

Sunday Worship
October 11, 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 & 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.

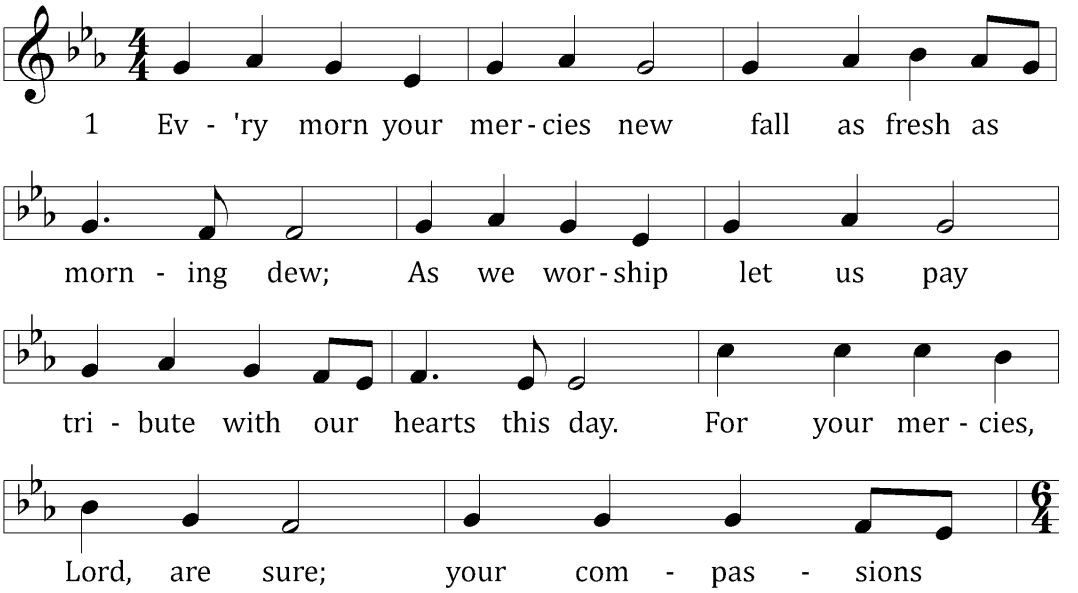
CURRENT WORSHIP FOCUS:

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 — "Every Morn Your Mercies New"



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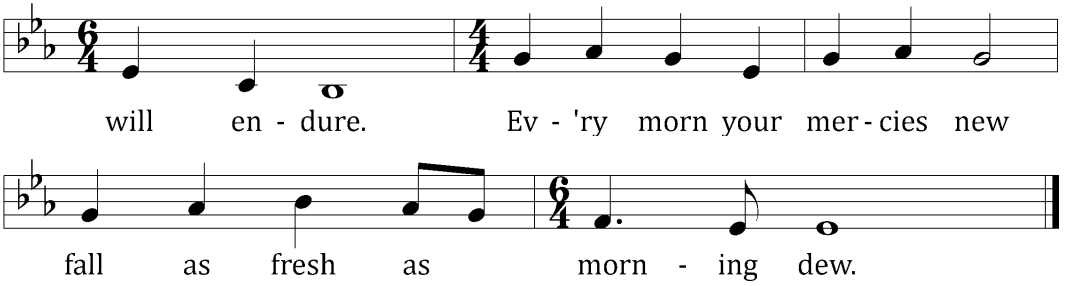

2 **Still Your kindness and Your love**
ev'ry day our sins remove;
Daily far as east from west,
lift that burden from our breast;
Giving free to those who pray
strength to live for You each day.
Still Your kindness and Your love,
ev'ry day our sins remove!

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.

Living as children of God doesn't mean we never struggle or fall. God knows how real our struggle with sin is. Though we so often fail to live as his children, God doesn't send us away. He invites us to come—honestly and with confidence as we place our trust in Christ for forgiveness.

Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature, and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I deserved your punishment both now and forever. But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death. Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me.

In his great mercy, God sent his Son, Jesus, to be the complete sacrifice that removes our sins and makes us right with God. Because of Jesus' perfect life, death, and resurrection, your guilt is removed forever. You are forgiven for all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit! God now sees you as his own dear child, a holy saint in his eyes. Let's celebrate together this new life we've been given.

I am a child of God because of Christ. I am forgiven and made a saint in the eyes of the King of heaven. May my life reflect this grace given to me. Amen!

Song of Response "Every Morn Your Mercies New"

3 **We are justified by grace;**
we enjoy the Savior's peace.
All our sins are washed away;
we shall stand in God's great day.
Blest are we: "the saints of God" –
we are bought with Christ's own blood.
We are justified by grace;
we enjoy the Savior's peace!

4 **As our praises rise to You,**
shroud us with Your grace anew,
As we listen to Your Word,
may our hearts and faiths be stirred.
Feed us with Your Bread of Life;
arm us for our daily strife.
As our praises rise to You,
shroud us with Your grace anew!

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Prayer

Lord, whenever we feel the crushing burden of our sin, show us again how blessed we are. You have lifted our transgressions from us. You have covered our sins with the robe of your Son's righteousness. You no longer count our misdeeds against us. For this great deliverance, we rejoice and sing your saving name; 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 — Jeremiah 7:9-15

9" 'Will you steal and murder, commit adultery and perjury, burn incense to
Baal and follow other gods you have not known, 10and then come and stand
before me in this house, which bears my Name, and say, "We are safe"—safe
to do all these detestable things? 11Has this house, which bears my Name,
become a den of robbers to you? But I have been watching! declares the LORD.
12" 'Go now to the place in Shiloh where I first made a dwelling for my Name,
and see what I did to it because of the wickedness of my people Israel.
13While you were doing all these things, declares the LORD, I spoke to you
again and again, but you did not listen; I called you, but you did not answer.
14Therefore, what I did to Shiloh I will now do to the house that bears my
Name, the temple you trust in, the place I gave to you and your ancestors. 15I
will thrust you from my presence, just as I did all your fellow Israelites, the
people of Ephraim.' "

God's Word — John 21:15-19

15When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?"

"Yes, Lord," he said, "you know that I love you."

Jesus said, "Feed my lambs."

16Again Jesus said, "Simon son of John, do you love me?"

He answered, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you."

Jesus said, "Take care of my sheep."

