitlach
Cleaning	TBD	Dosher	TBD	n/a
Coffee	Guthmiller	Robbins, M. Lowry	Guthmiller	Robbins, M. Lowry
Flowers	n/a	Tiffany	n/a	K & T Ready
Music	J. Lowry	K. Koepsell	A. Lange, A. Parsons	J. Hein, K. Christianson
Open & Close	n/a	B. Masters	n/a	J. Breckon, E. Christianson
Tellers	Turley, Walden, Butterfield		Turley, Walden, Christianson	
Ushers	n/a	TBD	TBD	TBD