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FROM JESUS

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 worshipping 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.

Call to Worship

“Amazing Grace”

11:00 am only, led by the Sunday school students

Opening Song

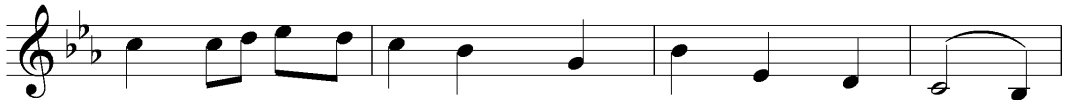
“You Are My Vision”



1 You are my vis - ion, O King of my heart;
3 You are my bat - tle - shield, sword for the fight;
4 I don't want rich - es or man's emp - ty praise;
5 High King of heav - en, when vic - to - ry's won



noth - ing else sa - tis - fies, on - ly you, Lord.
you are my dig - ni - ty, you're my de - light.
you're my in - her - i - tance now and al - ways.
may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heav'n's Son.



You are my best thought by day or by night,
You're my soul's shel - ter and you're my high tow er;
You and you on - ly the first in my heart;
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, your pres - ence my light.
Come raise me heav - en - ward, O pow'r of my pow'r.
High King of heav - en, my trea - sure you are.
Still be my vi - sion, O ru - ler of all.

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A Dialogue of Repentance and Forgiveness with “Lord, Have Mercy”

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.

Family of God, as we come before our Creator today, we have so much to give him thanks for. Great is his faithfulness today and always! Greatest of all, he is faithful in his forgiveness and his saving love. When we gather to worship him, we acknowledge our brokenness and sin. As we do, we remember how much he overcame to save us and adopt us into his family.



Lord, have mer cy; Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer-cy



on me. Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy.



Lord, have mer - cy on me.

God, you are good, holy, and right. But I have sinned against you. Left to myself, I would have been powerless to change. Thank you for coming to me and meeting my needs in Jesus. Restore me again today and receive me as your forgiven child.

Lord, have mer cy; Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy
 on me. Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy.
 Lord, have mer - cy on me.

Through the gift of faith, God connects you to the perfect life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. Because of him and his power, all your sins are forgiven! God now sees you as his own dear child, righteous and holy in his sight. You are equally loved and accepted in the family of God, now and forever.

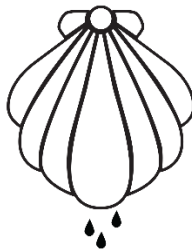
Amen!

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Baptism

Adeline Grey Shaw

8:30 am service



God's Word

1 Chronicles 29:1-2, 10-18

¹Then King David said to the whole assembly: "My son Solomon, the one whom God has chosen, is young and inexperienced. The task is great, because this palatial structure is not for man but for the LORD God. ²With all my resources I have provided for the temple of my God—gold for the gold work, silver for the silver, bronze for the bronze, iron for the iron and wood for the wood, as well as onyx for the settings, turquoise, stones of various colors, and all kinds of fine stone and marble—all of these in large quantities. ...

¹⁰David praised the LORD in the presence of the whole assembly, saying,

"Praise be to you, LORD,
the God of our father Israel,
from everlasting to everlasting.

¹¹Yours, LORD, is the greatness and the power
and the glory and the majesty and the splendor,
for everything in heaven and earth is yours.

Yours, LORD, is the kingdom;
you are exalted as head over all.

¹²Wealth and honor come from you;
you are the ruler of all things.

In your hands are strength and power
to exalt and give strength to all.

¹³Now, our God, we give you thanks,
and praise your glorious name.

¹⁴"But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand. ¹⁵We are foreigners and strangers in your sight, as were all our ancestors. Our days on earth are like a shadow, without hope.

¹⁶LORD our God, all this abundance that we have provided for building you a temple for your Holy Name comes from your hand, and all of it belongs to you. ¹⁷I know, my God, that you test the heart and are pleased with integrity. All these things I have given willingly and with honest intent. And now I have

seen with joy how willingly your people who are here have given to you.

