

Sunday Worship

March 22, 2026

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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 worshipping 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 God 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 the gifts he gives to all of us. 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](http://cocidaho.org).

# Opening 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,



there is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee.  
sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove



Thou chang - est not, thy com - pas - sions, they fail not;  
join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness



as thou hast been, thou for - ev - er wilt be.  
to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.

## *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!

3 **Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!**

*Refrain* **Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.  
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

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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.**

Our God invites us to come into his holy presence openly and honestly. There is no need to hide any part of us because all of who we are is seen by him. Therefore, let us come before our Lord as we are, acknowledging our sinfulness and trusting in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I do not always put you first in my life. Instead, I often put my love for the things of this world ahead of my love for you. Yet you have not hidden your face from me. You rescued me through the cross of Christ! May I daily live in the peace of your unfailing love.**

Motivated completely by grace, our God put us first and gave his only Son to be the complete sacrifice for our sins. Through his gracious sacrifice, we are transformed as his children and generously given salvation and eternal life. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen!**

<sup>10</sup>Whoever loves money never has enough;  
whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with their income.  
This too is meaningless.

<sup>11</sup>As goods increase,  
so do those who consume them.  
And what benefit are they to the owners  
except to feast their eyes on them?

<sup>12</sup>The sleep of a laborer is sweet,  
whether they eat little or much,  
but as for the rich, their abundance  
permits them no sleep.

<sup>13</sup>I have seen a grievous evil under the sun:  
wealth hoarded to the harm of its owners,  
<sup>14</sup>or wealth lost through some misfortune,  
so that when they have children  
there is nothing left for them to inherit.  
<sup>15</sup>Everyone comes naked from their mother's womb,  
and as everyone comes, so they depart.  
They take nothing from their toil  
that they can carry in their hands.

<sup>16</sup>This too is a grievous evil:  
As everyone comes, so they depart,  
and what do they gain,  
since they toil for the wind?

<sup>17</sup>All their days they eat in darkness,  
with great frustration, affliction and anger.

<sup>18</sup>This is what I have observed to be good: that it is appropriate for a  
person to eat, to drink and to find satisfaction in their toilsome labor under  
the sun during the few days of life God has given them—for this is their lot.

<sup>19</sup>Moreover, when God gives someone wealth and possessions, and the ability

to enjoy them, to accept their lot and be happy in their toil—this is a gift of God. <sup>20</sup>They seldom reflect on the days of their life, because God keeps them occupied with gladness of heart.

## God’s Word

## 1 Timothy 6:6-10

<sup>6</sup>But godliness with contentment is great gain. <sup>7</sup>For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. <sup>8</sup>But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. <sup>9</sup>Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. <sup>10</sup>For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

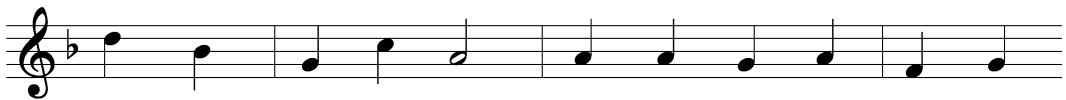
## Children’s Message

### Song

### “Jesus Calls Us O’er the Tumult”



1 Je - sus calls us o’er the tu - mult of our  
3 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the  
4 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of  
5 Je - sus calls us! In your mer - cy, Sav - ior,



life’s wild, rest - less sea; day by day his voice in -  
vain world’s gold - en store, from each i - dol that would  
toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and  
help us hear your call; give our hearts to your o -



vites us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me!"  
 keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."  
 plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."  
 be - dience, serve and love you best of all!

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## Message from God’s Word

## Matthew 6:19-24

<sup>19</sup>“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. <sup>20</sup>But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. <sup>21</sup>For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

<sup>22</sup>“The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are healthy, your whole body will be full of light. <sup>23</sup>But if your eyes are unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light within you is darkness, how great is that darkness!

<sup>24</sup>“No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.”

### Counterfeit Gods: Money

*Matthew 6:19-24, page 1457*

#### 1. How \_\_\_\_\_ us

Matthew 6:22-23

Money blinds us to its \_\_\_\_\_

Money blinds us to our \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Money can reveal what \_\_\_\_\_ us**

Matthew 6:21 & 24

**3. How do we break the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ ?**

\_\_\_\_\_ your treasure

Matthew 6:19

\_\_\_\_\_ your treasure.

