

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, 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.

Opening Song

“Only a Holy God”

The vocalists will sing stanza 1. Please join in singing the rest of the song!



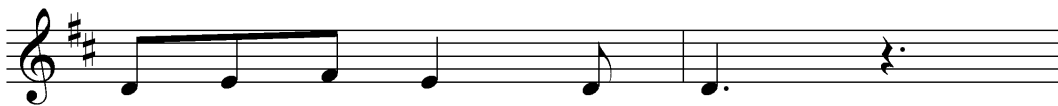
1 Who else com - mands all the hosts of heav - en?
2 What oth - er beau - ty de - mands such prai - ses?



Who else could make ev - 'ry king bow down?
What oth - er splen - dor out - shines the sun?



Who else can whis - per and dark - ness trem - bles?
What oth - er maj - es - ty rules with jus - tice?



On - ly a ho - ly God. *stanza 2*
On - ly a ho - ly God. *refrain*

Refrain



Come and be - hold him, the One and the On - ly.



Cry out, sing ho - ly, for - ev - er a ho - ly God.



Come and wor - ship the ho - ly God.



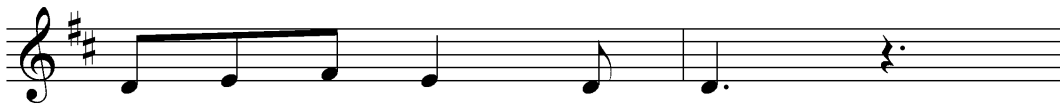
3 What oth - er glo - ry con - sumes like fire? ____
 4 Who else could res - cue me from my fail - ing?



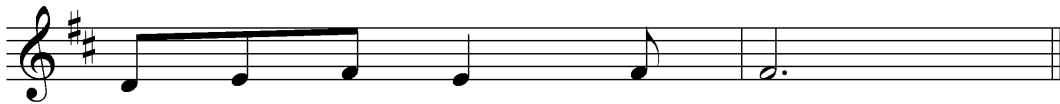
What oth - er pow - er can raise the dead?
 Who else would of - fer his on - ly Son?



What oth - er name re - mains un - de - feat - ed?
 Who else in - vites me to call him Fa - ther?



On - ly a ho - ly God. *refrain*
 On - ly a ho - ly God. *next line*



On - ly my ho - ly God! *refrain*

Refrain



Come and be - hold him, the One and the On - ly.



Cry out, sing ho - ly, for - ev - er a ho - ly God.



Come and wor - ship the ho - ly God. *stanza 4 ending*

Ending



Wor - ship the ho - ly God.

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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.

Come and see the glory of Jesus, the Light of the world. He is the holy Son of God who shines in radiant majesty. When we gather for worship, we come before a holy and glorious God. And we can come with confidence because of the forgiveness of our sins. Together, we remember how Jesus overcame the devastating results of our sin so we can have a place by our God's side forever.

God of glory, left to myself, I would have no right to come into your presence. My sinful thoughts, words, and actions deserved separation from you, in darkness forever. I praise you for overcoming my sin by sending Jesus to suffer in my place. I trust in you for forgiveness and life.

Jesus came to this world, not to crush sinners, but to save them. He set aside his glory in humility to face the punishment our sins deserved. He rose to life again in majesty and power, and no darkness can overcome his light. Your glorious Savior makes you glorious in God's sight. You can come to him without fear. You are forgiven, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit!

Amen!

Prayer

O God, in the glorious transfiguration of your only-begotten Son, you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice that came from the bright cloud, you foreshadowed our adoption as your sons. In your mercy, make us co-heirs of glory with Jesus our King, and bring us at last to heaven; 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

Exodus 34:29-35

²⁹When Moses came down from Mount Sinai with the two tablets of the covenant law in his hands, he was not aware that his face was radiant because he had spoken with the LORD. ³⁰When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, his face was radiant, and they were afraid to come near him. ³¹But Moses called to them; so Aaron and all the leaders of the community came back to him, and he spoke to them. ³²Afterward all the Israelites came near him, and he gave them all the commands the LORD had given him on Mount Sinai.

