

the first and foremost principle of the Christian life is to love God with all our heart, mind, and strength, and to love our neighbor as ourselves. This is the great commandment which is the foundation of all our duty to God and man. It is the love that binds us to God and to our fellow creatures, and it is the love that is the power of God's kingdom on earth.

**words
to live by:**

KINGDOM

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

“Lord, As the Day Begins”



1 Lord, as the day be - gins, lift up our hearts in
2 Christ be in work and skill, serv - ing each oth - er's
3 Grant us the Spir - it's strength; teach us to walk his
4 Now as the day be - gins, make it the best of



praise; take from us all our sins; guard us in all our
need; Christ be in thought and will, Christ be in word and
way; so bring us all at length safe to the close of
days; take from us all our sins; guard us in all our



ways. Our ev - 'ry step di - rect and guide, that
deed. Our minds be set on things a - bove in
day. From hour to hour sus - tain and bless, and
ways. Our ev' - ry step di - rect and guide, that



Christ in all be glo - ri - fied!
joy and peace, in faith and love.
let our song be thank - ful - ness.
Christ in all be glo - ri - fied!

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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.

Family of God, we gather together to hear about and declare again the wondrous things our God has done. Though we often wander from his ways and sin, he saved us and made us his children. As we confess our sins, we place our trust in Jesus, confident in all he's done to rescue us.

God, you are good, holy, and right. But I have sinned against you. My sins separated me from you. Left to myself, I would have been powerless to change. Thank you for coming to me and meeting my needs in Jesus! Trusting in him, I ask you to receive me as your forgiven child.

Jesus lived a perfect life for you, died in your place, and came back to life. He has paid for all your sins and given you a place in his kingdom, now and forever. Because of his unending grace, you are forgiven in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit! God delights in you and calls you his holy child. Let's celebrate together this new life we've been given.

**I am a child of God because of Christ. I am equally loved and accepted in the kingdom of God. May God give me strength to glorify his name.
Amen!**

Prayer

God of all power and might, you are the giver of all that is good. Help us love you with all our heart, strengthen us in true faith, provide us with all we need, and keep us safe in your care; 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

Isaiah 9:5-7

⁵Every warrior's boot used in battle
and every garment rolled in blood
will be destined for burning,
will be fuel for the fire.

⁶For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given,
and the government will be on his shoulders.

And he will be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

⁷Of the greatness of his government and peace
there will be no end.

He will reign on David's throne
and over his kingdom,
establishing and upholding it
with justice and righteousness
from that time on and forever.

The zeal of the LORD Almighty
will accomplish this.

God's Word

Colossians 1:9-14

⁹For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped
praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his
will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, ¹⁰so that
you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing
fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, ¹¹being
strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may
have great endurance and patience, ¹²and giving joyful thanks to the Father,
who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the

kingdom of light. ¹³For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

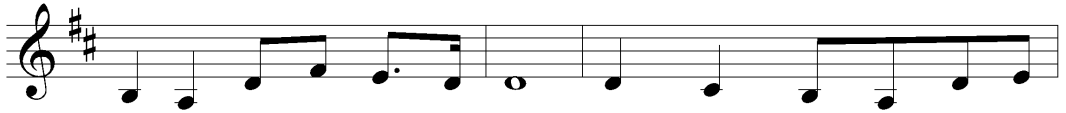
Children's Message

Song

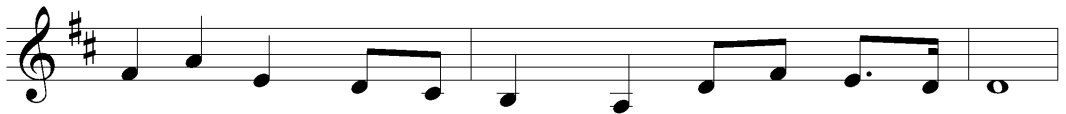
"Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God"



