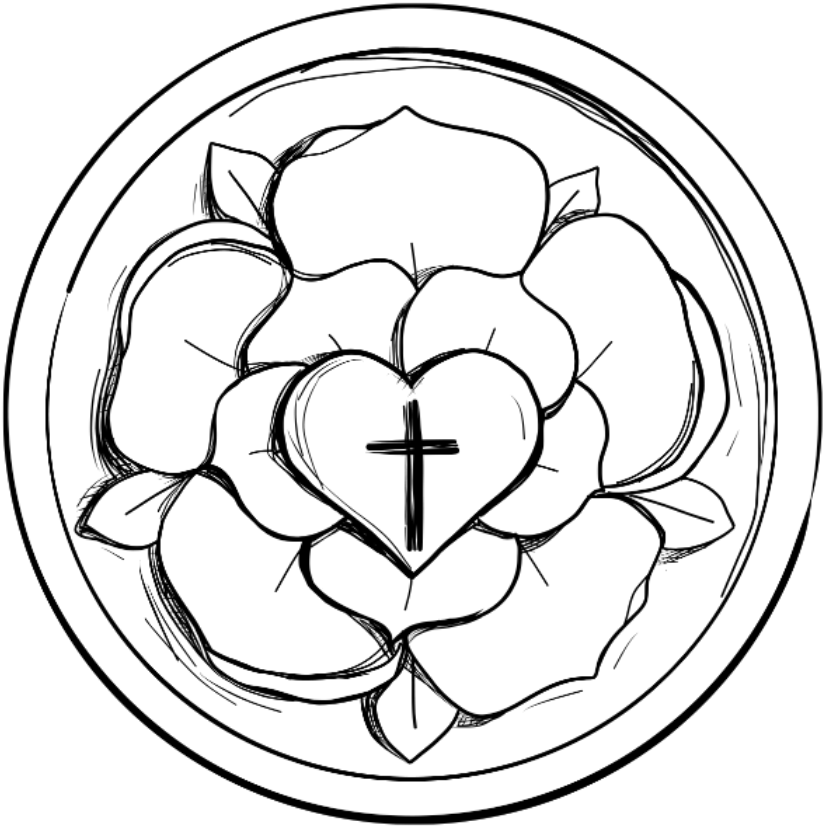

CROSS OF CHRIST

Cross of Christ Lutheran Church

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October 27, 2024

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 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

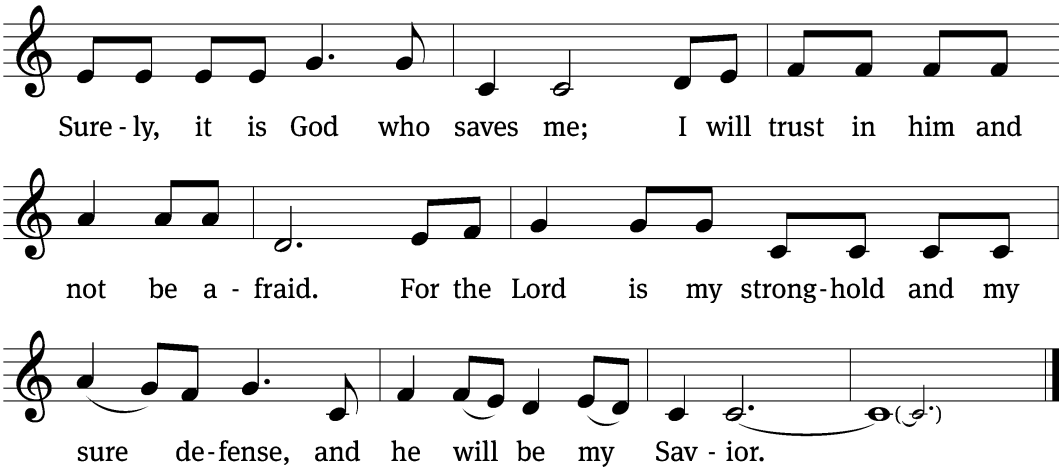
A Dialogue of Repentance and Forgiveness with "Surely It Is God Who Saves Me"

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.

