

Sunday Worship
October 4, 2026

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 worshiping together with all ages! The service includes a children's message specifically for them, and busy bags geared for toddlers to about age 5 are available in the lobby (canvas totes hung near each entrance table). The lobby also provides plenty of space for moving around when needed! Video and 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 us. You're not expected to give an offering; it's your choice.

Make yourself at home. After worship, we linger 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.

CURRENT WORSHIP FOCUS:
LIFE IN THE GRAY

We live in a world that constantly pushes us to choose sides and reduce life into simple either-or answers. But following Jesus is rarely that simple. Oftentimes, God invites us to live in the tension between two truths that may even seem to conflict. In this series, we're going to explore some areas of our faith where it may feel like there's tension and gain a deeper understanding of God's plan for our lives. Come along to find that there *is* life in the gray.

Sept 13: In the World & Not Of the World
Sept 20: Faith & Works
Sept 27: Judge & Do Not Judge
Oct 4: Bold & Humble
Oct 11: Sinner & Saint
Oct 18: Trust & Persist

Opening Song — "Run and Run (Christ Is All My Righteousness)"

The vocalists will sing the stanzas and the first refrain.
You're invited to join in singing the following refrains.

1 Run and run, the law demands, but gives me neither feet nor hands.
Better news the gospel brings: It bids me fly, it gives me wings.

2 Bearing shame and all my sin, there in my place he stood condemned.
Here I stand, now justified; my guilt is his, his grace is mine.

Refrain Praise the Lord! Oh, my soul, praise the Lord!
Now and forevermore my heart confess:
Christ is all my righteousness;
Christ is all my righteousness.

3 My accuser, he may roar of countless sins that I have done.
These I know, and thousands more. Behold, my God, he knows not one!

Refrain – all (next page)