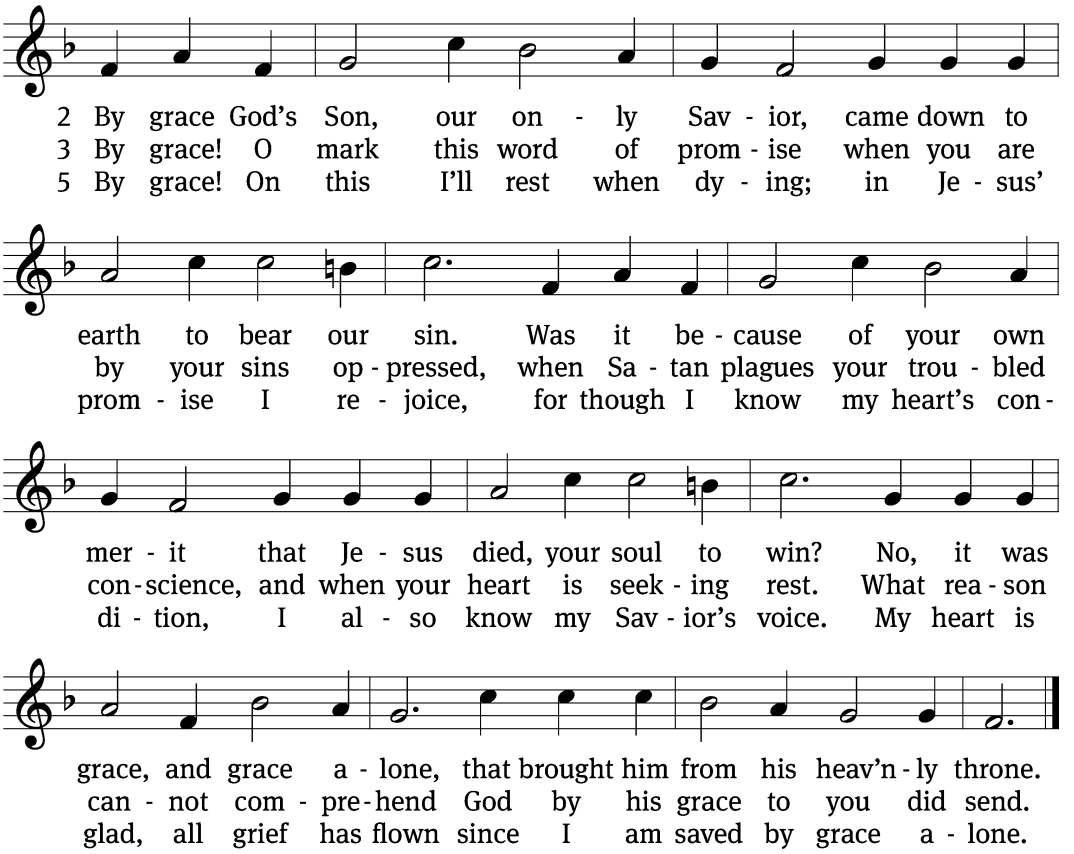
17The third time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?"

Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, "Do you love me?" He said, "Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you."

Jesus said, "Feed my sheep. 18Very truly I tell you, when you were younger you dressed yourself and went where you wanted; but when you are old you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go." 19Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. Then he said to him, "Follow me!"

Children's Message

Song — "By Grace I'm Saved"



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Message from God's Word — 1 John 1:5-10

5This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light;
in him there is no darkness at all. 6If we claim to have fellowship with him