Matthew 6:20

*Lord Jesus, by your life, death, and resurrection you have graciously provided me with all I need to sustain my life, my family, and my calling within your kingdom. Therefore, I ask you, "What would you do through me to accomplish your vision for Cross of Christ? Help me to discern a regular sacrificial gift that is meaningful and joyful. Amen.*

**Song of Response**

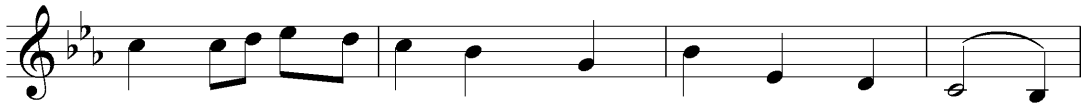
**"You Are My Vision"**



1 You are my vis - ion, O King of my heart;  
4 I don't want rich - es or man's emp - ty praise;  
5 High King of heav - en, when vic - to - ry's won



noth - ing else sa - tis - fies, on - ly you, Lord.  
you're my in - her - i - tance now and al - ways.  
may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heav'n's Son.



You are my best thought by day or by night,  
You and you on - ly the first in my heart;  
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, your pres - ence my light.  
High King of heav - en, my trea - sure you are.  
Still be my vi - sion, O ru - ler of 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](http://cocidaho.org/give).*



## Prayer and 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

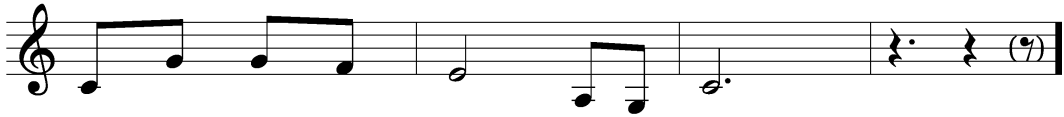
### “My Worth Is Not in What I Own”



1	My	worth	is	not	in	what	I	own,	not
2	My	worth	is	not	in	skill	or	name,	in
4	I	will	not	boast	in	wealth	or	might,	or



in the strength of flesh and bone, but in the  
win or lose, in pride or shame, but in the  
hu - man wis - dom's fleet - ing light. But I will



cost - ly wounds of love at the cross. v. 2  
blood of Christ that flowed at the cross. Refrain  
boast in know - ing Christ at the cross. Refrain

*Refrain*



I re-joice in my Re - deem - er— great - est trea - sure,



well-spring of my soul. I will trust in him, no oth - er; my



soul is sat - is - fied in him a - lone.

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## Silent Prayer

Holy God, you have guaranteed me eternal life in Jesus. Help me to trust that whatever I have in life now will pale in comparison to the glorious riches of what is to come. Help me to use my time in this world wisely until that day you welcome me home. Amen.

# Calendar & Announcements

<b>Mar 22-29</b>	<b>Boise (11655 W. McMillan Rd)</b>	<b>Nampa (6134 Birch Lane)</b>
Sunday	8:30am – Worship 9:45am – Adult/Teen Bible Study (Chapel) 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
Mon	10:00am – Women's Bible Study 6:30pm – Women's Bible Study	
Tuesday	6:30pm – Cross Connections	
Wednesday	5:00pm – Lent Soup Supper 6:30pm – Lent Midweek Worship 7:15pm – Choir Rehearsal	
Thursday		6:30pm – Men's & Women's Bible Study 6:30pm- Cross Connections
Saturday	9a-12p – Spring Clean-up!	
Palm Sunday	8:30am – Worship 9:45am – Adult/Teen Bible Study (Chapel) 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

# EASTER IS A-COMIN'!

It's the biggest and best week of the whole year for followers of Jesus – how will you celebrate and participate?

## GATHER



### Worship Opportunities

	Boise	Nampa
Palm Sunday, Mar 29	8:30 & 11:00 am	9:30 am
Holy Thursday, Apr 2 <i>with Holy Communion</i>	6:30 pm	6:30 pm
Good Friday, Apr 3	6:30 pm	6:30 pm
Easter Sunday, Apr 5	8:30 & 11:00 am	9:30 am
	Easter Breakfast & egg hunt between services	Easter Breakfast & egg hunt after services



### 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?

These next few weeks, leading up to Easter, *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.

Pray that God would give you an opportunity to share Jesus with them, and then be sure to take that opportunity. May God bless us as we all find our five!

### Personal Easter Invitations

Use an invitation postcard from the lobby or graphic from Friday's member email to invite one or more of your five to Easter Sunday.



## **Hospitality Opportunities for Easter Breakfast**

Easter Sunday gives us amazing opportunities to offer hospitality to visitors and our church family alike, especially with Easter breakfast!

Check out the list of needs on the lobby bulletin board, at [tinyurl.com/BoiseEasterBreakfast2026](https://tinyurl.com/BoiseEasterBreakfast2026), or the QR code, and consider serving to meet one of those needs.



