

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.

Opening Song

“He’s Risen, He’s Risen”



1 He's ris - en, he's ris - en, Christ Je - sus, the Lord;
2 The foe was tri - um - phant when on Cal - va - ry
3 But short was their tri - umph; the Sav - ior a - rose,



he o - pened death's pris - on, the in - car - nate Word.
the Lord of cre - a - tion was nailed to the tree.
and death, hell, and Sa - tan he van-quished, his foes.



Break forth, hosts of heav - en, in ju - bi - lant song
In Sa - tan's do - main did the hosts shout and jeer,
The con - quer - ing Lord lifts his ban - ner on high;



and earth, sea, and moun - tain, the prais - es pro - long.
for Je - sus was slain, whom the e - vil ones fear.
he lives, yes, he lives, and will nev - er - more die.

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 God invites us to come into his holy presence openly and honestly. We all wrestle with fears, doubts, and regrets. God knows this, and he chooses to dwell among us anyway. As we confess our sins together, may we begin to grasp the enormity of what it means to have a Savior who will never forsake us.

Holy God, gracious Father, I acknowledge my brokenness. In countless ways, I have treasured sin and neglected what you love. I am sorry for my sins. Thank you for taking hold of me in your grace.

Through every trial of life, God will be faithful. The proof is the cross. Jesus chose to battle sin, death, and the devil to rescue you. Through his perfect life, innocent death, and resurrection, that is exactly what he did. Your sins are forgiven. You are right with God. You belong in his presence now and forever as his beloved child. May God give you strength to live as his child.

Amen!

Song of Praise

“He’s Risen, He’s Risen”

- 4 O, where is your sting, death? We fear you no more;
Christ rose, and now open is fair Eden’s door.
For all our transgressions his blood does atone;
redeemed and forgiven, we now are his own.**
- 5 Then sing your hosannas and raise your glad voice;
proclaim the blest tidings that all may rejoice.
Laud, honor, and praise to the Lamb that was slain:
with Father and Spirit he ever shall reign.**

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God’s Word

John 20:19–31

¹⁹On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

²¹Again Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.” ²²And with that he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive anyone’s sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.”

²⁴Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord!”

But he said to them, “Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.”

²⁶A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.”

²⁸Thomas said to him, “My Lord and my God!”

²⁹Then Jesus told him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

³⁰Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. ³¹But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

God’s Word

Colossians 4:2-6


²Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. ³And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. ⁴Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should. ⁵Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. ⁶Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.

Children's Message

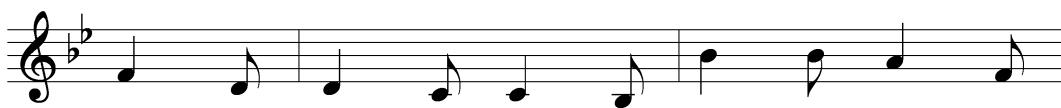
Song "Christ Is Risen, He Is Risen Indeed"

The vocalist will sing stanzas 1-2 and the first refrain.


You're invited to join in singing the following stanzas and refrains.



1 How can it be, the One who died has borne our
2 For joy a - wakes as dawn - ing light when Christ's dis -
3 Where doubt and dark - ness once had been, they saw him



sin through sac - ri - fice, to con - quer ev - 'ry
ci - ples lift their eyes. A - live he stands, their
and their hearts be - lieved. But blest are those who



	to Verses	to Refrain
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sting of death? Sing, sing "Hal - le - lu - jah!" v. 2
friend and King; Christ, Christ, he is ris - en!
have not seen, yet sing "Hal - le - lu - jah!" v. 4

Refrain



Christ is ris - en, he is ris - en in - deed! Oh, sing "Hal - le -



lu - jah!" Join the cho - rus, sing with the re - deemed:



- 4 Once bound by fear, now bold in faith,
they preached the truth and pow'r of grace
and pouring out their lives they gained
life, life everlasting. *Refrain*
- 5 The pow'r that raised him from the grave
now works in us to pow'rf'ly save.
He frees our hearts to live his grace;
go, tell of his goodness. *Refrain*

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Message from God's Word

Acts 16:22-34

²²The crowd joined in the attack against Paul and Silas, and the magistrates ordered them to be stripped and beaten with rods. ²³After they had been severely flogged, they were thrown into prison, and the jailer was commanded to guard them carefully. ²⁴When he received these orders, he put them in the inner cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

²⁵About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them. ²⁶Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. At once all the prison doors flew open, and everyone's chains came loose. ²⁷The jailer woke up, and when he saw the prison doors open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself because he thought the prisoners had escaped. ²⁸But Paul shouted, "Don't harm yourself! We are all here!"

²⁹The jailer called for lights, rushed in and fell trembling before Paul and Silas.

³⁰He then brought them out and asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"

³¹They replied, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household.” ³²Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all the others in his house. ³³At that hour of the night the jailer took them and washed their wounds; then immediately he and all his household were baptized. ³⁴The jailer brought them into his house and set a meal before them; he was filled with joy because he had come to believe in God—he and his whole household.

