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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 worship we'll continue the celebration with appetizers and fellowship. 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

“Let All Things Now Living”



1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to
2 His law he en - forc - es; the stars in their cours - es and



God the Cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise, who fash - ioned and
sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine. The hills and the



made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us, who still guides us
moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains, the deeps of the



on to the end of our days. God's ban - ners are o'er us; his
o - cean pro - claim him di - vine. We, too, should be voic - ing our



light goes be - fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the
love and re - joic - ing. With glad ad - o - ra - tion a song let us



night, till shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is
raise till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks -



ban - ished, as for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.
giv - ing: “To God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!”

A Dialogue of Thanksgiving

Psalm 100

with “Now Thank We All Our God”

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

Congregation: Amen.

¹Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.

²Worship the LORD with gladness;
come before him with joyful songs.

³Know that the LORD is God.

It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.



1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voic - es,



who won - drous things has done, in whom his world re - joic - es;



who from our moth - ers' arms has blessed us on our way



with count - less gifts of love and still is ours to - day.

⁴Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and praise his name.
⁵For the LORD is good and his love endures forever;
his faithfulness continues through all generations.

**2 Oh, may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever-joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us
and keep us in his grace
and guide us when perplexed
and free us from all ills
in this world and the next.**

Almighty God, your mercies are new every morning, and you graciously provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience all our days; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen!

**3 All praise and thanks to God
the Father now be given,
the Son, and him who reigns
with them in highest heaven,
the one eternal God,
whom earth and heav'n adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.**

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God's Word

Genesis 8:18-22

¹⁸So Noah came out, together with his sons and his wife and his sons' wives.

¹⁹All the animals and all the creatures that move along the ground and all the birds—everything that moves on land—came out of the ark, one kind after another.

²⁰Then Noah built an altar to the LORD and, taking some of all the clean animals and clean birds, he sacrificed burnt offerings on it. ²¹The LORD smelled the pleasing aroma and said in his heart: "Never again will I curse the ground because of humans, even though every inclination of the human heart is evil from childhood. And never again will I destroy all living creatures, as I have done.

²²"As long as the earth endures,
seedtime and harvest,
cold and heat,
summer and winter,
day and night
will never cease."

God's Word

Luke 19:1-10

¹Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. ²A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. ³He wanted to see who Jesus was, but because he was short he could not see over the crowd. ⁴So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way.

⁵When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today." ⁶So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly.

⁷All the people saw this and began to mutter, "He has gone to be the guest of a sinner."

⁸But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount."

⁹Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

Children's Message

Song

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"



1 Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther,
2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest,
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,



there is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee.
sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove
thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide,



Thou chang - est not, thy com - pas - sions, they fail not;
join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,



as thou hast been, thou for - ev - er wilt be.
to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Refrain

Great is thy faith - ful-ness! Great is thy faith - ful-ness!

Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see;

all I have need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed.

Great is thy faith - ful-ness, Lord, un - to me!

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Message from God's Word

James 1:16-18

¹⁶Don't be deceived, my dear brothers and sisters. ¹⁷Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. ¹⁸He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all he created.

Song of Response Thankfulness”

“My Heart Is Filled with



1 My heart is filled with thank-ful-ness to him who bore my
2 My heart is filled with thank-ful-ness to him who walks be -
3 My heart is filled with thank-ful-ness to him who reigns a -



pain, who plumbed the depths of my dis - grace and
side, who floods my weak - ness - es with strength and
bove, whose wis - dom is my per - fect peace, whose



gave me life a - gain, who crushed my curse of sin - ful -
caus-es fears to fly, whose ev - 'ry prom - ise is e -
ev - 'ry thought is love. For ev - 'ry day I have on



ness and clothed me in his light and wrote his law of
nough for ev - 'ry step I take, sus - tain - ing me with
earth is giv - en by the King. So I will give my



right - eous - ness with pow'r up - on my heart.
arms of love and crown - ing me with grace.
life, my all, to love and fol - low him.

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* This phrase repeats at the end of st. 3.

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

For this good world; for things great and small, beautiful and awesome; for seen and unseen splendors:

We thank you, Lord God.

For human life; for talking and moving and thinking together; for common hopes and hardships shared from birth until our dying:

We thank you, Lord God.

For work to do and strength to work; for the comradeship of labor; for exchanges of good humor and encouragement:

We thank you, Lord God.

