

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

“Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices”



1 Oh, that I had a thou-sand voic - es to praise my
 2 Dear Fa - ther, end - less praise I ren - der for soul and
 3 I praise you, Sav - ior, whose com - pas - sion has brought you
 4 Glo - ry and praise, still on - ward reach - ing, be yours, O



God with thou-sand tongues! My heart, which in the Lord re -
 bod - y, no - bly joined; I praise you, guard - ian kind and
 down to ran - som me. Your pit - ying heart sought my sal -
 Spir - it of all grace, whose ho - ly pow'r and faith - ful



joic - es, would then pro-claim in grate-ful songs to all, wher -
 ten - der, for all the dai - ly joys I find so rich - ly
 va - tion; you bore the cross tri - um-phand - ly, brought me from
 teach - ing give me a - mong your saints a place. What - ev - er



ev - er I might be, what great things God has done for me.
 spread on ev - 'ry side and free - ly for my use sup - plied.
 bond - age full re - lease, made me your own, and gave me peace.
 good by me is done is worked by grace di - vine a - lone.

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.

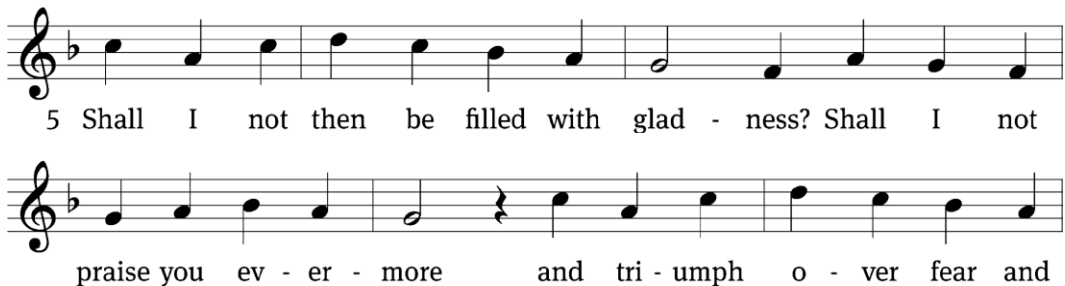
Family of God, it's important to reflect on what could have been. Because of our sins, we had wandered so far from God. We had rejected him and were enslaved to sin. Left to ourselves, we would have been lost forever. But God would not forget us. He would not give up on us. He found us and purchased us at so high a cost. He redeemed us. As we confess our sins, we remember that, because of Jesus, things are not as they could have been. And we trust in him for pardon and rescue.

Holy and gracious Lord, I confess my many sins. My life-record is proof of how far I have fallen short of how I ought to live. I have so often left you, but you will never leave me. I have so often failed you, but you will never fail me. Thank you for Jesus, my rescuer, who has purchased and won me by his death and resurrection.

What is it that makes the angels shout for joy and even the mountains and forests burst into song? The Lord has redeemed his people! You are forgiven. You are forever loved. You are still welcomed home in the family of God. By trusting in Jesus, your Savior, you are God's holy child, and you will live forever.

Amen!

Song of Response "Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices"



5 Shall I not then be filled with glad - ness? Shall I not
praise you ev - er - more and tri - umph o - ver fear and

sad - ness, al-though my cup of woe runs o'er? Though heav'n and
earth shall dis - ap - pear, your end - less love is ev - er near.

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Prayer

Merciful Father, you have given your only Son as the sacrifice for sinners. Grant us grace to receive the fruits of his redeeming work with thanksgiving and daily to follow in his way; 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 44:21-23

²¹“Remember these things, Jacob,
for you, Israel, are my servant.

I have made you, you are my servant;
Israel, I will not forget you.

²²I have swept away your offenses like a cloud,
your sins like the morning mist.

Return to me,
for I have redeemed you.”

²³Sing for joy, you heavens, for the LORD has done this;
shout aloud, you earth beneath.

Burst into song, you mountains,

you forests and all your trees,
for the LORD has redeemed Jacob,
he displays his glory in Israel.

God's Word

Luke 23:32-43

³²Two other men, both criminals, were also led out with him to be executed.

³³When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left. ³⁴Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.

³⁵The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is God's Messiah, the Chosen One."

³⁶The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar ³⁷and said, "If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself."