³³When Moses finished speaking to them, he put a veil over his face. ³⁴But whenever he entered the LORD's presence to speak with him, he removed the veil until he came out. And when he came out and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, ³⁵they saw that his face was radiant. Then Moses would put the veil back over his face until he went in to speak with the LORD.

God's Word

Luke 9:28-36

²⁸About eight days after Jesus said this, he took Peter, John and James with him and went up onto a mountain to pray. ²⁹As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. ³⁰Two men, Moses and Elijah, appeared in glorious splendor, talking with Jesus. ³¹They spoke about his departure, which he was about to bring to fulfillment at Jerusalem. ³²Peter and his companions were very sleepy, but when they became fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. ³³As the men were leaving Jesus, Peter said to him, "Master, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." (He did not know what he was saying.)

³⁴While he was speaking, a cloud appeared and covered them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. ³⁵A voice came from the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him." ³⁶When the voice had spoken, they found that Jesus was alone. The disciples kept this to themselves and did not tell anyone at that time what they had seen.

Children's Message



Song

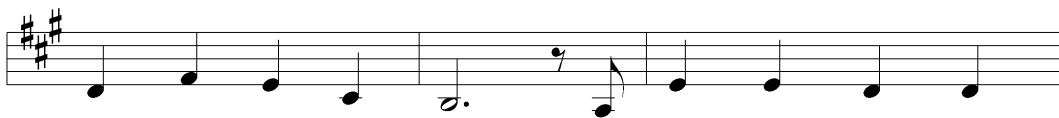
“Show Us Christ”



1 Pre - pare our hearts, O God. Help us to re -
2 Your word is liv - ing light up - on our dark-ened



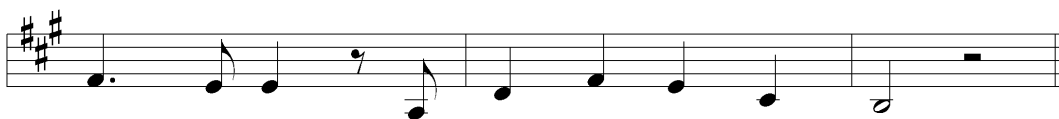
ceive. Break the hard and ston - y ground;
eyes, guards us through temp - ta - tions,



help our un - be - lief. Plant your word down
makes the sim - ple wise. Your word is food for

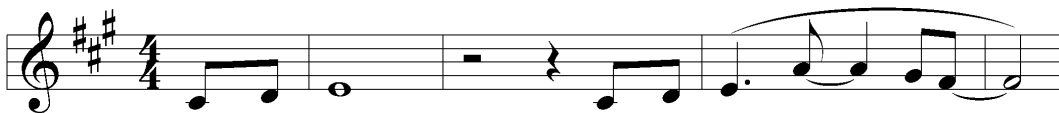


deep in us; cause it to bear fruit. O - pen up our
fam - ished ones, free - dom for the slave, rich - es for the

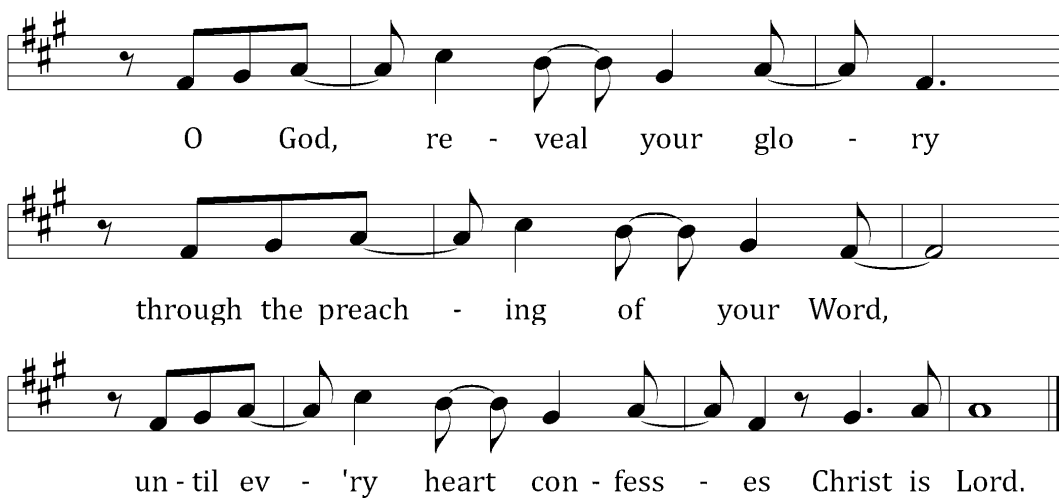


ears to hear, lead us in your truth.
need - y soul. Come speak to us to - day.