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. In a world filled with so much confusion and so much that is wrong, God is our mighty fortress where we can take refuge. When we gather for worship, we humbly acknowledge our sins. Yet we can also come with confidence, trusting in Christ, and finding refuge in the forgiveness he won at the cross.

Almighty and merciful Lord, I confess that I have been sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I know my offenses deserved your punishment forever. But you gave your Son for me. I trust in him as I ask for your forgiveness.



The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. In great love, God sent his Son to be the sacrifice who makes us one with God. Because of Jesus' perfect life, death, and resurrection, you are forgiven and your guilt is removed forever. Because of his grace alone, God calls you his holy child and an heir of eternal life.

(♫) Surely it is God who saves me;
I will trust in him and not be afraid.
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense,
And he will be my Savior.

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Prayer

Gracious Lord, our refuge and strength, pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your Word, protect and comfort them in all temptations, defend them against all their enemies, and bestow on the church your saving peace; 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 — Daniel 3:16–28

16 Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego replied to him, "King Nebuchadnezzar,
we do not need to defend ourselves before you in this matter. 17 If we are
thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to deliver us from
it, and he will deliver us from Your Majesty's hand. 18 But even if he does not,
we want you to know, Your Majesty, that we will not serve your gods or
worship the image of gold you have set up."

19 Then Nebuchadnezzar was furious with Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego,
and his attitude toward them changed. He ordered the furnace heated seven
times hotter than usual 20 and commanded some of the strongest soldiers in
his army to tie up Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego and throw them into the
blazing furnace. 21 So these men, wearing their robes, trousers, turbans and

other clothes, were bound and thrown into the blazing furnace. 22The king's command was so urgent and the furnace so hot that the flames of the fire killed the soldiers who took up Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, 23and these three men, firmly tied, fell into the blazing furnace.

24Then King Nebuchadnezzar leaped to his feet in amazement and asked his advisers, "Weren't there three men that we tied up and threw into the fire?"

They replied, "Certainly, Your Majesty."

25He said, "Look! I see four men walking around in the fire, unbound and unharmed, and the fourth looks like a son of the gods."

26Nebuchadnezzar then approached the opening of the blazing furnace and shouted, "Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, servants of the Most High God, come out! Come here!"

So Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego came out of the fire, 27and the satraps, prefects, governors and royal advisers crowded around them. They saw that the fire had not harmed their bodies, nor was a hair of their heads singed; their robes were not scorched, and there was no smell of fire on them.

28Then Nebuchadnezzar said, "Praise be to the God of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, who has sent his angel and rescued his servants! They trusted in him and defied the king's command and were willing to give up their lives rather than serve or worship any god except their own God.

God's Word — Revelation 14:6–7

6Then I saw another angel flying in midair, and he had the eternal gospel to proclaim to those who live on the earth—to every nation, tribe, language and people. 7He said in a loud voice, "Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come. Worship him who made the heavens, the earth, the sea and the springs of water."

Choir Anthem "God of Grace and God of Glory"

God of grace and God of glory, on your people pour your power.
Crown your ancient Church's story, bring its bud to glorious flower.

Refrain
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour,
For the living of these days, that our lives may bring you praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage. Serving God whom we adore,
Let the gift of your salvation be our glory evermore.

Set our feet on lofty places. Stir our hearts that we may be
Ever seeking Christ-like grace, every closer, Lord, to thee. *Refrain*

While the evil all around us scorns our Christ and mocks his ways,
Our own doubts and fears have bound us; free our hearts to work and praise.
Lord, free our hearts! *Refrain*

Praise the Lord forevermore!

