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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 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.

Opening Song

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose
3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but
6 And so through all the length of days your



good - ness fails me nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
yet in love he sought me and on his shoul - der
good - ness fails me nev - er; Good Shep - herd, may I



I am his, and he is mine for - ev - er.
gent - ly laid and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
sing your praise with - in your house for - ev - er!

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A Dialogue of Repentance and Forgiveness

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

Congregation: Amen.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Lord, you are the Good Shepherd, who guides us not to the love of power but the power of love. And you have called us to follow you. We need your forgiveness for thoughtless words said without love, for destructive moments when anger tore, for selfish motives that wounded another. By your mercy, focus our eyes on you.

Good Shepherd, forgive us for going astray. Too often we have closed our ears to your voice and turned from your presence. But by your wounds we are healed. Thank you for seeking us out no matter what we have done. Lead us in paths of righteousness for your name's sake.

The Lord is your Shepherd. You lack nothing. Our merciful God sent his Son, Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God, to lay down his life for his sheep as atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. Surely God's goodness and love will follow you all the days of your life, and you will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Amen!

Song of Response "Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name"



1 Sa - vior, a - gain to thy dear name we raise
2 Grant us thy peace through - out our earth - ly life,



with one ac - cord our grate - ful hymn of praise.
our balm in sor - row and our stay in strife.



From harm and dan - ger keep thy child - ren free,
Then, when thy voice shall bid our con - flict cease,



for dark and light are both a - like to thee.
call us, O Lord, to thine e - ter - nal peace.

God's Word

Psalm 23

¹The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing.

²He makes me lie down in green pastures,
he leads me beside quiet waters,

³he refreshes my soul.

He guides me along the right paths
for his name's sake.

⁴Even though I walk
through the darkest valley,

I will fear no evil,
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.

⁵You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies.

You anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

⁶Surely your goodness and love will follow me
all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD
forever.

God's Word

John 10:11-18

¹¹"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. ¹³The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.

¹⁴"I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me— ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd. ¹⁷The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life— only to take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father."

Children's Message

Message from God's Word

Romans 8:18-25

¹⁸I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. ¹⁹For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. ²⁰For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God.

²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. ²³Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

Great Future

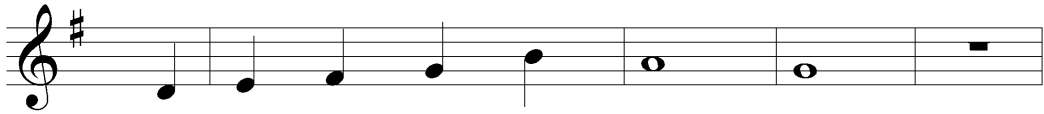
Song of Response “Lord, You I Love with All My Heart”



Lord, you I love with all my heart.



I pray you ne'er from me de - part;



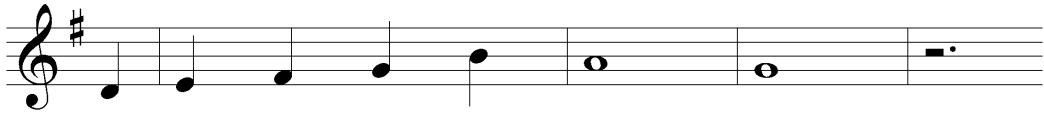
with ten - der mer - cies cheer me.



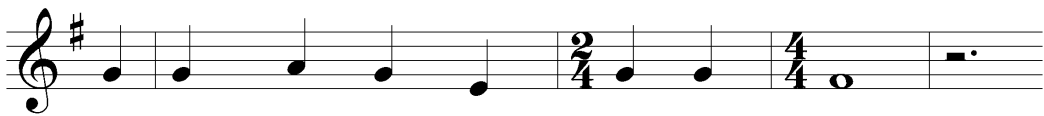
Earth has no plea - sure I would share;



heav - en it - self were void and bare



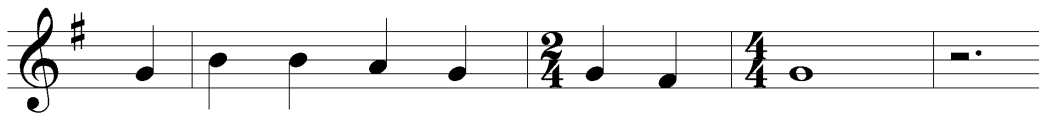
if you, Lord, were not near me.



And should my heart for sor - row break,



my trust in you no - one could shake.



You are the trea - sure I have sought;



your pre - cious blood my soul has bought.



Lord Je - sus Christ, Lord Je - sus



Christ, my prayer at - tend, my prayer at - tend



and I will praise you with - out end!