and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. 7But if we
walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another,
and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

[8]If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.
[9]If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and
purify us from all unrighteousness. [10]If we claim we have not sinned, we
make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us.

Song of Response "Run and Run"

You're invited to join in singing as indicated.

Vocalist

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.

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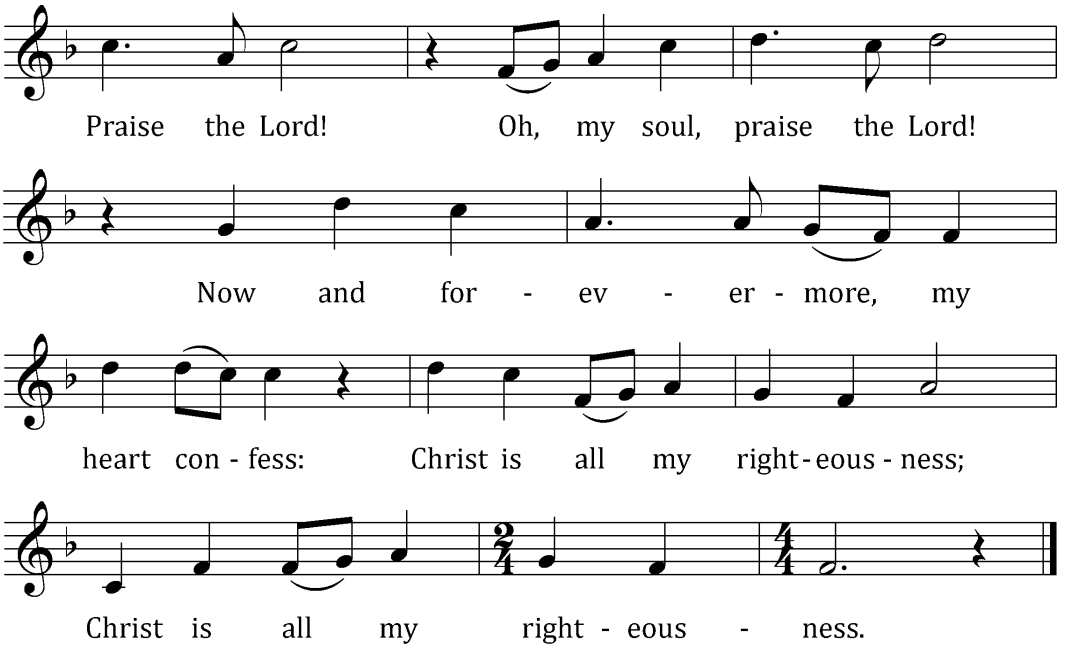
3 My accuser, he may roar of countless sins that I have done.
These I know, and thousands more. Behold, my God, he knows not one!

