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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, the lobby provides plenty of space for calming a wiggly child! Video and audio of the worship service are available there 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. Today's a special day! There's breakfast for all in the gym between services (approx. 9:45-11am), an egg hunt for the kids at 10:30am, and coffee & pastries in the lobby following the 11am service. We'd be honored if you'd join in!

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.

Welcome to Worship

Opening Song

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”



1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!



our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!



who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!



suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!

An Easter Dialogue

with “In Christ Alone”

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

Congregation: Amen.

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Christ, the Lamb who was slain, now lives in the glory of the Father. Let us come before him in worship, honor, and joyous thanksgiving!



1 In Christ a - lone my hope is found; he is my
light, my strength, my song; this cor - ner - stone, this sol - id
ground, firm through the fierc - est drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are
stilled, when striv - ings cease! My com - fort - er, my all in
all; here in the love of Christ I stand.

The resurrection of Jesus is such a sweet celebration only because his death on a cross was so bitter. We confess that he died because of our sins. Yet, since the empty grave of Jesus is real, even the cross is a source of celebration. There, on the cross, every one of our sins was nailed with Christ. All our guilt and shame died with him. Let us take a moment to acknowledge the price Jesus paid for our forgiveness so that we could receive it without cost.

time for silent confession & prayer

**2 In Christ alone, who took on flesh,
fullness of God in helpless babe;
this gift of love and righteousness,
scorned by the ones he came to save.
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
the wrath of God was satisfied;
for ev'ry sin on him was laid;
here in the death of Christ I live.**

In his great mercy, God has given us a new life through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead (*1 Peter 1:3*). A new life free from shame. A new life full of acceptance. A new life bright with hope.

Alleluia!

The cross Jesus carried gave way to a victorious crown of life. In the same way, we believe that whatever crosses we carry will not last. His life is our life. His glory is our glory. Now and forever. For Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

**3 There in the ground his body lay,
light of the world by darkness slain;
then bursting forth in glorious day,
up from the grave he rose again!
And as he stands in victory,
sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
for I am his and he is mine,
bought with the precious blood of Christ.**

Almighty God, by the glorious resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, you conquered death and opened the gate to eternal life. Grant that we, who have been raised with him through faith, may walk in newness of life and ever rejoice in the hope of sharing his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be dominion and praise now and forever.

Amen!

4 **No guilt in life, no fear in death,
this is the pow'r of Christ in me;
from life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man
can ever pluck me from his hand;
till he returns or calls me home,
here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.**



God's Word

Isaiah 25:6-9

⁶On this mountain the LORD Almighty will prepare
a feast of rich food for all peoples,
a banquet of aged wine—
the best of meats and the finest of wines.
⁷On this mountain he will destroy
the shroud that enfolds all peoples,
the sheet that covers all nations;
⁸he will swallow up death forever.
The Sovereign LORD will wipe away the tears
from all faces;
he will remove his people's disgrace
from all the earth.
The LORD has spoken.

9In that day they will say,
 "Surely this is our God;
 we trusted in him, and he saved us.
 This is the LORD, we trusted in him;
 let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation."

Song of Response

"I Will Rise"

1 There's a peace I've come to know, tho' my
 heart and flesh may fail. There's an an-chor for my soul;
 I can say "It is well."
 Je-sus has ov-er-come, and the grave is o-ver-whelmed;
 the vic-to-ry is won, he is ris-en from the dead.
 And I will rise when he calls my name;

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no more sor - row, no more pain. I will rise on ea -
 - gles' wings; be - fore my God fall on my knees and
 rise. I will rise.

God's Word

1 Corinthians 15:51-57

⁵¹Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed— ⁵²in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. ⁵³For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality. ⁵⁴When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: “Death has been swallowed up in victory.”

⁵⁵“Where, O death, is your victory?
 Where, O death, is your sting?”

