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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 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

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won - drous - ly
4 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de -



a - tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is your
reign - ing and, as on wings of an ea - gle, up -
fend you; sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall



health and sal - va - tion! Let all who hear now to his
lift - ing, sus - tain - ing. Have you not seen how all that's
dai - ly at - tend you. Pon - der a - new what the Al -



tem - ple draw near, join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
need - ful has been sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?
might - y can do as with his love he be - friends you.

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A Dialogue of Repentance and Forgiveness with “Lord, to You I Make Confession”

Leader: 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.

Our God invites us to come into his presence openly and honestly. There is no need to hide any part of us, because all of who we are is seen by him. Therefore, let us come before our Lord as we are, acknowledging our sinfulness and trusting in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.



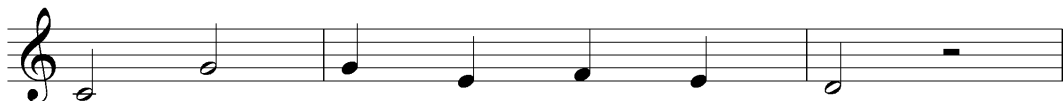
2 Lord, to you I make con - fes - sion:
3 Lord, on you I cast my bur - den;



I have sinned and gone a - stray.
sink it in the depths be - low!



I have mul - ti - plied trans - gres - sion,
Let me know your gra - cious par - don;



cho - sen for my - self my way.
wash me, make me white as snow.



Led by you to see my er - rors,
 Let your Spir - it leave me nev - er;

Lord, I trem - ble at your ter - rors.
 make me on - ly yours for - ev - er.

Jesus has done it all for you to be forgiven. All your sins were placed on him so that, by believing in him, God now sees you as perfect, just like Jesus. His death and resurrection have set you free! You are forgiven in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Now, live as a free and holy child of God!

Amen!

**(♪) For your Son has suffered for me,
 Giv'n himself to rescue me,
 Died to save me and restore me,
 Reconciled and set me free,
 Jesus' cross alone can vanquish
 These dark fears and soothe this anguish!**

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God's Word

Ecclesiastes 5:10-20

¹⁰Whoever loves money never has enough;
whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with their income.
This too is meaningless.

¹¹As goods increase,
so do those who consume them.
And what benefit are they to the owners
except to feast their eyes on them?

¹²The sleep of a laborer is sweet,
whether they eat little or much,
but as for the rich, their abundance
permits them no sleep.

¹³I have seen a grievous evil under the sun:
wealth hoarded to the harm of its owners,
¹⁴or wealth lost through some misfortune,
so that when they have children
there is nothing left for them to inherit.

¹⁵Everyone comes naked from their mother's womb,
and as everyone comes, so they depart.
They take nothing from their toil
that they can carry in their hands.

¹⁶This too is a grievous evil:
As everyone comes, so they depart,
and what do they gain,
since they toil for the wind?

¹⁷All their days they eat in darkness,
with great frustration, affliction and anger.

¹⁸This is what I have observed to be good: that it is appropriate for a person to eat, to drink and to find satisfaction in their toilsome labor under the sun during the few days of life God has given them—for this is their lot.

¹⁹Moreover, when God gives someone wealth and possessions, and the ability to enjoy them, to accept their lot and be happy in their toil—this is a gift of God. ²⁰They seldom reflect on the days of their life, because God keeps them occupied with gladness of heart.

God's Word

1 Timothy 6:6-10, 17-19

⁶But godliness with contentment is great gain. ⁷For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. ⁸But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. ⁹Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

¹⁷Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. ¹⁹In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

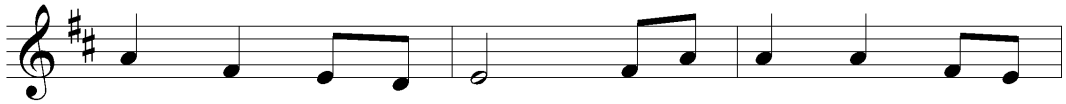
Children's Message

Song "Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings"

The vocalist will sing stanza 1. You're invited to join in the following stanzas.



1 Gra - cious God, you send great bless - ings new each
2 By your Word you formed cre - a - tion filled with
3 In his earth - ly life, our Sa - vior knew the
4 Heav'n - ly Fath - er, may our car - ing bear the



morn - ing all our days. For your mer - cies nev - er
crea - tures great and small; as we tend that end - less
care of faith - ful friends; may our deeds of ded - i -
im - print of your grace; with the Son and Ho - ly

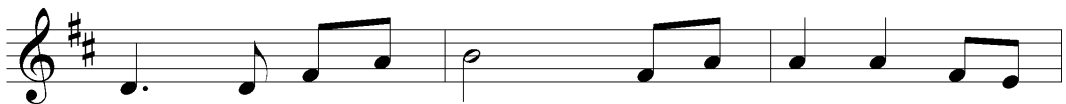


end - ing, for your love we of - fer praise.
treas - ure may our care en - cir - cle all.
ca - tion of - fer love that nev - er ends.
Spir - it, praise be yours in ev - 'ry place!

