

Sunday Worship
October 18, 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)"

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.

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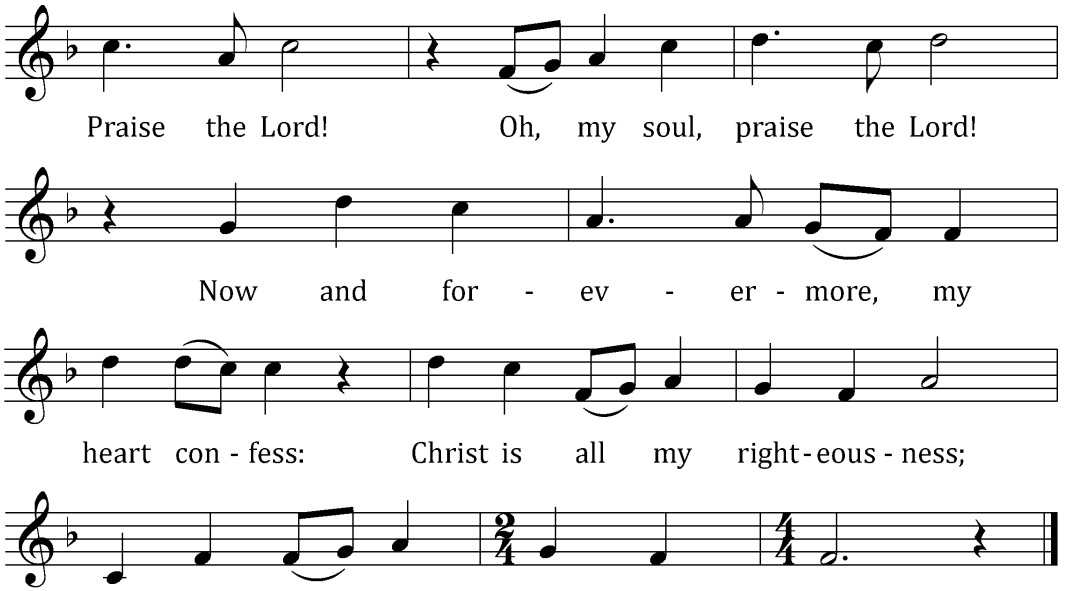

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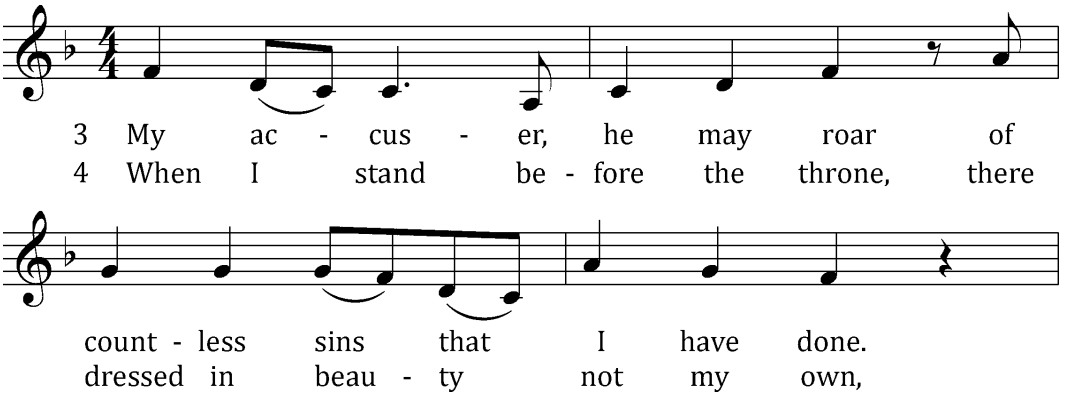

