

**CROSS OF CHRIST**

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# Cross of Christ Lutheran Church

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**July 6, 2025**

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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](http://cocidaho.org).

# Opening Song

# “Ten Thousand Reasons”



Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;



wor-ship his ho - ly name. Sing like nev - er be-fore,



O my soul; I'll wor-ship your ho - ly name.



You're rich in love and you're slow to an - ger;



your name is great and your heart is kind. For



all your good - ness I will keep on sing - ing: —



ten thou-sand rea-sons for my heart to find.

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*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.**

**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.**

Because life is a struggle for all of us, God's grace is for everyone. In so many ways, we stumble and fall into temptation and sin. Each of our failings deserved punishment from God. But amazingly, God gives grace instead of punishment. So we can come with confidence, acknowledging our sins and trusting in the complete work of Jesus Christ.

**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 the gift of faith, God connects you to the perfect life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. Because of him, I can say with confidence that all your sins are forgiven! God now sees you as his own dear child, righteous and holy in his eyes. You belong in his presence now and forever as his beloved child. May God give you strength to live as his child.

**Amen!**

## God's Word

## Genesis 15:1-6

<sup>1</sup>After this, the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision:

“Do not be afraid, Abram.  
I am your shield,  
your very great reward.”

<sup>2</sup>But Abram said, “Sovereign LORD, what can you give me since I remain childless and the one who will inherit my estate is Eliezer of Damascus?”

<sup>3</sup>And Abram said, “You have given me no children; so a servant in my household will be my heir.”

<sup>4</sup>Then the word of the LORD came to him: “This man will not be your heir, but a son who is your own flesh and blood will be your heir.” <sup>5</sup>He took him outside and said, “Look up at the sky and count the stars—if indeed you can count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.”

<sup>6</sup>Abram believed the LORD, and he credited it to him as righteousness.

## God's Word

## John 3:1-21

<sup>1</sup>Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. <sup>2</sup>He came to Jesus at night and said, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him.”

<sup>3</sup>Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.”

<sup>4</sup>“How can someone be born when they are old?” Nicodemus asked. “Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother’s womb to be born!”

<sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, “Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. <sup>6</sup>Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. <sup>7</sup>You should not be surprised at my saying, ‘You must be born again.’ <sup>8</sup>The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its

sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.”

<sup>9</sup>“How can this be?” Nicodemus asked.

<sup>10</sup>“You are Israel’s teacher,” said Jesus, “and do you not understand these things? <sup>11</sup>Very truly I tell you, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. <sup>12</sup>I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? <sup>13</sup>No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup>Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.”

<sup>16</sup>For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup>For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. <sup>18</sup>Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God’s one and only Son. <sup>19</sup>This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. <sup>20</sup>Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed. <sup>21</sup>But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what they have done has been done in the sight of God.”

## Children’s Message

# Song

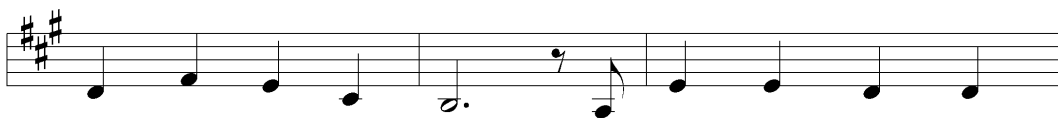
# “Show Us Christ”



