

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, the lobby provides plenty of space for moving around when needed! 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.

Song of Praise

“The Lord Is by My Side”

Sung by the Preschool Students, 11:00 am

I know my Shepherd gives me peace, the Lord is by my side,
For every day he walks with me, the Lord is by my side.

Refrain The Lord is by my side, forever by my side,
His hope, his strength, his peace is mine, the Lord is by my side.

I know my Shepherd gives me strength, the Lord is by my side,
For I am small and he is great, the Lord is by my side. *Refrain*

I know my Shepherd gives me hope, the Lord is by my side,
For he will lead me safely home, the Lord is by my side. *Refrain*

And when I look back I will surely see
Your goodness and love, they have followed me.

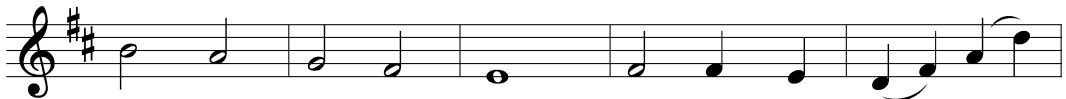
For when I look back, I will surely see
My Shepherd has laid down his life for me. *Refrain*

Opening Song

“I Know That My Redeemer Lives”



1 We know that our Re - deem - er lives! What com - fort
2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; he lives e -
3 He lives to bless us with his love; he lives to



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who
ter - nal - ly to save; he lives all - glo - rious
plead for us a - bove; he lives our hun - gry



once was dead; he lives, our ev - er - liv - ing head!
in the sky; he lives ex - alt - ed there on high.
souls to feed; he lives to help in time of need.

A Dialogue of Repentance and Forgiveness

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.

When your heart is weary, when you're broken and you've failed, when life is too much and you need rest, there is one place you can always come: to God's house. He always welcomes you. He still forgives you. And when you come, you're not alone. We gather together to worship. To confess our sins. To see Jesus. To hear again good news from God.

Almighty and loving God in heaven, I confess my sins. My whole life, I have often chosen a selfish path. I have not followed your ways like I should, and I have hurt others. I keep struggling with sin. Thank you for never giving up on me. Thank you for loving me and saving me when I was lost. Thank you for Jesus!

All is forgiven. You are forgiven – because Jesus went to the cross for you. He rose to life and gives you his righteousness as a gift. By trusting in him, you are God's holy child, equally loved and accepted. Come and worship. Leave your burdens at the empty tomb. See Jesus alive and well and find the one who gives you rest for your soul.

Amen!

Song of Praise “I Know That My Redeemer Lives”

- 5 **He lives to silence all our fears;
 he lives to wipe away our tears;
 he lives to calm our troubled hearts;
 he lives all blessings to impart.**
- 8 **He lives, all glory to his name!
 He lives, our Jesus, still the same.
 Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:
 We know that our Redeemer lives!**

God's Word

John 13:1-17

¹It was just before the Passover Festival. Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.

²The evening meal was in progress, and the devil had already prompted Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus. ³Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; ⁴so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. ⁵After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

⁶He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?"

⁷Jesus replied, "You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand."

⁸"No," said Peter, "you shall never wash my feet."

Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no part with me."

⁹"Then, Lord," Simon Peter replied, "not just my feet but my hands and my head as well!"

¹⁰Jesus answered, "Those who have had a bath need only to wash their feet; their whole body is clean. And you are clean, though not every one of you."

¹¹For he knew who was going to betray him, and that was why he said not every one was clean.

¹²When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them.

¹³"You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am.

¹⁴Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. ¹⁵I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. ¹⁶Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. ¹⁷Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them."

God's Word

1 John 4:7-19

⁷Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. ¹⁰This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.

¹³This is how we know that we live in him and he in us: He has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. ¹⁵If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in them and they in God. ¹⁶And so we know and rely on the love God has for us.

God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them. ¹⁷This is how love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment: In this world we are like Jesus. ¹⁸There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.

¹⁹We love because he first loved us.

Children's Message

Song

“Come, People of the Risen King”



- 1 Come, peo - ple of the ris - en King, who de -
- 2 Come, those whose joy is morn - ing sun, and those
- 3 Come, young and old from ev - 'ry land, men and



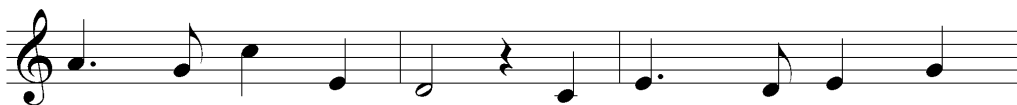
light to bring him praise. Come, all, and tune your
weep - ing through the night. Come, those who tell of
wom - en of the fath. Come, those with full or



hearts to sing to the Morn - ing Star of
bat - tles won, and those strug - gling in the
emp - ty hands; find the rich - es of his



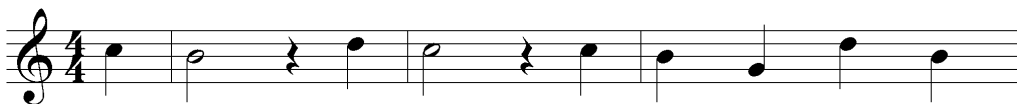
grace. From the shift - ing shad - ows of the earth we will
fight. For his per - fect love will nev - er change, and his
grace. O - ver all the world his peo - ple sing; shore to



lift our eyes to him, where stead - y arms of
mer - cies nev - er cease, but fol - low us through
shore we hear them call the Truth that cries through



mer - cy reach to gath - er chil - dren in.
all our days with the cer - tain hope of peace.
ev - 'ry age: "Our God is all in all!"



