



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

“Speak, O Lord”



1 Speak, O Lord, as we come to you to re - ceive the food
2 Teach us, Lord, full o - be - di - ence, ho - ly rev - er - ence,
3 Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds, help us grasp the heights



of your ho - ly Word; take your truth, plant it
true hu - mil - i - ty; test our thoughts and our
of your plans for us, truths un - changed from the



deep in us, shape and fash - ion us in your like - ness,
at - ti - tudes in the ra - di - ance of your pu - ri - ty.
dawn of time, that will ech - o down thro' e - ter - ni - ty.



that the light of Christ might be seen to - day in our acts of
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see your ma - jes - tic
And by grace we'll stand on your prom - is - es, and by faith we'll



love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and ful -
love and au - thor - i - ty. Words of pow'r that can
walk as you walk with us. Speak, O Lord, till your



fill in us all your pur - pos - es for your glo - ry.
nev - er fail, let their truth pre - vail o - ver un - be - lief.
Church is built, and the earth is filled with your glo - ry.

A Dialogue of Repentance and Forgiveness

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

Congregation: Amen!

The Word of God is the saving message we need in order to believe and to live with God forever. This is a message of law and gospel, sin and grace. God's Word shows us how far we have fallen short of living as we should. And God's Word is the most amazing news that he still loves and saves sinners. Let's confess our sins together, leaving them all at the cross, and trusting in Jesus, our perfect Rescuer.

Almighty and forgiving God in heaven, I acknowledge my failings and my sins. Throughout my life, I have sinned against you and others in countless ways. My sins deserved your punishment forever, but you rescued me instead. I thank and praise you for your amazing love, shown in Jesus at the cross.

Jesus is the Word of God who came to make you God's child forever! His perfect life, death on the cross, and resurrection removed your sins once and for all. By believing in him, all is well with you and God. You are forgiven. You are loved. Let his Word be your constant source of comfort, guidance, and peace.

Amen!

Prayer

Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your Word. By your Holy Spirit, help us to receive it with joy and bring forth fruits in faith, hope, and love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Message from God's Word

Mark 4:26-34

²⁶He also said, "This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. ²⁷Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. ²⁸All by itself the soil produces grain—first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head. ²⁹As soon as the grain is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come."

³⁰Again he said, "What shall we say the kingdom of God is like, or what parable shall we use to describe it? ³¹It is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest of all seeds on earth. ³²Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds can perch in its shade."

³³With many similar parables Jesus spoke the word to them, as much as they could understand. ³⁴He did not say anything to them without using a parable. But when he was alone with his own disciples, he explained everything.

God's Word

Colossians 1:3-8

³We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, ⁴because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all God's people— ⁵the faith and love that spring from the hope stored up for you in heaven and about which you have already heard in the true message of the gospel ⁶that has come to you. In the same way, the gospel is bearing fruit and growing throughout the whole world—just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and truly understood God's grace. ⁷You learned it from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, ⁸and who also told us of your love in the Spirit.

Children's Message

Song

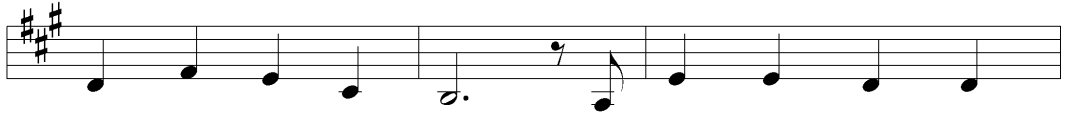
"Show Us Christ"



1 Pre - pare our hearts, O God. Help us to re -
2 Your word is liv - ing light up - on our dark-ened



ceive. Break the hard and ston - y ground;
eyes, guards us through temp - ta - tions,



help our un - be - lief. Plant your word down
makes the sim - ple wise. Your word is food for



deep in us; cause it to bear fruit. O - pen up our
fam - ished ones, free - dom for the slave, rich - es for the