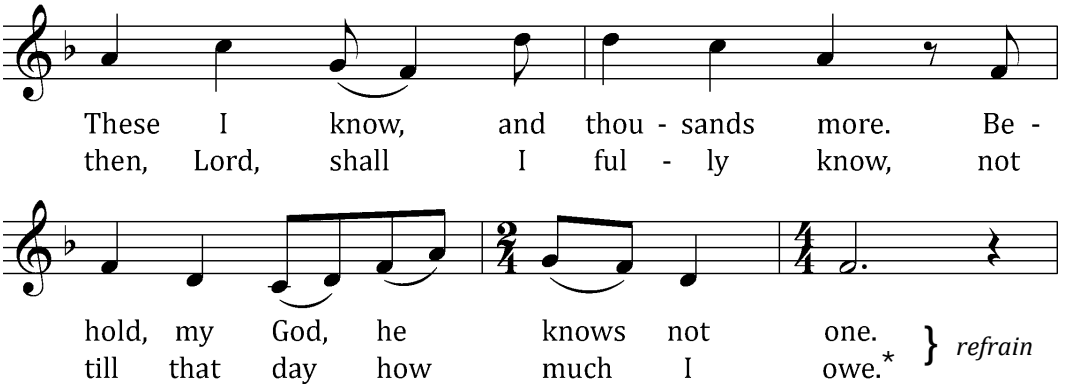

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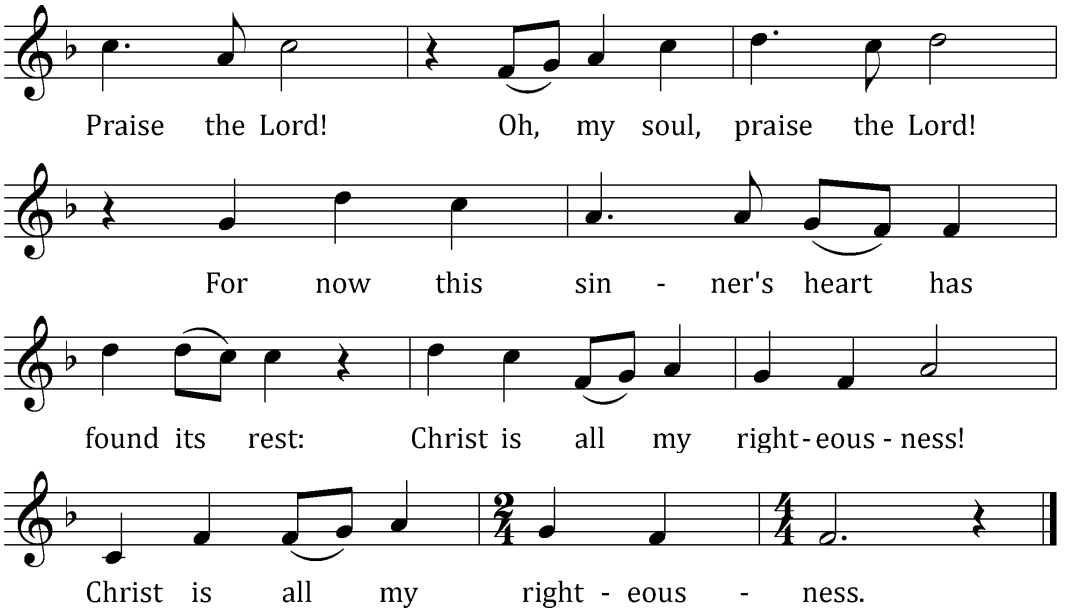


**While we can never "repay" God what we "owe" for our eternal salvation – and do not have to! – heaven's splendor (especially in contrast to what Christ suffered for us) will reveal all the more just how much it is he gave!*

A Dialogue of Repentance and Forgiveness

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

Congregation: Amen.

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just
and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1:8-9*

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

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 deserve 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, your child.

Our gracious God and Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. 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. *1 John 2:2*

Amen!

Prayer

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and willing to give far more than we deserve or can even imagine. Continue to pour out on us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving our sins and giving us every good thing we are not worthy to ask for, except that we have been made your dear, holy children through our Savior, 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 — Genesis 32:22-31

22 That night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two female servants
and his eleven sons and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. 23 After he had sent
them across the stream, he sent over all his possessions. 24 So Jacob was left
alone, and a man wrestled with him till daybreak. 25 When the man saw that
he could not overpower him, he touched the socket of Jacob's hip so that his
hip was wrenched as he wrestled with the man. 26 Then the man said, "Let me
go, for it is daybreak."

But Jacob replied, "I will not let you go unless you bless me."

27 The man asked him, "What is your name?"

"Jacob," he answered.

28 Then the man said, "Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel, because
you have struggled with God and with humans and have overcome."