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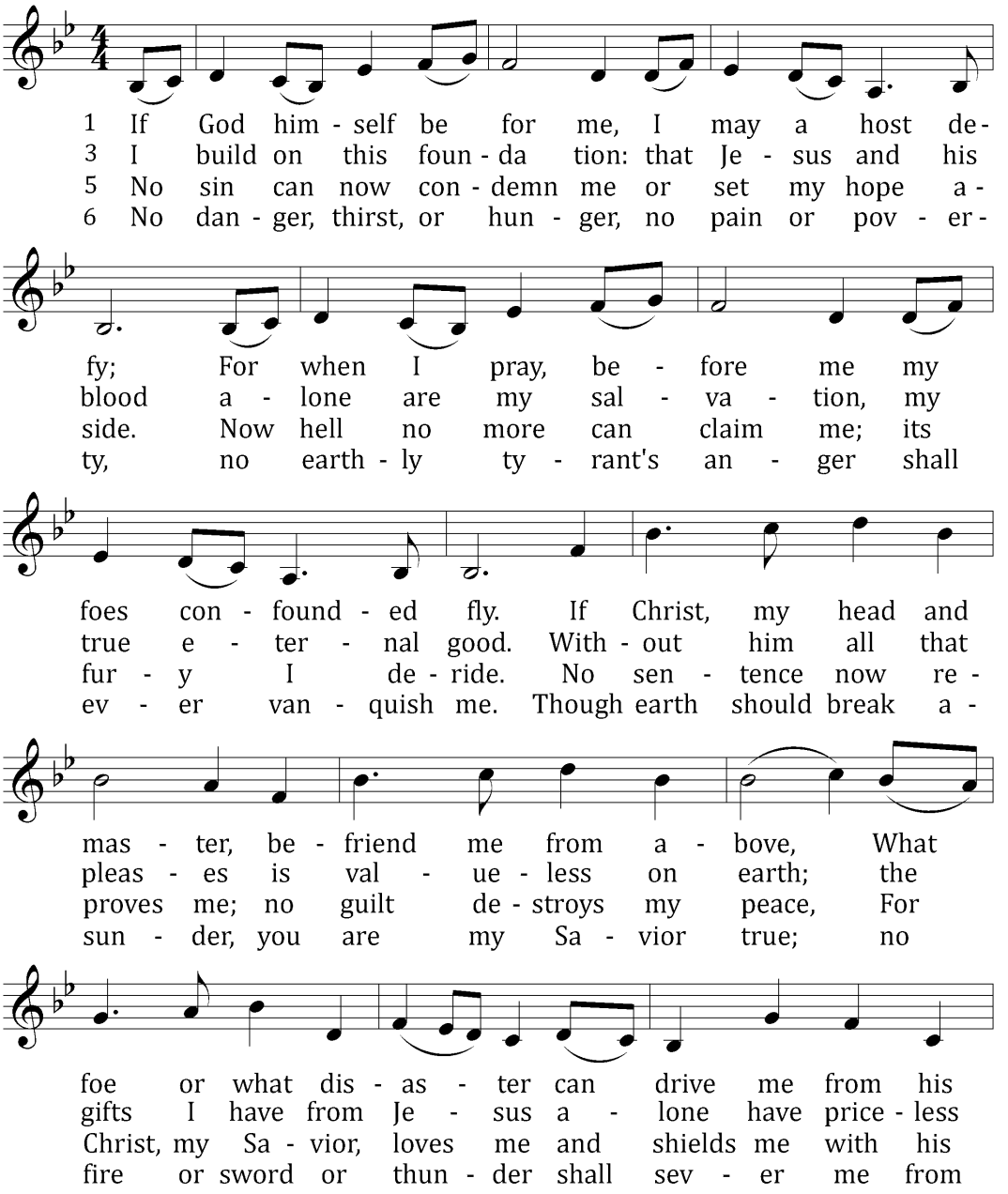
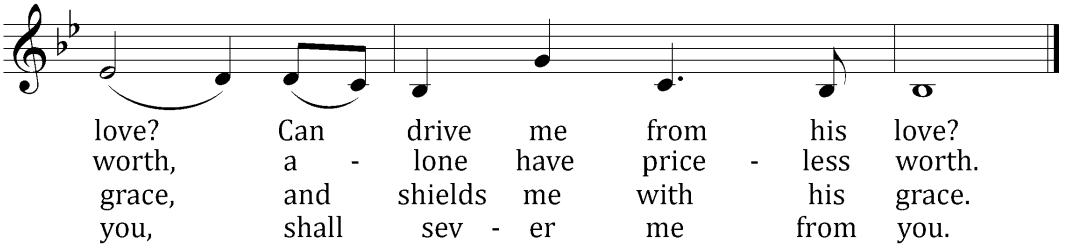
Children's Message