Refrain - all



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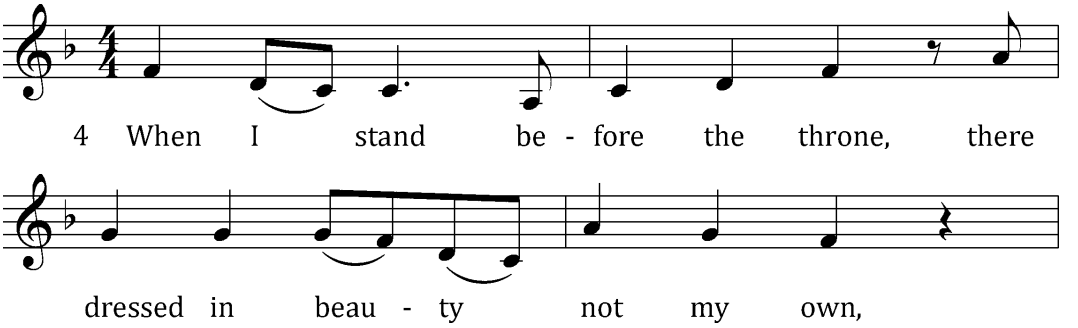

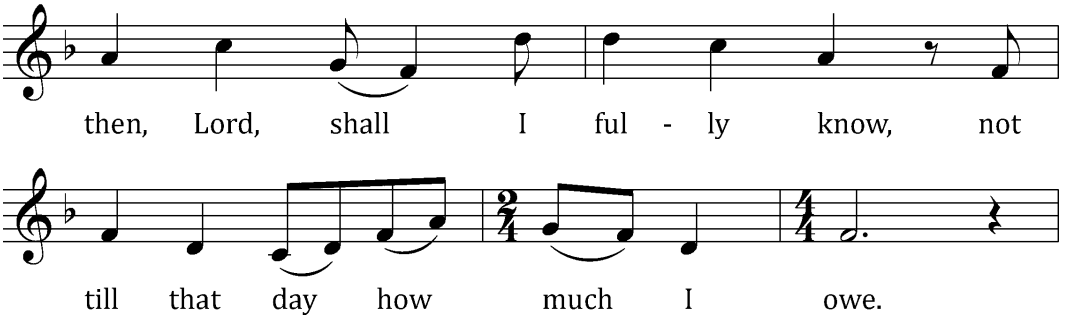

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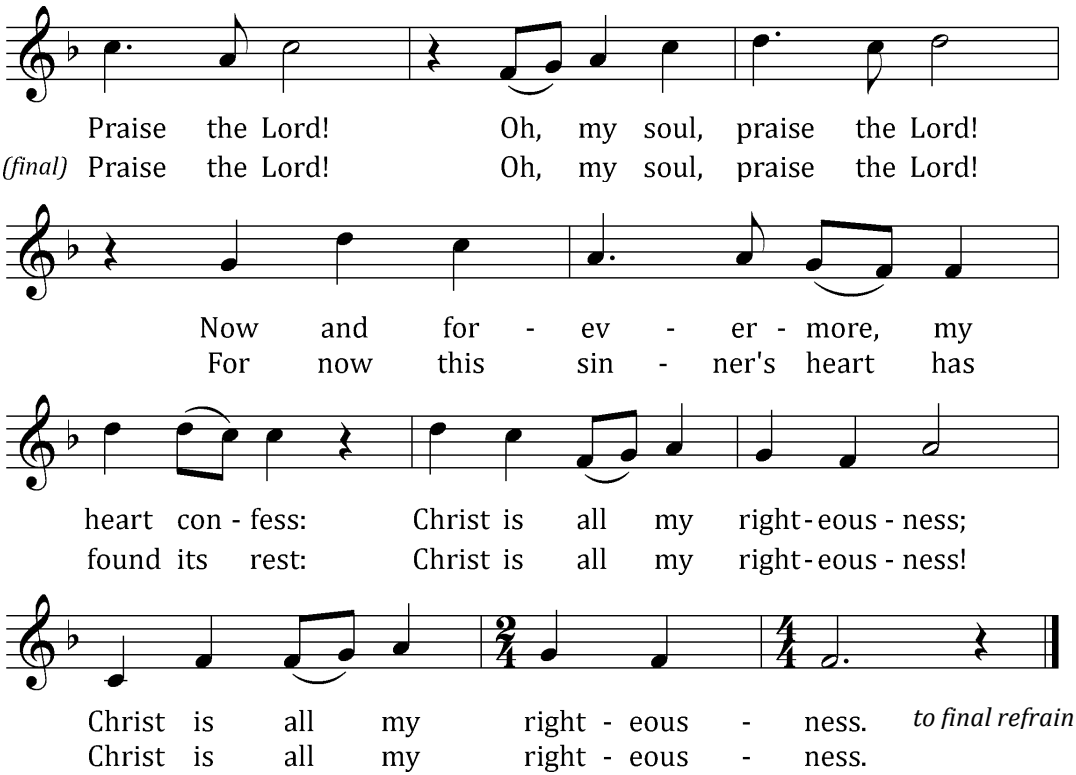

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Statement of Faith — The Apostles' Creed

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, you may place your gift in one of the offering plates in the lobby. You can also give online at cocidaho.org/give.



Prayer & the Lord's Prayer

The Lord's Prayer follows the prayer spoken by the pastor.

