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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

“Come, Christians Join to Sing”



1 Come, Christ-ians, join to sing Al - le - lu - ia, a - men!
2 Come, lift your hearts on high, Al - le - lu - ia, a - men!



Loud praise to Christ our King: Al - le - lu - ia, a - men!
Let prais - es fill the sky, Al - le - lu - ia, a - men!



Let all, with heart and voice, be - fore his
He who made all things well formed us his



throne re - joice; praise is his gra - cious choice,
praise to tell; hear now the an - them swell,



Al - le - lu - ia, a - men!
Al - le - lu - ia, a - men!

A Dialogue of Repentance and Forgiveness

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

Congregation: Amen!

The gospel is the good news of Jesus who rescued us from the worst of enemies. The gospel is the message at the center of everything for God’s family. The gospel is not only the news we announce to the world—it is the

good news our hearts need constantly. We can come to God and honestly confess all our sins. We do so with full confidence, because of Jesus, knowing that God still receives us, forgives us, and welcomes us home in his family.

Holy and almighty God, I have sinned against you and others in my thoughts, words, and actions. My sins should have separated me from you forever, leaving me to face a punishment I could not bear. Thank you for still loving me! Thank you for saving me! Thank you for sending Jesus as my Savior!

Children of God, never lose your wonder and amazement at this good news: You are forgiven, you are saved, and you are loved in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Because of Jesus' perfect life, death, and resurrection in your place, all is well with you and God. By trusting in Jesus, you will live forever! Live in the peace of this good news, and share this gospel with others.

Amen!

Song of Praise

“Come, Christians Join to Sing”



3 Sing this sal - va - tion song, Al - le - lu - ia, a - men!
4 Lift high the Sa - vior's name, Al - le - lu - ia, a - men!



Christ on the cross has won, Al - le - lu - ia, a - men!
Til all the earth pro - claims, Al - le - lu - ia, a - men!



Praise we the ris - en Lord; come run through
Let now the gos - pel ring, Christ for the

mer - cy's door; loved, res - cued, and re - stored,
world we sing; the world to Christ we bring,

Al - le - lu - ia, a - men!
Al - le - lu - ia, a - men!

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God's Word

Jonah 4:5-11

⁵Jonah had gone out and sat down at a place east of the city. There he made himself a shelter, sat in its shade and waited to see what would happen to the city. ⁶Then the LORD God provided a leafy plant and made it grow up over Jonah to give shade for his head to ease his discomfort, and Jonah was very happy about the plant. ⁷But at dawn the next day God provided a worm, which chewed the plant so that it withered. ⁸When the sun rose, God provided a scorching east wind, and the sun blazed on Jonah's head so that he grew faint. He wanted to die, and said, "It would be better for me to die than to live."

⁹But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the plant?"

"It is," he said. "And I'm so angry I wish I were dead."

¹⁰But the LORD said, "You have been concerned about this plant, though you did not tend it or make it grow. It sprang up overnight and died overnight.

¹¹And should I not have concern for the great city of Nineveh, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who cannot tell their right hand from their left—and also many animals?"

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

"Facing a Task Unfinished"



1 Fac - ing a task un - fin - ished, that drives us to our
3 We bear the torch that, flam - ing, fell from the hands of
4 O Fa - ther who sus - tained them, O Spi - rit who in -



knees. A need that un - di - mi - nished, re - bukes our sloth - ful
those who gave their lives pro - claim - ing that Je - sus died and
spired, Sa - vior, whose love con - strained them to toil with zeal un -



ease. We, who re - joice to know thee, re - new be - fore thy
rose. Ours is the same com - mis - sion, the same glad mes - sage
tired: From cow - ar - dice de - fend us, from leth - ar - gy, a -



throne the so - lemn pledge we owe thee: to go and make Christ known. *st. 3*
 ours; fired by the same am - bi - tion, to thee we yield our pow'rs. *refrain*
 wake! Forth on thine er - rands send us to la - bor for thy sake. *refrain*

Refrain



We go to all the world, with king - dom hope un - furled. No



oth - er name has pow'r to save but Je - sus Christ, the Lord.

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Message from God's Word

Luke 10:1-3, 17-21

¹After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go. ²He told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. ³Go! I am sending you out like lambs among wolves." ...

¹⁷The seventy-two returned with joy and said, "Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name."

