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## April 7, 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

## “He’s Risen, He’s Risen”



1 He's ris - en, he's ris - en, Christ Je - sus, the Lord;  
2 The foe was tri - um - phant when on Cal - va - ry  
3 But short was their tri - umph; the Sav - ior a - rose,  
4 O, where is your sting, death? We fear you no more;



he o - pened death's pris - on, the in - car - nate Word.  
the Lord of cre - a - tion was nailed to the tree.  
and death, hell, and Sa - tan he van - quished, his foes.  
Christ rose, and now o - pen is fair E - den's door.



Break forth, hosts of heav - en, in ju - bi - lant song  
In Sa - tan's do - main did the hosts shout and jeer,  
The con - quer - ing Lord lifts his ban - ner on high;  
For all our trans - gres - sions his blood does a - tone;



and earth, sea, and moun - tain, the prais - es pro - long.  
for Je - sus was slain, whom the e - vil ones fear.  
he lives, yes, he lives, and will nev - er - more die.  
re - deemed and for - giv - en, we now are his own.

## A Dialogue of Repentance and Forgiveness

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

**Congregation: Amen.**

Our God invites us to come to him openly and honestly. There is no need to hide any part of us, because all of who we are is seen by him. Let us confess our sin and pray to the Lord.

**Forgive me, Lord, for my failures to trust all that you reveal to us in your Word. May I look to the cross and empty tomb and never doubt your love or power.**

Jesus, my Lord and my God, there is no work or sacrifice we can do to turn away God's wrath from us. But eternal thanks be to you, because through your suffering and death you have won full pardon for our sins and established peace with God on our behalf. This peace the Father announced unmistakably to the whole world when you rose from the dead.

**This peace which you have brought to us sinners fills our souls with joy, for we know we now stand before God unaccused and uncondemned.**

Almighty Father, though reminders of sin's curse are still evident, fill our hearts with peace so these things hold no terror for us. That we may experience the peace which transcends all understanding, pardon our offenses as we plead the merits of your Son.

**Take us out of the loneliness of self and the wastefulness of life, and fill us with the fullness of your peace.**

Holy Spirit, thank you for giving us faith to accept God's offer of peace. Dispel our doubts and increase our confidence and joy in Christ as Lord and God. Cause the peace which God has declared through Christ to rule our hearts, that we live in peace and love with one another. Preserve us from our doubts and increase our faith. Teach us to fix our eyes on Jesus. Broadcast throughout the world the message of pardon and peace in the crucified and risen Christ.

**Amen.**

## God's Word

## Numbers 6:22-27

<sup>22</sup>The LORD said to Moses, <sup>23</sup>"Tell Aaron and his sons, 'This is how you are to bless the Israelites. Say to them:

<sup>24</sup>" "The LORD bless you

and keep you;

<sup>25</sup>the LORD make his face shine on you

and be gracious to you;

<sup>26</sup>the LORD turn his face toward you

and give you peace." "

<sup>27</sup>"So they will put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them."

## God's Word

## John 20:19-31

<sup>19</sup>On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

<sup>21</sup>Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." <sup>22</sup>And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

<sup>24</sup>Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!"

But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

<sup>26</sup>A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and

said, "Peace be with you!" <sup>27</sup>Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."

<sup>28</sup>Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

<sup>29</sup>Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

<sup>30</sup>Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. <sup>31</sup>But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

## Children's Message

### Song

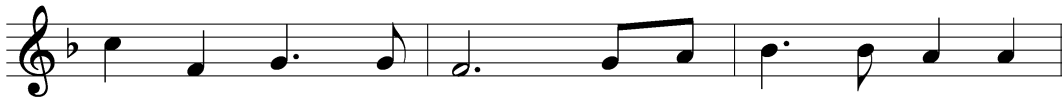
### "Like the Golden Sun Ascending"