¹⁸LORD, the God of our fathers Abraham, Isaac and Israel, keep these desires and thoughts in the hearts of your people forever, and keep their hearts loyal to you.”

God’s Word

Romans 6:15-23

¹⁵What then? Shall we sin because we are not under the law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶Don’t you know that when you offer yourselves to someone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one you obey—whether you are slaves to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷But thanks be to God that, though you used to be slaves to sin, you have come to obey from your heart the pattern of teaching that has now claimed your allegiance. ¹⁸You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness.

¹⁹I am using an example from everyday life because of your human limitations. Just as you used to offer yourselves as slaves to impurity and to ever-increasing wickedness, so now offer yourselves as slaves to righteousness leading to holiness. ²⁰When you were slaves to sin, you were free from the control of righteousness. ²¹What benefit did you reap at that time from the things you are now ashamed of? Those things result in death! ²²But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life. ²³For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Children’s Message

Song

“Before You I Kneel”

The vocalist will sing stanza 1. You're invited to join in singing stanzas 2-3.



1 Be - fore you I kneel, my Mas - ter and Mak - er, to of - fer the
2 Be - fore you I kneel and ask for your good - ness to cov - er the
3 Be - fore you we kneel, our Mas - ter and Mak - er; es - tab - lish the



work of my hands. For this is the day you've giv - en your
work of my hands, for pa - tience and peace to shape all my
work of our hands, and or - der our steps to seek first your



ser - vant; I will re - joice and be glad
la - bor; your grace for thorns in my path.
king - dom in ev - 'ry small and great task.



for the strength I have to live and breathe, for each
Flow with - in me like a liv - ing stream; wear a -
May we live the gos - pel of your grace, serve your



skill your grace has giv - en me, for the needs and op - por -
way the stones of pride and greed, till your ways are dwell - ing
pur - pose in our fleet - ing days, then our lives will bring e -



tu - ni - ties that will glo - ri - fy your great name.
deep in me and a har-vest of life is grown.
ter - nal praise and all glo - ry to your great name.

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Message from God's Word

Luke 17:1-10

¹Jesus said to his disciples: "Things that cause people to stumble are bound to come, but woe to anyone through whom they come. ²It would be better for them to be thrown into the sea with a millstone tied around their neck than to cause one of these little ones to stumble. ³So watch yourselves.

"If your brother or sister sins against you, rebuke them; and if they repent, forgive them. ⁴Even if they sin against you seven times in a day and seven times come back to you saying 'I repent,' you must forgive them."

⁵The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!"

⁶He replied, "If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it will obey you.

⁷"Suppose one of you has a servant plowing or looking after the sheep. Will he say to the servant when he comes in from the field, 'Come along now and sit down to eat'? ⁸Won't he rather say, 'Prepare my supper, get yourself ready and wait on me while I eat and drink; after that you may eat and drink'? ⁹Will he thank the servant because he did what he was told to do? ¹⁰So you also, when you have done everything you were told to do, should say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done our duty.' "

Song of Faith

“All Praise to Him”



1 All praise to him, the God of light who formed the
2 All praise to him whose love is seen in Christ the
3 All praise to him whose pow'r im - parts the love of



moun - tains by his might. All praise to him who names the
Son, the ser - vant King, who left be - hind his glo - rious
God with - in our hearts, the Spir - it of all truth and



stars that sing his fame in skies a - far.
throne to pay the ran - som for his own.
peace, the fount of joy and ho - li - ness.



All praise to him who reigns in love, who guides the
All praise to him who hum - bly came to bear our
To Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it now our souls we



gal - ax - ies a - bove, yet bends to hear our ev - 'ry
sor - row, sin, and shame, who lived to die, who died to
lift, our wills we bow; to you, the tri - une God, we

prayer with sov-'reign pow'r and ten - der care.
 rise, the all - suf - fi - cient sac - ri - fice.
 raise with lov - ing hearts our song of praise.

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Our Mission: Impacting Lives for Eternity

Thank-Offerings

If you would like to give an offering in person 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.