¹⁸He replied, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. ¹⁹I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you. ²⁰However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

²¹At that time Jesus, full of joy through the Holy Spirit, said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do."

Here We Go...on a _____.

After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go ..."Go! I am sending you out." Luke 10:1,3

"We are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." Eph 2:10

Here We Go... with a _____.

"Tell them, 'The kingdom of God is near you.'" ... "He who listens to you listens to me; he who rejects you rejects me; but he who rejects me rejects him who sent me." Lk 10:9, 16

"I saw Satan fall from heaven like lightning." Luke 10:18

Here We Go...for a _____.

The seventy-two returned with joy and said, "Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name." ... "Do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven." Luke 10:17,20

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.



SCAN TO 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

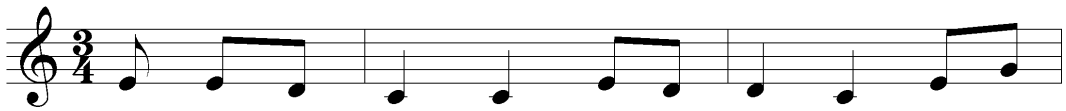
Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

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:

“Your Will Be Done”



1 Your will be done, my God and Fa - ther as in
2 How in that gar - den he per - sis - ted, I may
3 When I am lost, when I am bro - ken, in the



heav - en, so on earth. My heart is drawn to self - ex -
nev - er ful - ly know. The fear - ful weight of true o -
night of fear and doubt, still I will trust in my good



alt - ing; help me seek your king - dom first. As Je - sus
be - dience, it was held by him a - lone. what won - drous
Fa - ther; yes, to one great King I bow! As Je - sus



walked, so I shall walk held by your same un - chang - ing
faith, to bear that cross! To bear my sin, what won - drous
rose, so I will rise in ran - somed glo - ry at the



love. Be still my soul, oh, lift your voice and pray,
love! My hope was sure when there my Sa - vior prayed,
throne. My heart re - stored with all your saints I sing:



"Fa - ther, not my will but yours be done."

4 **As we go forth, our God and Father,
 Lead us daily in the fight,
 That all the world might see your glory
 And your name be lifted high.
 And in this name we overcome
 For you shall see us safely home.
 Now as your Church, we lift our voice and pray:
 “Father, not my will but yours be done,
 Father, not my will but yours be done,
 Father, not my will but yours be done.”**

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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.



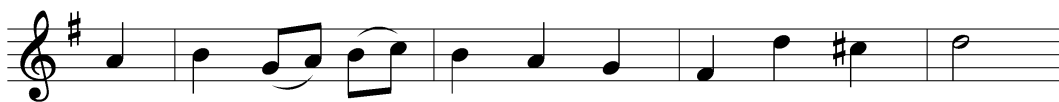
The sup - per is end - ed; O be now ex - tend - ed
 Our faith ev - er shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing,



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

Lord Jesus, thank you for this opportunity to hear the good news of your salvation for me and for the entire world. Please empower and embolden me through your words that I have heard today as I to into my own mission field, filled with others that you love and died to save. Work through me, so that they too may know the indescribable joy of your gospel! Amen.

Calendar & Announcements

Nov 16-23	Boise (11655 W. McMillan Rd)	Nampa (6134 Birch Lane)
Sunday	8:30am – Worship (Communion) 9:45am – Adult Bible Study (Chapel) Teen Class (Conf. Room) Confirmation Class (Rm 5) Kids’ Sunday School (Gym & Classrooms) 11:00am – Worship (Communion) 1:00pm – All-Congregation Ministry Meeting (Lunch 12:15-1p)	9:30am – Worship 10:45am – Adult/Teen Bible study Confirmation Class Kids’ Sunday School 12:15pm – GriefShare <i>(no Game Day today)</i>
Tuesday	6:30 pm – Cross Connections	
Wednesday	7:00pm – CrossTrainers (high school students)	6:30pm – Cross Connections
Thursday		6:30pm – Men’s & Women’s Bible Study
Friday		10:00am – Mommy & Me (offsite)
Saturday	9:00am – Fall Rake-Up	10:00am – Grocery Outreach
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THIS WEEK

November Worship Series: **IMPACT**

It's our mission at Cross of Christ to impact lives for eternity. Let's *give thanks* in the month of November for the ways God is already having an impact on us and on our communities through our ministry.