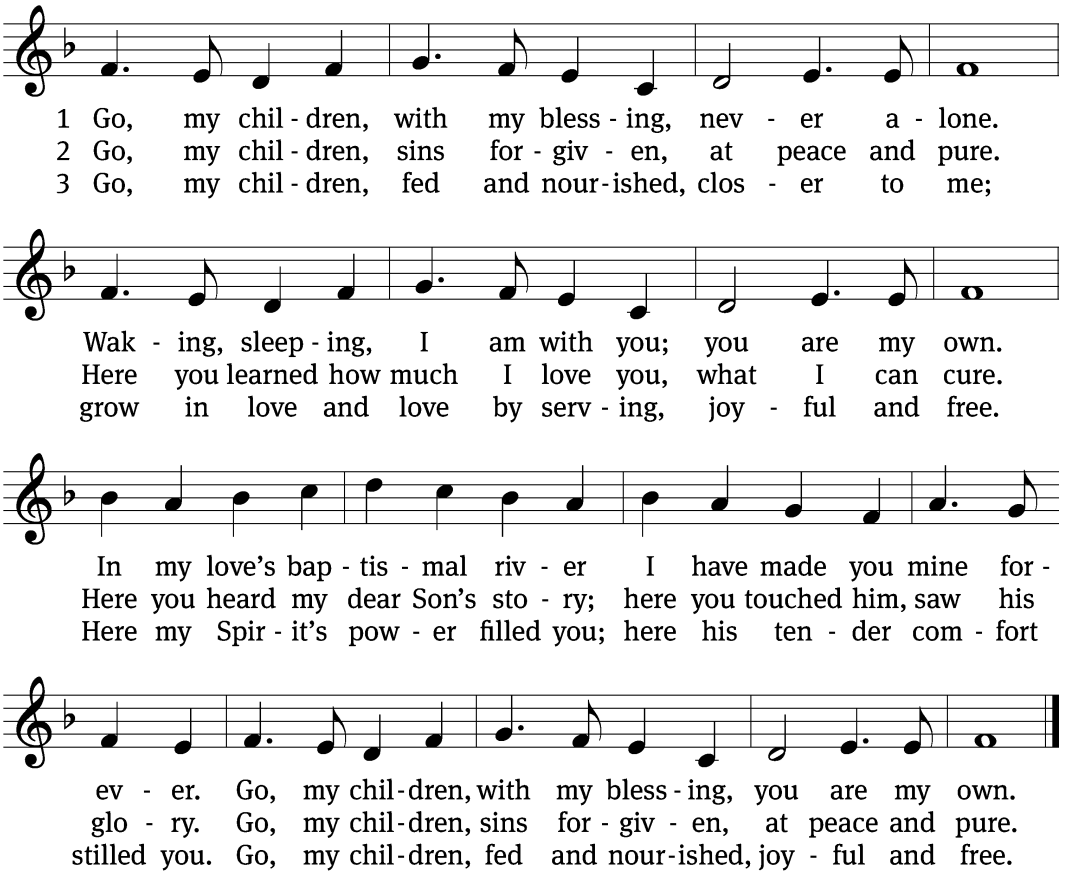
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours 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 "Go, My Children, with My Blessing"



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Personal Prayer

Gracious Lord, thank you for removing my shame on the cross. Strengthen me to be honest about my sin *and* confident in your grace. Help me to never forget that I am indeed a saint struggling with sin instead of a sinner struggling to become a saint. All this through the perfect work of Christ who has given me this blessed identity. Amen.

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Calendar & Announcements

Oct 11-18	**Boise** (11655 W McMillan Rd)	**Nampa** (6134 Birch Lane)
Sunday	8:30am – Worship 9:45am – Adult/Teen Bible Study (Chapeal) 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
Monday	10am & 6:30 pm – Women's Bible Study	
Tuesday	6:30pm – Cross Connections	
Wednesday	7:00pm – CrossTrainers (HS)	
Thursday		6:30pm – Men's & Women's Bible Studies *no Cross Connections class today*
Saturday	9:00am – GriefShare 9:00am – Fall Campus Clean-up	10:00am – Fall Festival Neighborhood Invites
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) 12:30pm – Fall Festival Neighborhood Invites	9:30am – Worship (Communion) 10:45am – Spiritual Growth: **All groups begin in the worship space.** • Adult/Teen Bible Study • Confirmation Class • Kids' Sunday school

THIS WEEK

Adult/Teen Bible Study: In Season & Out of Season
resumes today, 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.

We Want to Hear Your *Everyone Outreach* Stories!

We continue to work on this "targeted culture shift," both in our individual lives and as a congregation. How is your personal outreach going? Any progress/consistency on your personal *I Will* statements or your outreach partner visits? Have you had any spiritual conversations lately? We want to hear about it! Reach out to one of the pastors or Council of Ministry leaders and let us know. We're in this together!

FROM		TO
"Over there" outreach (Mission fields are funded; evangelism team cheered on)	⇒	We/Me outreach (Each ministry area and member is actively working to reach out to the lost)
Reluctant or resistant to change (Us first)	⇒	Joyfully embracing change as needed to reach the lost (Them first)
Hesitant to reach out to the lost because of X	⇒	Compelled to reach out to the lost despite X
Outreach may happen	⇒	Outreach an intentional focus for all (prioritized, planned, funded, resourced & discussed all the time)
"All are welcome" (No one is actively turned away)	⇒	"All are welcomed" (Members' actions give guests a sense of belonging)

Staff at Conference this Week

Our pastors and staff minister will be attending our district's Fall Conference this week Wednesday-Friday in Bend, OR. We ask God to bless their travel and time at the conference, both personally and professionally! Pastor Hatzung and Pastor Hein will be available by phone/text/email during the conference.