Refrain



Lord, we pray that we, your peo - ple who your



gifts un - num - bered claim, through the shar - ing of your



bless - ings may bring glo - ry to your name.

Message from God's Word

Luke 16:1-15

¹Jesus told his disciples: "There was a rich man whose manager was accused of wasting his possessions. ²So he called him in and asked him, 'What is this I hear about you? Give an account of your management, because you cannot be manager any longer.'

³"The manager said to himself, 'What shall I do now? My master is taking away my job. I'm not strong enough to dig, and I'm ashamed to beg— ⁴I know what I'll do so that, when I lose my job here, people will welcome me into their houses.'

⁵"So he called in each one of his master's debtors. He asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?'

⁶" 'Nine hundred gallons of olive oil,' he replied.

"The manager told him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it four hundred and fifty.'

⁷"Then he asked the second, 'And how much do you owe?'

" 'A thousand bushels of wheat,' he replied.

"He told him, 'Take your bill and make it eight hundred.'

⁸"The master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly. For the people of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own kind than are the people of the light. ⁹I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings.

¹⁰"Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. ¹¹So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? ¹²And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else's property, who will give you property of your own?

¹³“No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.”

¹⁴The Pharisees, who loved money, heard all this and were sneering at Jesus.
¹⁵He said to them, “You are the ones who justify yourselves in the eyes of others, but God knows your hearts. What people value highly is detestable in God’s sight.”

Invest In What Lasts

Statement of Faith

The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

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.

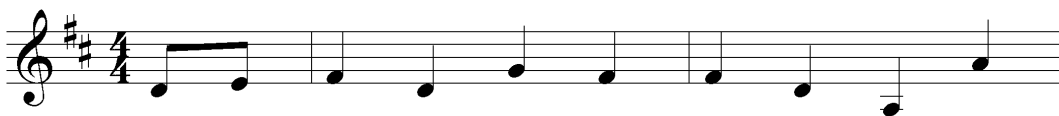
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

Amen.

Closing Song

“May the Peoples Praise You”



1 You have called us out of dark - est night in -
2 May our ev - 'ry breath re - tell the grace that
4 May the seeds of mer - cy grow in us for



to your glo - rious light, that we may sing the
broke in - to our strife with bound - less love and
those who have not heard; may songs of praise build



won - ders of the ris - en Christ. *stanza 2*
deep - est joy, with end - less life. *refrain*
lives of grace to spread your word. *refrain*

Refrain



May the peo - ples praise you, let the na - tions be

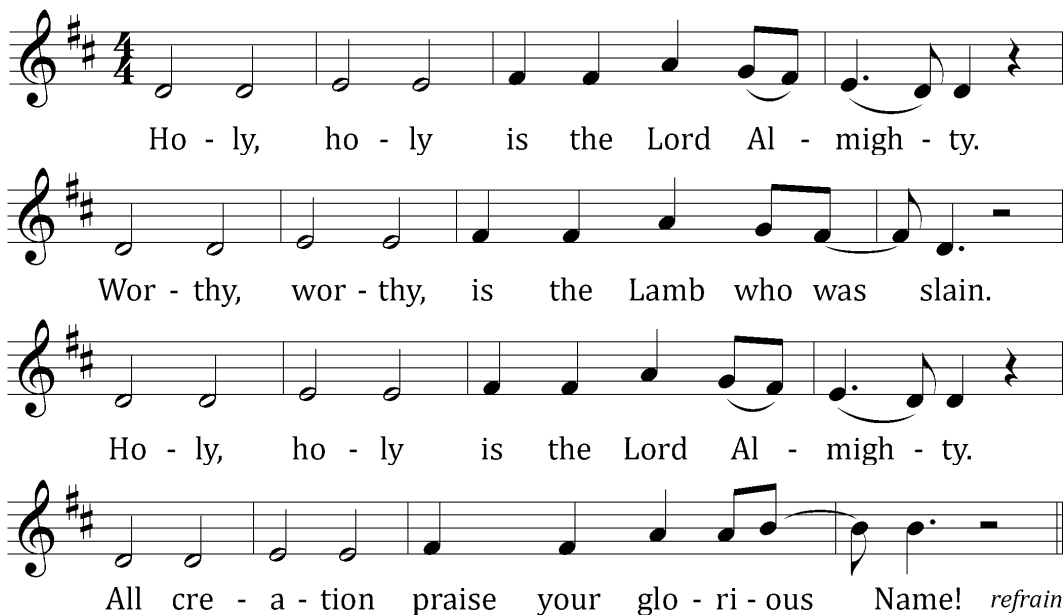


glad! All your bless - ing comes that we may



praise, may praise the name of Je - sus. *stanza 4*
bridge

Bridge



Ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord Al - migh - ty.
Wor - thy, wor - thy, is the Lamb who was slain.
Ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord Al - migh - ty.
All cre - a - tion praise your glo - ri - ous Name! *refrain*