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

“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
3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me when my bur - dens



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
grow too great to bear; oh, what joy to know that you will



send me draw me near - er to my heav'n - ly goal.
guide me o'er the paths I strug - gle day by day.
hear me when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer.



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
Day by day, no mat - ter what be - tide me, you will hold me



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
ev - er in your hand. Sav - ior, with your pres - ence here to



trea - sure, where at last I'll find e - ter - nal rest.
sor - row till in glo - ry I be - hold your face.
guide me, I will reach at last the prom - ised land.

Silent Prayer

Merciful God, thank you for the gift of faith. Thank you for being all the power and strength I need. Help me to rely on you and enable me to live my life in glory to your name. Amen.

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Calendar & Announcements

Sept 29 – Oct 6	Boise (11655 W. McMillan Road)	Nampa (6134 Birch Lane)
Sunday	8:30am – Worship 9:45am – Adult/Teen Bible Study (Chapel) Confirmation Class (Rm 5) Kids’ Sunday School (Gym & Classrooms) 11:00am – Worship	9:30am – Worship 10:45am – Adult/Teen Bible Study (Chapel) Confirmation Class Kids’ Sunday School
Monday	9:30am – Women’s Bible Study	
Wednesday	6:15pm – Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm – Cross Trainers	
Thursday	6:30pm- Cross Connections	6:30pm - Men’s & Women’s Bible Study
Friday	<i>Sisters in Christ Ladies Retreat through Sunday</i>	
Friday		10:00am – Mommy & Me (onsite)
Sunday	8:30am – Worship (communion) 9:45am – Monthly Ministry Discussion (Chapel) Confirmation Class (Rm 5) Kids’ Sunday School (Gym & Classrooms) 11:00am – Worship (communion)	9:30am – Worship (communion) 10:45am – Monthly Ministry Planning Meeting Confirmation Class (no Kids’ Sunday School)

THIS WEEK

Pastor Call Issued

Cross of Christ has called Pastor Michael Ewart to serve as the Boise Campus Pastor. He currently serves as one of the pastors at 922 Ministries, a multi-site church in Appleton, Wisconsin. Please feel free to reach out to him and his wife Jenny: introduce yourself, let them know you're praying for them and their family (the Ewarts have three young adult children), and share what excites you about the ministry here at Cross of Christ!

- Pastor Ewart: 920-878-2899, pastormichael@922ministries.com
- Jenny: 920-878-4083, ewartmj@gmail.com

Sunday Morning Spiritual Growth for All Ages

9:45-10:45am

Teen/Adult Bible Study "Marriage and Singlehood" (in the chapel)

Youth Confirmation Class (9:45am)

7th grade & older, Room 5 (down the hall to the right)

Sunday School (9:45am)

Age 2 - 6th grade, all meet in the gym! (all the way down the hall)

SERVE: Outreach

Many thanks to those who have committed to serving in various coordinator and team member roles at both campuses, as we implement our new ministry structure! We are still seeking an individual to serve as **Outreach Coordinator** for the Boise campus.

If you have any interest in simply learning more about what this entails, please get in touch with Pastor Hein (greg.hein@cocidaho.org) to get some info, no strings attached.

CrossTrainers: this Wednesday, October 2

High school teens are invited to the next CrossTrainers this Wednesday, October 2, 7:00-8:30pm. Food, fun, and real-life faith conversations around God's Word.

Mommy & Me this Friday, Oct 4 10am

Mommy & Me is a free school-year program for kids age 5 and under with a caregiver. The first Friday of each month we have a themed playdate – this Friday: camping! We'll meet at our Nampa campus (6134 Birch Lane) at 10:00 am for story time, creative play, and more. If it's your first time coming, would you let us know? Register at cocidaho.org/connect/mommy-and-me or the QR code.



Monthly Ministry Discussion next Sunday, Oct 6

Next week we'll use the adult Bible class hour (9:45am-10:45am) for October's ministry discussion. *We'll discuss challenges and opportunities during the vacancy, plans for the Fall Festival, and ministry goals for the remainder of the year.* Everyone is invited and encouraged to be part of the conversations shaping our ministry!