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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 and 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

In Holy Communion Jesus forgives all our sins as he gives us his body and blood. When we receive the Lord's Supper we are expressing our unity in the faith (1 Corinthians 1:10 and 10:16-17). While we cannot and do not judge anyone's heart, we recognize that there are differences among churches. We recognize that membership in a church means something; it expresses agreement with the teachings of that church. For this reason we ask that only communicant members of our congregation or those in doctrinal agreement with us come forward to receive Holy Communion with us.

Words of Institution

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, and grant us your peace. Amen.

Distribution Song “Yet Not I but through Christ in Me”

The vocalist will sing stanza one.

You’re invited to join in singing stanzas two through four.



1 What gift of grace is Je - sus my Re - deem - er; there is no
2 The night is dark but I am not for - sak - en, for by my
3 No fate I dread, I know I am for - giv - en; the fu - ture
4 With ev - 'ry breath I long to fol - low Je - sus, for he has



more for heav - en now to give. He is my
side, the Sa - vior, he will stay. I la - bor
sure; the price, it has been paid, for Je - sus
said that he will bring me home, and day by



joy, my right - eous - ness and free - dom, my stead - fast
on in weak - ness and re - joic - ing, for in my
bled and suf - fered for my par - don, and he was
day I know he will re - new me un - til I



love, my deep and bound - less peace. To this I
need his pow - er is dis - played. To this I
raised to o - ver - throw the grave. To this I
stand with joy be - fore the throne. To this I



hold, my hope is on - ly Je - sus, for my
 hold, my Shep-herd will de - fend me; through the
 hold, my sin has been de - feat - ed; Je - sus
 hold, my hope is on - ly Je - sus; all the



life is whol - ly bound to his. Oh, how
 deep - est val - ley he will lead. Oh, the
 now and ev - er is my plea. Oh, the
 glo - ry ev - er - more to him. When the



strange and div - ine, I can sing: All is mine!
 night has been won and I shall ov - er - come!
 chains are re - leased, I can sing: I am free!
 race is com - plete still my lips will re - peat:



Yet not I, but through Christ in me.
 Yet not I, but through Christ in me.
 Yet not I, but through Christ in me.
 Yet not I, but through Christ in me

Final ending, after stanza 4



Yet not I but through Christ in me.

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

“Day by Day”



1 Day by day, your mer - cies, Lord, at - tend me, bring - ing com - fort
2 Day by day, I know you will pro - vide me strength to serve and



to my anx - ious soul. Day by day, the bless - ings, Lord, you
wis - dom to o - bey; I will seek your lov - ing will to



send me draw me near - er to my heav'n - ly goal.
guide me o'er the paths I strug - gle day by day.



Love di - vine, be - yond all mor - tal mea - sure, brings to naught the
I will fear no e - vil of the mor - row, I will trust in



bur - dens of my quest; Sav - ior, lead me to the home I
your en - dur - ing grace. Sav - ior, help me bear life's pain and



trea - sure, where at last I'll find e - ter - nal rest.
sor - row till in glo - ry I be - hold your face.

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Silent Prayer

O Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Good Shepherd who laid down your life for the sheep. Lead us ever to the still waters of your life-giving Word, that we may abide in our Father's house forevermore. 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, in gratitude to our gracious God, offering plates are available in the lobby. You can also give your gift online at cocidaho.org/give.



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Cross of Christ Weekly Newsletter

April 21-28	Boise (11655 W. McMillan Road)	Nampa (6134 Birch Lane)
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
Tuesday	6:30am – Men’s Bible Study	
Wednesday	6:00pm- Youth Night 6:15pm- Adult Choir Rehearsal	
Thursday		6:00pm- Child Protection Training
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 2:00pm- Ladies’ Tea	9:30am – Worship 10:45am – Adult Bible Study Confirmation Class Kids’ Sunday School

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 the greatness of our gracious God and the many great promises he has made to us—all guaranteed by the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

THIS WEEK

Sunday Adult Bible Study

The 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.

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

For high school students (9th-12th grade) from different congregations to get together, for an evening of music, God's Word, small group discussions, and fun!

Freedom for the Captives Ministry

Since April is recognized as Child Abuse Prevention month, consider learning more about Freedom for the Captives (FFTC), a ministry of WELS Special Ministries. FFTC focuses on 1) preventing child abuse in our churches and schools and 2) providing support and encouragement for those who have experienced trauma and are working to recover and build resiliency. Find more info & resources at freedomforcaptives.com and in the pamphlet in the lobby.