Song "If God Himself Be for Me"





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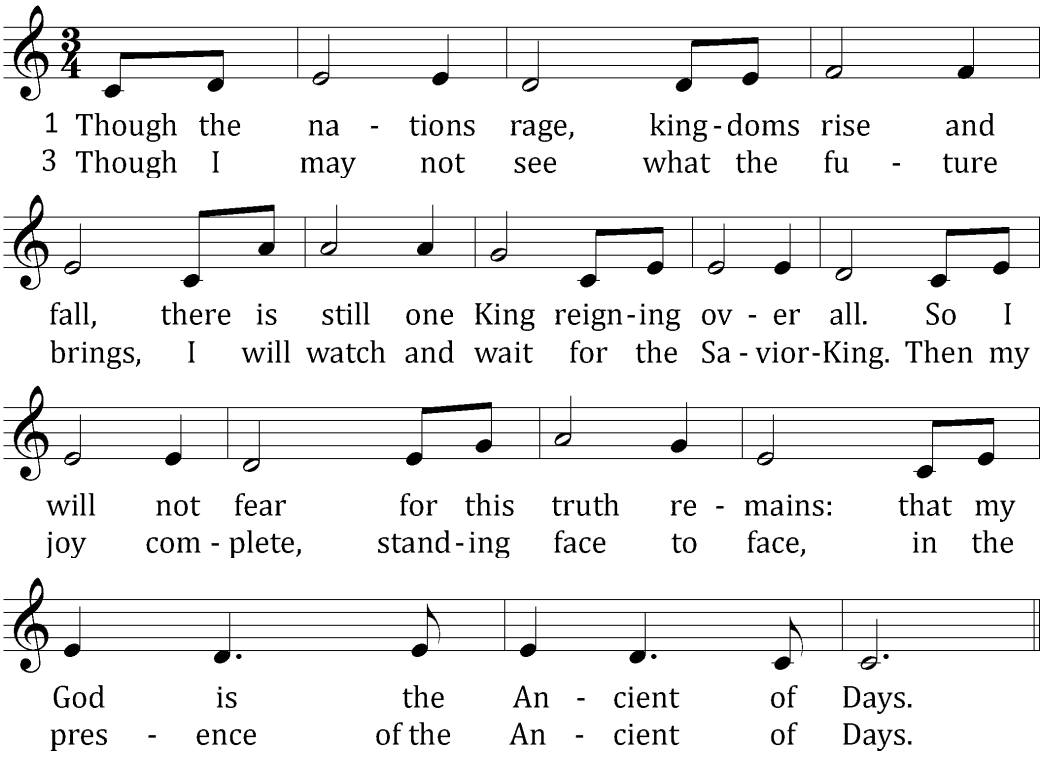
Message from God's Word — Mark 13:5–11