⁵⁶The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. ⁵⁷But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Song of Response

“I Will Rise”

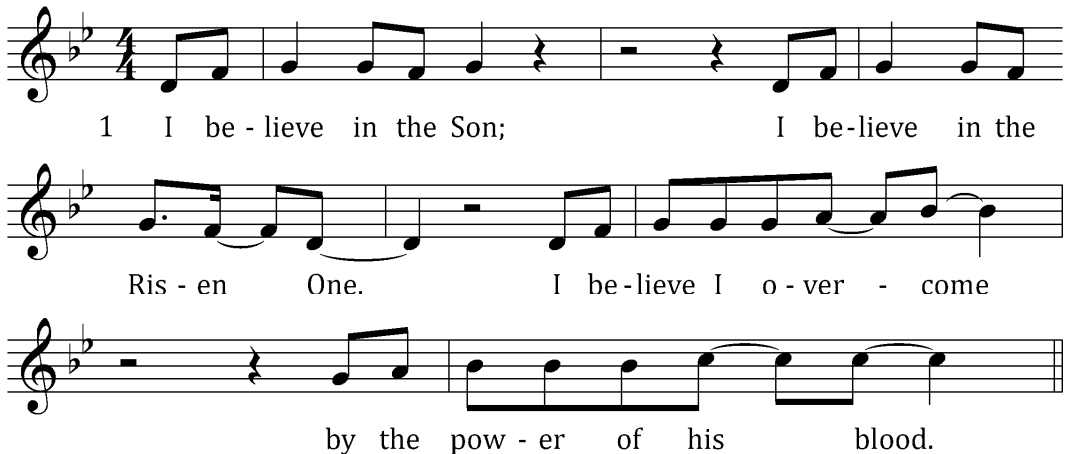
2 There’s a day that’s drawing near
When this darkness breaks to light,
And the shadows disappear,
And my faith shall be my eyes.

Jesus has overcome, and the grave is overwhelmed;
The victory is won, he is risen from the dead.
And I will rise when he calls my name;
No more sorrow, no more pain.
I will rise on eagles’ wings; before my God, fall on my knees,
And rise. I will rise. I will rise!

Children’s Message

Song

“Because He Lives (Amen)”



1 I be - lieve in the Son; I be - lieve in the
Ris - en One. I be - lieve I o - ver - come
by the pow - er of his blood.

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Refrain

A - men, a - men, I'm a-live, I'm a-live be
cause he lives. A - men, a - men, let my
song join the one that nev - er - ends! *stanza 2*
bridge

**2 I was dead in the grave; I was covered in sin and shame.
I heard mercy call my name - he rolled the stone away! *Refrain***

Bridge

Be-cause he lives, I can face to-mor-row; be-cause he
lives ev-'ry fear is gone. I know he holds my
life, my fu - ture in his hands. *refrain twice*

Ending (after final refrain)

Because he lives! Because he lives!

Message from God's Word

John 20:1-18

¹Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. ²So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!"

³So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. ⁴Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, ⁷as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus' head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. ⁸Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. ⁹(They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) ¹⁰Then the disciples went back to where they were staying.

¹¹Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb ¹²and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot.

¹³They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?"

"They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him." ¹⁴At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus.

¹⁵He asked her, "Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?" Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him."

¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Mary."

She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means "Teacher").

¹⁷Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.' "

¹⁸Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!" And she told them that he had said these things to her.

Song of Faith "Christ, Our Hope in Life and Death"



1 What is our hope in life and death? Christ a -
 2 What truth can calm the trou - bled soul? God is
 3 Un - to the grave, what will we sing? "Christ, he



lone, Christ a - lone. What is our on - ly con - fi -
 good, God is good. Where is his grace and good - ness
 lives; Christ, he lives!" And what re - ward will heav - en



dence? That our souls to him be - long. Who holds our
 known? In our great Re - deem - er's blood. 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 -
 faith when fears a - rise? Who stands a - bove the storm - y
 rise to meet the Lord, Then sin and death will be de -

mand? And what will keep us to the
trial? Who sends the waves that bring us
stroyed, And we will feast in end - less

end? The love of Christ, in which we stand.
nigh Un - to the shore, the Rock of Christ?
joy, When Christ is ours for - ev - er - more.