1 Like the gold - en sun as - cend - ing, break - ing through the  
2 Thanks to you, O Christ vic - to - rious! Thanks to you, O  
3 You have died for my trans - gres - sion, all my sins on  
4 For the joy your ad - vent gave me, for your gos - pel's



gloom of night, on the earth its glo - ry spend - ing so that  
Lord of life! Death has now no pow - er o'er us, you have  
you were laid. You have won for me sal - va - tion, on the  
great re - ward, for your bap - tism which has saved me, for your



dark - ness takes to flight, thus my Je - sus from the  
con - quered in the strife. Thanks be - cause you did a -  
cross my debt was paid. From the grave I shall a -  
sup - per and your Word; for your death, the bit - ter



grave and death's dis - mal, dread - ful cave rose tri -  
rise and have o - pened par - a - dise! None can  
rise and shall meet you in the skies. Death it -  
scorn, for your res - ur - rec - tion morn: Lord, I



um - phant Eas - ter morn - ing at the ear - ly pur - ple dawn - ing.  
ful - ly sing the glo - ry of the res - ur - rec - tion sto - ry.  
self is tran - si - to - ry; I shall lift my head in glo - ry.  
thank you and ex - tol you, and in heav'n I shall be - hold you.

## Message from God's Word

## Romans 8:1-4

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus,  
<sup>2</sup>because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death. <sup>3</sup>For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in the flesh, <sup>4</sup>in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

## Great Peace

# Song

# “How Great Thou Art”



1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won - der  
3 And when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing,



con - sid - er all the works thy hand hath made,  
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,



I see the stars, I hear the might - y thun - der,  
that on the cross my bur - den glad - ly bear - ing



thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played;  
he bled and died to take a - way my sin;



Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior - God, to thee, How great thou



art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my



Sav - ior - God to thee, How great thou art! How great thou art!



## 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

*The Bible tells us that those who take Communion together are to:*

- 1. Recognize that Christ's true body and blood are present in the Sacrament (1 Cor. 11:29),*
- 2. Examine themselves in repentance (1 Cor. 11:28), and*
- 3. Be united in faith with those with whom they commune (1 Cor. 10:17).*

*For these reasons, it is our practice that those who are members of our congregation and those who agree with our teachings and beliefs join us for Holy Communion. If you are interested in learning more about becoming part of our fellowship, please speak with one of the pastors.*

## 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

## "Take and Eat"

*Refrain*

Take and eat, take and eat, this is my bod - y

giv - en up for you. Take and drink, take and drink,



this is my blood giv - en up for you.



1 I am the Word that spoke and light was made;  
2 I am the way that leads the ex - ile home;  
5 I am the light that came in - to the world;  
6 I am the first and last, the Liv - ing One;



I am the seed that died to be re - born;  
I am the truth that sets the cap - tive free;  
I am the light that dark - ness can - not hide;  
I am the Lord who died that you might live;



I am the bread that comes from heav'n a - bove;  
I am the life that rais - es up the dead;  
I am the Morn - ing Star that nev - er sets;  
I am the bride - groom, this my wed - ding song;



*Refrain*

I am the vine that fills your cup with joy.  
I am your peace, true peace my gift to you.  
lift up your face, in you my light will shine.  
you are my bride, come to the mar - riage feast.

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## 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

## “Crown Him with Many Crowns”



1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;  
2 Crown him the Lord of love— be - hold his hands and side,  
3 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave



hark how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.  
rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.  
and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.



A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
No an - gel in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,  
His glo - ries now we sing who died and rose on high,



and hail him as thy match-less King thro' all e - ter - ni - ty.  
but down-ward bends his won-d'ring eye at mys - ter - ies so bright.  
who died e - ter - nal life to bring and lives that death may die.