³⁸There was a written notice above him, which read: This is the King of the Jews.

³⁹One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: "Aren't you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!"

⁴⁰But the other criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God," he said, "since you are under the same sentence? ⁴¹We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong."

⁴²Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

⁴³Jesus answered him, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."

Children's Message

Song

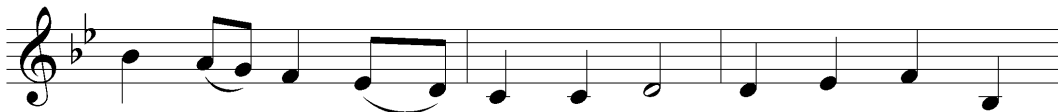
“I Will Sing of My Redeemer”

The vocalist will introduce stanza 1 and the first refrain.

You're invited to join in singing stanzas 2-3 and the following refrains.



1 I will sing of my Re - deem - er,
2 I will tell the won - drous sto - ry,
3 I will praise my dear Re - deem - er,



and his won - drous love to me; on the cru - el
how, my lost es - tate to save, in his bound - less
his tri - um - phant pow'r I'll tell, how the vic - to -



cross he suf - fered, from the curse to set me free.
love and mer - cy, he the ran - som free - ly gave.
ry he giv - eth, o - ver sin and death and hell.

Refrain



Sing, O sing of my Re-deem-er, with his blood, he pur-chased me.



On the cross he sealed my par - don, paid the debt, and



made me free, paid the debt, and made me free.

Message from God's Word

Galatians 3:10-14

¹⁰For all who rely on the works of the law are under a curse, as it is written: "Cursed is everyone who does not continue to do everything written in the Book of the Law." ¹¹Clearly no one who relies on the law is justified before God, because "the righteous will live by faith." ¹²The law is not based on faith; on the contrary, it says, "The person who does these things will live by them." ¹³Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: "Cursed is everyone who is hung on a pole." ¹⁴He redeemed us in order that the blessing given to Abraham might come to the Gentiles through Christ Jesus, so that by faith we might receive the promise of the Spirit.

Song of Faith "Come, Behold the Wondrous Mystery"



- 1 Come, be-hold the won-drous mys - t'ry, in the dawn-ing of the King,
- 2 Come, be-hold the won-drous mys - t'ry, he the per - fect Son of Man;
- 3 Come, be-hold the won-drous mys - t'ry, Christ the Lord up - on the tree;
- 4 Come, be-hold the won-drous mys - t'ry, slain by death the God of life;



he the theme of heav-en's prais - es, robed in frail hu-man-i - ty.
in his liv - ing, in his suf - f'ring nev - er trace nor stain of sin.
in the stead of ru - ined sin - ners hangs the Lamb in vic - to - ry.
but no grave could e'er re - strain him; praise the Lord; he is a - live!



In our long - ing, in our dark - ness, now the light of life has come.
See the true and bet - ter Ad - am, come to save the hell-bound man.
See the price of our re - demp - tion, see the Fa - ther's plan un - fold,
What a fore-taste of de - liv - 'rance; how un - wa - ver - ing our hope.



Look to Christ, who con - de - scend - ed, took on flesh to ran - som us.
Christ the great and sure ful - fill - ment of the law; in him we stand.
bring - ing man - y sons to glo - ry, grace un - mea - sured, love un - told.
Christ in pow - er res - ur - rect - ed as will we be when he comes.

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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.



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

“In Christ Alone”



1 In Christ a - lone my hope is found; he is my
2 In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh, full - ness of
3 There in the ground his bod - y lay, light of the
4 No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the



light, my strength, my song; this cor - ner - stone, this sol - id
God in help - less babe; this gift of love and right - eous -
world by dark - ness slain; then burst - ing forth in glo - rious
pow'r of Christ in me; from life's first cry to fi - nal



ground, firm through the fierc - est drought and storm.
ness, scorned by the ones he came to save.
day, up from the grave he rose a - gain!
breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti - ny.