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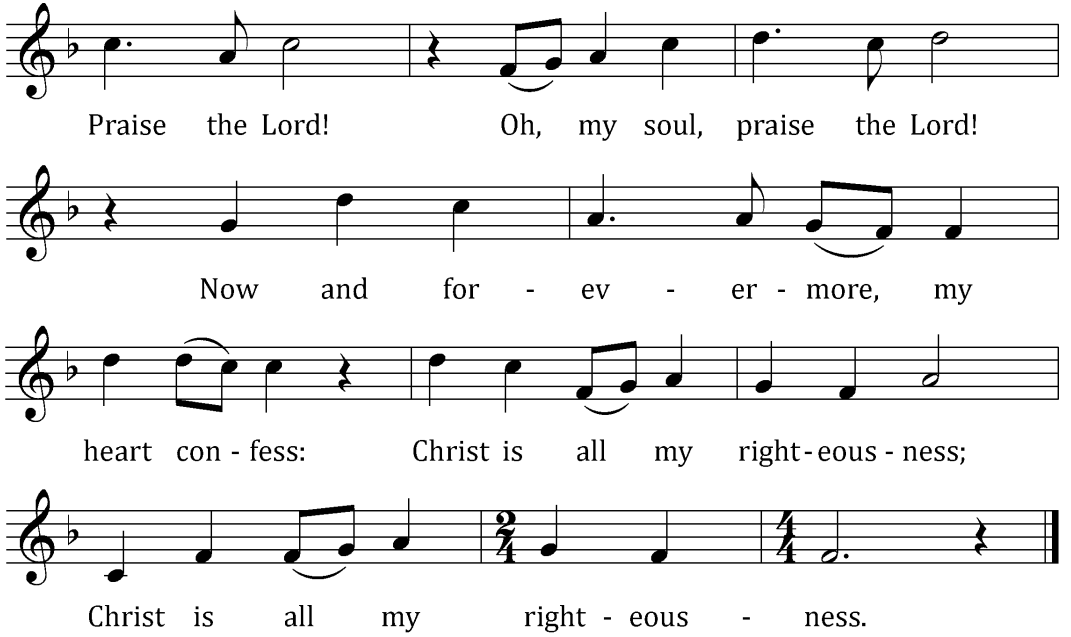
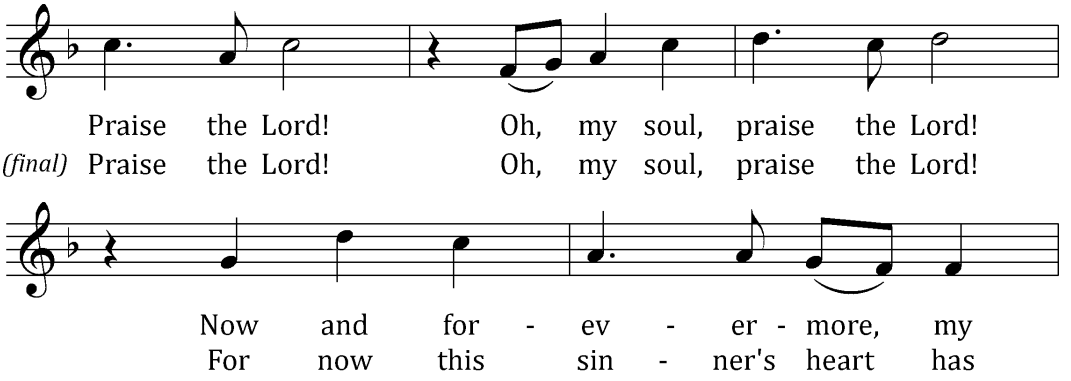
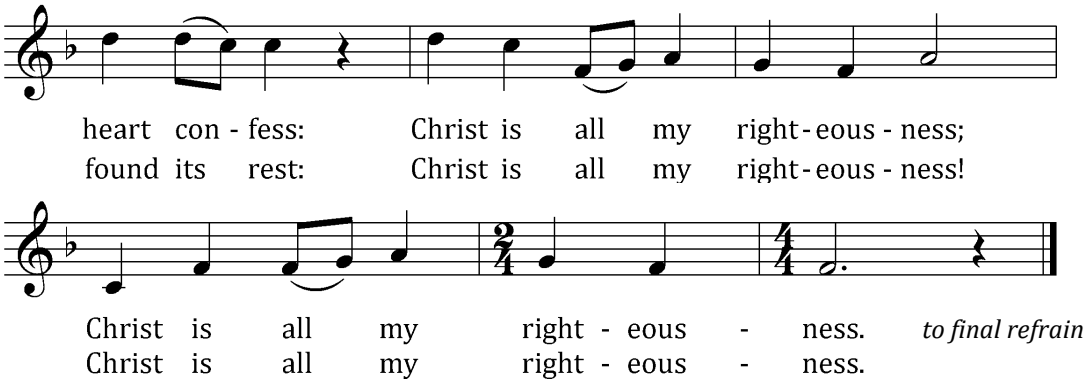


Vocalist

4 When I stand before the throne, there dressed in beauty not my own,
Then, Lord, shall, I fully know, not till that day, how much I owe.*

Refrain, then final refrain - all





**While we can never "repay" God what we "owe" for our eternal salvation – and do not have to! – heaven's splendor (especially in contrast to what Christ suffered for us) will reveal all the more just how much it is he gave!*

A Dialogue of Repentance and Forgiveness

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

Congregation: Amen.

Our God invites us to come into his 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.

Just and holy Father in heaven, I confess my sins. In my thoughts, words, and actions, I have so often failed to live as your child. Though my sins deserved your punishment, you sent Jesus to rescue me. I thank you for your love, and I praise you for your faithfulness.

Jesus has done it all for you to be forgiven. All your sins were placed on him. God now sees you as perfect, just like Jesus. His death and resurrection have set you free! You are forgiven in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Now, live as a free and holy child of God!

Amen!

Prayer

Almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth, and the life that we may boldly confess him to be the Christ and steadfastly walk in the way that leads to life eternal; 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 — Matthew 10:16-20

16"I am sending you out like sheep among wolves. Therefore be as shrewd as
snakes and as innocent as doves. 17Be on your guard; you will be handed over
to the local councils and be flogged in the synagogues. 18On my account you
will be brought before governors and kings as witnesses to them and to the
Gentiles. 19But when they arrest you, do not worry about what to say or how
to say it. At that time you will be given what to say, 20for it will not be you
speaking, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.