Child Protection Training Opportunity this Thursday

April 25, 6-8:30pm, at our Nampa campus (6134 Birch Ln). Light dinner provided. Training on how to recognize, prevent, and react responsibly to child sexual abuse. 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@cocidaho.org.

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

Join your 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. Friends very welcome!

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. He welcomes your encouragement and thoughts at brad.syder@cocboise.org.

UPCOMING

Spring Cleaning? Most-Needed Items for New Residents

Our current Boise campus community partner is the International Rescue Committee (IRC). As they resettle refugees in our area, they often need home furnishings, particularly those listed below. Call Patty (208-340-2720) at the IRC to learn more about the donation process if interested.

- Bunk beds
- Dining tables (4-6 seats)
- Mattresses (clean)
- Table lamps
- Box springs
- Floor lamps

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. 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. Register at 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 (digital workbook), \$99.99 (physical workbook)
- Childcare available for ages 3-10 (please email admin@cocidaho.org with names & ages of children)



GriefShare: Your Journey Toward Healing

GriefShare is a support group for those who've lost a loved one to death. This 13-week program uses teaching videos, a workbook, and group discussion to help you move toward healing. Register at cocidaho.org/connect/griefshare or the QR code. Learn more about the program at griefshare.org.

- Thursdays, 6:30pm, **beginning May 9**
- at Cross of Christ's Nampa campus (6134 Birch Lane)
- \$20 registration fee provides your own GriefShare workbook.



Young Adult Group: Wednesday, May 1, 7pm, 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!

Red Cross Blood Drive, Boise Campus

Tuesday, May 14, 9am-3pm in the gym. To make an appointment, go to redcrossblood.org and under “Find a Blood Drive” enter COCLUTHERAN. Could you assist with check-in and hospitality that day? See the weekly member email for info or talk to Kristen (kristen.koepsell@cocidaho.org).

Steinbrenner Farewell Luncheon

On Sunday, June 9, Pastor Steinbrenner will preach his final sermon for Cross of Christ, for all three services at both campuses. At approximately 12:30pm, we’ll host a luncheon on the Boise campus, as an opportunity to share our gratitude for Pastor & Carrie’s service to Cross of Christ and wish them well in their new ministry. Your RSVP is requested at tinyurl.com/steinbrennerluncheon.

Vacation Bible School

Monday-Thursday, July 8-11, 9am-12pm on the Boise campus

For kids age 3 through entering 6th grade. Vacation Bible School provides our kids with a fun and exciting opportunity for spiritual growth during the summer. Kids will dive into an amazing undersea adventure where they’ll experience the ever-flowing, never-ending love of God! Get registered at and invite your friends who don’t know Jesus! **REGISTER today at tinyurl.com/VBSCOC24.**

Adults and youth entering 7th grade & older can VOLUNTEER for this great week! Check out the options & sign up at tinyurl.com/VBSVOL24 or on the lobby bulletin board. Questions? Talk to Kristen Koepsell (kristen.koepsell@cocidaho.org).

<i>General Fund Offerings Planned FY 23-24</i>	\$808,840
General Fund Offerings Planned FYTD	\$640,968
General Fund Offerings FYTD	\$591,522
Total Offerings Last Weekend (All Funds)	\$9,546

People in God's Word this past week	Boise	Nampa	Total
Last Weekend's Worship	75/75	96	246
Livestream Views	12		
Sunday Morning Adult/Teen Bible Study	42/3	50 / n/a	92/3
Kids' Sunday School/Confirmation	19/5	12/4	24/9
Men's Bible Study/Women's Bible Study	6/7	6/7	12/14
Cross Connections	3	10	13
Growth Groups	9/3/9		21

Serving	April 21		April 28	
	Nampa	Boise	Nampa	Boise
Altar Care	Guthmiller	C. Biggs, K. Townsend	n/a	C. Biggs, K. Townsend
AV Tech	J. Malnes, J. Parsons	C. Klink, R. Jorgensen, J. Meier	S. Tews, J. Parsons	E. Christianson, D. Wilson, TBD
Bulletins	n/a	Prigge, Tweedy	n/a	L. Kimmel, Y. Whitlach
Cleaning	TBD	n/a	TBD	Bafus
Coffee	Guthmiller	Robbins, M&B Lowry	Guthmiller	Robbins, M&B Lowry
Flowers	n/a	K & T Ready	n/a	Seibel
Music	A. Lange, A. Parsons	J. Hein, K. Christianson	R. Dodd	K. Koepsell
Open & Close	n/a	J. Breckon, E. Christianson	n/a	M. Johnson, R. Lange
Tellers	Turley, Walden, Christianson		Rule, Davidson, Butterfield	
Ushers	Sobolewski	Turley, TBD	n/a	TBD