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



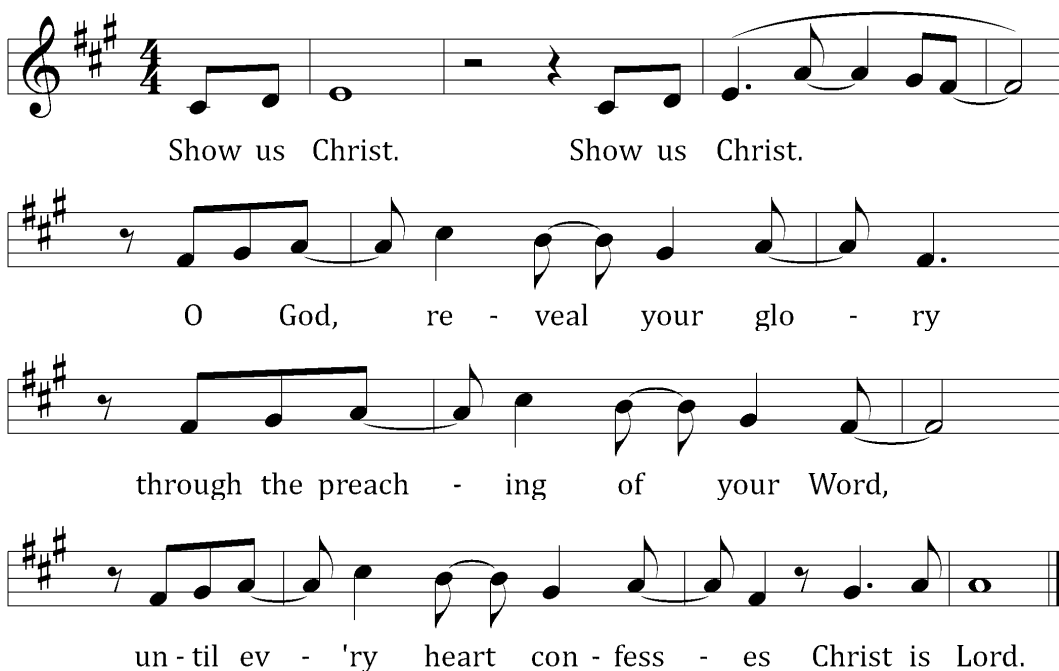
deep in us; cause it to bear fruit. O - pen up our  
fam - ished ones, free - dom for the slave, rich - es for the



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

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## 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.

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## Message from God's Word

## Romans 3:21-31

<sup>21</sup>But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. <sup>22</sup>This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, <sup>23</sup>for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup>and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. <sup>25</sup>God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his forbearance he had left the

sins committed beforehand unpunished— <sup>26</sup>he did it to demonstrate his righteousness at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.

<sup>27</sup>Where, then, is boasting? It is excluded. Because of what law? The law that requires works? No, because of the law that requires faith. <sup>28</sup>For we maintain that a person is justified by faith apart from the works of the law. <sup>29</sup>Or is God the God of Jews only? Is he not the God of Gentiles too? Yes, of Gentiles too, <sup>30</sup>since there is only one God, who will justify the circumcised by faith and the uncircumcised through that same faith. <sup>31</sup>Do we, then, nullify the law by this faith? Not at all! Rather, we uphold the law.

## 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).*



## **New Member Welcome**

**Taylor Tatro**

*8:30am*

## **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."

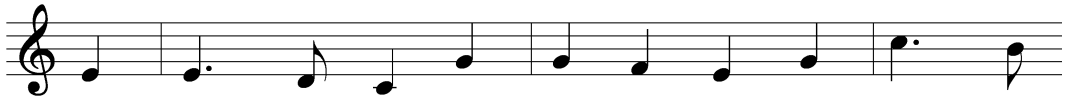
Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

**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

## “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”



1 My hope is built on noth - ing less than Je - sus'  
2 When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I rest on  
3 His oath, his cov - e - nant and blood sup - port me  
4 When he shall come with trum - pet sound, oh, may I



blood and right - eous - ness; I dare to make no  
his un - chang - ing grace; in ev - 'ry high and  
in the rag - ing flood; when ev - 'ry earth - ly  
then in him be found, clothed in his right - eous -



oth - er claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.  
storm - y gale my an - chor holds with - in the veil.  
prop gives way, he then is all my hope and stay.  
ness a - lone, fault - less to stand be - fore his throne.



*Refrain*  
On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

## 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

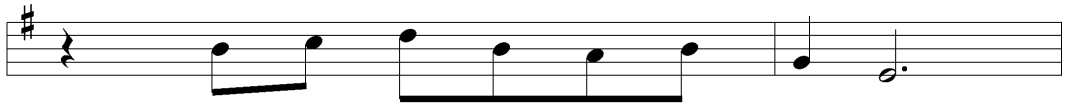
# “We Give You Thanks”



1 For your boun - ty in the har - vest,



for the feasts that we en - joy,



for the free - doms in our na - tion,



for a - bun - dant wealth and joy,



for your beau - ty in cre - a - tion,



for your sun - shine and your rain,



for your riv - ers, peaks, and val - leys,



for your wav - ing fields of grain:

## Refrain

We give you thanks, we give you thanks  
for the grace to re-ceive, in you we be -  
lieve. We give you thanks, we give you thanks.  
With faith and hope and love, we give you thanks.