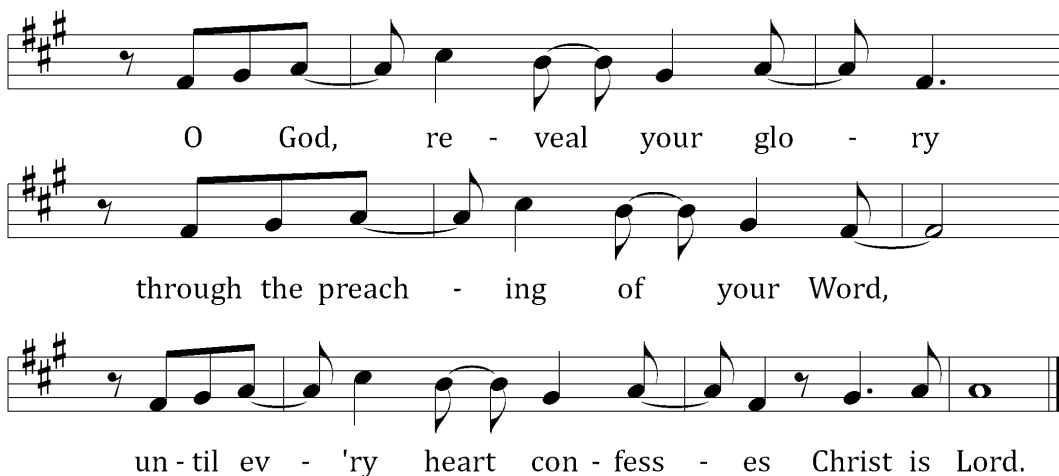


ears to hear, lead us in your truth.
need - y soul. Come speak to us to - day.



Show us Christ.

Show us Christ.



O God, re - veal your glo - ry
 through the preach - ing of your Word,
 un - til ev - 'ry heart con - fess - es Christ is Lord.

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Message from God's Word

Ezekiel 17:22-24

²²“This is what the Sovereign LORD says: I myself will take a shoot from the very top of a cedar and plant it; I will break off a tender sprig from its topmost shoots and plant it on a high and lofty mountain. ²³On the mountain heights of Israel I will plant it; it will produce branches and bear fruit and become a splendid cedar. Birds of every kind will nest in it; they will find shelter in the shade of its branches. ²⁴All the trees of the forest will know that I the LORD bring down the tall tree and make the low tree grow tall. I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish.

“ ‘I the LORD have spoken, and I will do it.’ ”

How the Lord Brings Trees Down and Makes Them Grow

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.

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

“Draw Near and Take the Body of Your Lord”



1 Draw near and take the bod - y of your Lord,
2 Christ our Re - deem - er, God's e - ter - nal Son,
3 Let us ap - proach with faith - ful hearts sin - cere
4 With heav'n - ly bread he makes the hun - gry whole,



and drink the ho - ly blood for you out - poured.
has by his cross and blood the vic - t'ry won.
and take the pledg - es of sal - va - tion here.
gives liv - ing wa - ters to the thirst - ing soul.



Saved by his bod - y and his ho - ly blood,
He gave his life for great - est and for least,
Christ, who in this life all the saints de - fends,
Lord of the na - tions, to whom all must bow,



with souls re - freshed we give our thanks to God.
him - self the of - f'ring and him - self the priest.
gives all be - liev - ers life that nev - er ends.
in this great feast of love be with us now.

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

“Jesus, Thank You”



1 The mys - t'ry of the cross I can - not com - pre - hend,
2 By your per - fect sac - ri - fice I've been brought near.



the ag - o - nies of Cal - va - ry.
Your en - e - my you've made your friend.



You, the per - fect Ho - ly One, crushed your Son, who
Pour - ing out the rich - es of your glo - rious grace, your



drank the bit - ter cup re - served for me.
mer - cy and your kind - ness know no end.



Your blood has washed a - way my sin; Je - sus, thank you.