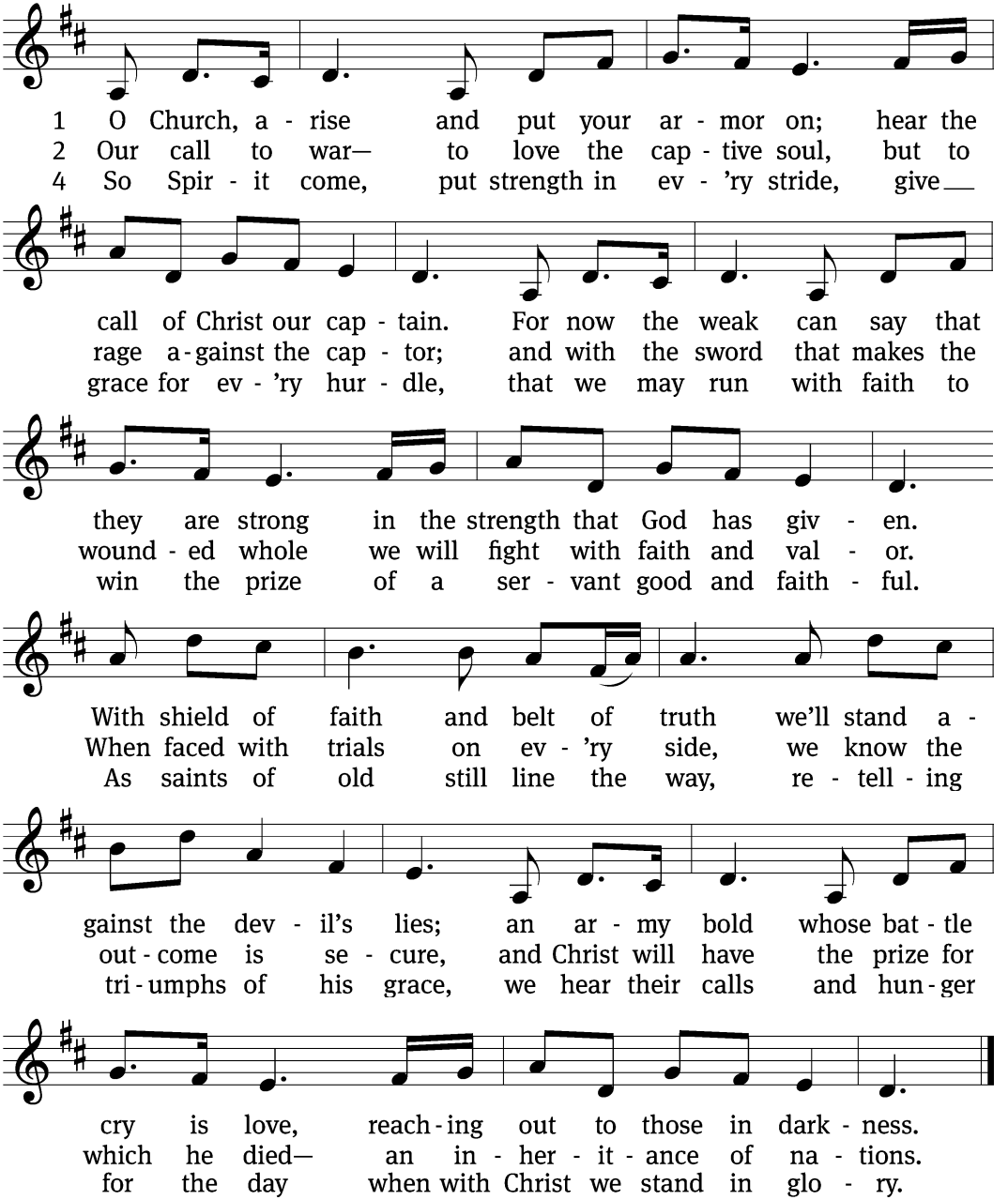
God's Word — 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

26Brothers and sisters, think of what you were when you were called. Not
many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not
many were of noble birth. 27But God chose the foolish things of the world to
shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong.
28God chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the
things that are not—to nullify the things that are, 29so that no one may boast
before him. 30It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become
for us wisdom from God—that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption.
31Therefore, as it is written: "Let the one who boasts boast in the Lord."

Children's Message

Song

“O Church, Arise”



Message from God's Word — Acts 2:36-41

36"Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom
you crucified, both Lord and Messiah."

37When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter
and the other apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?"

38Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of
Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of
the Holy Spirit. 39The promise is for you and your children and for all who are
far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call."

40With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, "Save
yourselves from this corrupt generation." 41Those who accepted his message
were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

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.

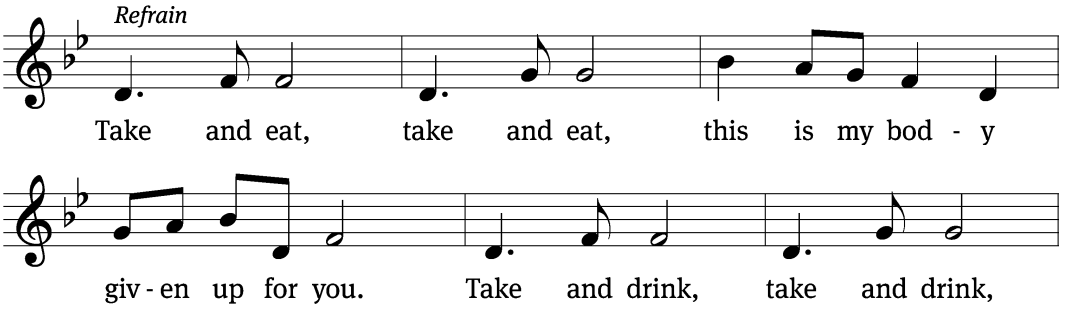
Words of Institution

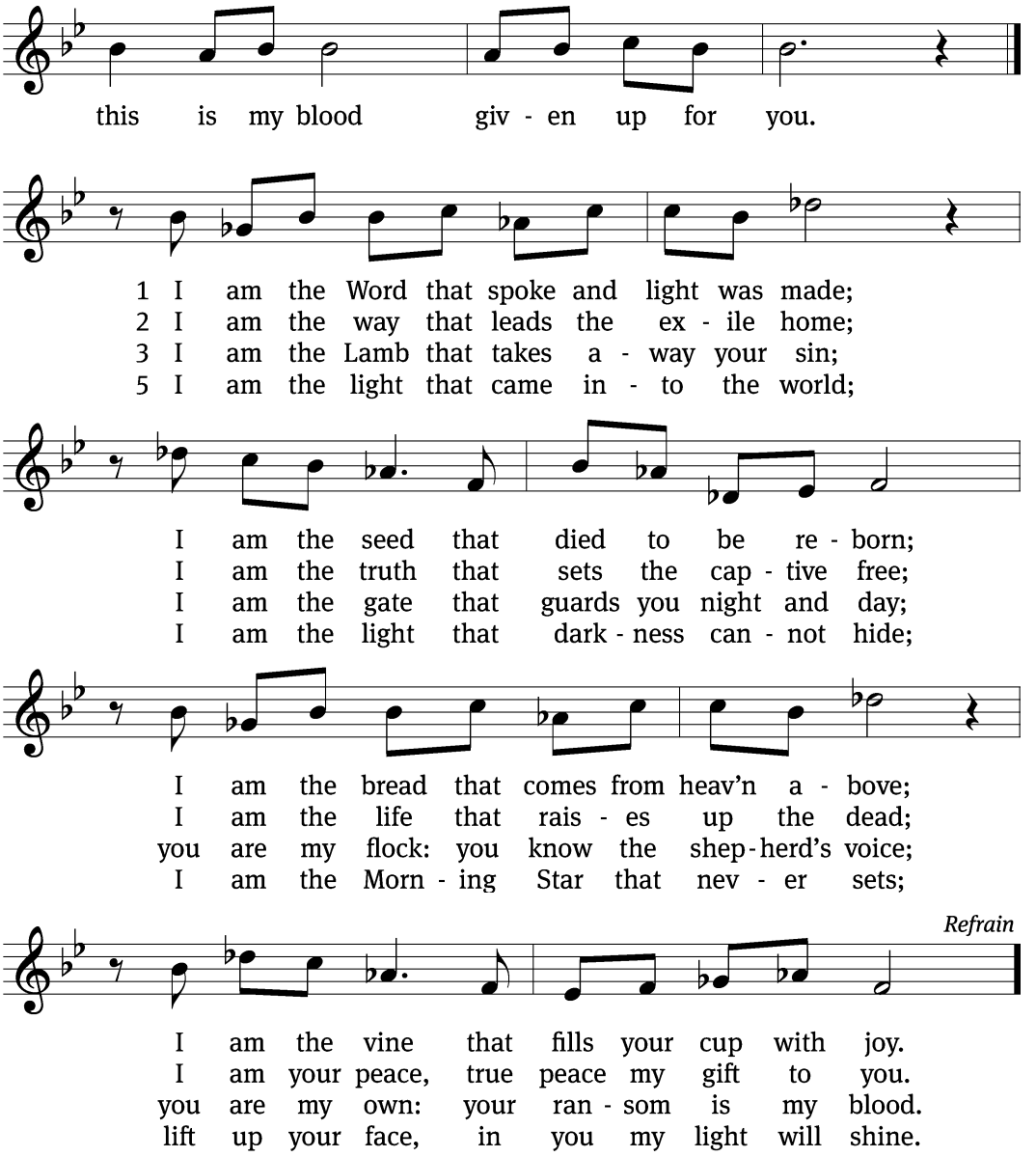
Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