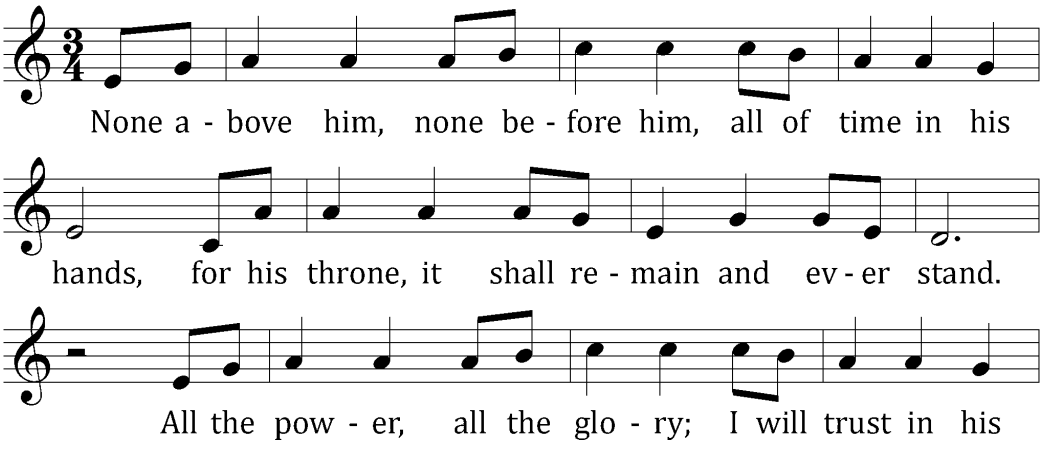
5Jesus said to them: "Watch out that no one deceives you. 6Many will come in
my name, claiming, 'I am he,' and will deceive many. 7When you hear of wars
and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end
is still to come. 8Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against
kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places, and famines. These are
the beginning of birth pains.

9"You must be on your guard. You will be handed over to the local councils
and flogged in the synagogues. On account of me you will stand before
governors and kings as witnesses to them. 10And the gospel must first be
preached to all nations. 11Whenever you are arrested and brought to trial, do
not worry beforehand about what to say. Just say whatever is given you at
the time, for it is not you speaking, but the Holy Spirit."

Song of Response "Ancient of Days"



Refrain



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Statement of Faith 2nd Article of the Apostles' Creed with Martin Luther's Explanation

I believe in Jesus Christ, [God's] 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.

What does this mean?

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord.

He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with his holy, precious blood and with his innocent suffering and death.

All this he did that I should be his own, and live under him in his kingdom, and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as he has risen from death and lives and rules eternally.

This is most certainly true.

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 — "O Church, Arise"

Silent Prayer

God of grace, be my constant strength and help. Lead me to always come to your Word alone as my certain source of comfort, guidance, and truth. Sustain your church in all the world and fill us together with your Spirit's power. Amen.

Reformation: 507th Anniversary

On October 31, 1517, Dr. Martin Luther nailed 95 theses (statements he wished to defend in a public debate) to the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Saxony, Germany. His theses challenged the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church, which had become misled by a dangerous emphasis on unscriptural traditions and man-made laws during the Dark Ages of medieval Europe.

As an Augustinian monk, a Roman Catholic priest, and a professor of theology, Dr. Martin Luther wanted to reform the many abuses he saw in the medieval church and return to the Holy Bible as the only source of true teaching. This desire for reform led to the formation of a new visible church (the Lutheran church). Thankfully, through this reformation, God has preserved the truth that our salvation was won for us completely by our Savior Jesus Christ. The exclamation, "Sola gratia! Sola fide! Sola Scriptura! Solus Christus! (By grace alone! By faith alone! By Scripture alone! In Christ Alone!)" became the rallying cry for the proclamation of the gospel.

Today we celebrate the 507th anniversary of the beginning of the Reformation. Soli Deo gloria! (To God alone be glory!)

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Calendar & Announcements

Oct 27-Nov 3	**Boise** (11655 W. McMillan Rd)	**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 3:00pm – Fall Festival!	9:30am – Worship 10:45am – Adult/Teen Bible Study (Chapel) Confirmation Class Kids' Sunday School 3:00pm – Fall Festival!
Monday	9:30am – Women's Bible Study	
Tuesday	6:30pm - Cross Connections	
Thursday		*no Bible studies this evening*
Friday		10:00am - Mommy & Me (onsite)
Sunday	8:30am – Worship (communion) 9:45am – Ministry Discussion (Chapel) Teen Class (Conference Rm) Confirmation Class (Rm 5) Kids' Sunday School (Gym & Classrooms) 11:00am – Worship (communion) 1:00pm- Pastor Call Meeting	9:30am – Worship (communion) 10:45am – Ministry Discussion (Chapel) Confirmation Class (no Kids' Sunday School)

THIS WEEK

Fall Festival: Today! 3-5pm
Here it is! Chili cook-off, hot dogs & brats (while supplies last), a petting zoo, face-painting, bounce house & crafts! And trunk-or-treat is 3:30-4:30pm. See you there!