**For the peace of your forgiveness, for your body and your blood,  
For your water bringing new life, for your precious saving Word,  
For the promises you give us, for the strength so we endure,  
For your gift of our salvation, for your love so deep and pure: Refrain**

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## Silent Prayer

Lord, my rock and salvation, I thank you for the gift of faith. It is the most precious gift I have because it connects me to you. Although my trust may at times be weak, you are always faithful and strong! Fill me with peace as I trust in your unwavering love for me. Amen.

## **Acknowledgments**

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# Calendar & Announcements

<b>July 6-13</b>	<b>Boise</b> (11655 W. McMillan Rd)	<b>Nampa</b> (6134 Birch Lane)
Sunday	8:30am –Worship (Communion) 9:45am – Ministry Discussion (Chapel) Teen Class (Conference Room) Kids’ Sunday School (Gym & Classrooms) 11:00am – Worship (Communion)	9:30am – Worship (Communion) 10:45am – Monthly Ministry Planning Meeting
Wednesday	6:30pm – Adult Choir Rehearsal	
Thursday	5-9pm – Cross of Christ booth at West Bench Farmer’s Market	6:30pm – Men’s & Women’s Bible Study
Sunday	8:30am – Worship 9:45am – Adult Bible Study (Chapel) Teen Class (Conference Room) Kids’ Sunday School (Gym & Classrooms) 11:00am – Worship 5:00pm – Pastor Hatzung Installation and Welcome Picnic	9:30am – Worship 10:45am – Family Bible Study

## THIS WEEK

### Welcoming New Cross of Christ Member

We’re excited to welcome Taylor Tatro into our church family today! Please make a point to introduce yourself to Taylor and welcome him and his family personally – his wife Amber and their sons Lewiston and Henry.

## Summer Worship Series

The Bible might be intimidating – it has a lot of words, and many seem familiar but are used in surprising or confusing ways. These words matter, though, and understanding them better can lead to understanding our lives better. We'll spend part of summer exploring some of the specific words God gives us to live by. **Today's word: FAITH.**

words  
to live by.

## Monthly Ministry Discussion: Today, July 6

Everyone is invited and encouraged to be part of the conversations shaping our ministry! We'll use the adult Bible class hour (9:45am-10:45am) to discuss *upcoming changes with our new campus pastor, future mission opportunities in the Valley, and ways to grow community this summer.*



SERVE

### Pantry and Gift Card Shower for the Hatzungs

To welcome Pastor Matt & Shannon Hatzung, we're throwing them a pantry & gift card shower! The multiple ways to contribute are listed below. If you have any questions, contact Casi Berrier, Andrea Lange, or Tim Russow. **Please make all contributions by Monday, July 7.**

- *Provide specific pantry items;* see the list and sign up at [tinyurl.com/Hatzungpantry](http://tinyurl.com/Hatzungpantry). Deliver items to the Boise campus kitchen.
- *Contribute cash toward one Albertson's gift card.* (Easier for the Hatzungs than multiple grocery stores!) Place cash in a sealed envelope labeled "Hatzungs," and place in a lobby offering plate (Boise) or black offering box (Nampa). Any amount is welcome.
- *If you'd like to give an individual gift card,* the Hatzungs enjoy Culver's, Chick-fil-A, CupBop, Cracker Barrel and Applebee's. They would also LOVE to try out your favorite local place, especially American and Italian food. These gifts cards can also be placed in an offering plate or offering box (please put in a labeled envelope) or delivered directly to the Boise office.

## Summer Sunday Morning Spiritual Growth

June-August, 9:45 am

GROW



- Kids' Sunday school for age 2 thru entering 7th grade
- Teen Class for youth entering 8th grade through just-graduated 12th graders)
- Adult Bible study (every week except the first Sunday of each month, when all are invited to participate in our monthly Ministry Discussion)

### Call Received

Pastor Wetzel has received a Call to serve as pastor for St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Citrus Heights, California. Please pray for him, Stephanie, and their family as he considers where best he could serve God's kingdom. He welcomes your input and encouragement ([kurt.wetzel@cocidaho.org](mailto:kurt.wetzel@cocidaho.org) / 208-996-2202).