Refrain



Show us Christ. Show us Christ.



O God, re - veal your glo - ry
 through the preach - ing of your Word,
 un - til ev - 'ry heart con - fess - es Christ is Lord.

Message from God's Word

2 Corinthians 3:7-18

⁷Now if the ministry that brought death, which was engraved in letters on stone, came with glory, so that the Israelites could not look steadily at the face of Moses because of its glory, transitory though it was, ⁸will not the ministry of the Spirit be even more glorious? ⁹If the ministry that brought condemnation was glorious, how much more glorious is the ministry that brings righteousness! ¹⁰For what was glorious has no glory now in comparison with the surpassing glory. ¹¹And if what was transitory came with glory, how much greater is the glory of that which lasts!

¹²Therefore, since we have such a hope, we are very bold. ¹³We are not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face to prevent the Israelites from seeing the end of what was passing away. ¹⁴But their minds were made dull, for to this day the same veil remains when the old covenant is read. It has not been removed, because only in Christ is it taken away. ¹⁵Even to this day when Moses is read, a veil covers their hearts. ¹⁶But whenever anyone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. ¹⁷Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the

Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

Song of Faith

“We Believe in God the Father”



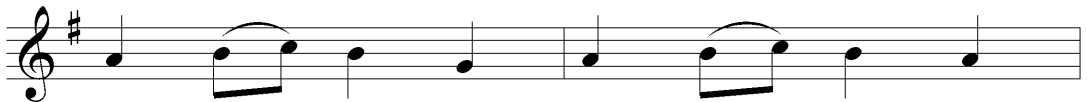
1 We be - lieve in God the Fath - er, God al - might - y,
 2 Christ, who on the cross for - sa - ken, like a lamb to
 3 We be lieve in God the Spir it; in one Church, be -



by whose plan earth and heav - en sprang to be - ing,
 slaugh - ter led, suf - fered un - der Pon - tius Pi - late;
 low, a - bove: saints of God in one com - mu - nion,



all cre - a - ted things be - gan. We be - lieve in
 he de - scend - ed to the dead. We be - lieve in
 one in ho - li - ness and love. So by faith our



Christ the Sa - vior, Son of God in
 Je - sus ris - en, heav - 'en's King to
 sins for - giv - en, Christ our Sa - vior,



hu - man frame, vir - gin - born, the
rule and reign, to the Fa - ther's
Lord, and friend, we shall rise with
child of Ma - ry up - on whom the Spir - it came.
side a - scend - ed till as judge he comes a - gain.
him in glo - ry to the life that has no end!

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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 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

"Take and Eat"

Refrain

Take and eat, take and eat, this is my bod - y

giv - en up for you. Take and drink, take and drink,



this is my blood giv - en up for you.



1 I am the Word that spoke and light was made;
2 I am the way that leads the ex - ile home;
3 I am the Lamb that takes a - way your sin;
5 I am the light that came in - to the world;



I am the seed that died to be re - born;
I am the truth that sets the cap - tive free;
I am the gate that guards you night and day;
I am the light that dark - ness can - not hide;



I am the bread that comes from heav'n a - bove;
I am the life that rais - es up the dead;
you are my flock: you know the shep - herd's voice;
I am the Morn - ing Star that nev - er sets;



Refrain

I am the vine that fills your cup with joy.
I am your peace, true peace my gift to you.
you are my own: your ran - som is my blood.
lift up your face, in you my light will shine.

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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 Begins”



1 We stand and we watch on the bank, wide-eyed.
3 See the sun out - shined on the hill and hide.



Wa - ter runs and all heav - en
Clothes like light - ning white, heav - en



o - pens wide, and a voice like thun - der re - plies.
o - pens wide, and a voice like thun - der re - plies.

