



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

“How Great Thou Art”



1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won - der
2 When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der
3 And when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing,



con - sid - er all the works thy hand hath made,
and hear the birds sing sweet - ly in the trees;
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,



I see the stars, I hear the might - y thun - der,
when I look down from loft - y moun - tain gran - deur
that on the cross my bur - den glad - ly bear - ing



thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played;
and hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze;
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!

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**4 When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim: "My God, how great thou art!"**

**Then sings my soul, my Savior-God, to thee,
How great thou art! How great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior-God to thee,
How great thou art! How great thou art!**

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A Dialogue of Repentance and Forgiveness

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

Congregation: Amen!

Family of God, we have come to see again how good Jesus is. Just like sheep needing a shepherd, we all need Jesus. We all needed to be rescued. And we need someone who will still care for us, forgive us, and guide us throughout life. When we confess our sins, we lay them all at the cross, trusting in Jesus alone as our perfect Savior.

Almighty and forgiving God, I confess that I have wandered from your ways and sinned against you throughout my life. For how I have disobeyed you and hurt others, I deserved your punishment forever. Thank you for finding me when I was lost. Thank you for rescuing me and never giving up on me. Thank you for forgiving me.

Jesus has done it all; he is your perfect shepherd. He laid down his life for you only to take it up again so you can live forever. Because of Jesus, you are saved. By trusting in him, you are God's holy child. You are loved, and you will live with God forever!

Amen!

Prayer

O God, the strength of all who trust in you, mercifully hear our prayers. Be gracious to us in our weakness, and give us strength to keep your commandments in all we say and do; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

God's Word

Jeremiah 23:1-6

¹“Woe to the shepherds who are destroying and scattering the sheep of my pasture!” declares the LORD. ²Therefore this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says to the shepherds who tend my people: “Because you have scattered my flock and driven them away and have not bestowed care on them, I will bestow punishment on you for the evil you have done,” declares the LORD. ³“I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them and will bring them back to their pasture, where they will be fruitful and increase in number. ⁴I will place shepherds over them who will tend them, and they will no longer be afraid or terrified, nor will any be missing,” declares the LORD.

⁵“The days are coming,” declares the LORD,
“when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch,
a King who will reign wisely
and do what is just and right in the land.

⁶In his days Judah will be saved
and Israel will live in safety.

This is the name by which he will be called:
The LORD Our Righteous Savior.”

God's Word

Hebrews 13:7-8,17-21

⁷Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith. ⁸Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. . . .

¹⁷Have confidence in your leaders and submit to their authority, because they keep watch over you as those who must give an account. Do this so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no benefit to you.

¹⁸Pray for us. We are sure that we have a clear conscience and desire to live honorably in every way. ¹⁹I particularly urge you to pray so that I may be restored to you soon.

²⁰Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, ²¹equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Children's Message

Song

“I Am Jesus’ Little Lamb”



1 I am Je - sus’ lit - tle lamb; ev - er glad at
2 Day by day, at home, a - way, Je - sus is my
3 Who so hap - py as I am, e - ven now the



heart I am, for my Shep - herd gent - ly guides me,
staff and stay. When I hun - ger, Je - sus feeds me,
Shep - herd’s lamb? And when my short life is end - ed,



knows my need and well pro - vides me, loves me ev - ’ry
in - to pleas - ant pas - tures leads me; when I thirst, he
by his an - gel host at - tend - ed, he shall fold me



day the same, e - ven calls me by my name.
bids me go where the qui - et wa - ters flow.
to his breast, there with - in his arms to rest.

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Tune: Choral-Buch . . . Brüder-Gemeinen, Leipzig, 1784. Text and tune: Public domain.*

Message from God's Word

Mark 6:30-34

³⁰The apostles gathered around Jesus and reported to him all they had done and taught. ³¹Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, he said to them, "Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest."

³²So they went away by themselves in a boat to a solitary place. ³³But many who saw them leaving recognized them and ran on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. ³⁴When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things.

My Shepherd Knows My Needs and Well Provides Me

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 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

“Jesus Sinners Does Receive”



1 Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive; oh, may all this
 3 Sheep that from the fold did stray are not by the
 5 Oh, how blest it is to know, were as scar - let
 7 Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive, e - ven I have



say - ing pon - der who in sin's de - lu - sions live
 Lord for - sak - en; wea - ry souls who lost their way
 my trans - gres - sion, it shall be as white as snow
 been for - giv - en. And when I this earth must leave,



and from God and heav - en wan - der. Here is hope for
 are by Christ, the Shep - herd, tak - en in his arms that
 by your blood and bit - ter pas - sion, for these words I
 I shall find an o - pen heav - en. Dy - ing, still to



all who grieve: Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.
 they may live: Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.
 do be - lieve: Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.
 him I cleave: Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.

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 Tune: Neu-verfertigtes Darmstädtisches Gesang-Buch, Darmstadt, 1699. Text and tune: Public domain.*

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 “The King of Love My Shepherd Is”



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose
2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my
4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill with
6 And so through all the length of days your



good - ness fails me nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
Sav - ior gent - ly leads me, and where the ver - dant
you, dear Lord, be - side me, your rod and staff my
good - ness fails me nev - er; Good Shep - herd, may I



I am his, and he is mine for - ev - er.
pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feeds me.
com - fort still, your cross be - fore to guide me.
sing your praise with - in your house for - ev - er!