### FAITHCRAFT: Camp Christos 2025

*August 3-8 | ages 9-16 | Dworshak State Park, ID*

**Registration deadline extended!** To register your campers or learn more, visit [tinyurl.com/CampChristos](https://tinyurl.com/CampChristos) by **Tuesday, July 8**. FAITHCRAFT is where Minecraft meets ministry in an unforgettable week, where we'll discover what it means to build our lives on The Perfect Rock.

**Camp is particularly in need of volunteers to serve as kitchen staff!** You can register as staff on the website above, or talk to Mandy ([amanda.watkins99@yahoo.com](mailto:amanda.watkins99@yahoo.com)) to learn more.



### Boise Community Partner: West Bench Farmers Market

Cross of Christ's next booth at the new Farmers Market at Ustick and Cole is this Thursday, July 10, 5-9pm. (Following dates are Aug. 7 and Sept. 4).

**Consider hanging out at our booth for a couple of hours**, to chat with market-goers, give away free stuff, help with kids' activities, and generally be a friendly face to go with the Cross of Christ name. Get in touch with Pastor Hein ([greg.hein@cocidaho.org](mailto:greg.hein@cocidaho.org)) to get more details or participate! This is a really good way to pursue our ministry goal of strengthening community connections.

# UPCOMING

## Pastor Hatzung Installation and Church Picnic Sunday, July 13, 5:00pm at the Boise Campus

GATHER



- Please RSVP at [tinyurl.com/Hatzungwelcome](https://tinyurl.com/Hatzungwelcome) to aid with planning.
- *Some assistance still needed with set-up (following the 11am service), grilling, serving, and clean-up.* See what's needed and volunteer at [tinyurl.com/Hatzungpicnic](https://tinyurl.com/Hatzungpicnic) or on the lobby bulletin board.

## Registration Open for Fall Women's Retreat

All ladies confirmation age and older are invited to the fall women's retreat, on the theme "**Trust and Surrender – Letting Go of Worry and Fear.**" For more information and to register please visit: [cocidaho.org/retreat](https://cocidaho.org/retreat). Space is limited, so register soon to get your spot!

- Dates: Friday evening through Sunday morning, September 19-21
- Location: a camp/retreat center north of Fairfield, ID (approx. 115 miles east of Boise)
- Cost: \$135 per person, which includes two nights lodging, meals Friday dinner through Sunday breakfast, activities, and materials. (Financial assistance is available; contact retreat team member Katherine Jones, [k.m.jones@icloud.com](mailto:k.m.jones@icloud.com).)

<i>General Fund Offerings Planned FY 24-25</i>	\$816,957
General Fund Planned FYTD	\$816,957
General Fund Offerings FYTD	\$825,635
Total Offerings Last Week (All Funds)	\$15,255

<b>People in God's Word</b>	<b>Boise</b>	<b>Nampa</b>	<b>Total</b>
Sunday Worship	97/70	107	274
Livestream Views	9		
Adult/Teen Bible Study	20/4	78	98
Kids' Sunday School	17	n/a	17
Men's/Women's Study	n/a / n/a	7/8	7/8

<b>Serving</b>	<b>July 6</b>	<b>July 13</b>
Altar Care	C. Biggs, K. Gruenhagen-Townsend	C. Biggs, K. Gruenhagen-Townsend
AV	C. Klink, J. Meier	G. Light, M. Hartman, D. Wilson
Bulletins	Admins	Prigge, B. Robbins
Coffee	C. Hagedorn-Reilly, F. Huffman	C. Hagedorn-Reilly, F. Huffman
Flowers	Watkins	Available
Greeters	M. & D. Arstein, TBD	Masters, Manglos
Lawn Crew	Meier	Geary
Music	J. Hein, C. Masters, K. Koepsell, E. Hein	K. Koepsell
Tellers	Harris, Christianson, Hudson	Rule, Davidson, Butterfield
Ushers	B. Adams, T. Stavenau R. Seely, TBD	R. Lange, TBD D. Rule, TBD