29 Jacob said, "Please tell me your name."

But he replied, "Why do you ask my name?" Then he blessed him there.

30 So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "It is because I saw God face to face,
and yet my life was spared."

God's Word — Matthew 6:9-13, 25-34

9"This, then, is how you should pray:

" 'Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
10your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
11Give us today our daily bread.
12And forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.
13And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from the evil one.'

25"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? 26Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? 27Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?

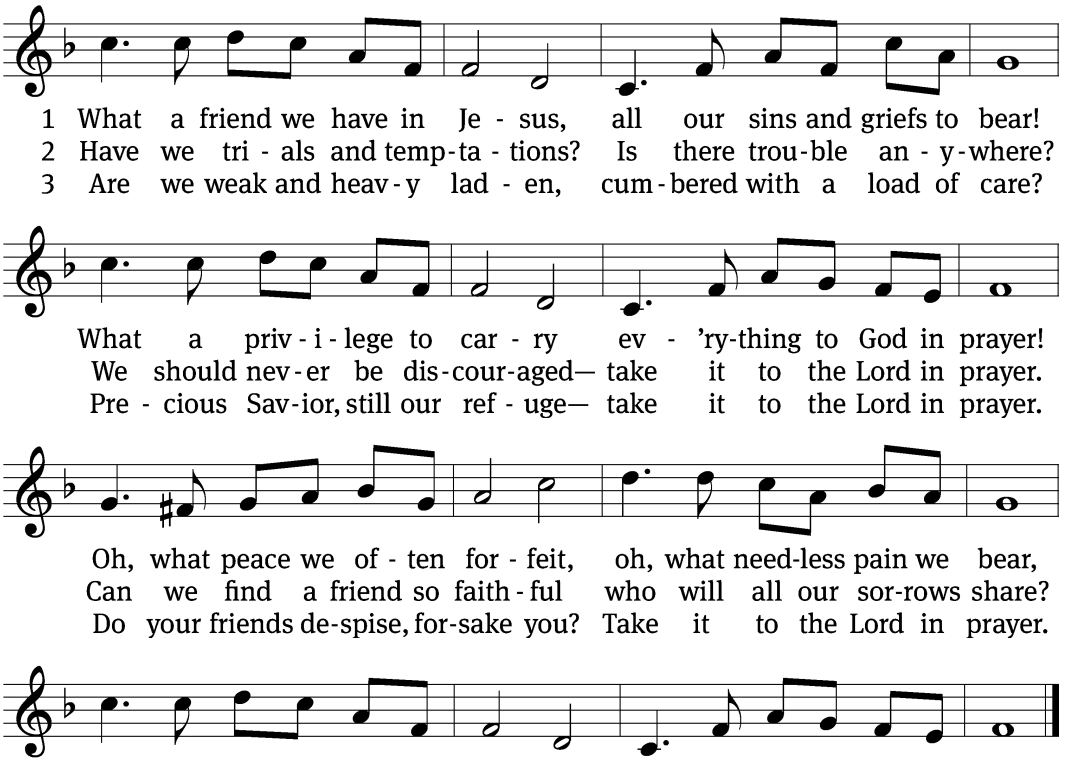
28"And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. 29Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. 30If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? 31So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' 32For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. 33But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. 34Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own."

Children's Message

8:30am service

Song

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"



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Message from God's Word Philippians 4:4-9

4 Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! 5 Let your gentleness
be evident to all. The Lord is near. 6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in
every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your
requests to God. 7 And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding,
will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. 8 Finally, brothers and
sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is
pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or
praiseworthy—think about such things. 9 Whatever you have learned or
received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God
of peace will be with you.

