

PARABLES

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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 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"



1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, tune my heart to
2 Hith - er - to thy love has blessed me, thou hast drawn me
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con -



sing thy grace; streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing,
to this place; and I know thy hand will lead me
strained to be! Let thy good - ness, like a fet - ter,



call for songs of loud - est praise. Teach me some me - lo - dious
safe - ly home by thy good grace. Je - sus sought me when a
bind my wan - d'ring heart to thee: prone to wan - der, Lord, I



son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove. Praise his
stran - ger, wan - d'ring from the fold of God; he, to
feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here's my



name, I'm fixed up - on it, name of God's re - deem - ing love.
res - cue me from dan - ger, bought me with his pre - cious blood.
heart, O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

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A Dialogue of Repentance and Forgiveness

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

Congregation: Amen.

Living as children of God doesn't mean we never struggle or fall. God knows how real our struggle with sin is. Though we so often fail to live as his children, God doesn't send us away. He invites us to come—honestly and with confidence as we place our trust in Christ for forgiveness.

Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature, and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I deserved your punishment both now and forever. But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death. Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me.

In his great mercy, God sent his Son, Jesus, to be the sacrifice that removes our sins and makes us right with God. Because of Jesus' perfect life, death, and resurrection, your guilt is removed forever. You are forgiven for all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit! May the Spirit of God strengthen your trust in his great promises and empower you to live as his beloved child.

Amen!

Prayer

Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift of grace that we come into your presence and offer true and faithful service. Grant that our worship on earth may always be pleasing to you, and in the life to come give us the fulfillment of what you have promised; 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

Amos 6:1-7

¹Woe to you who are complacent in Zion,
and to you who feel secure on Mount Samaria,
you notable men of the foremost nation,
to whom the people of Israel come!
²Go to Kalneh and look at it;
go from there to great Hamath,
and then go down to Gath in Philistia.
Are they better off than your two kingdoms?
Is their land larger than yours?
³You put off the day of disaster
and bring near a reign of terror.
⁴You lie on beds adorned with ivory
and lounge on your couches.
You dine on choice lambs
and fattened calves.
⁵You strum away on your harps like David
and improvise on musical instruments.
⁶You drink wine by the bowlful
and use the finest lotions,
but you do not grieve over the ruin of Joseph.
⁷Therefore you will be among the first to go into exile;
your feasting and lounging will end.

God's Word

Hebrews 13:1-6

¹Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters. ²Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it. ³Continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering.

⁴Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral. ⁵Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said,

“Never will I leave you;
never will I forsake you.”

⁶So we say with confidence,

“The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid.
What can mere mortals do to me?”

Children’s Message

Song

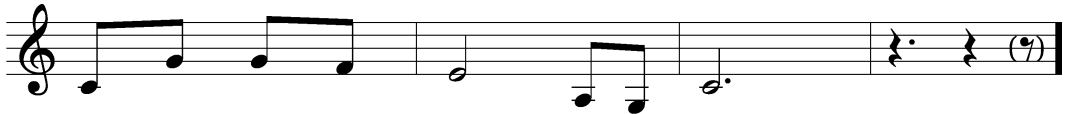
“My Worth Is Not in What I Own”



1 My worth is not in what I own, not
2 My worth is not in skill or name, in
3 As sum - mer flow'rs we fade and die; fame,



in the strength of flesh and bone, but in the
win or lose, in pride or shame, but in the
youth, and beau - ty hur - ry by. But life e -



cost - ly wounds of love at the cross. v. 2
blood of Christ that flowed at the cross. Refrain
ter - nal calls to us at the cross. v. 4

Refrain

I re-joyce in my Re - deem - er— great - est trea - sure,
 well-spring of my soul. I will trust in him, no oth - er; my
 soul is sat - is - fied in him a - lone.

- 4 I will not boast in wealth or might,
 or human wisdom's fleeting light.
 But I will boast in knowing Christ
 at the cross. *Refrain*
- 5 Two wonders here that I confess:
 my worth and my unworthiness.
 My value fixed—my ransom paid
 at the cross. *Refrain*

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Message from God's Word

Luke 16:19-31

¹⁹“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day. ²⁰At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores ²¹and longing to eat what fell from the rich man's table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores.

²²“The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³In Hades, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴So he called to him, ‘Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire.’

²⁵“But Abraham replied, ‘Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony. ²⁶And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been set in place, so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.’

²⁷“He answered, ‘Then I beg you, father, send Lazarus to my family, ²⁸for I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.’

²⁹“Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them listen to them.’

³⁰“ ‘No, father Abraham,’ he said, ‘but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’

³¹“He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’ ”

Song of Response

“Though Thoughtless Thousands Choose the Road”



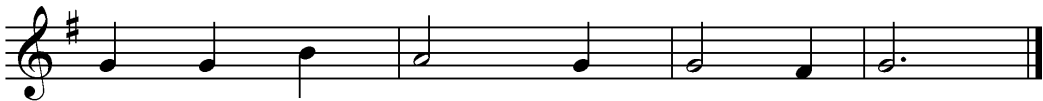
1 Though thought - less thou - sands choose the road
2 In Christ, by faith, I wish to live,
3 Christ is my ev - er - last - ing all,
4 Soon will the Lord, my life, ap - pear;



that leads the soul a - way from God,
from him my life, my all, re - ceive,
to him I look, on him I call;
soon shall I end my tri - als here,



this hap - pi - ness, dear Lord, be mine:
to him de - vote my fleet - ing hours,
he will my ev - 'ry need sup - ply
leave sin and sor - row, death and pain.



to live and die en - tire - ly thine.
serve him a - lone with all my pow'rs.
in time and through e - ter - ni - ty.
To live is Christ; to die is gain.