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.



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."

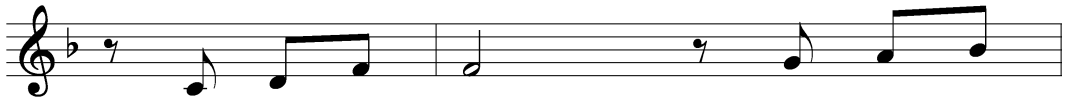
Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world.

Have mercy on us, and grant us your peace. Amen.

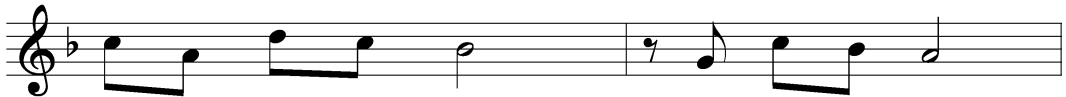
Song During Distribution

"What Is This Bread"



1 What is this bread?
2 What is this wine?
3 So who am I,
4 Yet is God here?
5 Is this for me?

Christ's bod - y
The blood of
that I should
Oh, yes! By
I am for -



ris - en from the dead:
Je - sus shed for mine;
live and he should die
Word and prom - ise clear,
giv - en and set free!

this bread we break,
the cup of grace
un - der the rod?
in mouth and soul
I do be - lieve



this life we take, was crushed to pay for our re -
brings his em - brace of life and love un - til I
My God, my God, why have you not for - sak - en
he makes us whole— Christ, tru - ly pres - ent in this
that I re - ceive his ver - y bod - y and his



lease.	O	taste and	see—	the Lord is	peace.
sing!	O	taste and	see—	the Lord is	King.
me?	O	taste and	see—	the Lord is	free.
meal.	O	taste and	see—	the Lord is	real.
blood.	O	taste and	see—	the Lord is	good.

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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

“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”



1 Sent forth by God’s bless - ing, our true faith con - fess - ing,
2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er - liv - ing,



the peo - ple of God from his dwell - ing take leave.
the tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face.



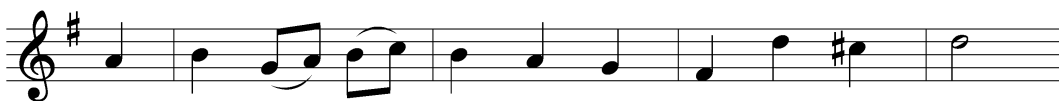
The sup - per is end - ed; O be now ex - tend - ed
Our faith ev - er shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing,



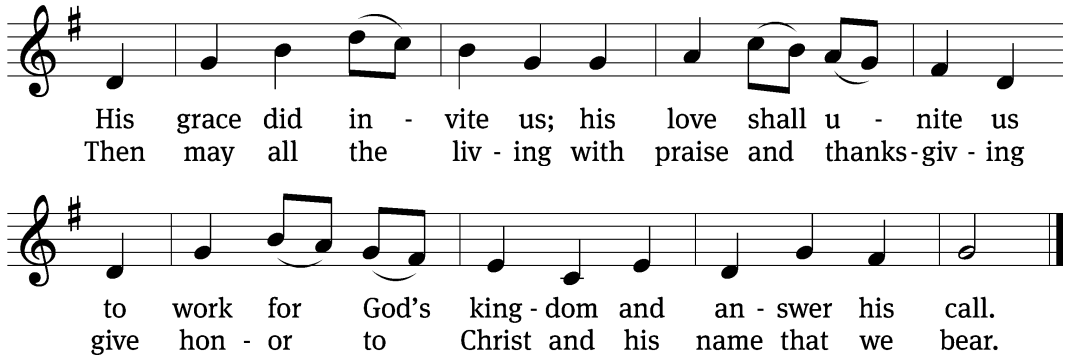
the fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve.
em - brac - ing his chil - dren of each tribe and race.



The seed of his teach - ing, re - cep - tive souls reach - ing,
One bread that has fed us, one light that has led us



shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.
u - nite us as one in his life that we share.



His grace did in - vite us; his love shall u - nite us
Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks - giv - ing
to work for God's king - dom and an - swer his call.
give hon - or to Christ and his name that we bear.

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Silent Prayer

Risen Lord, I give thanks that you see me, know me, and come to me in your grace. Help me to truly notice the people you place in my life. Grant me the wisdom I need to understand their unique needs and fill me with your love so that I may faithfully pour it out onto others. Amen.

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Calendar & Announcements

May 4-11	Boise (11655 W. McMillan Rd)	Nampa (6134 Birch Lane)
Sunday	8:30am –Worship (Communion) 9:45am – Monthly Ministry Discussion (Chapel) Teen Class (Conference Room) <i>no Confirmation Class today</i> 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	
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

THIS WEEK

GATHER **Current Worship Series**



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!

Over the next several weeks, we'll 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.



SERVE

Monthly Ministry Discussion Today, May 4

Today 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!