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

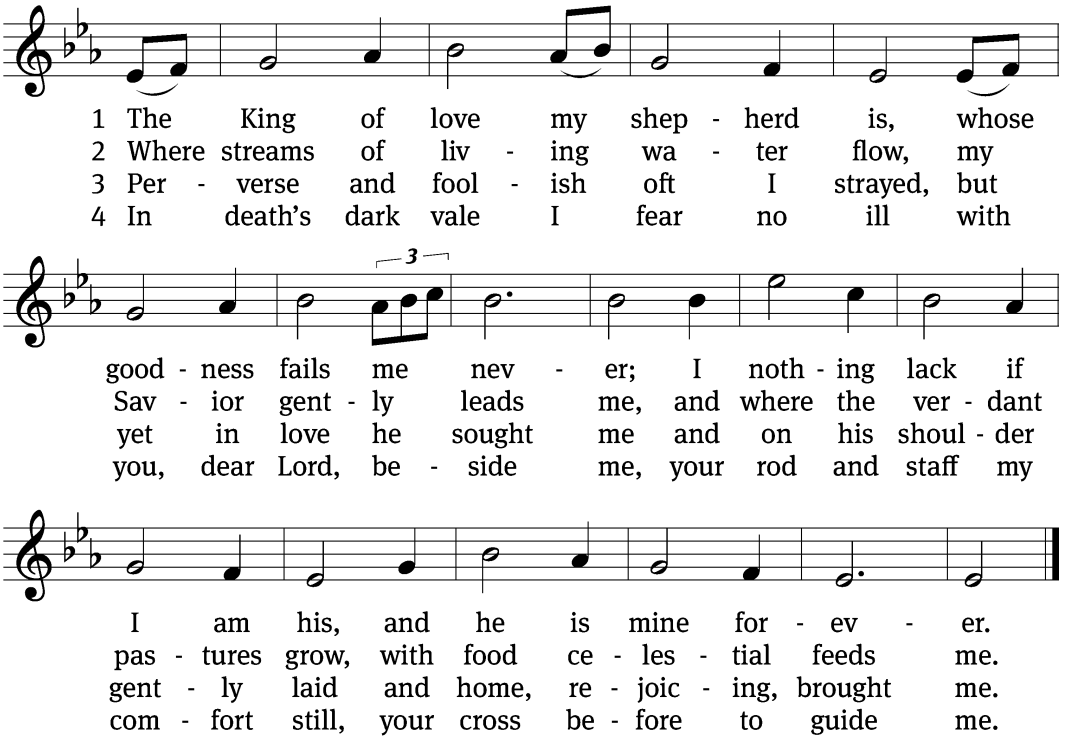
Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

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

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"



5 You spread a table in my sight,
  a banquet here bestowing;
your oil of welcome, my delight;
  my cup is overflowing!

6 And so through all the length of days
  your goodness fails me never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing your praise
  within your house forever!