What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are
Till on that cross as Je - sus died, the wrath of
And as he stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man can ev - er



stilled, when striv-ings cease! My com - fort - er, my all in
God was sat - is - fied; for ev - 'ry sin on him was
lost its grip on me; for I am his and he is
pluck me from his hand; till he re - turns or calls me



all; here in the love of Christ I stand.
laid; here in the death of Christ I live.
mine, bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.
home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

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Silent Prayer

How can I thank you, Father, for allowing me to worship in your house today! I have heard the promises of your love in the gospel. I have praised you, confessed you, and prayed for your blessings. I have been strengthened by the witness and worship of others. Keep my faith strong as I live out the tasks of my life, take away my doubts and fears, and give me courage to share the good news of your Son wherever I go and however I can. Amen.

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Calendar & Announcements

Jul 27-Aug 3	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	9:30am – Worship 10:45am – Family Bible Study
Thursday		6:30pm – Men’s & Women’s Bible Study
Saturday	9:00am – Trailer load-in for Camp Christos	
Sunday	8:30am – Worship (Communion) 9:45am – Campers & staff depart for Camp Christos! 9:45am – Ministry Discussion (Chapel) Teen Class (Conference Room) Kids’ Sunday School (Gym & Classrooms) 11:00am – Worship (Communion) 12:30pm – Preschool Call Mtng	9:30am – Worship (Communion) 10:45am – Monthly Ministry Planning Meeting
Sun-Fri	Camp Christos, Dworshak State Park	

THIS WEEK

Current 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're currently exploring some of the specific words God gives us to live by. **Today's word: REDEMPTION.**

words
to live by.

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 through 12th grade
- Adult Bible study (every week except the first Sunday of each month, when all are invited to participate in our monthly Ministry Discussion, see next)

Monthly Ministry Discussion: August 3

Next Sunday we'll use the adult Bible class hour (9:45am-10:45am) for this month's ministry discussion: What has summer ministry looked like so far, what's on the horizon for August and for the fall? Everyone is invited and encouraged to be part of the conversations shaping our ministry!

FAITHCRAFT: Camp Christos 2025 August 3-8 | Dworshak State Park, ID

Campers and staff are heading north next Sunday, for a week of connecting with God, friends, and nature!

If you're donating food items (thank you!), **please make sure they're delivered to the Boise campus kitchen by 3:00pm tomorrow, Monday, July 28.** This allows us time to make final purchases and to pack effectively!

If you could assist with loading (Sat 8/2, 9am) **or unloading** (Fri 8/8, approx. 8pm) **the trailer**, please notify Kristen Koepsell (208-922-8422).

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.

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).

UPCOMING

Wooden Blocks for Preschool

As we gear up for another year of preschool, we'd love to provide our students with a set of extra-large wooden blocks. If you have woodworking skills and some available time to assist in this way, please reach out to Michelle Lowry (preschool@cochoise.org) to discuss specifics regarding the needed shapes and sizes. Thank you!



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.

Upcoming Worship Series: Forgiveness

We all have the tendency to carry painful parts of our past along with us. They have the power to weigh us down and keep us from moving forward in freedom. This series, beginning August 10, will give God's direction to help us let go of the past through giving and embracing forgiveness.



GATHER Register Now 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!

- 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	\$51,839
General Fund Offerings FYTD	\$33,746
Total Offerings Last Week (All Funds)	\$11,814

People in God's Word	Boise	Nampa	Total
Sunday Morning Worship	90/72	99	261
Livestream Views	15		
Adult/Teen Bible Study	45/4	46	91/4
Kids' Sunday School	26	n/a	26
Men's/Women's Study	n/a / n/a	6/8	6/8

Serving	July 27	August 3
Altar Care	C. Biggs, K. Gruenhagen-Townsend	D. McLain, K. Tiffany
AV	E. Christianson, T. Russow, J. Meier	E. Christianson, M. Hartman, D. Wilson
Bulletins	R. Ritger, B. Ford	L. Bafus, K. Guthmiller
Coffee	C. Hagedorn-Reilly, F. Huffman	C. Berrier, D. McLain
Flowers	Beaston	Beaston
Greeters	Whitlach, TBD	TBD
Lawn Crew	Turley, Krosch	Butterfield
Music	A. Lange, K. Christianson, B. Breckon	K. Koepsell, S. Hatzung, C. Masters
Tellers	Turley, Hudson, Christianson	TBD
Ushers	B. Walters, B. Masters, H. Geary, M. Boltz	B. Adams, R. Seely