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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

“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.

As the family of God, we gather to worship, we grow together in the Word, and we serve one another in love. But serving others doesn't come naturally. In fact, we can be pretty self-serving and ignore the needs of others around us. Our selfishness is sin, and we need Jesus to keep making us more like him. Today, again, let's leave our sins at the cross, trusting in Jesus as our perfect Savior.

All-powerful and gracious God, I confess that I was sinful from birth. My whole life, I naturally thought about myself instead of others. I've put myself first, instead of loving you most and helping those around me. I'm sorry for my sins. Thank you for still forgiving me. Thank you for always loving me. Thank you for Jesus, my Savior.

Jesus came to this world as the great Servant. He put himself last and you first, giving up his life on the cross so that you can be forgiven. And now he lives and rules in heaven. By believing in him, you will live forever! All is forgiven. You are saved and loved as a member of God's family. Live as God's children as you serve one another in love.

Amen!

Prayer

Lord Jesus, mighty King of creation, you came to this world to serve, not to be served. Send your Spirit to make us more like you, that we would humbly serve others with mercy and genuine love for each other; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

God's Word

1 Chronicles 29:10-18

¹⁰David praised the LORD in the presence of the whole assembly, saying,

“Praise be to you, LORD,
the God of our father Israel,
from everlasting to everlasting.

¹¹Yours, LORD, is the greatness and the power
and the glory and the majesty and the splendor,
for everything in heaven and earth is yours.

Yours, LORD, is the kingdom;
you are exalted as head over all.

¹²Wealth and honor come from you;
you are the ruler of all things.

In your hands are strength and power
to exalt and give strength to all.

¹³Now, our God, we give you thanks,
and praise your glorious name.

¹⁴“But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand. ¹⁵We are foreigners and strangers in your sight, as were all our ancestors. Our days on earth are like a shadow, without hope.

¹⁶LORD our God, all this abundance that we have provided for building you a temple for your Holy Name comes from your hand, and all of it belongs to you.

¹⁷I know, my God, that you test the heart and are pleased with integrity. All these things I have given willingly and with honest intent. And now I have seen with joy how willingly your people who are here have given to you. ¹⁸LORD, the God of our fathers Abraham, Isaac and Israel, keep these desires and thoughts in the hearts of your people forever, and keep their hearts loyal to you.”

God's Word

Mark 10:35-45

³⁵Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to him. "Teacher," they said, "we want you to do for us whatever we ask."

³⁶"What do you want me to do for you?" he asked.

³⁷They replied, "Let one of us sit at your right and the other at your left in your glory."

³⁸"You don't know what you are asking," Jesus said. "Can you drink the cup I drink or be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with?"

³⁹"We can," they answered.

Jesus said to them, "You will drink the cup I drink and be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with, ⁴⁰but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared."

⁴¹When the ten heard about this, they became indignant with James and John.

⁴²Jesus called them together and said, "You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. ⁴³Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. ⁴⁵For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Children's Message

Song

“God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”



1 God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and
2 Skills and time are ours for press - ing toward the goals of
3 Trea - sure, too, you have en - trust - ed, gain through pow'rs your



end - less store: na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom,
Christ, your Son: all at peace in health and free - dom,
grace con - ferred: ours to use for home and kin - dred,



cost - ly cross, grave's shat - tered door— gift - ed by you, we turn
rac - es joined, the church made one. Now di - rect our dai - ly
and to spread the gos - pel word. O - pen wide our hands in



to you, of - f'ring up our - selves in praise; thank - ful
la - bor, lest we strive for self a - lone; born with
shar - ing, as we heed Christ's age - less call, heal - ing,



songs shall rise for - ev - er, gra - cious do - nor of our days.
tal - ents, make us ser - vants fit to an - swer at your throne.
teach - ing, and re - claim - ing, serv - ing you by lov - ing all.

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Message from God's Word

Romans 12:1-8

¹Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. ²Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

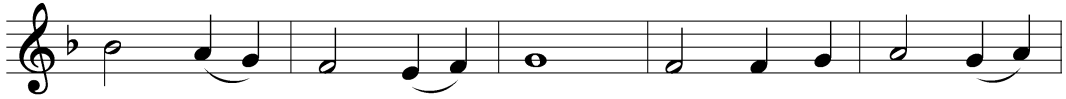
³For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you.