Contact Katherine Jones (Boise Member Ministries) to get more details or ask questions about any of these roles ([k.m.jones@icloud.com/208-866-6360](mailto:k.m.jones@icloud.com/208-866-6360))

## **Easter Flower Orders: Deadline tomorrow, Mon Mar 23**

Order flowering plants for the Easter morning altar to celebrate Jesus' resurrection!

Sign up on the lobby bulletin board to choose the plants you'd like. (Then take them home after the final Easter service.) **Order deadline is tomorrow, Monday March 23.**

Checks payable to Dick Guthmiller (note "Easter flowers") can be put in mailbox #12 in the lobby.

## **Easter Candy**

Easter Sunday will include a kids' egg hunt! Would you consider donating candy?

Place wrapped candy in the kitchen at Boise **by Sunday, March 29** (in the labeled box on the back counter, across from the refrigerators). Gluten-, dairy-, and/or nut-free options always welcome for kiddos with allergies or sensitivities (please label). Contact Mandy Watkins ([amanda.watkins99@gmail.com](mailto:amanda.watkins99@gmail.com) / 210-425-3270) with any questions.

# THIS WEEK

## **Worship Series: Counterfeit Gods**

*Sundays thru Mar 22 • 8:30 or 11:00am*

Whatever we treat as most important in life is what we're functionally worshipping. So let's look together at what idols we often worship – and then instead turn to our Savior Jesus, who offers us real peace and hope which can't be counterfeited by anything else.

GATHER



## **Sunday Morning Bible Study: Counterfeit Gods Continued**

*Sundays, March 22, 29 • 9:45am, in the chapel*

Confronting the idols in our lives is one of the most important spiritual exercises Christians can do. Therefore, we'll use the Sunday Bible classes in March to continue exploring this topic by discussing different idols and expanded topics not covered in worship.

GROW



## **Pastor Call Issued**

Cross of Christ has called Pastor Emile Burgess to serve as our Nampa Campus Pastor. He currently serves as one of the pastors at Crown of Life Lutheran Church in West Saint Paul, Minnesota.

Please reach out to him! Introduce yourself, let him know you're praying for him and his family, and share what excites you about ministry here at Cross of Christ, particularly at the Nampa campus.

- Pastor Emile Burgess: [emile.burgess@colwsp.org](mailto:emile.burgess@colwsp.org)
- Rachel Burgess: [burgesrl@mlc-wels.edu](mailto:burgesrl@mlc-wels.edu)

## **Pastor Call Received**

Pastor Hein has received a Call to serve as Discipleship Pastor for St. John's Lutheran Church in Wauwatosa, WI (near Milwaukee). Please pray for him, Julie, and their kids as he considers where best he could serve God's kingdom. He welcomes your input and encouragement ([greg.hein@cocidaho.org](mailto:greg.hein@cocidaho.org) / 480-433-3084).



**Midweek Worship for Lent**  
**Wednesdays on the Boise Campus**  
final service this week, **March 25**  
**Worship at 6:30 pm**  
(Soup supper in the gym 5:00-6:15 pm)

### **Help Feed Your Church Family**

*Final soup supper this week: Wed, Mar 25 • 5:00-6:15pm*

Sign up to provide part of the meal at [tinyurl.com/LentSoupSuppers2026](https://tinyurl.com/LentSoupSuppers2026) or on the lobby bulletin board. Direct questions to the Boise office ([admin@cocidaho.org](mailto:admin@cocidaho.org) / 208-375-3992).

Bonus: Cross of Christ member Bill Adams is offering his skills for free in service to his church family: If you have knives that could use a sharpening, bring them to the church kitchen during soup suppers and Bill will fix them up!

### **Spring Campus Cleanup & Work Day**

*Saturday, March 28 • 9am-12pm*

Come for as long or as short as you can. Everybody can contribute in some way, with plenty of tasks both large and small to polish up our facilities before Easter, both indoors and out! We'll work on things like:

- Washing outside windows
- Dusting baseboards & light fixtures
- Cleaning gym tables & chairs
- Gathering up the last of the winter yard waste

Bring the whole family! Materials & instructions provided; please bring work gloves if you'd like to work outside.



# UPCOMING

## Lawn Maintenance

Folks who enjoy yard work, this opportunity is for you! Could you help mow & trim the Boise campus green spaces a couple times April thru October? How it works:

- Two individuals or families serve each weekend.
- The work is generally done on Friday or Saturday.
- Equipment and training provided.
- Depending on the size of the team, you'll likely serve 2-3 times April to October.