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 "Take and Eat"





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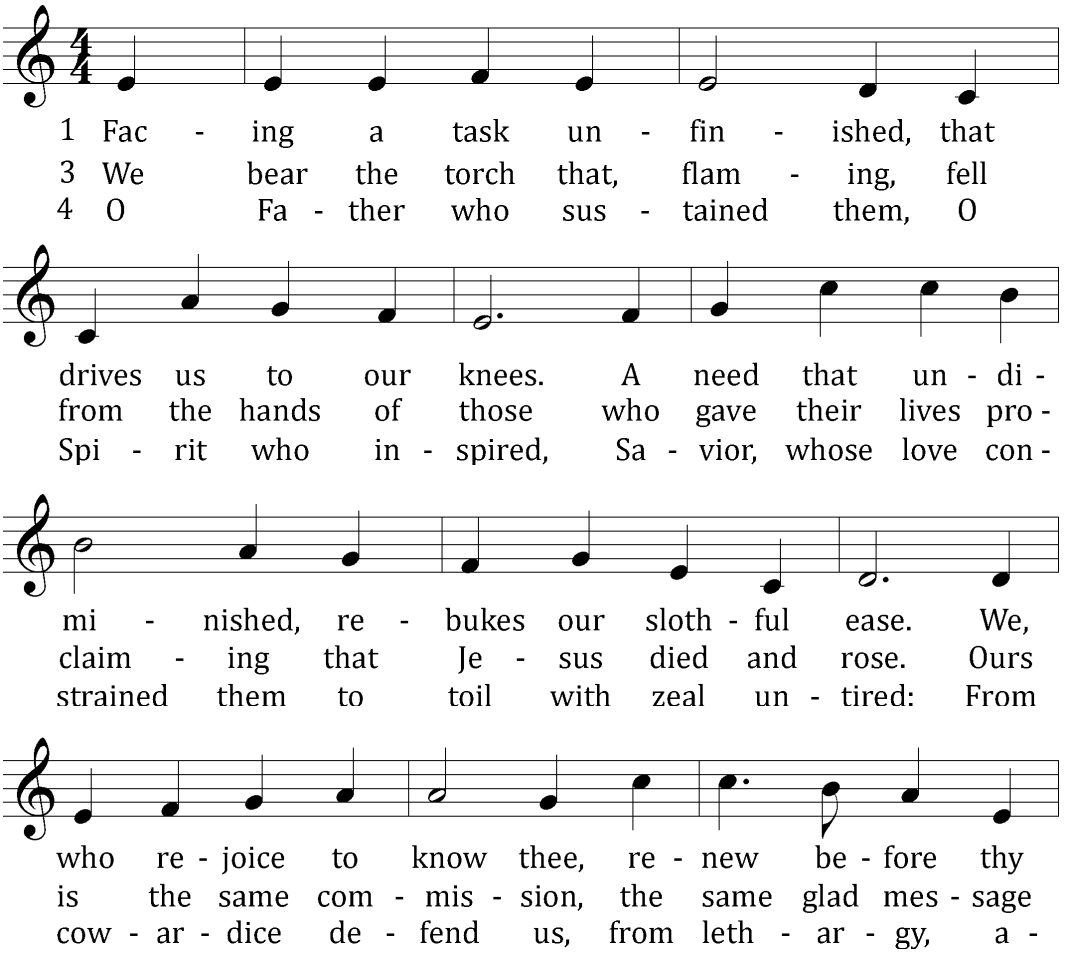
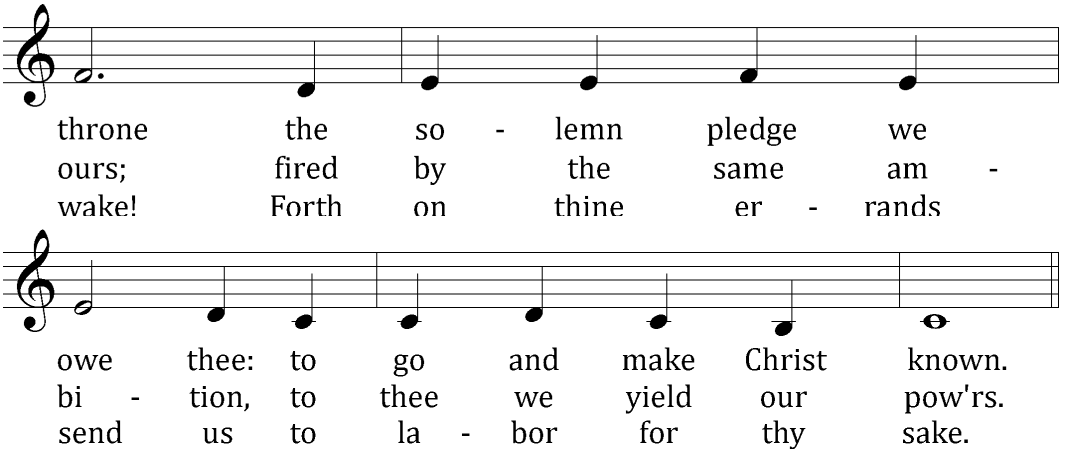
Blessing