⁴For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, ⁵so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. ⁶We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; ⁷if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; ⁸if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

Song of Response “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a



Prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
trib - ute far too small; love so a - maz - ing,



count but loss and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

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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

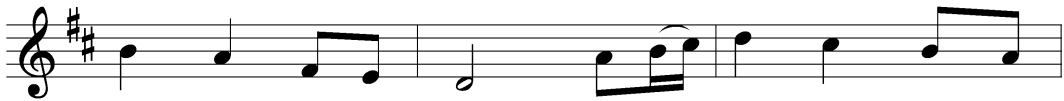
“Brothers, Sisters, Let Us Gladly”



- 1 Broth - ers, sis - ters, let us glad - ly give to God our all, our
- 2 By his mer - cy, by his boun - ty, by the gift of Christ, his
- 3 Gra - cious Lord, ac - cept our ser - vice for the sake of Christ, your



best: ser - vice heart - y, thor - ough, hon - est, with a
Son, what great good - ness he has shown us, what high
Son; lo, our hope a - bides now on - ly in the



liv - ing love im - pressed. All our du - ty, all our
mar - vels he has done! Let us to him prompt - ly,
right - eous - ness he won. Bless and save us, help and



striv - ing, all our time to him be - long; praise him,
free - ly, yield our bod - ies and our souls, thank - ful
guide us, watch to com - fort and re - store, till in



then, with true de - vo - tion, come be - fore him with a song.
that his love pro - tects us, that his wis - dom all con - trols.
heav'n we rest re - joic - ing, prais - ing you for - ev - er - more.

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Silent Prayer

Eternal God, thank you for humbly coming into this world to serve. Thank you for serving me and giving me a place in your kingdom. Help me to live more and more like you so that others may know the joy of being served in grace. A

Calendar & Announcements

| Nov 23-30 | Boise (11655 W. McMillan Rd) | Nampa (6134 Birch Lane) |
|------------------|--|--|
| Sunday | 8:30am – Worship 9:45am – Adult Bible Study (Chapel) Teen Class (Conf. Room) Confirmation Class (Rm 5) Kids’ Sunday School (Gym & Classrooms) 11:00am – Worship | 9:30am – Worship 10:45am – Adult/Teen Bible study Confirmation Class Kids’ Sunday School 12:15pm – GriefShare 12:15pm – Game Day |
| Tuesday | 6:30pm – Cross Connections | |
| Wednesday | 5:00pm – Thanksgiving Celebration (appetizers & fellowship) 6:30pm – Thanksgiving Eve Worship Thanksgiving Celebration continues after worship. | |
| Thursday | <i>Happy Thanksgiving!</i> <i>The church offices are closed Thursday-Friday.</i> | |
| Saturday | 9:00am – Christmas Decorating | |
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THIS WEEK

November Worship Series: IMPACT

It's our mission at Cross of Christ to impact lives for eternity. We are *giving thanks* this month for the ways God is already having an impact on us and on our communities through our ministry. We're also *considering* where and how we can see that impact increase. And since God promises to do that work, we are *deepening* our participation in what he's doing!

Sunday Morning Bible Study (9:45 am)

Nov 23: Exiles in Babylon

Christians are *in* this world but not *of* this world. How do we navigate that tension? Today we'll finish up this study exploring how God charges us not to assimilate to the world but instead to be salt and light.



Beginning Nov 30: Wrecked and Redeemed

Most families have a set of stories they tell over and over. In some ways, the stories we remember and tell shape us. That's why, during our Advent Bible study series, we're revisiting some of the most compelling and dramatic Bible Family Tree Stories, the stories of four women found in Matthew chapter 1.

In this series we'll look at the lives of Tamar (Nov 30), Rahab (Dec 14), Ruth (Dec 21), and Mary (sermon Dec 7) and see how God worked in them and through them to bring about his promises and purposes in their lives and ours. Like the stories from our earthly family tree, these stories shape us. They explain where we've come from. They shed light on who we are. They guide our steps as we move forward in life. Plan to be here for the whole series!

Advent Devotions to Take Home

Take one or both Advent devotion booklets from the tables in the lobby:

"All Things New" is provided by Martin Luther College (our church body's called worker training school). These daily devotions begin Dec 1; you can also read them online or register to receive them via email at mlc-wels.edu/publications/seasonal-devotions/.

"Meditations" provides daily devotions year-round; this volume begins Nov. 30.

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 coordinator Katherine Jones (208-866-6360).

Christmas Decorating: this Saturday, Nov 29

Help put up the tree & decorations in the chapel this Saturday, Nov 30, starting at 9am (usually done between 11a-12p). All ages can help!

Please RSVP to the Boise office (admin@cocidaho.org / 208-375-3992) to participate. Organized by the Spiritual Needs Ministry Team.