To join the mowing crew, sign up on the lobby bulletin board or contact Roy Lange (idaho.64Lange19@gmail.com) directly. He's also happy to answer any questions you might have before committing!

## Mommy & Me

*Friday, April 3 • 10am • at the Nampa campus (6134 Birch Lane)*

Mommy & Me is a free school-year program for kids age 5 and under with a caregiver. The first Friday of each month we have a themed playdate with story time, creative play, and more. Next up: **Hooray for Easter!**

If you're new to Mommy and Me, or would like to receive email updates on events & meet-ups, please register at [cocidaho.org/connect/mommy-and-me/](http://cocidaho.org/connect/mommy-and-me/) or the QR code.



## Ladies' Creative Outing

*Saturday, April 25 • 10am, offsite*

Paint a piece of pottery at A Way with Clay in west Boise. Projects range in price based on size and complexity, anywhere from \$20-\$70. Space is limited, so contact Andrea Becker soon to reserve your spot: 208-830-7763 (text or call).

## Spring Growth Groups • April 12 – May 22

A Growth Group is a small group of Cross of Christ members who meet weekly in a member's home, at one of the church campuses, or at another community location.

These groups are designed to help us *connect with each other* in real ways and work together to *apply God's Word to everyday life*. Each week the group facilitator helps the group follow a discussion guide based on the previous Sunday's message.



Who are Growth Groups for? What's the time commitment? Why should you try one out? Find out at [cocidaho.org/growth-groups](http://cocidaho.org/growth-groups) and watch for registration info soon!

*This spring session runs for six weeks, starting the Sunday after Easter. Registration coming soon!*

Would you consider hosting and/or facilitating a group? (Spoiler: It's not hard or complicated!). Get in touch with Pastor Hein, even if you just want to know more about what it looks like ([greg.hein@cocidaho.org](mailto:greg.hein@cocidaho.org)).

## Meal Train Crew

One way we can take care of each other is providing meals during various life events (a birth, illness, surgery, etc). Would you join the Meal Train Crew to help do this?

When a need arises, the meal train coordinator communicates with the Crew and organizes the train, providing all necessary dietary and logistical information.

Being on the Crew doesn't mean you have to contribute a meal every time – simply that you're willing to be contacted and to provide a meal from time to time.

Add your name at [tinyurl.com/CoCMealTrainHHCrew](http://tinyurl.com/CoCMealTrainHHCrew) or the lobby bulletin board, or contact Mandy Watkins (210-425-3270, [amanda.watkins99@yahoo.com](mailto:amanda.watkins99@yahoo.com)) to sign up or get more details! (If you think you're already on the list, please double-check; some of our previous lists have unfortunately been lost.)



SERVE

<b>People in God's Word</b>	<b>Boise</b>	<b>Nampa</b>	<b>Total</b>
Sunday Morning Worship	118/76	102	296
Livestream Views	14		
Adult Bible Study	38	41	79
Kids' Sunday School/Confirmation	26/4	18/7	44/11
Lent Wednesday Worship	87		
Men's/Women's Bible Study	n/a	8/6	8/6
Cross Connections	6	4	10

<i>General Fund Offerings Planned FY 25-26</i>	\$898,552
General Fund Planned FYTD	\$639,354
General Fund Offerings FYTD	\$576,005
Total Offerings Last Week (All Funds)	\$25,211

<b>Serving</b>	<b>Sun, Mar 22</b>	<b>Wed, Mar 25</b>	<b>Sun, Mar 29</b>
Altar Care	K. Struthers, K. Jones	K. Struthers, K. Jones	K. Struthers, K. Jones
AV	C. Klink, J. Meier, M. Hartman	T. & L. Butterfield	E. Christianson, J. Meier, M. Hartman
Bulletins	Prigge, B. Robbins	Admin	Y. Whitlach, D. Ashley
Coffee	K. Struthers, J. & M. Welch	Soup Supper	K. Struthers, J. & M. Welch
Flowers	Butterfield	n/a	Palm Sunday
Greeters	Lange, Lowry	n/a	C. Hagedorn Reilly, Manglos
Music	J. Hein, S. Caudill	A. Lange, B. Klink	J. Hein, K. Koepsell, Sunday school students
Snow Removal	Weekend: B. Turley, L. Ercanbrack	Week: R. Lange, J. Harris	Weekend: M. Wilson, M. Boltz Week: R. Lange, J. Harris
Tellers	Harris, Butterfield, Turley	n/a	Rule, Christianson, Hudson
Ushers	KC Broyles, B. Walters, B. Turley	TBD	KC Broyles, B. Walters, B. Turley

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