Refrain



Here's my Proph - et, my Priest, my King, a



light in the dark, Christ steps in; here's my Sav - ior, my



God, my King, the time has come, Christ be - gins.

Silent Prayer

Glorious God, how dark my life would be without you. Thank you for entering the darkness of this world and my sin to save me. Strengthen my trust in your presence and light so that I never fear the darkness. Keep me in that light so that I may enter the glory of your heavenly home forever. Amen.

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Calendar & Announcements

Monthly Ministry Discussion Today, March 2

Today we'll use the adult Bible class hour (9:45am-10:45am) for March's ministry discussion. We'll discuss *how to navigate some unique faith questions in our community, upcoming lobby/sanctuary redesign work, and ways to impact lives through Lent and Easter*. Everyone is invited and encouraged to be part of the conversations shaping our ministry!

Boise Campus Pastor Call Issued

Last Sunday, Cross of Christ called Pastor Matt Hatzung to serve as our Boise Campus Pastor. He currently serves as one of the pastors at Trinity Lutheran Church in Bay City, Michigan. Please reach out to him and his wife Shannon: introduce yourself, let them know you're praying for them, and share what excites you about ministry here at Cross of Christ!

- Pastor Matt Hatzung – (612) 386-613, pastorhatzung@trinitybaycity.org
- Shannon Hatzung – (269) 281-2001, s.hatzung@trinitybaycity.org

Mar 2 - 9	Boise (11655 W. McMillan Rd)	Nampa (6134 Birch Lane)
Sunday	8:30am – Worship (Communion) 9:45am – Monthly Ministry Discussion (Chapel) Teen Class (Conference 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)
Monday	10:00am – Women’s Bible Study 7:00pm – Women’s Bible Study	
Wednesday	5:00pm – Lent Soup Supper 6:30pm – Ash Wednesday Worship 7:15pm – Adult Choir Rehearsal	
Thursday	7:00pm – GriefShare	6:30pm – Men’s & Women’s Bible Study 6:30pm – Cross Connections
Friday		10:00am – Mommy & Me (onsite)
Saturday	<i>Daylight Saving Time beings</i>	<i>Set clocks ahead one hour...</i>
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THIS WEEK

GATHER



This Week! Midweek Worship for Lent: Songs from the Heart

Music has a unique way of powerfully expressing our feelings: our joy and hope or longing and regrets. God gave us the gift of music and gave us the extra gift of his Word as music in the book of Psalms.

Beginning this week, we'll set aside Wednesday evenings for worship during Lent, and we'll spend these contemplative evenings meditating on several psalms. Through these psalms, God will provide words to express our hurts and reasons to sing our hopes in Christ.

Wednesdays on the Boise Campus

March 5 – April 9

Worship at 6:30 pm

(Soup supper in the gym 5:00-6:15 pm)



SERVE

Soup Suppers During the Season of Lent

During Lent, dinner is provided at church, Wednesdays 5:00-6:15 pm, so it's easier for everyone to worship during this special season. *Please consider providing a soup, salad, dessert, or serving/clean-up assistance!* See what's needed and sign up on the lobby bulletin board or at tinyurl.com/soupsupper25. This is a valuable service to our church family, so that worshipping our Savior can be our top priority! Contact the Boise office (admin@cocidaho.org / 208-375-3992) with any questions.

Knife Sharpening

Cross of Christ member Bill Adams is offering his skills for free in service to his church family: If you have knives that could use sharpening, bring them to the church kitchen during soup suppers on Wednesdays (at Boise, 5:00-6:15 pm, through April 9) and Bill will get them fixed up for you!

We're Hiring

The Boise campus is hiring a part-time custodian, 7-8 hours hours/week. For more information or to submit your resumé please contact the Boise office (admin@cocidaho.org).

Preschool Registration Open

General registration for next fall at Cross of Christ Preschool is now open to all interested families! Pick up a paper application from the church office or visit cocidah.org/preschool to apply online. Don't have preschool-age kids in your home? Share the website with someone who does! Contact Julie with any questions (preschool.director@cocboise.org).

