

**CROSS OF CHRIST**

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# 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, as well as in the private parents' room, 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](http://cocidaho.org).



### *Refrain*

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;  
Worship his holy name.

Sing like never before, O my soul;  
I'll worship your holy name.

2 You're rich in love and you're slow to anger;  
Your name is great and your heart is kind.  
For all your goodness I will keep on singing:  
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. *Refrain*

3 And on that day when my strength is failing,  
The end draws near and my time has come,  
Still my soul will sing your praise unending,  
Ten thousand years and then forevermore! *Refrain*

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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.**

Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth. Day by day, week by week, year by year, God continually invites us to come to him. We can come as we are, honestly acknowledging our brokenness and sins, trusting in Jesus for full pardon, and continually finding in him what we need. Here, at the beginning of 2025, let's do this again together:

**Holy and merciful Father, I confess my sins. This past year, and throughout my life, I have not lived as I should. My many sins are offensive to you and deserved your punishment. But your mercy is more. Thank you for sending Jesus to be my Savior!**

Through the gift of faith, God connects you to the perfect life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. Because of him, all your sins are forgiven! God now sees you as his own dear child, righteous and holy in his eyes. Let's celebrate together this new life we've been given.

**I am a child of God because of Christ. I am forgiven and accepted by my Father in heaven. May this new year reflect the gracious fresh start given to me. Amen!**

## God's Word

John 8:2-11

<sup>2</sup> At dawn he appeared again in the temple courts, where all the people gathered around him, and he sat down to teach them. <sup>3</sup> The teachers of the law and the Pharisees brought in a woman caught in adultery. They made her stand before the group <sup>4</sup> and said to Jesus, "Teacher, this woman was caught in the act of adultery. <sup>5</sup> In the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?" <sup>6</sup> They were using this question as a trap, in order to have a basis for accusing him.

But Jesus bent down and started to write on the ground with his finger.

<sup>7</sup> When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let any one of you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her."

<sup>8</sup> Again he stooped down and wrote on the ground.

<sup>9</sup> At this, those who heard began to go away one at a time, the older ones first, until only Jesus was left, with the woman still standing there. <sup>10</sup> Jesus straightened up and asked her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?"

<sup>11</sup> "No one, sir," she said.

"Then neither do I condemn you," Jesus declared. "Go now and leave your life of sin."

## God's Word

## 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

<sup>17</sup>Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! <sup>18</sup>All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: <sup>19</sup>that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. <sup>20</sup>We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup>God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

## Children's Message

### Song

### "His Mercy Is More"



1 What love could re - mem - ber no wrongs we have done?  
2 What pa - tience would wait as we con - stant - ly roam,  
3 What rich - es of kind - ness he lav - ished on us;



Om - ni - scient, all - know - ing, he counts not their sum;  
what Fa - ther so ten - der is call - ing us home!  
his blood was the pay - ment, his life was the cost.



thrown in - to a sea with - out bot - tom or shore,  
He wel - comes the weak - est, the vil - est, the poor;  
We stood 'neath a debt we could nev - er af - ford;



our sins they are man - y, his mer - cy is more.  
our sins they are man - y, his mer - cy is more.  
our sins they are man - y, his mer - cy is more.



Praise the Lord! His mer - cy is more!



Strong - er than dark - ness, new ev - 'ry morn; our



sins they are man - y, his mer - cy is more!

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## Message from God's Word

## Micah 7:18-20

- <sup>18</sup>Who is a God like you,  
who pardons sin and forgives the transgression  
of the remnant of his inheritance?  
You do not stay angry forever  
but delight to show mercy.
- <sup>19</sup>You will again have compassion on us;  
you will tread our sins underfoot  
and hurl all our iniquities into the depths of the sea.
- <sup>20</sup>You will be faithful to Jacob,

and show love to Abraham,  
as you pledged on oath to our ancestors  
in days long ago.

## 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](http://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.**

## Song During Distribution "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"



1 Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther,  
2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring-time and har - vest,  
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,



there is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee.  
sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove  
thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide,



Thou chang - est not, thy com - pas - sions, they fail not;  
join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness  
strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,



as thou hast been, thou for - ev - er wilt be.  
to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.  
bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!



Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness!



Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see;



all I have need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed.



Great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me!

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## Communion Blessing

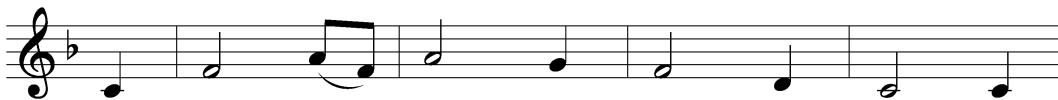
## Blessing

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

## “Amazing Grace”



1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound— that  
2 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his  
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I  
4 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but  
Word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and  
have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me  
shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



now am found, was blind but now I see.  
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.  
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

*Text (sts. 1–3): John Newton, 1725–1807, alt.; (st. 4): A Collection of Sacred Ballads, Richmond, 1790  
Tune: Columbian Harmony, Cincinnati, 1829, ed. Benjamin Shaw; ed. Charles H. Spilman  
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## Silent Prayer

Eternal God, thank you for your boundless mercy. Let me rest in the gift of your forgiveness and give me peace as I begin a new year. Strengthen me to live as your child in all that I say, think, and do. To you be the glory this year and always! Amen.