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 "Facing a Task Unfinished"





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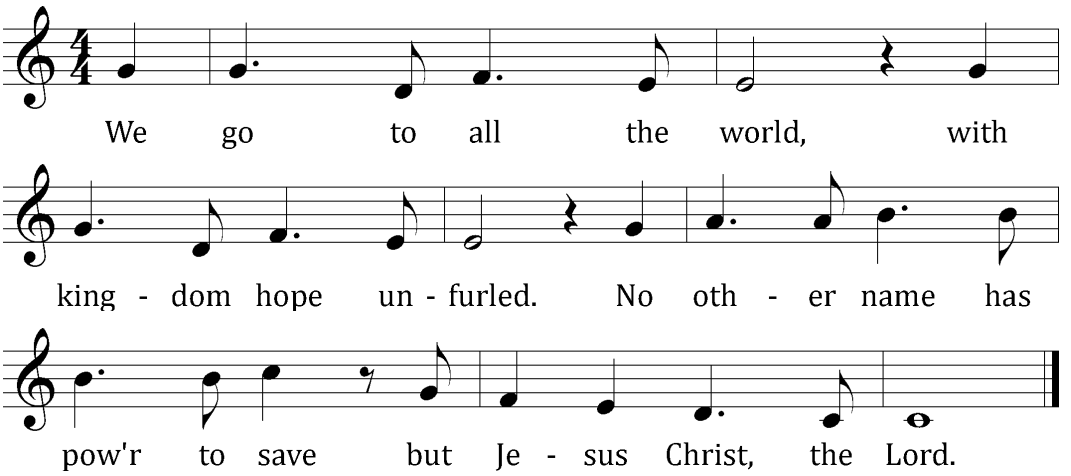

Personal Prayer

Lord Jesus, you humbled yourself so that I could be lifted up with you. Help me to reflect your humility as I interact with those you came to serve. At the same time, fill me with confident trust in you, in your saving work, and in your gracious plans for me and through me. Amen.

