

words
to live by:
JUSTIFICATION

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

“Every Morn Your Mercies New”



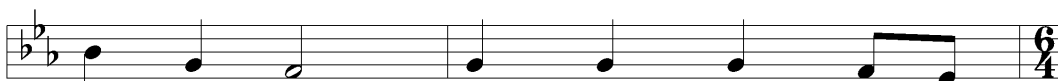
1 Ev - 'ry morn your mer - cies new fall as fresh as
2 Still your kind - ness and your love ev - 'ry day our



morn - ing dew; As we wor - ship let us pay
sins re - move, Dai - ly far as east from west,



tri - bute with our hearts this day. For your mer - cies,
lift the bur - den from our breast, Giv - ing free to



Lord, are sure; your com - pas - sions
those who pray strength to live for



will en - dure. Ev - 'ry morn your mer - cies new
you each day. Still your kind - ness and your love



fall as fresh as morn - ing dew.
ev - 'ry day our sins re - move.

A Dialogue of Repentance and Forgiveness

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

Congregation: Amen.

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. I have often wandered away from you, and I have hurt others. I keep struggling with sin. Left to myself, I would be guilty in your sight. 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 declared holy and innocent in his sight. 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 Response

“Every Morn Your Mercies New”



3 We are just - i - fied by grace; we en - joy the
4 As our prais - es rise to you, shroud us with your



Sa - vior's peace. All our sins are washed a - way;
grace a - new; As we lis - ten to your Word,

we shall stand in God's great day. Blessed are we, the
 may our hearts and faiths be stirred. Feed us with your
 saints of God: We are bought with
 Bread of Life; arm us for our
 Christ's own blood. We are just - i - fied by grace;
 dai - ly strife. As our prais - es rise to you,
 we en - joy the Sa - vior's peace.
 shroud us with your grace a - new!

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God's Word

Zechariah 3:1-10

¹Then he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the LORD, and Satan standing at his right side to accuse him. ²The LORD said to Satan, "The LORD rebuke you, Satan! The LORD, who has chosen Jerusalem, rebuke you! Is not this man a burning stick snatched from the fire?"

³Now Joshua was dressed in filthy clothes as he stood before the angel. ⁴The angel said to those who were standing before him, "Take off his filthy clothes."

Then he said to Joshua, "See, I have taken away your sin, and I will put fine garments on you."

⁵Then I said, “Put a clean turban on his head.” So they put a clean turban on his head and clothed him, while the angel of the LORD stood by.

⁶The angel of the LORD gave this charge to Joshua: ⁷“This is what the LORD Almighty says: ‘If you will walk in obedience to me and keep my requirements, then you will govern my house and have charge of my courts, and I will give you a place among these standing here.

⁸“Listen, High Priest Joshua, you and your associates seated before you, who are men symbolic of things to come: I am going to bring my servant, the Branch. ⁹See, the stone I have set in front of Joshua! There are seven eyes on that one stone, and I will engrave an inscription on it,’ says the LORD Almighty, ‘and I will remove the sin of this land in a single day.

¹⁰“In that day each of you will invite your neighbor to sit under your vine and fig tree,’ declares the LORD Almighty.”

God’s Word

Luke 18:9-14

⁹To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everyone else, Jesus told this parable: ¹⁰“Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. ¹²I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.’

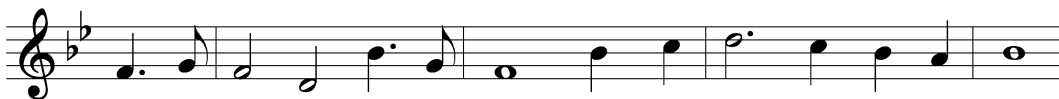
¹³“But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, ‘God, have mercy on me, a sinner.’

¹⁴“I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

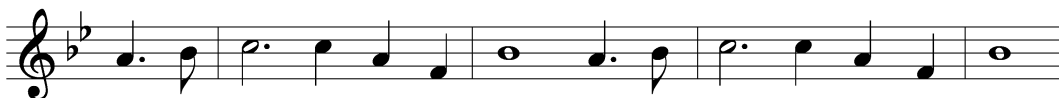
Children’s Message

Song

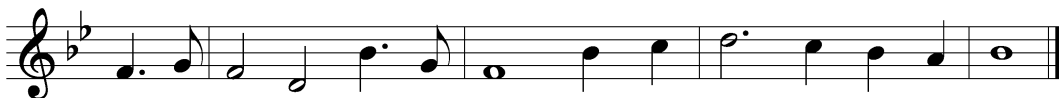
“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”



- 1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;
- 2 Not the la - bors of my hands can ful - fill thy law's de - mands;
- 3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring, sim - ply to thy cross I cling;
- 4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,



let the wa - ter and the blood, from thy riv - en side which flowed,
could my zeal no res - pite know, could my tears for - ev - er flow,
na - ked, come to thee for dress, help - less, look to thee for grace;
when I soar to worlds un - known, see thee on thy judg - ment throne,



be of sin the dou - ble cure: cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
all for sin could not a - tone; thou must save and thou a - lone.
foul, I to the foun - tain fly; wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.
Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

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Message from God's Word

Galatians 2:11-16

¹¹When Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned. ¹²For before certain men came from James, he used to eat with the Gentiles. But when they arrived, he began to draw back and separate himself from the Gentiles because he was afraid of those who belonged to the circumcision group. ¹³The other Jews joined him in his hypocrisy, so that by their hypocrisy even Barnabas was led astray.