SERVE

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 and his wife Dawn: introduce yourself, let them know you're praying for them, and share what excites you about the ministry here at Cross of Christ, especially for the Nampa campus!

- Pastor Joel Schulz: joel.schulz@divinesaviorchurch.com
- Dawn Schulz: dawn.schulz@divinesaviorchurch.com

Find Your Five

We all have a role in God’s mission to impact lives for eternity. Let’s do it! But where do we start? Leading up to Christmas, *let’s commit to finding five people in our lives* who don’t know Jesus or don’t have a way of connecting regularly to him: a neighbor, coworker, family member, friend.



- **Use** the “Friends who need Jesus” chart to identify your five,
- **Pray** that God would give you an opportunity to share Jesus with them,
- **Watch** for the opportunity (or create it!), then
- **Say** something about how much Jesus means to you at Christmas.

Advent & Christmas Worship: Come Home for Christmas Beginning November 30

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.

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

| | Boise Campus | Nampa Campus |
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| 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 |

UPCOMING

Mommy & Me: Happy Birthday, Jesus!

Friday, Dec 5, 10am at our Nampa campus (6134 Birch Lane). We'll learn about Jesus' birth and sing some Christmas songs! This activity is perfect for kids five and under with a caregiver, and a great way to meet other moms and kids! If it's your first time attending, please register at the QR code or cocidaho.org/connect/mommy-and-me/.



Monthly Ministry Discussion: December 7

Know more about what's going on at Cross of Christ by coming to a monthly ministry discussion! Next one is Sunday, December 7, between services (9:45-10:45am). We'll be talking more about Mission Developer Randy Hunter's exploratory work in the Valley and the timeline for the planting of our third site and a separate new mission congregation, among other things!

Ladies' Advent by Candlelight: Sunday, Dec 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 part of this special gathering? Talk to Mandy Watkins (of the Member Ministry Team) (amanda.watkins99@yahoo.com / 210-425-3270).

Christmas Flowers

To honor Jesus' birth by beautifying the chapel, sign up on the lobby bulletin board to purchase flowering plants (\$3.75-15.00 each, note payment info on the sign-up). Last day to request a plant is **Sunday, December 7**, so don't delay! After the last service on Christmas Eve or Day, take your plants home to enjoy! Contact Dick or Kay Guthmiller with any questions (208-850-8809).

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!

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!

The students, families, and guests enjoy treats and fellowship in the lobby after the service. If baking is your gift, could you provide some Christmas cookies for this evening? 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.)

Save the Date: Neighborhood Christmas Invites

Saturday, December 13, 9:45 am. A group effort! Meet at church, partner up, put out door-hangers in a nearby neighborhood, inviting our neighbors to *come home for Christmas*.

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| <i>General Fund Offerings Planned FY 25-26</i> | \$898,552 |
| General Fund Planned FYTD | \$345,597 |
| General Fund Offerings FYTD | \$265,203 |
| Total Offerings Last Week (All Funds) | \$24,995 |

| People in God's Word | Boise | Nampa | Total |
|----------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Sunday Morning Worship | 113/90 | 115 | 318 |
| Livestream Views | 12 | | |
| Adult/Teen Bible Study | 38 / 5 | 55 / n/a | 93/5 |
| Kids' Sunday School/Confirmation | 26/7 | 25/6 | 51/13 |
| Cross Connections | 4 | 5 | 9 |

| Serving | November 23 | November 26 Thanksgiving Eve | November 30 |
|----------------|---|---|----------------------------------|
| Altar Care | K. Tiffany, D. McLain | K. Tiffany, D. McLain | K. Tiffany, D. McLain |
| AV | G. Light, J. Meier | G. Light, J. Meier | T. & L. Butterfield |
| Bulletins | L. Bafus, K. Guthmiller | Nov 30 team | Prigge, Robbins |
| Coffee | C. Berrier, D. McLain | Member Ministry Teams (both campuses) | C. Berrier, D. McLain |
| Flowers | Loring | Thanksgiving | Loring |
| Greeters | B. & J. Masters, M. & B. Lowry | TBD | Whitlach, Arstein |
| Music | J. Hein, S. Caudill | K. Koepsell, S. Hatzung | K. Koepsell |
| Tellers | Turley, Christianson, Hudson | Nov 30 team | Harris, Butterfield, Hudson |
| Ushers | B. Walters, C. Berrier B. Turley, M. Boltz | J. Harris, T. Stavenau | KC Broyles, TBD M. Boltz, TBD |