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Calendar & Announcements

Oct 4-11	**Boise** (11655 W McMillan Rd)	**Nampa** (6134 Birch Lane)
Sunday	8:30am – Worship (Communion) 9:45am – Monthly Ministry Discussion (Adults & Teens, Chapel) Confirmation Class (Rm 7) Kids' Sunday School (Gym & Classrooms) 11:00am – Worship (Communion)	9:30am – Worship (Communion) 10:45am – • Monthly Ministry Discussion • Confirmation Class • (no kids' Sunday school)
Monday	10am & 6:30 pm – Women's Bible Study	6:00pm – Council of Ministry Meeting
Tuesday	6:30pm – Cross Connections Class	
Wednesday	7:00pm – CrossTrainers (HS)	
Thursday		6:30pm – Cross Connections Class 6:30pm – Men's & Women's Bible Studies
Saturday	9:00am – GriefShare	10:00am – Grocery Outreach
Sunday	8:30am – Worship 9:45am – Adult/Teen Bible Study (Chapel) Confirmation Class (Rm 7) Kids' Sunday School (Gym & Classrooms) 11:00am – Worship	9:30am – Worship 10:45am – Spiritual Growth: **All groups begin in the worship space.** • Adult/Teen Bible Study • Confirmation Class • Kids' Sunday school

THIS WEEK

Monthly Ministry Discussion
today • 9:45-10:45am

What an exciting time this is for Cross of Christ! There are so many opportunities before us to *gather, grow, serve and go*—together! These monthly ministry discussions are an easy but important way for us to carry out our mission together.

Today's discussion will highlight an updated long-range vision for our ministry, potential next steps from the *Everyone Outreach Workshop* and how our Fall Festival can have the most impact on our community. Come be part of the conversation shaping our ministry!

Cross Connections Class
Tuesdays • 6:30pm

Cross Connections class is an excellent *spiritual refresher* of the core truths of Christianity for growing in faith; it's also an excellent *introduction to Christianity* and what we're all about at Cross of Christ.

The current session just started last week, so still time to jump in!

Visit the QR code or cocidaho.org/connect/cross-connections to see the class topics and/or register. Questions? Talk to Pastor Hatzung (matt.hatzung@cocidaho.org, 612-386-6131).

Adult/Teen Bible Study: In Season & Out of Season
resumes next Sunday, October 11 • 9:45-10:45am

The Apostle Paul wrote to young pastor Timothy, "*Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season*" (4:2). Paul's words are equally applicable to twenty-first century Christians. Using Paul's experiences in the city of Philippi as a model, this Bible study will **encourage** and **equip** you, God's people, to share that message in any and every situation.

Treasure Valley Outreach

Care to spend a few hours on a Saturday morning helping to launch the new S. Meridian/Kuna mission? Here's how to help:

On Saturday, October 10: Meet at 9am at Discovery Park on Lake Hazel Rd to receive instructions and a walking map of streets. Walk your route and pick up filled grocery bags left at doorsteps. We do hope to meet curious people and perhaps have brief conversations about why we're doing this, so we'll help you prepare your response!

All ages are welcome! Our goal is to care for our neighbors, and our prayer is to connect the people we meet to Cross of Christ, Messiah, or the new church plant. **Are you in?** Use your phone to scan the QR code. Or email your name and phone number to randy.hunter@wels.net.

Gratitude for Servant-Leaders

Our Council of Ministry members and Ministry Team coordinators are gifts from God! The Council of Ministry oversees our entire multisite ministry; the Ministry Team coordinators manage the various campus-specific ministry teams that make so much of our ministry happen, as we work together to impact lives for eternity.

If one of the ministry teams listed below sounds like an area you'd like to serve in, or simply know more about, please feel free to contact that Team coordinator! Their contact information is available under Member Resources on our website, or you can contact the Boise office for assistance (admin@cocidaho.org).

Council of Ministry: Mark Arstein (President); Eric Christianson (Vice-President); Ray Dodd (Secretary); Cameron Sullivan (Treasurer); Steve Fogarty (Boise campus councilman); Martin Merklinger (Nampa campus councilman).

Boise Ministry Team Coordinators: Cindy Harris (Spiritual Needs); Katherine Jones (Member Ministry), Casey Masters (Outreach); Hannah Burke (Preschool). (Facilities Coordinator role currently vacant.)

Nampa Ministry Team Coordinators: Andy Newby (Spiritual Needs); Sean O'Doherty (Outreach); Tim Strickler (Facilities), Sara Wudarcki (Member Ministry).