Sunday Morning Bible Study (9:45am): Jonah
Today we'll start four weeks on this action-packed, emotion-fueled little book of the Bible! There's much more to the story than a big fish… We'll take a break on November 3 for the monthly ministry discussion, then continue with Jonah for the rest of the month.

Pastor Call Meeting
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!

Our **next pastor call meeting** will be next **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!

UPCOMING

November Worship Series: Life at the Cross
What does it look like to walk with Christ? At Cross of Christ, we summarize our new life of grace with four powerful words: Gather, Grow, Serve, and Go. We believe these four words summarize what a healthy life looks like for a child of God and for an entire church family. Starting November 3, we'll spend four weeks exploring why each of these four steps matter and how each one always leads us back to the life-changing cross of Christ.

Monthly Ministry Discussion next Sunday, Nov 3
Next week we'll use the adult Bible class hour (9:45am-10:45am) for November's ministry discussion. *We'll discuss upcoming outreach opportunities, plans for Christmas, and ministry goals for the remainder of the year.* Everyone is invited and encouraged to be part of the conversations shaping our ministry!

Mommy & Me: Friday, Nov 1, 10am, Nampa Campus

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: Mad Scientist! It happens at our Nampa campus at 10:00 am with 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.

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!

Family Christmas Photos?

Cross of Christ member Hannah Burke is offering professional family photo micro-sessions free of charge, here on the Boise campus, Saturday, November 16. Sign up for a slot between 10am-1pm at tinyurl.com/TRPChristmas24. Contact Hannah with questions (hannahburke3223@gmail.com).

SERVE Opportunity

Help rake leaves and clean up yards for some fellow Cross of Christ members! Saturday morning, November 23 – further details coming soon.

Thanksgiving Worship

Wednesday evening, November 27, 6:30 pm, at both campuses. Let's gather to thank God together for all his goodness to us. Got company? Bring them along!

Save the Date: Women's Advent by Candlelight

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

This evening of Scripture, music, and fellowship is for all women of the congregation and their female family members, friends, and neighbors, to help prepare our hearts for celebrating our Savior's birth.

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).

General Fund Offerings Planned FY 24-25	$816,957
General Fund Offerings Planned FYTD	$251,371
General Fund Offerings FYTD	$213,100
Total Offerings Last Weekend (All Funds)	$15,161

People in God's Word this past week	**Boise**	**Nampa**	**Total**
Last Weekend's Worship	84/96	97	277
Livestream Views	10		
Sunday Morning Adult/Teen Bible Study	38/6	35 / n/a	73/6
Kids' Sunday School/Confirmation	25/6	12/5	37/11
Men's Bible Study/Women's Bible Study	n/a / 9	6/6	6/15
Growth Groups	5/6/7		
Cross Connections	7	n/a	7

Serving	October 27	November 3
Altar Care	C. Biggs, K. Townsend	D. McLain, K. Tiffany
AV	E. Christianson, M. Hartman, D. Wilson	G. Light, R. Jorgensen, D. Wilson
Bulletins	L. Bafus, K. Guthmiller	Prigge, Tweedy
Cleaning	Arstein	n/a
Coffee	B. Robbins	C. Berrier, D. McLain
Flowers	M. Banner	Available
Music	A. Lange, K. Koepsell, G. Light, K. & M. Krumdieck, Adult Choir	A. Lange, K. Christianson
Close	M. Brown	TBD
Tellers	Turley, Butterfield, Christianson	TBD
Ushers	TBD, B. Turley	TBD