For marriage; for the mystery and joy of flesh made one; for mutual forgiveness and burdens shared; for secrets kept in love:

We thank you, Lord God.

For family; for living together and eating together; for family celebrations and family comforts:

We thank you, Lord God.

For children; for their energy and curiosity; for their brave play and startling frankness; for their sudden sympathies:

We thank you, Lord God.

For the young; for their high hopes; for their candid criticism; for their search for freedom and fairness:

We thank you, Lord God.

For growing up and growing old; for wisdom deepened by experience; for rest in leisure; for time made precious by its passing:

We thank you, Lord God.

For your help in times of doubt and sorrow; for healing our diseases; for preserving us in temptation and danger:

We thank you, Lord God.

For your Church into which we have been called; for the good news we receive by Word and Sacrament; for our life together in the Lord:

We thank you, Lord God.

For your Holy Spirit, who guides our steps and brings us gifts of faith, hope, and love, who prays in us and prompts our grateful worship:

We thank you, Lord God.

Above all, O God, for your Son, Jesus Christ, who lived and died and lives again for our salvation; for our hope in him; and for the joy of serving him:

We thank and praise you, eternal God, for all your goodness to us.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

moment of silence for personal prayer

Give thanks to the Lord, who is good.

His love is everlasting.

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 almighty and merciful Lord – the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit –
bless us and keep us.

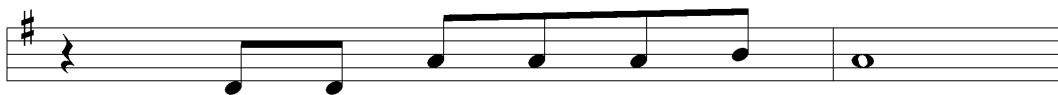
Amen!

Closing Song

“We Give You Thanks”



1 For your boun - ty in the har - vest,
2 For our fath - ers and our moth - ers,



for the feasts that we en - joy,
for our child - ren held so dear,



for the free - doms in our na - tion,
for the fam - 'ly of be - liev - ers,



for a - bun - dant wealth and joy,
for the com - mon faith we share,





With faith and hope and love, we give you thanks.

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- 3 **For the peace of your forgiveness,
For your body and your blood;
For your water bringing new life,
For your precious saving Word,
For the promises you give us,
For the strength so we endure,
For your gift of our salvation,
For your love so deep and pure:**

Refrain

**We give you thanks, we give you thanks
For the grace to receive, in you we believe.
We give you thanks, we give you thanks.
With faith and hope and love, we give you thanks.**

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Silent Prayer

Reflect on God's goodness and personally thank him for his blessings to you!

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Advent & Christmas

Come Home for Christmas: Nov 30 – Dec 25

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*.



Find Your Five

We each have a role in God’s mission to impact lives for eternity. 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, relative, friend.

- **Use** the “Friends who need Jesus” chart (lobby tables) 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.
- **Invite** them to attend Christmas Eve with you!

Christmas Eve Worship

Nampa Campus: 2pm or 4pm

Boise Campus: 3pm or 5pm

Boise Campus Christmas Decorating: this Saturday, Nov 29

Help put up the tree & decorations in the chapel this Saturday, Nov 29, 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.

Both Campuses: Christmas Flowers

To honor Jesus' birth by beautifying our worship spaces, sign up to purchase flowering plants (\$3.75-15.00 each, note payment info on the sign-up).

- Boise campus: on the bulletin board
- Nampa campus: on one of the entrance tables

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).

Community Partners

Nampa Campus: Foster and Heart

Two seasonal opportunities to increase impact in our community:

- Check out the **giving tree** in the entryway at the Nampa campus to provide a Christmas gift for a child in foster or kinship care!
- Wrap Christmas gifts: **Tuesday, Dec 16, 6-8pm**, at the Nampa campus.

Organized by the Outreach Team; contact person Deb Strickler (208-249-1884).

Boise Campus: Household Drive for McMillan Elementary

You can make a difference for our neighbors who are struggling this Christmas!

McMillan Elementary School serves many low-income families who live right around us, and many essential household items are not covered by SNAP benefits (food stamps). Through the school, we can meet the following needs:

- *Household items*: full sized laundry detergent, all-purpose cleaner, hand soap, dish soap, toilet paper, paper towels, disinfectant wipes, garbage bags
- *Gift Cards*: Wal-Mart, Winco Family-Friendly

Place your gifts in the bin in the lobby **by Monday, Dec 15** – let's make it overflow!