UPCOMING

SERVE Opportunity: Fall Campus Clean-up
Saturday, October 17 • 9am-12pm

Having a clean, comfortable, well-maintained facility is actually one way we can build a bridge for someone to hear the good news of Jesus – and you can help!

Come for any amount of time that Saturday morning. All ages can help tidy up, with a variety of tasks large and small to accomplish, indoors and out. Light refreshments provided. Supplies & instructions provided; bring your own work gloves if you'd like to work outside.

Help Build Bridges: Neighborhood Invites for Fall Festival
Sunday, October 18 • 12:30pm

Inviting our community onto our campus for Fall Festival is one BIG way we can build bridges toward connecting more people with the good news of Jesus' grace – and you can help!

How? Walk a neighborhood near church and put out door-hanger invitations. We're doing this together on Sunday afternoon, October 18, starting from church at 12:30pm.

- A pair or group will get about 100 door hangers and a map of a neighborhood nearby. Depending on the neighborhood and your pace, it might take 1-2 hours to put them all out.
- All ages can help – this is an excellent opportunity for kids to serve. Bring the whole family!
- **Please RSVP** for this opportunity so we know how many maps to prep: on the lobby bulletin board or at tinyurl.com/CoCFallFestInvite26.
- We're planning to provide lunch at church between 12-12:30, if that's helpful for staying after second service; please indicate on your RSVP.

Fall Festival!
Sunday, October 25 • 3-5pm

This is one of the biggest opportunities we have all year to welcome hundreds of community members onto our campus. **It's all-hands-on-deck to connect with our neighbors!** We want them to know not only that we're here, but also that we care about them, by how we extend this fun hospitality.

We'll have hot dogs (while they last), chips, and cookies, crafts, games, trunk or treat (3:00-4:30), and a petting zoo!

How will you participate?

1. **Plan to attend!**
2. **Invite** a friend or neighbor family. (Grab a postcard from the lobby tables!)
3. **Volunteer** your assistance day-of: tinyurl.com/CoCFallFestServe2026. There are roles for those who prefer to serve behind the scenes and even more for those who can connect with our guests directly:

   - set up, grill hot dogs, serve food, clean up after

   - direct parking, monitor hallways & boundaries, deliver candy to the trunks, be on hand to assist organizers with tasks as they arise

   - help kids do crafts, talk to folks at the CoC info table, walk around the festival and actively engage with all our guests!
4. **Decorate** a trunk for Trunk or Treat and **pass out candy:** tinyurl.com/CoCTrunkorTrunk26
5. **Donate** candy so our trunk-decorators don't have to buy it all: tinyurl.com/CoCFallFestFood26
6. **Contribute** part of the meal (so we can offer it for free!): tinyurl.com/CoCFallFestFood26
7. *If you could help coordinate/organize part(s) of this event*, get in touch with Casey Masters for more info (208-803-4060).

People in God's Word	Boise	Nampa	Total
Sunday Morning Worship	90/87	99	276
Livestream Views	12		
Adult Bible Study	27	33	60
Kids' Sunday School	29	10	39
Men's/Women's Bible Study	NA/16	9/7	9/23

General Fund Offerings Planned FY 26-27	$985,228
General Fund Planned FYTD	$246,307
General Fund Offerings FYTD	$163,445
Total Offerings Last Week (All Funds)	$11,915

Serving	October 4	October 11
Altar Care	C. Biggs	C. Biggs
AV	Team Butterfield	C. Klink, J. Barnhardt, J. Meier
Bulletins	Prigge, B. Robbins	Y. Whitlach, D.D. Ashley
Coffee	M&S Swanberg, TBD	M&S Swanberg, TBD
Flowers	Watkins	K. Tiffany
Greeters	B. Robbins, K. Sigler M&B Lowry	B. Robbins, K. Sigler, TBD
Lawn Crew	Team Butterfield	TBD
Music	K. Koepsell, SS Students (11am)	J. Hein, E. Berrier, C. Harris, L. Rule, K. Krumdieck, E. Hein
Tellers	Turley, Walden, Davidson	Harris, Christianson, Rule
Ushers	B. Adams, K. Broyles M. Boltz, J. Harris	B. Walters, K. Broyles L. Manglos, A. Manglos