Teen Bible Study Restarts next Sunday, Oct 6

Starting October 6, Teen Bible Study will pick up on Sunday mornings, 9:45 am in the Conference Room (2nd door on the left in the hallway). Spread the word and bring a friend or two for some great faith & life discussions.

UPCOMING

Local Fall Festival Outreach: Grab & Go!

We want our community to know that they're invited to our Fall Festival, on October 27! *Coming soon* to the lobby: packets of invitation flyers and maps with highlighted local neighborhood routes. Here's how to participate:

- GRAB a packet with a map.
- GO along the highlighted route on the map – neighborhoods around our Boise campus – at your convenience over the next few weeks.
- DROP an invitation at each door.
 - Tuck it in the door handle, in between the door & frame, into the latch on the gate, etc.
 - Please respect “no soliciting signs” and skip those houses.
- PRAY for the people receiving the invitations!

Boise Campus Fall Clean-up: Saturday, October 19, 9am-12pm

Come for as long or short as you can, to help polish up God's house for the change of seasons! Light snacks and refreshments provided. All ages can help, with plenty of tasks large and small to accomplish, indoors and out. Supplies & instructions provided; please bring your own work gloves if you'd like to work outside.

Fall Festival: October 27, 3-5pm

Here it comes! Fall Festival at the Boise campus is Sunday, October 27, 3-5pm. We'll have a chili cook-off, games, trunk or treat, and a petting zoo!

This is the perfect event to attend with an eye on hospitality and connecting with new folks in our community—be sure to attend (let us know if you'd like a Cross of Christ t-shirt to wear).

How to participate?

- Simply attend! (Costume optional. 😊)
- Invite a friend or neighbor family to come with you!
- Volunteer your time & assistance day-of (set-up, grilling, hospitality team, games, clean-up, etc): tinyurl.com/COCFFvolunteer.
- Decorate your vehicle's trunk and hand out candy. Please sign up: tinyurl.com/COCFFvolunteer.
- Donate candy so our trunk-decorators don't have to buy it all! tinyurl.com/FFfooddonations
- Compete in the chili cook-off: tinyurl.com/FFchilicookoff
- Contribute a dessert or side for the meal: tinyurl.com/FFfooddonations

Info & sign-ups also available on the lobby bulletin board. Direct questions to Mandy Watkins (amanda.watkins99@yahoo.com / 210-425-3270).

<i>General Fund Offerings Planned FY 24-25</i>	\$816,957
General Fund Offerings Planned FYTD	\$188,528
General Fund Offerings FYTD	\$153,800
Total Offerings Last Weekend (All Funds)	\$9,417

People in God's Word this past week	Boise	Nampa	Total
Last Weekend's Worship	70/96	99	265
Livestream Views	11		
Sunday Morning Adult/Teen Bible Study	46	46	92
Kids' Sunday School/Confirmation	30/9	19/4	49/13
Men's Bible Study/Women's Bible Study	n/a/12	9/12	9/24
Growth Groups	35		
Cross Connections	8	6	14

Serving	September 29		October 6	
	Nampa	Boise	Nampa	Boise
Altar Care	n/a	K. Struthers	TBD	C. Biggs, K. Townsend
AV Tech	J. Parsons, S. Tews	G. Light, R. Jorgensen, D. Wilson	TBD	T. Butterfield, L. Butterfield
Bulletins	n/a	L. Bafus, K. Guthmiller	n/a	Prigge, A. Tweedy
Cleaning	TBD	Dosher	TBD	n/a
Coffee	TBD	K. Struthers, Welch	TBD	B. Robbins, M & B Lowry
Flowers	n/a	available	n/a	Watkins
Mowing	n/a	Geary, Hartman	n/a	Ochoa, Boltz
Music	J. Hein, A. Parsons	L. Becker, A. Scott, Sunday School Kids & Mrs. Lund	J. Lowry	J. Hein, E. Hein, B. Klink, K. Townsend
Close	n/a	M. Brown	n/a	R. Lange
Tellers	Turley, Christianson, Harris		TBD	
Ushers	n/a	R. Seely	TBD	B. Turley