The Fa - ther's wrath com - plete - ly sat - is - fied;

Je - sus, thank you. Once your en - e - my, now
 seat - ed at your ta - ble; Je - sus, thank you.

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Silent Prayer

My Lord and my God, let your Word take root more and more in my heart.
 Cause me to grow in my faith, in my love for you, and in my walk with you.
 Amen.

Acknowledgments

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Calendar & Announcements

June 16-23	Boise (11655 W. McMillan Road)	Nampa (6134 Birch Lane)
Sunday	8:30am – Worship (Communion) 9:45am – Adult/Teen Bible Study Kids’ Sunday School (Gym & Classrooms) 11:00am – Worship	9:30am – Worship (Communion) 10:45am – Family Bible Study Kids’ Sunday School (age 2-7)
Monday	6:30pm – Council Meeting	
Tuesday	6:30pm - Financial Peace Univer.	
Wednesday	5:30pm – Marriage Workshop	
Thursday	6:30pm – Cross Connections	6:30pm - Men’s & Women’s Bible Study 6:30pm – Griefshare
Friday		1:00pm – Cook-out with Breaking Chains Academy
Sunday	8:30am – Worship 9:45am – Adult/Teen Bible Study Kids’ Sunday School (Gym & Classrooms) 11:00am – Worship	9:30am – Worship 10:45am – Family Bible Study Kids’ Sunday School (age 2-7)

THIS WEEK

Summer Sunday Morning Spiritual Growth

June-August, 9:45 am

This summer we'll all be studying the same Old Testament Bible accounts, which also roughly correspond with the summer Bible reading plan: the Israelites from Egypt to the Promised Land. We'll see God's faithfulness to his people then – and be encouraged by his faithfulness to us his people today!

- Kids' Sunday school for age 2 thru (just finished) 6th grade (every week)
- Adult/Teen Bible study for youth 7th grade (just finished) thru adults (every week *except* the first Sunday of each month, when all are invited to participate in our monthly Ministry Discussion)

Marriage Workshop

This Wednesday, June 19, 5:30-8:30 pm, here on the Boisei campus. For married or soon-to-be married couples (new material from last year's). Find encouragement and biblical support as you face new seasons in your marriage, along with their blessings and challenges. **Register online** to save your spot, at cocidaho.org/connect/marriage-workshops.

Community Volunteering Opportunity: Saturday, June 22

Here's an opportunity to show the selfless love of Christ in our community! One of our community partners, the International Rescue Committee, is involved in World Refugee Day on Saturday, June 22, at the Grove Plaza in downtown Boise. You could contribute by doing the following:

- 6:30 am: unloading & setting up tables & chairs
- 9:30 am – 1:30 pm: trash clean-up throughout the event
- 2:30 pm: taking down & loading up tables & chairs

If you'd like to volunteer, contact Pastor Hein for details (greg.hein@cocidaho.org) or fill out the volunteer form linked in Friday's congregational email.

Summer Bible Reading Plans

Join your church family in reading the Bible books of Exodus, Numbers, and Joshua this summer! Participate via the YouVersion Bible app (contact admin@cocidaho.org to receive the Exodus plan link) or pick up a printed schedule from the tables in the lobby.

Preschool Teacher Call Accepted

Mrs. Michelle Lowry has accepted the Call from Cross of Christ to serve as part-time lead Preschool teacher next school year. Please keep her and her family in your prayers as she transitions into this new role!

Art and Charlotte Loring Anniversary Celebration

This past March, Art and Charlotte marked 60 years of marriage. On Saturday, June 22 from 10:00am-4:00pm they will celebrate this wonderful blessing with a gathering in the Boise campus gym. All are invited to join them in this celebration.

UPCOMING

High School Lock-In June 24-25, Boise Campus

- Monday, June 24, 8:00 pm to Tuesday, June 25, 5:00 am. Teens attending the Youth Rally will depart directly from church at 5am that morning!
- For high-school-age teens, from those entering 9th grade this fall thru those who just graduated! RSVP at tinyurl.com/HSLockIn24.
- We're also in need of adults who are willing to chaperone in 3-hour shifts (two per shift). Sign up at tinyurl.com/24Chaperone.
- Direct questions to Pastor Snyder (brad.snyder@cocidaho.org).