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Silent Prayer

Almighty God, your treasures are the only ones that last, and you give them to me freely. Help me to value you and your kingdom most in my life. Give me the faithfulness to use all that I have for your glory and the wisdom to know how to best do it. Amen.

Calendar & Announcements

Oct 13-20	Boise (11655 W. McMillan Road)	Nampa (6134 Birch Lane)
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/Teen Bible Study (Chapel) Confirmation Class Kids’ Sunday School
Monday	9:30am – Women’s Bible Study 6:00pm- Council of Ministry Meeting	
Tuesday	6:30pm - Cross Connections	
Wednesday	6:15pm – Adult Choir Rehearsal	
Thursday		6:30pm - Men’s & Women’s Bible Study
Saturday	9:00am- Fall Clean-up	
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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 reach out to him and his wife Jenny: introduce yourself, let them know you're praying for them, and share what excites you about the ministry here at Cross of Christ!

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

Mommy & Me: Friday, Oct 18

For kids age 5 and under with a caregiver. October's next meet-up: Friday, Oct 18, 10am at Reid W Merrill Park in Eagle! (637 E Shore Dr) If it's your first time coming, would you let us know? Register at cocidaho.org/connect/mommy-and-me or the QR code.



Boise Campus Fall Clean-up: Saturday, Oct 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.

Ministry of Christian Giving

Our church body, the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod, provides resources and guidance for a variety of ways to support the spread of the gospel through thoughtful, planned giving, such as wills and trusts, investment distributions, gift annuities, etc. Ways to get more information on these resources:

- Take a folder from the tables in the lobby.
- Visit wels.net/giving/ministry-of-christian-giving/.
- Contact the Christian Giving Counselor for our district, Pastor Craig Wasser (craig.wasser@wels.net, 503-990-1058).

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!

Fall Festival: October 27, 3-5pm

Here it comes! Fall Festival at the Boise campus is Sunday, Oct 27, 3-5pm. We'll have a chili cook-off, games, a petting zoo, and trunk or treat (3:30-4:30). This is the perfect event to attend with an eye on hospitality and connecting with new folks in our community—plan to be there!

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 (3:30-4:30). 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).

Thanksgiving Worship

Wednesday evening, November 27, 6:30 pm, at both campuses

Save the Date: Women's Advent by Candlelight

Sunday, December 8, 5-7pm at the Boise Campus

Can't get enough of Christmas and love to share that joy with everybody else? Help plan this special gathering! Let Mandy Watkins know you're interested (amanda.watkins99@yahoo.com, 210-425-3270).

<i>General Fund Offerings Planned FY 24-25</i>	\$816,957
General Fund Offerings Planned FYTD	\$219,950
General Fund Offerings FYTD	\$184,156
Total Offerings Last Weekend (All Funds)	\$20,038

People in God's Word this past week	Boise	Nampa	Total
Last Weekend's Worship	90/60	82	232
Livestream Views	11		
Sunday Morning Adult/Teen Bible Study	38/4	49	87/4
Kids' Sunday School/Confirmation	27/5	n/a/4	25/9
Men's Bible Study/Women's Bible Study	n/a / 11	n/a/11	22
Growth Groups	26		
Cross Connections	7	n/a	7

Serving	October 13	October 20
Altar Care	C. Biggs, K. Townsend	C. Biggs, K. Townsend
AV	C. Klink, M. Hartman, J. Meier	G. Light, J. Meier, TBD
Bulletins	L. Kimmel, Y. Whitlach	R. Ritger, B. Ford, D. Ashley
Cleaning	Bafus	n/a
Coffee	B. Robbins, M & B Lowry	B. Robbins, M & B Lowry
Flowers	Available	Loring
Mowing	Harris, B. Masters	n/a
Music	R. Dodd	K. Koepsell, C. Masters, K. Krumdieck
Close	J. Breckon	E. Christianson
Tellers	Rule, Walden, Christianson	Harris, Butterfield, Davidson
Ushers	B. Adams	TBD

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