Re - joice! Re - joice! Let ev - 'ry tongue re -



joice! One heart, one voice, O Church of Christ, re - joice!

Message from God's Word

Acts 2:42-47

⁴²They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. ⁴³Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. ⁴⁴All the believers were together and had everything in common. ⁴⁵They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. ⁴⁶Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

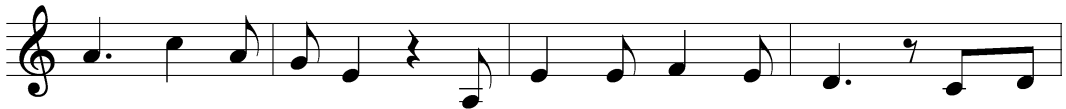
Living the Mission

Song of Response

"Oh, How Good It Is"




1 Oh, how good it is when the fam - 'ly of God dwells to -
2 Oh, how good it is on this jour - ney we share to re -
3 Oh, how good it is to em - brace his com - mand to pre -



geth - er in spir - it, in faith and u - ni - ty. Where the
joice with the hap - py and weep with those who mourn. For the
fer one an - oth - er, for - give as he for - gives. When we



bonds of peace, of ac - cept - ance and love are the
weak find strength, the af - flict - ed find grace when we
live as one we all share in the love of the



fruits of his pres-ence here a - mong us.
of - fer the bless - ing of be - long - ing.
Son with the Fa - ther and the Spir - it.


Refrain



So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord,



and with one heart we'll live out his word,



till the whole earth sees the Re - deem - er has come,



for he dwells in the pres-ence of his peo - ple.

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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.



Statement of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

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

“May the Peace of God”



1 May the peace of God our heav'n - ly Fa - ther,
2 May this peace which pass - es un - der - stand - ing,



and the grace of Christ the ris - en Son,
and this grace which makes us what we are,



and the fel - low - ship of God the Spir - it
and this fel - low - ship of his com - mun - ion



keep our hearts and minds with - in his love.
make us one in spir - it and in heart.



And to him be praise for his glo - rious reign



from the depths of earth to the heights of heav'n.



We de - clare the name of the Lamb once slain—



Christ e - ter - nal, the King of kings.

Silent Prayer

Risen Lord, you gave your disciples a place to belong through your grace and selfless love. Help me to do the same for others using that same grace and selfless love in my life. In this way, Lord, please use me to impact more and more people to your glory. Amen.

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Calendar & Announcements

Apr 27 - May 4	Boise (11655 W. McMillan Rd)	Nampa (6134 Birch Lane)
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
Monday	10:00am - Women's Bible Study 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)	10:00am - Mommy & Me (onsite)
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)



THIS WEEK

Preschool Singing for Worship

We're glad to have our preschool students and families join us for the 11:00am service today. The kids will sing a song they've been learning in class. Thank you for helping to give these special guests a warm Cross of Christ welcome today!

GATHER **New Worship Series Begins Today!**



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 powerful meaning and purpose when **Reaching Out** with all the love, hope, and peace that God gives.

GROW Sunday Morning Bible Study in May: Bible Book of Colossians



Begins today, 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.

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.

Mommy & Me: Friday, May 2, 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 – next up: a Hawaiian Luau!

It happens at the 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.



Monthly Ministry Discussion: May 4



SERVE

Next Sunday we'll use the adult Bible study hour (9:45am-10:45am) for May's ministry discussion. We'll look ahead to summer opportunities for outreach and growing community here at Cross of Christ. Everyone is invited and encouraged to be part of the conversations shaping our ministry!

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).

UPCOMING

GROW **Spring Growth Groups**



These small groups meet weekly at church and in members' homes to apply God's Word to our lives and get to know each other better. The starting point for weekly discussions is Sunday's message! Wish you could ask questions or talk through something you heard? A growth group is the place to do that!

The spring session *begins the week of May 4 and runs for five weeks* (through the first week of June). See the groups available and register on the lobby bulletin board or at tinyurl.com/GGspring2025, to take advantage of this great opportunity to grow in your connection with God and with others in your life!

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).

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 lobby bulletin board or tinyurl.com/VBSVOL25; talk to Kristen Koepsell (kristen.koepsell@cocidaho.org) with any questions.

<i>General Fund Offerings Planned FY 24-25</i>	\$816,957
General Fund Planned FYTD	\$659,850
General Fund Offerings FYTD	\$696,138
Total Offerings Last Week (All Funds)	\$10,455

People in God's Word	Boise	Nampa	Total
Holy Thursday Worship	107	70	177
Good Friday Worship	112	58	170
Easter Sunday Worship	199/183	117/66	565
Livestream Views	Thurs: 3	Fri: 7	Sun: 12
Men's/Women's Study	n/a / 13	n/a	n/a/13
Cross Connections	5	n/a	5

Serving	April 27	May 4
Altar Care	C. Biggs, K. Gruenhagen-Townsend	D. McLain, K. Tiffany
AV	C. Klink, M. Hartman, J. Meier	T. & L. Butterfield
Bulletins	Y. Whitlach, D. Schleif	R. Ritger, B. Ford, D. Ashley
Coffee	K. Struthers, M. & B. Lowry	C. Berrier, D. McLain
Flowers	Ready	available
Greeters	Arstein, Swanberg	Arstein, Manglos
Lawn Mowing	E. Uhlenhoff	B. Turley, B. Krosch
Music	J. Hein, M. Evans, K. Koepsell, Preschool Students	J. Hein, A. Scott
Tellers	Harris, Christianson, Hudson	TBD
Ushers	R. Hibbs, J. Berrier R & D. Seely	B. Adams, T. Stavenau J. Harris, S. Swanberg