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.

Ending (after final refrain)

Now and ev - er we con - fess Christ our

hope in life and death.

Prayer for Easter & 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!

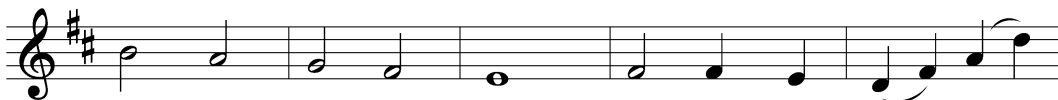
Amen!

Closing Song

“I Know That My Redeemer Lives”



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What com - fort
5 He lives to si - lence all my fears; he lives to
7 He lives and grants me dai - ly breath; he lives, and



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who
wipe a - way my tears; he lives to calm my
I shall con - quer death; he lives my man - sion



once was dead; he lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head!
trou - bled heart; he lives all bless - ings to im - part.
to pre - pare; he lives to bring me safe - ly there.

Silent Prayer

Thank you, Jesus, for rising for me! Strengthen my trust in the promises of your empty grave, so that the joy and hope of today may follow me every day. Alleluia and 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.



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Calendar & Announcements

Apr 20-27	Boise (11655 W. McMillan Rd)	Nampa (6134 Birch Lane)
Sunday	8:30am – Easter Sunday Worship 9:45am – Easter Breakfast 10:20am – Kids’ Egg Hunt 11:00am – Easter Sunday Worship	9:30am – Easter Sunday Worship 10:45am – Easter Brunch & Kids’ Egg Hunt 11:30am – Easter Sunday Worship
Monday	10:00am – Women’s Bible Study 6:00pm – Council of Ministry Meeting 7:00pm – Women’s Bible Study	
Tuesday	6:30pm – Cross Connections	
Thursday	7:00pm- GriefShare	6:30pm – Men’s & Women’s Bible Study
Friday	7:00pm – CrossTrainers (high school group)	
Sunday	8:30am –Worship 9:45am – Adult Bible Study (Chapel) Teen Class (Conference 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



New Worship Series Next Sunday!

Do you love how hope fills the air on Easter? Do you find yourself energized by the risen Christ? God wants that hope and energy to last more than just one day! Join us for the next five weeks as we explore the ways Easter impacted real lives in the book of Acts. There, we'll find what it's like to live with that same powerful meaning and purpose when *Living the Mission* with Christ.

Cross Connections: Want to know God better?

Religion and spirituality can sometimes feel like concepts that leave us confused without feeling any closer to God. But knowing God and finding peace in life doesn't have to be hard! The *Cross Connections* class is a 10-week course that will lead you to understand what it means to have a God who connects with you and connects you to purpose and community. Contact Pastor Hein for more information about our next session (greg.hein@cocidaho.org).



Ongoing Opportunities to Know God Better

- Growth Groups: Small groups meeting throughout the week in people's homes. Spring session registration coming soon!
- Kids' Sunday school: Sundays, 9:45am, ages 2 thru 5th grade
- Teen Bible study: Sundays, 9:45am, "The Prayer Practice"



Highschool Youth Group

CrossTrainers, the youth group for high school students, meets Friday nights, 7-9pm. We meet up at the firepit under the pavilion (east side of the building) for discussions of faith-related topics, snacks, and just hanging out! Friends always welcome. Connect with Mandy Watkins (210-425-3270) for more info.

Preschool Singing for Worship

We look forward to having our preschool students and families join us for the 11:00am service next Sunday, April 27! The kids will sing a song they've been learning in class. Thank you in advance for helping to give these special guests a warm Cross of Christ welcome that day!