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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.

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 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

“Give Me Jesus”

sung by the vocalist

In the morning when I rise, in the morning when I rise,
In the morning when I rise give me Jesus.

Refrain

Give me Jesus, give me Jesus,
You can have this whole world, but give me Jesus.

And when I am alone, and when I am alone,
And when I am alone, give me Jesus. *Refrain*

And when I come to die, and when I come to die,
And when I come to die, give me Jesus.

Final Refrain

Give me Jesus, give me Jesus,
You can have this whole world, you can have this whole world,
You can have this whole world, but give me Jesus.

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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

“Christ, Our Hope in Life and Death”



1 What is our hope in life and death? Christ a-
 3 Un - to the grave, what will we sing? "Christ, he



lone, Christ a-lone. What is our on - ly con - fi -
 lives; Christ, he lives!" And what re - ward will heav - en



dence? That our souls to him be-long. Who holds our
 bring? Ev - er - last - ing life with him. There we will



days with - in his hand? What comes, a - part from his com-
 rise to meet the Lord, Then sin and death will be de-



mand? And what will keep us to the
 stroyed, And we will feast in end - less



end? The love of Christ, in which we stand. } *refrain,*
 joy, When Christ is ours for - ev - er - more. } *next page*

Refrain



Oh, sing ha - le - lu jah! Our hope springs e - ter - nal; oh,



sing ha - le - lu - jah! Now and ev - er we con -

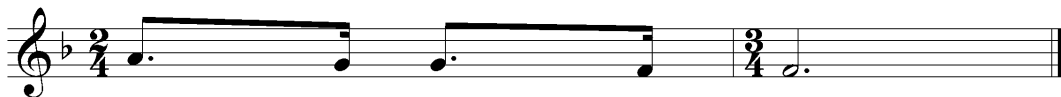


fess Christ our hope in life and death. *stanza 3, previous page*

Ending after final refrain



Now and ev - er we con - fess Christ our



hope in life and death.

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Silent Prayer

Holy God, you have guaranteed me eternal life in Jesus. Help me to trust that whatever I have in life now will pale in comparison to the glorious riches of what is to come. Help me to use my time in this world wisely until that day you welcome me home. Amen.

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Calendar & Announcements

Oct 20-27	Boise (11655 W. McMillan Road)	Nampa (6134 Birch Lane)
Sunday	8:30am – Worship (communion) 9:45am – Adult Bible Study (Chapel) Teen Class (Conference Rm) Confirmation Class (Rm 5) Kids’ Sunday School (Gym & Classrooms) 11:00am – Worship (communion)	9:30am – Worship (communion) 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 (rescheduled)	
Tuesday	6:30pm - Cross Connections	
Wednesday	6:15pm – Adult Choir Rehearsal	
Thursday		6:30pm - Men’s & Women’s Bible Study
Saturday		10:00am- Grocery Outreach
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 3:00pm – Fall Festival!	9:30am – Worship 10:45am – Adult/Teen Bible Study (Chapel) Confirmation Class Kids’ Sunday School 3:00pm – Fall Festival!

THIS WEEK

Pastor Call Update

Pastor Michael Ewart has returned the call to serve as Boise Campus Pastor; he will continue serving as one of the pastors at 922 Ministries in Appleton, Wisconsin. We ask God to bless his continued ministry there!

The **next pastor call meeting** is tentatively scheduled for **Sunday, November 3, 1:00 pm at the Boise campus**. Please plan to attend and participate; each of these meetings is just as important as the last!

Local Fall Festival Outreach: Grab & Go!

We want our community to know that they're invited to our Fall Festival next Sunday, October 27! In the lobby you will find 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 **next Sunday**, Oct 27, 3-5pm. We'll have a chili cook-off, games, a petting zoo, face-painting, bounce house & crafts, and trunk or treat (3:30-4:30).

How to participate?

- Simply attend! (Costume optional. 😊)
- Invite a friend or neighbor family to come with you! (Take an invitation card from the lobby.)
- Volunteer your time & assistance day-of (most needed: grillers, kitchen monitors, hospitality/greeters): 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).

UPCOMING

CrossTrainers: Wednesday, November 6

High school teens are invited to the next CrossTrainers on Wednesday, Nov 6, 7:00-8:30pm. Food, fun, and real-life faith conversations around God's Word!

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	\$235,660
General Fund Offerings FYTD	\$198,185
Total Offerings Last Weekend (All Funds)	\$14,554

People in God's Word this past week	Boise	Nampa	Total
Last Weekend's Worship	84/101	96	281
Livestream Views	8		
Sunday Morning Adult/Teen Bible Study	29/3	41	70/3
Kids' Sunday School/Confirmation	25/8	13/5	38/13
Men's Bible Study/Women's Bible Study	n/a / 9	4/6	4/15
Growth Groups	5/6/7		
Cross Connections	6	n/a	6

Serving	October 20	October 27
Altar Care	C. Biggs, K. Townsend	C. Biggs, K. Townsend
AV	G. Light, J. Meier, C. Klink	E. Christianson, M. Hartman, D. Wilson
Bulletins	R. Ritger, B. Ford, D. Ashley	L. Bafus, K. Guthmiller
Cleaning	n/a	Arstein
Coffee	B. Robbins, M & B Lowry	B. Robbins, M & B Lowry
Flowers	Loring	M. Banner
Music	K. Koepsell, C. Masters, K. Krumdieck	A. Lange, K. Koepsell, G. Light, K. & M. Krumdieck, Adult Choir
Close	E. Christianson	M. Brown
Tellers	Harris, Butterfield, Davidson	Turley, Butterfield, Christianson
Ushers	TBD	TBD, B. Turley