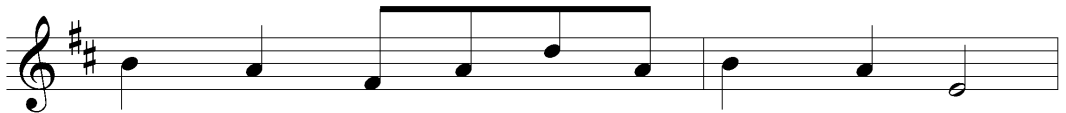
- 1 Ho-ly Spi - rit, liv - ing breath of God, breathe new
- 2 Ho-ly Spi - rit, come a - bide with - in; may your
- 3 Ho-ly Spi - rit, from cre - a - tion's birth, giv - ing



life in - to my will - ing soul; bring the pres - ence of the
joy be seen in all I do. Love e - nough to cov - er
life to all that God has made. Show your pow - er once a -



Ri - sen Lord, to re - new my heart and make me whole.
ev' - ry sin in each thought and word and at - ti - tude.
gain on earth; cause your church to hun - ger for your ways.



Cause your Word to come a - live in me;
Kind - ness to the great - est and the least,
Let the frag - rance of our prayers a - rise;



give me faith for what I can - not see.
gen - tle - ness that sows the path of peace.
lead us on the road of sac - ri - fice,



Give me pas - sion for your pur - i - ty; Ho - ly
Turn my striv - ing in - to works of grace; Breath of
that in u - ni - ty the face of Christ will be



Spi - rit, breathe new life in me.
God, show Christ in all I do.
clear for all the world to see.

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Message from God's Word

Luke 17:20-35

²⁰Once, on being asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, Jesus replied, "The coming of the kingdom of God is not something that can be observed, ²¹nor will people say, 'Here it is,' or 'There it is,' because the kingdom of God is in your midst."

²²Then he said to his disciples, "The time is coming when you will long to see one of the days of the Son of Man, but you will not see it. ²³People will tell you, 'There he is!' or 'Here he is!' Do not go running off after them. ²⁴For the Son of Man in his day will be like the lightning, which flashes and lights up the sky from one end to the other. ²⁵But first he must suffer many things and be rejected by this generation.

²⁶“Just as it was in the days of Noah, so also will it be in the days of the Son of Man. ²⁷People were eating, drinking, marrying and being given in marriage up to the day Noah entered the ark. Then the flood came and destroyed them all.

²⁸“It was the same in the days of Lot. People were eating and drinking, buying and selling, planting and building. ²⁹But the day Lot left Sodom, fire and sulfur rained down from heaven and destroyed them all.

³⁰“It will be just like this on the day the Son of Man is revealed. ³¹On that day no one who is on the housetop, with possessions inside, should go down to get them. Likewise, no one in the field should go back for anything.

³²Remember Lot’s wife! ³³Whoever tries to keep their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life will preserve it. ³⁴I tell you, on that night two people will be in one bed; one will be taken and the other left. ³⁵Two women will be grinding grain together; one will be taken and the other left.”

Song of Response

“Let It Be Said of Us”



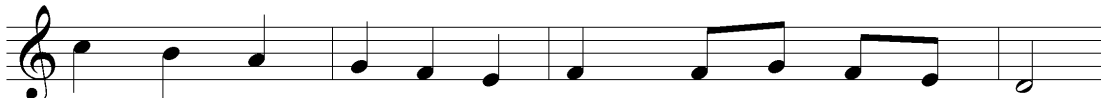
1 Let it be said of us that the Lord was our
2 Let it be said of us: we were marked by for -



pas - sion, that with glad - ness we bore ev - 'ry cross we were
give - ness; we were known by our love and de - light - ed in



giv - en; that we fought the good fight, that we fin - ished the course,
mer - cy; we were ruled by his peace, heed - ing u - ni - ty's call,



know - ing with - in us the pow'r of the ris - en Lord.
 joined as one bod - y that Christ would be seen by all.

Refrain



Let the cross be our glo-ry and the Lord be our song, by mer-cy made
 ho-ly, by the Spir-it made strong. Let the cross be our glo-ry and the
 Lord be our song, 'til the like-ness of Je-sus be through us made
 known. Let the cross be our glo - ry and the Lord be our song.

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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.