Preschool Registration Open

Enrollment for next fall at Cross of Christ Preschool is open to all interested families! Pick up a paper application from the church office or visit cocidaho.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).



Sunday Morning Bible Study in May: Bible Book of Colossians

Beginning May 11, 9:45-10:45 am, in the chapel

Though it was written thousands of years ago, its message couldn't be more pertinent today. Our lives still swarm with all sorts of messages directing us away from the sufficiency of Christ and his work for us. For several weeks, we'll let the letter to the Colossians guide our hearts and lives to practically see what the sufficiency of Christ still means for us in 2025.

Boise Campus Pastor Call Accepted

We thank God that Pastor Matt Hatzung has accepted our Call to serve as Boise Campus Pastor! Plans will be made for an installation service and welcome party as their moving dates are established. Please feel free to stay in touch with them – let them know you continue to pray for them through this transition!

- Pastor Matt Hatzung – (612) 386-6131, pastorhatzung@trinitybaycity.org
- Shannon Hatzung – (269) 281-2001, s.hatzung@trinitybaycity.org

Vacation Bible School 2025

Tuesday through Thursday, June 24-26, 9am-12pm, Boise campus.

At TRUE NORTH VBS, we'll travel to the Alaskan wilderness to explore how Jesus is our unmovable, unchangeable, unshakeable Savior and friend forever, even in this wild, wild world! For kids age 3 (by June 24) thru entering 6th grade. Register at tinyurl.com/vbs-coc-2025.



Adults and youth 7th grade & older invited to volunteer; see the weekly member email to see what's needed or contact Kristen Koepsell (kristen.koepsell@cocidaho.org) to get more info.



Red Cross Blood Drive, Boise Campus

Tuesday, May 13, 9am-3pm in the gym. To make an appointment, go to redcrossblood.org and under "Find a Blood Drive" enter COCLUTHERAN. Walk-ins are welcome, too! If you're not sure about donating, we're also supplying a few **volunteers** to assist with check-in and hospitality. See the weekly member email for more information or contact the Boise admin desk (admin@cocboise.org).

People in God's Word	Boise	Nampa	Total
Last Weekend's Worship	103/123	104	330
Livestream Views	6		
Adult/Teen Bible Study	45/4	44 / n/a	89/4
Kids' Sunday School/Confirmation	36/7	19/5	55/12
Men's/Women's Study	n/a	8/12	8/12
Cross Connections	5	4	9

<i>General Fund Offerings Planned FY 24-25</i>	\$816,957
General Fund Planned FYTD	\$644,139
General Fund Offerings FYTD	\$685,857
Total Offerings Last Week (All Funds)	\$12,785

Serving	Easter Sunday, April 20	April 27
Altar Care	C. Biggs, K. Gruenhagen-Townsend	C. Biggs, K. Gruenhagen-Townsend
AV	T. & L. Butterfield	C. Klink, M. Hartman, J. Meier
Bulletins	Prigge, Tweedy, Robbins	Y. Whitlach, D. Schleif
Coffee	K. Struthers, M. & B. Lowry	K. Struthers, M. & B. Lowry
Flowers	Easter Sunday	Ready
Greeters	J. Baxter, C. Berrier, TBD	Arstein, Swanberg
Lawn Crew	R. Lange	E. Uhlenhoff
Music	Koepsell, Neujahr, Russow, Evans, Hartman, Spackman-Whitworth, Caudill, Krumdieck, Breckon, Light	J. Hein, M. Evans, K. Koepsell, Preschool Students
Tellers	Turley, Butterfield, Hudson	Harris, Christianson, Hudson
Ushers	R. Lange, D. Rule J. Harris, H. Geary	TBD R & D. Seely

And many others who contributed in many ways to provide our breakfast and egg hunt today. Thank you! We are blessed and Jesus is honored by your service.