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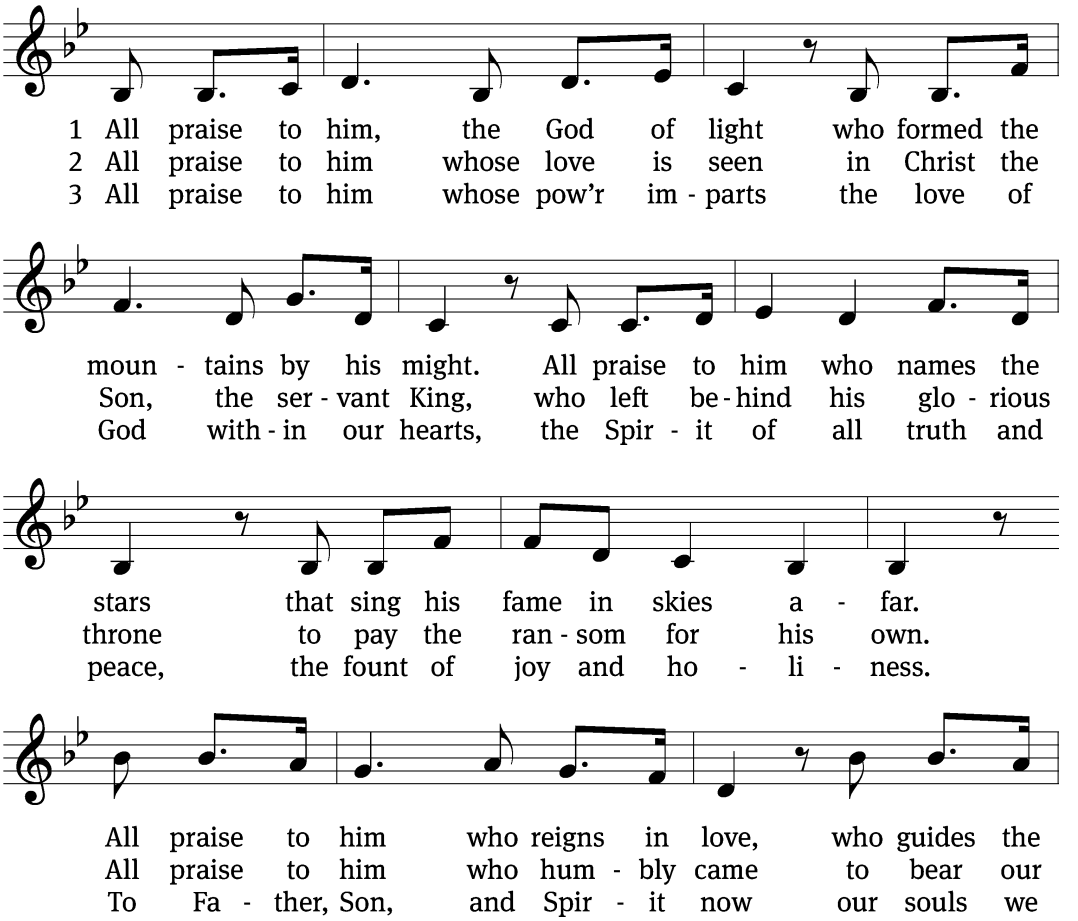
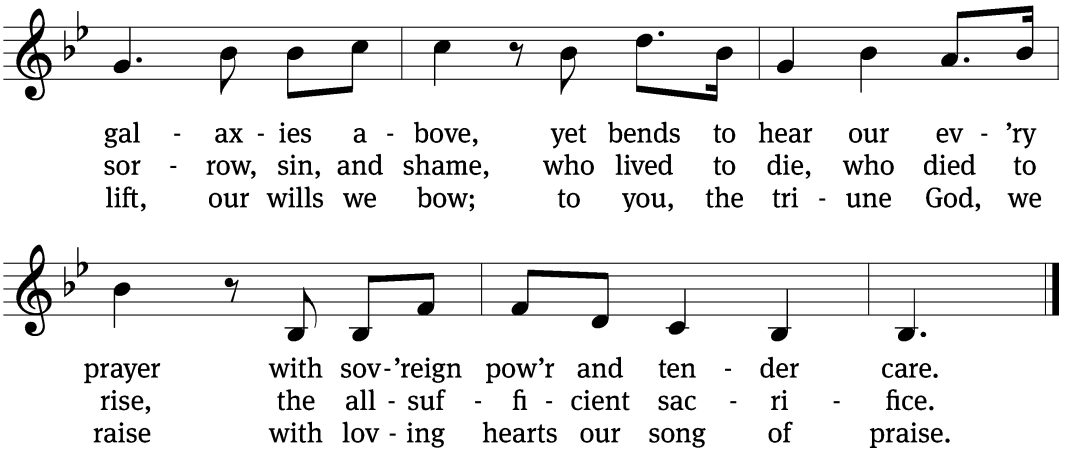
Blessing

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 "All Praise to Him"





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Personal Prayer

Thank you, Father, for this time in your house today. I've heard your gospel of grace yet again. I've praised you, stated my faith, and prayed for your blessings. I've been encouraged by the witness and worship of others. Keep my faith strong as I live out the tasks of my life, take away my doubts and fears, and give me courage to live more and more boldly as your child. Amen.

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Calendar & Announcements

Oct 18-25	**Boise** (11655 W McMillan Rd)	**Nampa** (6134 Birch Lane)
Sunday	8:30am – Worship (Communion) 9:45am – Adult/Teen Bible Study (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
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 6:30pm – Cross Connections
Saturday	9:00am – GriefShare	
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THIS WEEK

Adult/Teen Bible Study: In Season & Out of Season
Sunday mornings • 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.

Help Build Bridges: Neighborhood Invites for Fall Festival
Today! 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 – get in on the action today: **Walk a neighborhood near church and put out door-hanger invitations!**

- 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 yours on your own if you feel comfortable.
- All ages can help – this is an excellent opportunity for kids to serve. Bring the whole family!
- **If you're able, please RSVP for this opportunity** on the lobby bulletin board or at tinyurl.com/CoCFallFestInvite26 – or just find Pastor Hatzung in the lobby at 12:30! (We're planning to provide lunch at church between 12-12:30, if that's helpful for staying after second service.)