Let's also *consider* where and how we can see that impact increase. And since God promises to do that work, let's *deepen* our participation in what he's doing!



Guest Preacher: Mission Developer Pastor Randy Hunter

Where might we anticipate God's blessing on planting new churches in the Treasure Valley?

That's the question we're asking at Cross of Christ; a third campus is in our plans for the not-so-distant future. That's also the question the Pacific Northwest District Mission Board is asking; they would like to plant an additional church in the area. To coordinate our efforts, Mission Developer Pastor Randy Hunter has lived and breathed greater Boise for the past four months. He has met with community leaders, government officials, school district administrators, church leaders, residents, and WELS pastors and members from Mayfield Springs to Middleton, from Caldwell to Avimore, and in between. With his input, our district mission board is choosing an area and Cross of Christ will need to do the same.

In early January, Mission Counselor Pastor Matt Vogt and Pastor Hunter will work with area WELS pastors to develop recommendations for locating a third campus for Cross of Christ and locating another mission by the District Mission Board. Later in January, Pastor Hunter will present these recommendations to the people of Cross of Christ, solicit feedback, and offer an opportunity to help.

The goal is to follow Jesus' command, "Go." By doing so, we seek to be his instrument to build his kingdom and, ultimately, to fill heaven. More information will be coming. Meanwhile, if you would like to contact Pastor Hunter, he invites you to do so at randy.hunter@wels.net or 608-354-5856.

Sunday Morning Bible Study Nov 16, 23: Exiles in Babylon

A timely and practical study: Christians are *in* this world, but we're not *of* this world. How do we navigate that tension?

We'll spend two more weeks of Sunday Bible study hour (9:45am) recognizing that God *plants* us where we need to be, *calls* on us to never assimilate to this world, and *charges* us to instead be salt and light.



All-Congregation Ministry Meeting Today, 1pm here at church

Plan to attend! A light lunch will be available 12:15-1pm. An option for virtual attendance was emailed to members last week.

Under our new structure, this is not a voters' meeting but a true open forum. You'll hear ministry updates from all teams & areas of ministry across both campuses, and as this ministry is your ministry, you are encouraged to listen, ask questions, and offer input as we seek to impact lives for eternity!

Nampa Pastor Call Issued

Cross of Christ has called Pastor Joel Schulz to serve as the Nampa Campus Pastor. He currently serves as pastor of Divine Savior Lutheran Church in Delray Beach, Florida. Please reach out to him: introduce yourself, let him know you're praying for him, and share what excites you about the ministry here at Cross of Christ, especially for the Nampa campus! Pastor Joel Schulz: 561-284-4939, joel.schulz@divinesaviorchurch.com.

SERVE Opportunity: Saturday, Nov 22

Help rake leaves and clean up yards for some fellow Cross of Christ members!

About 8-10 more people are needed.

Meet here at church this Saturday at 9am. We'll split into teams for as many yards as needed; expect to work all morning. Bring gloves if you want them, a rake and/or leaf blower if you can. Lunch provided! Please RSVP on the lobby bulletin board or at tinyurl.com/BoiseRakeUp25.



Daily Devotions

The December-February Meditations are available on the entrance tables. This daily devotional provides food for your faith and encouragement for life. Please feel free to take one for yourself and a friend!

Mommy & Me Field Trip: Nov 21

You're invited to The Gym Nest in Nampa this Friday, Nov 21, 10a-12p. We'll meet there; cost is \$8 per participating child. For kids age 5 & under with a caregiver. If you're brand new to Mommy and Me or would like more info, register at cocidaho.org/connect/mommy-and-me/ or the QR code.



UPCOMING

Thanksgiving Eve Celebration

Wednesday, November 26, at the Boise campus

Both campuses coming together to thank God for all the year's blessings!

- Appetizers & fellowship beginning at 5:00pm
- Worship at 6:30pm
- Appetizers & fellowship continue after the service!

GATHER



Come, relax, and enjoy the company of your church family. (Have Thanksgiving company of your own? Bring them along!)

Organized by the Member Ministry Teams of both campuses: Nampa coordinator Irene Hopkins (509-521-3040), Boise coord. Katherine Jones (208-866-6360).

