

GOD IS OUR REFUGE AND STRENGTH

Reformation Worship

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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 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.

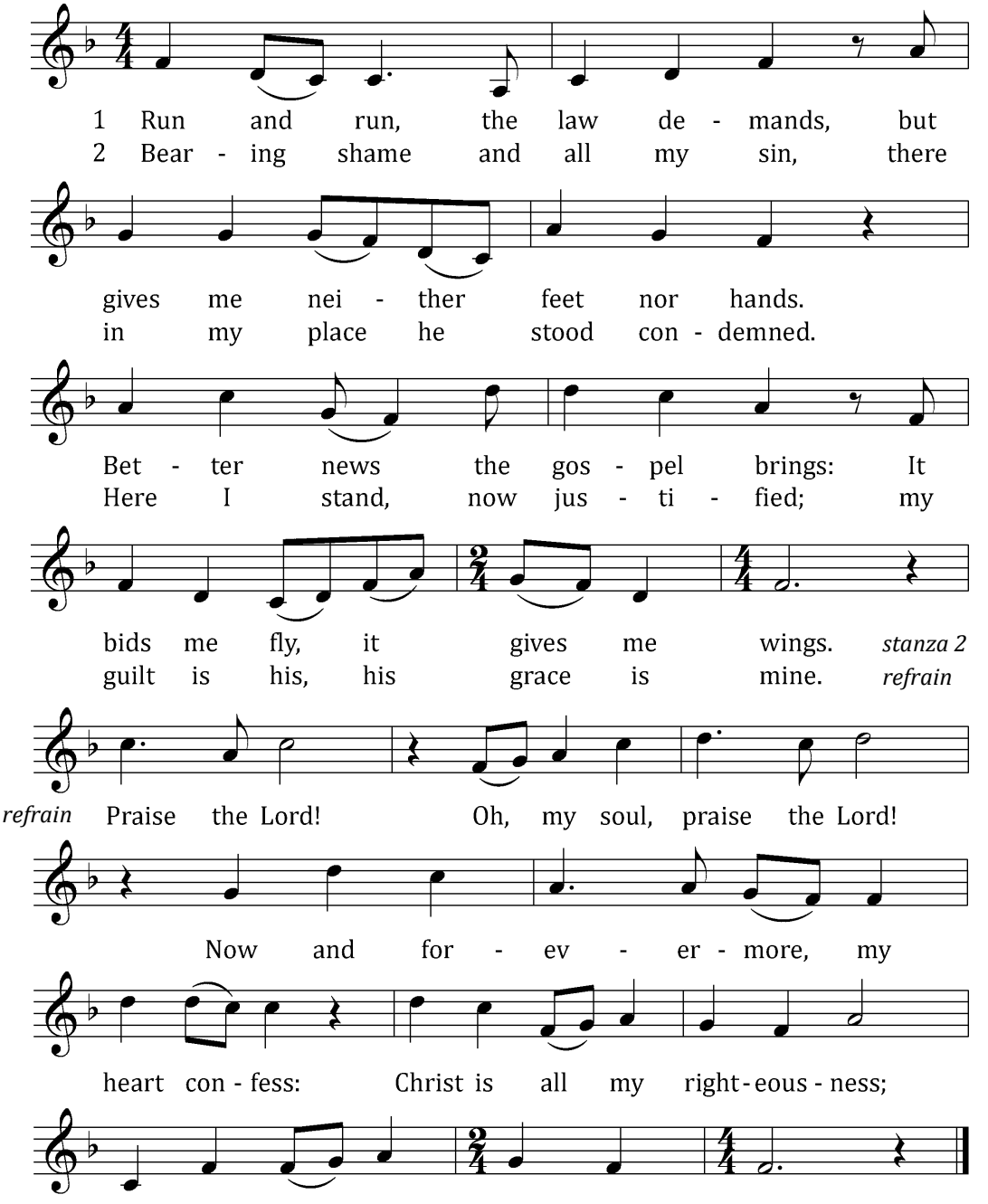
Don't feel obligated. Our members give offerings to God as an expression of our thanks and praise for his amazing love. Visitors, please know that you are our guests. We're happy you came today to hear about Jesus and the gifts he gives us. You're not expected to give an offering; it's your choice.

Make yourself at home. After worship, we linger in the lobby for coffee and conversation. We'd be honored if you would join us!