¹⁴When I saw that they were not acting in line with the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas in front of them all, “You are a Jew, yet you live like a Gentile

and not like a Jew. How is it, then, that you force Gentiles to follow Jewish customs?

¹⁵“We who are Jews by birth and not sinful Gentiles ¹⁶know that a person is not justified by the works of the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ. So we, too, have put our faith in Christ Jesus that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law, because by the works of the law no one will be justified.”

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 & 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.

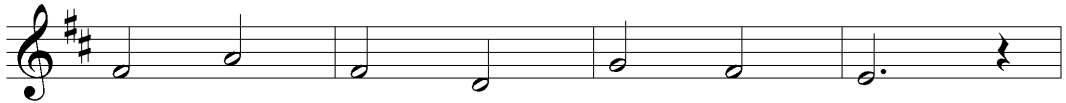
Have mercy on us, and grant us your peace. Amen.

Song During Distribution

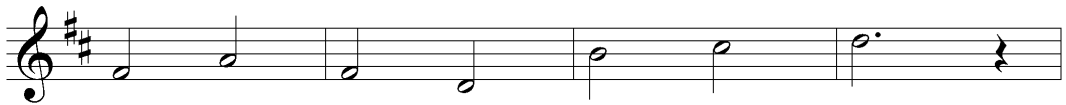
"The Gospel Song"



1 Ho - ly God in love be - came
 2 God so loved the world he gave
 3 All by grace, that's how I'm saved,
 4 Fath - er, Son, and Spir - it, One,



per - fect man to bear my blame.
 his own Son to face the grave.
 not by works; no, my path's paved
 thank you for what you have done!



On the cross he took my sin.
 Then he rose for you and me;
 to my home in heav'n a - bove
 You a - lone have res - cued me;



By his death I live a - gain
 now we'll live e - ter - nal - ly.
 on - ly by God's grace and love.
 praise the ho - ly Tri - ni - ty!

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 “Go, My Children, with My Blessing”



1 Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
2 Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
3 Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me;
4 I the Lord will bless and keep you and give you peace;



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you; you are my own.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.
I the Lord will smile up - on you and give you peace;



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for -
Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry; here you touched him, saw his
Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you; here his ten - der com - fort
I the Lord will be your Fa - ther, Sav - ior, Com - fort - er, and



ev - er. Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own.
glo - ry. Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
stilled you. Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free.
Broth - er. Go, my chil - dren; I will keep you and give you peace.

Silent Prayer

Righteous God, I confess my unrighteousness before you. I also rejoice in the righteousness I enjoy through you! Thank you for not holding me to my guilt. Thank you for declaring me innocent in your sight. Strengthen me in this justification and allow me to live in the joy and peace of your acceptance. Amen.

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Calendar & Announcements

July 20-27	Boise (11655 W. McMillan Rd)	Nampa (6134 Birch Lane)
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
Thursday		6:30pm – Men’s & Women’s Bible Study
Saturday		10:00am – Grocery Outreach
Sunday	8:30am – Worship 9:45am – Adult Bible Study (Chapel) Teen Class (Conference Room) Kids’ Sunday School (Gym & Classrooms) 11:00am – Worship	9:30am – Worship 10:45am – Family Bible Study

THIS WEEK

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: JUSTIFICATION.**

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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@coboise.org to get more info or volunteer!

UPCOMING

Preschool Call Meeting: Sunday, August 3, 12:30pm, Boise Campus

Julie Hein (Director) and Michelle Lowry (Lead Teacher) have served the one-year Calls extended to them last summer. Official action is needed by the voters of the congregation, to extend to them **their renewed Calls**, to continue serving in their current roles. Please consider participating in this brief but necessary meeting.

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.)

People in God's Word	Boise	Nampa	Total
Sunday Morning Worship	95/71	121	287
Livestream Views	11		
Installation Worship Service	173		
Adult/Teen Bible Study	31	56	87
Kids' Sunday School	24	n/a	24
Men's/Women's Study	n/a / n/a	6/8	6/8

<i>General Fund Offerings Planned FY 25-26</i>	\$898,552
General Fund Planned FYTD	\$34,560
General Fund Offerings FYTD	\$22,378
Total Offerings Last Week (All Funds)	\$13,389

Serving	July 20	July 27
Altar Care	C. Biggs, K. Gruenhagen-Townsend	C. Biggs, K. Gruenhagen-Townsend
AV	T. & L. Butterfield	E. Christianson, TBD
Bulletins	R. Ritger, D. Ashley	R. Ritger, B. Ford
Coffee	C. Hagedorn-Reilly, F. Huffman	C. Hagedorn-Reilly, F. Huffman
Flowers	Ford	Beaston
Greeters	C. Berrier, TBD	Whitlach, TBD
Lawn Crew	Hartman, Welch	Turley, Krosch
Music	L. Becker, T. Russow	A. Lange, K. Christianson, B. Breckon
Tellers	Turley, Walden, Butterfield	Turley, Hudson, Christianson
Ushers	J. Breckon, C. Berrier, R. Seely, M. Boltz	B. Walters, B. Masters, H. Geary, M. Boltz