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 & 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

“By Faith”



1 By faith we see the hand of God
2 By faith our fa - thers roamed the earth
3 By faith the proph - ets saw a day



in the light of cre - a - tion's grand de - sign,
with the pow'r of his prom - ise in their hearts,
when the longed - for Mes - si - ah would ap - pear



in the lives of those who prove his faith - ful - ness,
of a ho - ly cit - y built by God's own hand,
with the pow'r to break the chains of sin and death



who walk by faith and not by sight. v. 2
a place where peace and jus - tice reign. Refrain
and rise tri - um - phant from the grave. v. 4

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We will stand as chil - dren of the prom - ise; we will fix our



eyes on him, our soul's re - ward. Till the race is fin - ished and the



work is done, we'll walk by faith and not by sight.

**4 By faith the church was called to go
in the pow'r of the Spirit to the lost
to deliver captives and to preach good news
in ev'ry corner of the earth.**

Refrain **We will stand as children of the promise;
We will fix our eyes on him, our soul's reward.
Till the race is finished and the work is done,
We'll work by faith and not by sight.**

**5 By faith this mountain shall be moved
and the pow'r of the gospel shall prevail,
for we know in Christ all things are possible
for all who call upon his name. *Refrain***

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Silent Prayer

Mighty God, King of kings, I thank you for bringing me into your kingdom. I praise you for the safety, grace, and belonging I find there. Strengthen my resolve to trust in your authority and let me be part of your kingdom work in this world. May all that I do glorify your name. Amen.

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Calendar & Announcements

July 13-20	Boise (11655 W. McMillan Rd)	Nampa (6134 Birch Lane)
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
Monday	6:00pm – Council of Ministry Meeting	
Thursday		6:30pm – Men’s & Women’s Bible Study
Friday		12:00pm – Cookout with Breaking Chains Academy
Sunday	8:30am – Worship (Communion) 9:45am – Adult Bible Study (Chapel) Teen Class (Conference Room) Kids’ Sunday School (Gym & Classrooms) 11:00am – Worship (Communion)	9:30am – Worship (Communion) 10:45am – Family Bible Study

THIS WEEK

GATHER



Pastor Hatzung Installation and Church Picnic
Today, 5:00pm, here at the Boise Campus

Summer Worship Series

The Bible 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: KINGDOM.**

words
to live by.

Summer Sunday Morning Spiritual Growth

June-August, 9:45 am



- 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 / 208-996-2202).

FAITHCRAFT: Camp Christos 2025

August 3-8 | Dworshak State Park, ID

Two ways you could support this ministry:

1. **Donate a food item or two.** This is one way we keep costs reasonable for the families! Sign up at tinyurl.com/CampChristosDonations Please deliver items to the Boise campus kitchen no later than Monday, July 28.
2. **Volunteer as kitchen staff!** Could you give even a couple days that week to keep the campers fed? Email campchristos@cochoise.org to get more info or volunteer!

UPCOMING



Boise Community Partner: West Bench Farmers Market

Cross of Christ's next booth at the new Farmers Market at Ustick and Cole will be Thursday, August 7, 5-9pm. (Final date is 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) to get more details or participate! This is an excellent way to pursue our ministry goal of strengthening community connections.

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. 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.)

<i>General Fund Offerings Planned FY 25-26</i>	\$898,552
General Fund Planned FYTD	\$17,280
General Fund Offerings FYTD	\$9,652
Total Offerings Last Week (All Funds)	\$11,765

People in God's Word	Boise	Nampa	Total
Sunday Worship	94/65	86	245
Livestream Views	9		
Adult/Teen Bible Study	25/3	51	76/3
Kids' Sunday School	20	n/a	20
Men's/Women's Study	n/a / n/a	3 / n/a	3 / n/a

Serving	July 13	July 20
Altar Care	C. Biggs, K. Gruenhagen-Townsend	C. Biggs, K. Gruenhagen-Townsend
AV	G. Light, M. Hartman, D. Wilson	T. & L. Butterfield
Bulletins	Prigge, B. Robbins	Ruby, D. Ashley
Coffee	C. Hagedorn-Reilly, F. Huffman	C. Hagedorn-Reilly, F. Huffman
Flowers	Available	Ford
Greeters	Masters, Manglos	TBD
Lawn Crew	Geary	Hartman, Welch
Music	K. Koepsell	L. Becker, T. Russow
Tellers	Rule, Davidson, Butterfield	Turley, Walden, Butterfield
Ushers	R. Lange, TBD D. Rule, TBD	J. Breckon, C. Berrier, R. Seely, M. Boltz