## Silent Prayer

O risen Lord, you came to your disciples and dispelled their fears with your words, “Peace be with you.” Come to us by Word and sacrament, and banish our fears with the comforting assurance of your abiding presence. 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 [cocardaho.org/give](https://cocardaho.org/give).*



# Cross of Christ Weekly Newsletter

<b>April 7-14</b>	<b>Boise (11655 W. McMillan Road)</b>	<b>Nampa (6134 Birch Lane)</b>
Sunday	8:30am – Worship (Communion) 9:45am – Monthly Ministry Discussion (Chapel) Teen Class (Conference Rm) Confirmation Class (Rm 5) Kids’ Sunday School (Gym) 11:00am – Worship (Communion)	9:30am – Worship (Communion) 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	
Wednesday	10:00am- Cross Connections 7:00pm – Cross Trainers	
Thursday		5:00 & 6:30pm – Cross Connections 6:30pm – Women’s & 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 10:45am – Adult Bible Study Confirmation Class Kids’ Sunday School

# THIS WEEK

## **New Worship Series: Begins Today**

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 new 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.

## **Monthly Ministry Discussion: Today**

Today, 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* (International Rescue Committee), and planning *how to build a culture of community at Cross of Christ this summer*. Everyone is invited and encouraged to participate – stay informed and be part of the conversations shaping our ministry!

## **Spring Growth Groups Start This Week**

The spring session of Growth Groups starts this week; if you haven't picked a group yet, now's the time! 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](http://tinyurl.com/SpringGG2024).

## **Cross of Christ Preschool Enrollment Open**

General registration for next fall at Cross of Christ Preschool is open. Pick up a paper application from the lobby bulletin board or visit [cocidaho.org/preschool](http://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](mailto:admin@cocidaho.org)) with questions.

# UPCOMING

## **Sunday Adult Bible Study: Begins April 14**

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

## **Active Seniors Pie Social**

If you're 55 or over, you're invited! Pie & ice cream social, Wednesday April 17, 6:30pm at the Boise campus (11655 W. McMillan Rd). 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 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. Come and invite a friend! If you're brand new to Mommy and Me, please register at [cocidaho.org/connect/mommy-and-me/](http://cocidaho.org/connect/mommy-and-me/) or the QR code.



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

A WELS Youth Night provides a teen-focused event 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 are invited!

Being a teen is challenging enough; being a Christian teen brings even more challenges. So let's connect with Christians our own 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@cocidaho.org](mailto:nampa.admin@cocidaho.org).

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

All ladies, 6th grade and older, are invited to enjoy an afternoon of tea and fellowship. Plan to bring a friend, and maybe a sweet or savory treat to share, to this fun event. More details to come.

## **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 will be available soon; email [admin@cocidaho.org](mailto:admin@cocidaho.org) to be notified when it's available!

- 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
- Childcare available

## **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.



## **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.

<b>People in God's Word this past week</b>	<b>Boise</b>	<b>Nampa</b>	<b>Total</b>
Last Weekend's Worship	205/168	104/100	577
Livestream Views	3		
Sunday Morning Adult/Teen Bible Study	n/a	n/a	n/a
Kids' Sunday School/Confirmation	n/a	n/a	n/a
Men's Bible Study/Women's Bible Study	7/10	n/a	7/10
Cross Connections	3	n/a	3

<i>General Fund Offerings Planned FY 23-24</i>	\$808,840
General Fund Offerings Planned FYTD	\$610,445
General Fund Offerings FYTD	\$569,777
Total Offerings Last Weekend (All Funds)	\$13,967

Serving	April 7		April 14	
	Nampa	Boise	Nampa	Boise
Altar Care	Sexton	C. Biggs, K. Townsend	n/a	C. Biggs, K. Townsend
AV Tech	G. Light, J. Parsons	T. Butterfield, L. Butterfield, M. Hartman	TBD	G. Light, TBD
Bulletins	n/a	Ritger, Ford, Ashley	n/a	L. Bafus, K. Guthmiller
Cleaning	TBD	n/a	TBD	Dosher
Coffee	Sexton	B. Robbins, TBD	Guthmiller	B. Robbins, TBD
Flowers	n/a	Watkins	n/a	Tiffany
Music	K. Koepsell	A. Lange, M. Biondi	J. Lowry	K. Koepsell
Open & Close	n/a	G. Whitlach, M. Brown	n/a	B. Masters
Tellers	Harris, Davidson, Christianson		Turley, Walden, Butterfield	
Ushers	Sobolewski, Lobeck	TBD, Geary	n/a	TBD