GROW **Spring Growth Groups Start this Week!**



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 this week 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!

UPCOMING

Sunday Morning Bible Study in May: Bible Book of Colossians

Continues next Sunday, 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.

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@cochoise.org).

Mommy & Me: Camel's Back Park, Fri, May 16, 10am

Mommy & Me is a free program for kids age 5 and under with a caregiver. Our next meet-up (and final one for the school year) will be at Camel's Back Park on **Friday, May 16, at 10:00 am**. Look for the green shirts to find our group. If it's your first time coming, let us know! Register at cocidaho.org/connect/mommy-and-me or the QR code.



Congregational Meeting: June 1, 1:00 pm, Boise campus

As our one official business meeting of the year, this meeting will include elections for some Council positions, reporting on membership changes from the last six months, and discussion & approval of the coming year's ministry plan & budget. Additionally, we'll discuss updates on our vision to increase our impact by 2030. All members are encouraged to participate in the discussion on these important items! A light lunch will be provided before the meeting.

Volunteer Appreciation 2025

This ministry is your ministry, and it's time to celebrate your work! Please join us on **Saturday, June 7, 3-5pm at the Nampa campus** (6134 Birch Lane). We will enjoy food and fellowship as we celebrate all the ministry done across our whole multi-site church. Come to say thanks and be thanked for all the ways that our church family works together to impact lives for eternity. Please RSVP on the lobby bulletin board or at tinyurl.com/volunteerappreciation2025 to aid with meal planning. Direct questions to Irene Hopkins (509-521-3040).

Cross of Christ Gear

From May to mid-June, you have the opportunity to purchase some Cross of Christ branded apparel! Check out the links in the Friday member email for viewing & ordering items. You will pay online when you order. Ordering will close on June 15 and items will be shipped to Cross of Christ after that. You'll be notified when your order is ready for pick-up at Cross of Christ (at your preferred campus). If you have any questions or issues, contact Lacey Butterfield (admin@cocboise.org).

Vacation Bible School 2025

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

At TRUE NORTH VBS, we'll explore the Alaskan wilderness to see how Jesus is our unmovable, unchangeable 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 options and sign up on the lobby bulletin board or at tinyurl.com/VBSVOL25**; talk to Kristen Koepsell (kristen.koepsell@cocidaho.org) with any questions.

VBS Decoration Needs

Here's an easy way to lend a hand for Vacation Bible School – let us borrow some of these items! **Drop items off in Room 5 on the Boise campus at any time between May 18 and June 22. EACH item to be returned MUST be labeled with your name!**

canoe & oars	sleeping bags (2)
smaller tent (one- or two-person size)	snowshoes (1 or 2 sets)
other hiking/camping gear: hiking backpack, hiking poles, free-standing campfire grill/grate, lantern, camp stool, etc.	fishing rods (2-3), fishing net (1 or 2), tackle box (1 or 2, empty or at least no hooks)
3-4 bundles of split firewood	picnic blankets (15-20) (will be sat on, on the gym floor)
white(ish) blanket (not something really nice or decorative! will be on the floor as snow)	northern mountain/forest stuffed animals: moose, elk, deer, mountain goat, bear, wolf, fox, sea otter, bald eagle (etc)
artificial Christmas trees, any size (no decorations, pre-lit is okay) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6' or larger: need at least 6 • 3'-5': need at least 4 • tabletop-3': need at least 4 	<p><i>Questions? Talk to Kristen</i> (kristen.koepsell@cocidaho.org or 208-922-8422).</p>

<i>General Fund Offerings Planned FY 24-25</i>	\$816,957
General Fund Planned FYTD	\$675,561
General Fund Offerings FYTD	\$704,751
Total Offerings Last Week (All Funds)	\$8,638

People in God's Word	Boise	Nampa	Total
Sunday Worship	70/142	93	305
Livestream Views	11		
Adult/Teen Bible Study	36/5	29 / n/a	65/5
Kids' Sunday School/Confirmation	23/	20/5	43/
Men's/Women's Study	n/a / 14	4/5	4/19
Cross Connections	5	n/a	5

Serving	May 4	May 11
Altar Care	D. McLain, K. Tiffany	D. McLain, K. Tiffany
AV	T. & L. Butterfield	E. Christianson, R. Jorgensen, D. Wilson
Bulletins	R. Ritger, B. Ford, D. Ashley	L. Bafus, K. Guthmiller
Coffee	C. Berrier, D. McLain	C. Berrier, D. McLain
Flowers	Watkins	Ehlke
Greeters	Arstein, Manglos	C. Berrier, M. & B. Swanberg
Lawn Crew	B. Turley, B. Krosch	T. & L. Butterfield
Music	J. Hein, A. Scott	K. Koepsell, M. Biondi
Tellers	Turley, Walden, Davidson	Harris, Christianson, Hudson
Ushers	B. Adams, T. Stavenau J. Harris, S. Swanberg	L. Manglos, A. Manglos