Fall Festival!

Sunday, October 25 • 3-5pm

It's almost here!! Picnic meal (while supplies last), crafts, games, bounce house, trunk or treat, face-painting, petting zoo – what a spectacular opportunity to welcome our community onto our campus.

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 or the lobby bulletin boards.

   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 *30 folks on the team and 12 trunks.* **Could you be another?**

   As of this printing, these needs remain:

   - set up (12-14 more people needed)
   - grill hot dogs (1-2)
   - set out/serve food (3-6)
   - 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 (2, adult)
   - supervise the bounce house (2-6)
   - talk to folks at the CoC info table (4-6)
4. **Decorate** a trunk for Trunk or Treat and **pass out candy** (8-12 more)**:** tinyurl.com/CoCTrunkorTrunk26
5. **Donate** candy so our trunk-decorators don't have to buy it all (lots more): tinyurl.com/CoCFallFestFood26
6. **Contribute** part of the meal so we can offer it for free! (Lots more chips and cookies…) tinyurl.com/CoCFallFestFood26

If you have questions or could help get some things organized ahead of time, get in touch with Casey Masters (208-803-4060).

We Want to Hear Your *Everyone Outreach* Stories!

We continue to work on this "targeted culture shift," both individually 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)

SERVE Opportunity: 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 set up the coffee station with treats, etc.
- Second shift (9:30am): Check & reset the coffee station (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

CrossTrainersXtra
Wednesdays, October 28 & December 16 • 7-9pm • Boise campus gym

Seventh & eighth grade students are invited to join the high schoolers for two upcoming Wednesdays: food, friends, and faith-conversations about real life. And maybe a firepit? Come check it out!

Save the Date: Turkey Bingo & Chili Cookoff
Saturday, November 14 • 4-6pm • here at church

Come hang out with your church family for a potluck meal, chili cook-off, and Turkey Bingo! (What is Turkey Bingo, you ask? Why, Bingo with a turkey theme, of course!) More info coming soon.

Griefshare: Surviving the Holidays
Saturday, December 5 • 1:00-3:00pm

The holidays can be additionally difficult after experiencing a loss. This single-session program uses a teaching video, workbook, and group discussion to help you acknowledge the challenges and find practical strategies for coping.

- Saturday, December 5
- 1:00 – 3:00pm
- at Cross of Christ's Nampa campus (6134 Birch Lane)
- Registration and participation are free!

In addition to the seminar itself, you'll receive your own copy of the GriefShare Survival Guide: *Navigating the Holidays After Loss.* This compassionate book is filled with practical tips and gentle encouragement to help you during the holiday season, one day at a time.

Register at cocidaho.org/connect/holidays. Learn more about the program itself at holidays.griefshare.org. If you are struggling following the loss of a loved one, and you would like to speak with a pastor, please feel free to contact any of our pastors (info on the first page of this worship folder).

People in God's Word	**Boise**	**Nampa**	**Total**
Sunday Morning Worship	84/68	106	258
Livestream Views	8		
Adult Bible Study	29	29	58
Kids' Sunday School	16	10	26
Men's/Women's Bible Study	NA/14	6/5	25

General Fund Offerings Planned FY 26-27	$985,228
General Fund Planned FYTD	$284,200
General Fund Offerings FYTD	$189,272
Total Offerings Last Week (All Funds)	$15,379

Serving	October 18	October 25
Altar Care	C. Biggs	C. Biggs
AV	E. Christianson, M. Hartman, J. Meier	Team Butterfield
Bulletins	R. Ritger, B. Ford	L. Bafus, K. Jones
Coffee	M&S Swanberg, TBD	M&S Swanberg, TBD
Flowers	M. Lowry	M. Banner
Greeters	B. Robbins, K. Sigler, M&D Arstein	B. Robbins, K. Sigler, M&B Lowry
Music	K. Koepsell, L. Neujahr	A. Lange, A. Biondi
Tellers	Rule, Christianson, Hudson	Harris, Hudson, Davidson
Ushers	KC Broyles, D. Rule R. Seely, TBD	R. Lange, B. Masters, R. Seely, J. Harris

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