Christmas Decorating: November 29

It's time to beautify our chapel for Advent & Christmas! If you would like to help put up the tree & decorations, meet in the chapel at the Boise campus on Saturday, November 30, 9am to noon. **Please RSVP to the Boise office** (admin@cocidaho.org / 208-375-3992) to participate! Organized by the Spiritual Needs Ministry Team.



SERVE

Ladies' Advent by Candlelight: Sunday, December 7, 5-7pm

This evening of Scripture, music, food, and community is for all women of the congregation and their female relatives, friends, and neighbors, to help prepare our hearts for celebrating our Savior's birth. Please RSVP at tinyurl.com/ladiesadvent2025 or on the lobby bulletin board.

Want to help plan this special gathering? Talk to Mandy Watkins (of the Member Ministry Team) (amanda.watkins99@yahoo.com / 210-425-3270).

Preschool Service & Christmas Cookies Needed

The Cross of Christ Preschool students will present the good news of Jesus' birth on Thursday, Dec 11, 6:30 pm here at church. All are welcome to attend this special service!

The students, families, and guests enjoy treats and fellowship in the lobby after the service -- could you provide some Christmas cookies for this evening? If baking is your gift, sign up on the lobby bulletin board or at tinyurl.com/prekchristmascookies25 Please deliver your cookies to the Boise kitchen by Wednesday, Dec 10. (Allergy-friendly options are always welcome; please label nut-free, gluten-free, etc.)

Advent & Christmas Worship: Come Home for Christmas

What does "home" mean to you?

If you feel far from home, if certain people are no longer around to welcome you home, or if you're not sure you really have a home, then let's remember that Christ came to bring us home.

This Advent and Christmas, come with your family, friends, and neighbors to Cross of Christ and discover what it means to *always have a home in Christ*.

	Boise Campus	Nampa Campus
Sunday, 11/30 & 12/7* <i>*with Holy Communion</i>	8:30 & 11:00 am	9:30 am
Sunday, 12/14	8:30 & 11:00* am <i>*Sunday school students participate</i>	9:30 am
Sunday, 12/21 <i>with Holy Communion</i>	8:30 & 11:00 am	9:30 am <i>Sunday school students participate</i>
Christmas Eve (Wed)	3pm or 5pm	2pm or 4pm
Christmas Day (Thurs)	9:30 am	9:30 am

Winter Weather SERVE Opportunity

Soon we'll need to remove snow from our church sidewalks and parking, and enlarging the team of volunteers will make the task easier for all involved!

- Process includes snow-blowing, shoveling, and spreading ice-melt. We have all the tools, just need the people.
- Volunteers need a willingness & availability to be on-call to complete snow removal by 8:00 am Mon-Fri or by 7:00 am Sundays.
- You personally don't have to do it every time; with a bigger list of willing & available volunteers we'll take turns.

To be part of this crew, sign up at tinyurl.com/SnowRemoval25 or on the lobby bulletin board. Contact **Travis Butterfield** (Boise Facilities Team Coordinator, 208-371-4764 / travis.butterfield@hotmail.com) with questions or for more information. Thanks for considering the opportunity so ministry can continue safely this winter!

People in God's Word	Boise	Nampa	Total
Sunday Morning Worship	107 / 82	112	301
Livestream Views	9		
Adult/Teen Bible Study	42 / 6	42 / n/a	84 / 6
Kids' Sunday School/Confirmation	25 / 8	16 / 8	41/16
Cross Connections	4	5	9

<i>General Fund Offerings Planned FY 25-26</i>	\$898,552
General Fund Planned FYTD	\$328,317
General Fund Offerings FYTD	\$240,258
Total Offerings Last Week (All Funds)	\$17,511

Serving	November 16	November 23
Altar Care	K. Tiffany, D. McLain	K. Tiffany, D. McLain
AV	C. Klink, R. Jorgensen, D. Wilson	G. Light, TBD, J. Meier
Bulletins	R. Ritger, B. Ford	L. Bafus, K. Guthmiller
Coffee	C. Berrier, D. McLain	C. Berrier, D. McLain
Flowers	Butterfield	Loring
Greeters	Arstein, S. Manglos	B. & J. Masters, M. & B. Lowry
Music	K. Koepsell, M. Biondi, L. Neujahr	J. Hein, K. Christianson
Tellers	Harris, Walden, Davidson	Turley, Christianson, Hudson
Ushers	J. Breckon, B. Adams, L. Manglos, A. Manglos	TBD, B. Turley

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