SERVE Opportunity #1: 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.

SERVE Opportunity #2: Sunday Morning Hospitality!

Warm and welcoming hospitality on a Sunday is yet another bridge toward meaningful connections with our guests – and a blessing for members, too!

Contribute to these connections by serving on the coffee crew! Tasks/shifts:

- First shift (7:30am): Brew coffee and se up the coffee station with beverages, treats, etc.
- Second shift (9:30am): Check & reset the coffee station (possibly brew more coffee).
- Third shift (12:30pm): Clean up coffee station & equipment.

You would sign yourself up for the Sundays that work for you; you can choose one or more shifts on any given Sunday.

- Training and instructions all provided.
- You can partner with an experienced volunteer for a few weeks if you'd like.
- There's no required length of commitment. Try it out for 3-4 weeks and see how it goes.

Email Member Ministry Coordinator Katherine Jones (k.m.jones@icloud.com) with questions or to get started!

UPCOMING

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.

- You'll 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. You can pair up or do a section on your own.
- 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 a picnic meal (while supplies last), crafts, games, bounce house, trunk or treat, and a petting zoo!

How will you participate? Keep reading on the next page!

1. **Plan to attend!** And decide ahead of time how you can connect there with someone you don't know.
2. **Invite** a friend or neighbor family. (Grab a postcard from the lobby tables!)
3. **Volunteer** your assistance day-of: tinyurl.com/CoCFallFestServe2026.

   It takes upwards of 90 committed individuals that afternoon to pull this festival off smoothly, plus 20-25 trunks for trunk-or-treat! So far we have about 20 folks on the team and 10 trunks. **Could you be another?**

   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 (12-14 more people needed)
   - grill hot dogs (1-2)
   - set out/serve food (6-8)
   - direct parking (1-2)
   - deliver candy to the trunks (3)
   - be on hand to assist organizers with tasks as they arise (1)
   - help kids do crafts (3-5)
   - supervise the bounce house (2-6)
   - talk to folks at the CoC info table (5-7)
4. **Decorate** a trunk for Trunk or Treat and **pass out candy** (10-15 more)**:** 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 (chips & cookies) 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	100/86	108	294
Livestream Views	8		
Adult Bible Study	33	48	81
Kids' Sunday School	18	7	25
Men's/Women's Bible Study	NA/13	9/6	9/19

General Fund Offerings Planned FY 26-27	$985,228
General Fund Planned FYTD	$265,254
General Fund Offerings FYTD	$174,150
Total Offerings Last Week (All Funds)	$10,942

Serving	October 11	October 18
Altar Care	C. Biggs	C. Biggs
AV	C. Klink, J. Barnhardt, J. Meier	E. Christianson, M. Hartman, J. Meier
Bulletins	Y. Whitlach, D. Ashley	R. Ritger, B. Ford
Coffee	M&S Swanberg, TBD	M&S Swanberg, TBD
Flowers	K. Tiffany	M. Lowry
Greeters	B. Robbins, K. Sigler, M. Lowry, L. Carter	B. Robbins, K. Sigler, M&D Arstein
Lawn Crew	J. Harris, B. Turley	N/A
Music	J. Hein, E. Berrier, C. Harris, L. Rule, K. Krumdieck	K. Koepsell, L. Neujahr
Tellers	Harris, Christianson, Rule	Rule, Christianson, Hudson
Ushers	B. Walters, KC Broyles L. Manglos, A. Manglos	KC Broyles, D. Rule R. Seely, TBD