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Silent Prayer

Jesus, my perfect Shepherd, thank you for this time in your house. Give me rest. Guide me through life this week. Keep teaching me your Word. Amen.

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Calendar & Announcements

July 21-28	Boise (11655 W. McMillan Road)	Nampa (6134 Birch Lane)
Sunday	8:30am – Worship (Communion) 9:45am – Adult/Teen Bible Study (Chapel) Kids’ Sunday School (Gym & Classrooms) 11:00am – Worship (Communion)	9:30am – Worship (Communion) 10:45am – Family Bible Study Kids’ Sunday School (age 2-7)
Tuesday		7:15pm – Cross Connections
Thursday		6:30pm – GriefShare 6:30pm - Men’s & Women’s Bible Study
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THIS WEEK

Summer Bible Reading Plans

We'll finish the book of Numbers this coming week and start the book of Joshua, to finish out the summer! Participate via the YouVersion Bible app (Joshua link emailed this past week; contact admin@cocidaho.org to receive it again) or pick up a printed schedule from the tables in the lobby.

How to Support Camp Christos

Camp Christos is just two weeks away, August 4-8! In addition to praying for the campers and staff, consider the following ways you could support this ministry:

Food Donations are one way we keep the cost of camp reasonable for families. Find the list at tinyurl.com/ChristosFood2024 or on the bulletin board in the lobby. Contact Kristin Caudill (kdhaight@gmail.com) with questions. Please deliver donations to the church kitchen no later than Friday, August 2, so we can pack everything up on Saturday!

Craft Item Donation: Plastic shopping bags ("disposable," not reusable) in any color OTHER THAN white/tan/gray. Grocery bag size or larger works best but will also take smaller! Drop off in the Boise office any time before August 2; contact Kristen with questions (kristen.koepsell@cocidaho.org / 208-922-8422).

Pastor Call Issued

Cross of Christ has called Pastor Paul Koester to serve as our Boise campus pastor. Pastor Koester currently serves Bethlehem Lutheran Church, a multi-campus ministry in Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin (a suburb of Milwaukee). He and his wife Erica have three young children. Please feel free to reach out to him (pkoeester@bethlehem-wels.org) / 262-290-7713); introduce yourself and let him know you're praying for him and his family.

Preschool Staffing

Cross of Christ Preschool is hiring aides for this coming school year. If you are interested in serving in this capacity, please submit a resume to preschool.director@cochoise.org by Sunday, July 2; you'll be contacted for an interview the following week. We're also looking for substitutes to call on as needed; if you can serve in this way, please send an email to the same address indicating your interest.

UPCOMING

Save the Date: Sisters in Christ 2024 Ladies Retreat

This year's ladies retreat will be October 4-6 in beautiful Donnelly, ID. All ladies confirmation age and older are invited to gather for a weekend of being refreshed in God's Word and Christian connection! If you are interested in helping plan this wonderful weekend (devotions/Bible studies, meals, activities, hospitality, logistical details, etc.) please contact Mandy Watkins (210-425-3270 or amanda.watkins99@yahoo.com) to find out more!

Serving	July 21		July 28	
	Nampa	Boise	Nampa	Boise
Altar Care	Guthmiller	C. Biggs, K. Townsend	n/a	C. Biggs, K. Townsend
AV Tech	D. Whitaker, C. Whitaker	E. Christianson, M. Hartman	J. Parsons, S. Tews	Butterfields
Bulletins	n/a	L. Kimmel, Y. Whitlach	n/a	R. Ritger, B. Ford, D. Ashley
Cleaning	Olsoe	K. Inman	TBD	n/a
Coffee	Guthmiller	B. Robbins	Guthmiller	B. Robbins
Flowers	n/a	Available	n/a	Available
Mowing	n/a	J. Malnes, T. Masters	n/a	J. Harris, M. Wilson
Music	J. Lowry	L. Becker, K. Christianson	R. Dodd	L. Neujahr, C. Masters
Open & Close	n/a	J. Breckon, E. Christianson	n/a	B. Masters, M. Brown
Tellers	Rule, Butterfield, Walden		Harris, Turley, Walden	
Ushers	TBD	J. Breckon, J. Harris	n/a	Geary

<i>General Fund Offerings Planned FY 24-25</i>	\$816,957
General Fund Offerings Planned FYTD	\$31,421
General Fund Offerings FYTD	\$27,247
Total Offerings Last Weekend (All Funds)	\$14,697

People in God's Word this past week	Boise	Nampa	Total
Last Weekend's Worship	84/81	104	272
Livestream Views	10		
Sunday Morning Adult/Teen Bible Study	53	49	102
Kids' Sunday School	16	9	25
Men's Bible Study/Women's Bible Study	n/a	7/7	7/7
Cross Connections	n/a	7	7
Digging Deeper Class	15		

**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.