Camp Christos Registration: Deadline June 30

Camp Christos is a sleepaway Bible camp in the great outdoors for youth ages 9-16, August 4-9 at Dworshak State Park (about an hour east of Lewiston, ID). Individuals age 17 and older are needed to serve as volunteer staff. All camp info and online registration can be found at tinyurl.com/campchristos.

Guest Musical Artist: June 29 & 30

We are blessed to welcome a traveling WELS musical artist, Mike Westendorf, to our Boise campus the last weekend of June. He will be performing a casual concert on Saturday, June 29, at 6:30pm. He'll also be providing the worship music on Sunday, June 30, at both Boise campus services. Invite friends and family to enjoy either or both of these unique opportunities to celebrate the gospel and our good God through music together.

Snyder Farewell June 30

On Sunday, June 30, Pastor Snyder will preach his last sermon at Cross of Christ (both campuses). At 12:30 pm that day we'll gather in the Boise campus gym to express our gratitude to the Snyder family and wish them God's blessings as they transition to life and ministry in Minnesota. Refreshments and a light lunch will be served. **Please RSVP** at tinyurl.com/snyderfarewell to aid in planning.

Vacation Bible School

Monday-Thursday, July 8-11, 9am-12pm on the Boise campus. Direct questions to Kristen Koepsell (kristen.koepsell@cocidaho.org).

- **REGISTER today at tinyurl.com/VBSCOC24.** Kids age 3 through entering 6th grade. **Registration deadline is July 1.**
- **VOLUNTEER** at tinyurl.com/VBSVOL24 or on the lobby bulletin board. Adults and youth entering 7th grade or older. Top needs:
 - a. Set-up & decorating Sunday afternoon, July 7 (no creativity needed, direction provided!)
 - b. Snack leader (the planning & shopping will be done; you simply coordinate the prepping & serving during the week)
 - c. Take-down Thursday midday, July 11
- **DONATE** snack items at tinyurl.com/SnackDonationsVBS24 or on the lobby bulletin board.

<i>General Fund Offerings Planned FY 23-24</i>	\$808,840
General Fund Offerings Planned FYTD	\$763,056
General Fund Offerings FYTD	\$699,370
Total Offerings Last Weekend (All Funds)	\$15,132

People in God's Word this past week	Boise	Nampa	Total
Last Weekend's Worship	111/108	114	333
Livestream Views	9		
Sunday Morning Adult/Teen Bible Study	47	46	93
Kids' Sunday School	24	n/a	24
Men's Bible Study/Women's Bible Study	n/a	10/5	10/5
Cross Connections	n/a	3	3

Serving	June 16		June 23	
	Nampa	Boise	Nampa	Boise
Altar Care	Sexton	K. Struthers	n/a	K. Struthers
AV Tech	C. Whitaker, D. Whitaker	C. Klink, T. Russow, D. Wilson	TBD, J. Parsons	T. Butterfield, L. Butterfield
Bulletins	n/a	Prigge, Tweedy	n/a	L. Kimmel, Y. Whitlach
Cleaning	Olsoe, Strickler	n/a	TBD	Trentz
Coffee	Sexton	K. Struthers, J&M Welch	TBD	K. Struthers, J&M Welch
Flowers	n/a	Loring	n/a	Manglos
Mowing	n/a	Lange, Wilson	n/a	Dodd, Hartman
Music	L. Becker, A. Biondi	K. Koepsell	K. Koepsell, B. Parsons	J. Hein, T. Russow
Open & Close	n/a	G. Whitlach, E. Christianson	n/a	B. Masters, R. Lange
Tellers	Rule, Butterfield, Christianson		Harris, Butterfield, Turley	
Ushers	Merklinger, Sobolewski	TBD	n/a	Turley, TBD

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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