Mommy & Me: Friday, March 7, 10am

Free school-year program for kids age 5 and under with a caregiver. The first Friday of each month we have a themed playdate – next up: Busy Bees! It happens at our Nampa campus (6134 Birch Lane) 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 cocidah.org/connect/mommy-and-me or the QR code.



Local Refugee Support Opportunities

One of our past community partners, the International Rescue Committee (IRC), has made us aware that many support systems for newly resettled refugees in the Treasure Valley have been put on pause.

With self-sufficiency always being the goal, the new gaps in services are creating greater chances of people falling through the cracks.

If you're interested in donating toward immediate, local food and housing support, Glocal Community Partners is identifying the families most in need with their *Stand in the Gaps* program. Find their donation page here (glocalboise.org/get-involved/donate) or use their contact form (glocalboise.org/contact) to sign up for more information. Thank you for considering showing the love of Christ in this way!

UPCOMING

Upcoming Worship Series: From Trial to Triumph

During the Sundays in Lent, our worship will lead us on a journey following Jesus through his trials to ultimate Easter triumph. We'll be focusing on sections of the Bible that encourage us in our faith as we, too, walk a path from trial to triumph because of our victory in Jesus.

GROW



March Sunday Morning Bible Study

The Lord’s Supper is a cherished gift Jesus gave to his church. When you look at how the Bible describes this gift and prescribes how to use it, there is a lot to unpack! During our March Bible studies, we’ll unpack the certainty, comfort, warnings, and grace wrapped up in this gift Jesus gives us that we call Communion.

New Session of Cross Connections Class Tuesdays, 6:30pm, beginning March 11

Cross Connections is a course that lays out, in an easy-to-follow format, the message of Jesus and the Bible, to give you certainty about your relationship with God and answer life's biggest questions.

Cross Connections can serve as a spiritual refresher for growing in faith, or as an introduction to Christianity and what we're all about at Cross of Christ, which presents *an excellent opportunity for you to participate and to bring a friend!* Register at the QR code or cocidaho.org/connect/cross-connections or talk to Pastor Hein (greg.hein@cocidaho.org /480-433-3084).



Easter Flower Orders

To help adorn our Savior’s altar on Easter morning (April 20), sign up on the lobby bulletin board and choose the flowering plants you’d like. (You’re welcome to enjoy the flowers at home after the final Easter service!) Order deadline is April 6. Checks payable to Dick & Kay Guthmiller can be put in lobby mailbox #12.

Easter Candy

Easter Sunday will include a kids’ egg hunt! Would you consider donating candy? Place wrapped candy in the kitchen at Boise by Sunday, April 13 (in the labeled box on the back counter, across from the refrigerators). Gluten-, dairy-, and/or nut-free options always welcome (please label). Contact Mandy Watkins (amanda.watkins99@gmail.com) with questions.

General Fund Offerings Planned FY 24-25	\$816,957
General Fund Planned FYTD	\$534,164
General Fund Offerings FYTD	\$568,341
Total Offerings Last Week (All Funds)	\$16,131

People in God's Word	Boise	Nampa	Total
Last Weekend's Worship	108/96	90	294
Livestream Views	7		
Adult/Teen Bible Study	39	28	67
Kids' Sunday School/Confirmation	33/5	11/5	44/10
Men's/Women's Study	n/a / 19	9/8	9/27
Cross Connections	n/a	2	2

Serving	March 2	March 9
Altar Care	K. Struthers	K. Struthers
AV	T. & L. Butterfield	C. Klink, R. Jorgensen, J. Meier
Bulletins	Y. Whitlach, D. Schleif	R. Ritger, B. Ford, D. Ashley
Coffee	K. Struthers, J. & M. Welch	K. Struthers, J. & M. Welch
Flowers	Watkins	Loring
Greeters	B. & J. Masters, TBD	B. & J. Masters, TBD
Music	K. Koepsell, Lund Family	A. Lange, T. Russow
Snow Removal	Weekend: Geary, Broyles Week: Harris, Lange	Weekend: B. Turley, J. Barnhardt Week: Harris, Lange
Tellers	Harris, Christianson, Hudson	Turley, Rule, Butterfield
Ushers	KC. Broyles, H. Geary, B. Adams, TBD	J. Berrier, J. Breckon B. Walters, TBD