## Calendar & Announcements

<b>Jan 5-12</b>	<b>Boise</b> (11655 W. McMillan Rd)	<b>Nampa</b> (6134 Birch Lane)
Sunday	8:30am – Worship (Communion) 9:45am – Monthly Ministry Discussion (Chapel) Teen Class (Conf. Room) 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)
Tuesday	6:30 pm – Cross Connections	
Wednesday	6:30 pm – CrossTrainers (high school students)	6:30 pm – Cross Connections
Thursday		6:30 pm – Cross Connections
Sunday	8:30am – Worship 9:45am – Adult Bible Study (Chapel) Teen Class (Conf. Room) Confirmation Class (Rm 5) Kids’ Sunday School (Gym & Classrooms) 11:00am – Worship	9:30am – Worship 10:45am – Adult/Teen Bible Study Confirmation Class Kids’ Sunday School

# THIS WEEK

## **Ministry Discussion: Today, 9:45 am**

Today we'll use the adult Bible class hour (9:45am-10:45am) for January's ministry discussion. We'll be reflecting on blessings in the past year and upcoming opportunities for both outreach and community building. Everyone is invited and encouraged to be part of the conversations shaping our ministry!

## **CrossTrainers this Wednesday, January 8**

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

# UPCOMING

## **Come on Over for Dinner!**

Cross of Christ adults are encouraged to **try Dinner Group 2025!** Get to know fellow believers better in small, geographically-friendly, assigned groups of 6-9 people over a meal. It's simple:

- Each household takes a turn hosting once, either at home or church.
- The host provides the main entrée and asks the guests to bring specific sides.
- Your group will decide how frequently to meet and when (e.g., once per quarter on a Friday, breakfast or lunch instead of dinner, etc.).
- Meals continue until each household has hosted – or as long as you like!

**Register at [tinyurl.com/dinnergroup25](https://tinyurl.com/dinnergroup25) or by completing one of the registration forms on the lobby bulletin board by January 19.** You can direct your questions to Sara Manglos ([saramanglos@hotmail.com](mailto:saramanglos@hotmail.com) / 208-602-8329).

## **New Year Growth Groups**

The winter session of Growth groups starts the week of January 19. These small group Bible studies meet in members' homes or at church to apply God's Word to our lives and get to know each other better. What better way to start your new year! Sign-ups will be available this coming week. Additionally, if you're interested in hosting a group, please contact Pastor Hein for further details ([greg.hein@cocidaho.org](mailto:greg.hein@cocidaho.org)).

## Boise Campus Pastor Call

Our next pastor call meeting will be **Sunday, January 19, 1:00 pm** here at the Boise campus. Please plan to attend and participate; each of these meetings is just as important as the last!

## New Member Welcome Luncheon

You're invited to a New Member Welcome Luncheon on Sunday, January 26, 12:30 pm at the Boise campus. "I'm not a new member," you say? Right! *This is for ALL Cross of Christ members to welcome and connect with those who've joined our church family during the past year!* Set aside time for this great opportunity to connect as a church family and watch for the RSVP coming soon.

## Altar Flowers for 2025

To purchase flowers for our Savior's altar in 2025, record your name on the flower calendar on the lobby bulletin board, on your desired Sunday. Cost is \$33 per Sunday; designate payment by marking it on your offering envelope, check, or online gift. If two families share a Sunday, two arrangements each for \$33 will be made. After the 11:00 am service you can take your flowers home, returning the vase when they are spent. Direct questions to Kay Guthmiller (208-850-8806).

<b>People in God's Word</b>	<b>Boise</b>	<b>Nampa</b>	<b>Total</b>
Dec 22 Worship	106/120	105	331
Dec 24 Worship	182/137	128	447
Dec 25 Worship	76	53	129
Last Weekend's Worship (Dec 29)	75/84	101	260
Livestream Views	12/22: 3		12/24: 2
	12/25: 4		12/29: 8
Adult/Teen Bible Study 12/22	45/7	38	90
Adult/Teen Bible Study 12/29	n/a	48	48
Kids' Sunday School/Confirmation 12/22	22/3	11/6	33/9
Men's/Women's Study week of Dec 22	n/a / 4	8/9	8/13
Cross Connections	n/a	2	2

<i>General Fund Offerings Planned FY 24-25</i>	\$816,957
General Fund Planned FYTD	\$408,479
General Fund Offerings FYTD	\$411,908
Total Offerings Last Week (All Funds)	\$32,655

<b>Serving</b>	<b>January 5</b>	<b>January 12</b>
Altar Care	C. Biggs, K. Gruenhagen-Townsend	C. Biggs, K. Gruenhagen-Townsend
AV	E. Christianson, M. Hartman, D. Wilson	C. Klink, J. Meier, TBD
Bulletins	Whitlach, TBD	Ritger, Ford, Ashley
Cleaning	TBD	n/a
Coffee	TBD	TBD
Flowers	Watkins	Available
Greeters	TBD	TBD
Music	K. Koepsell	TBD
Snow Removal	Weekend: Turley, Barnhardt Week: Harris, Lange	Weekend: Butterfield, Mercer Week: Harris, Lange
Tellers	Harris, Walden, Butterfield	Turley, Walden, Davidson
Ushers	C. Berrier, J. Harris, R. Seely	R. Lange, L Manglos, A. Manglos

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