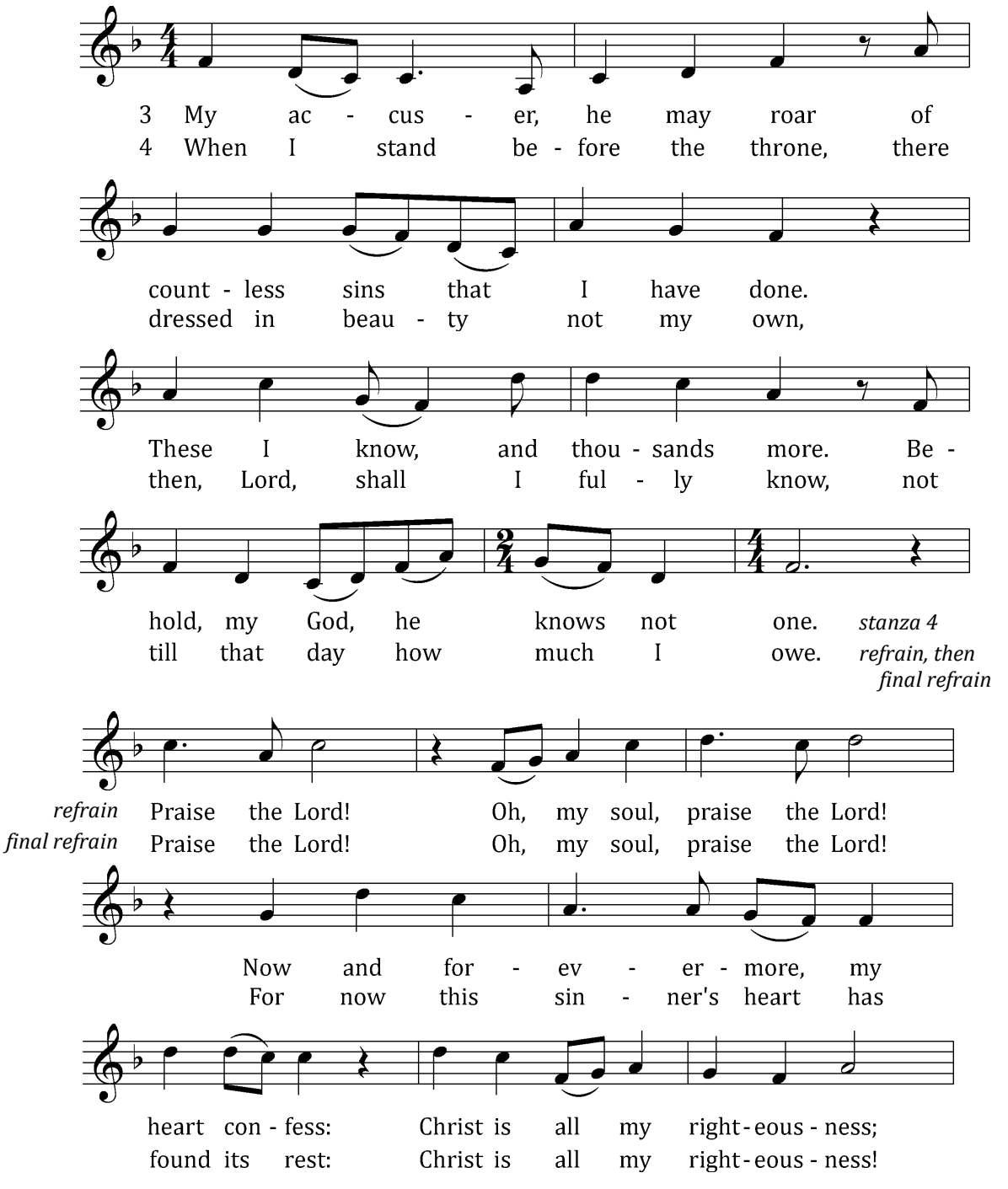
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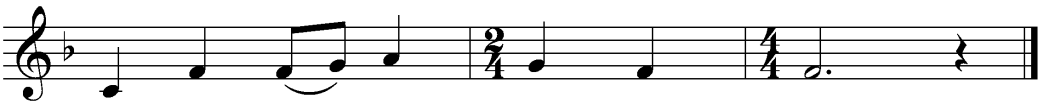
Questions? If you'd like to know more about our church or our beliefs, feel free to speak with one of our pastors after the service. More information is also available online at cocidaho.org.

Opening Song — "Run and Run"



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3 My ac - cus - er, he may roar of
4 When I stand be - fore the throne, there
count - less sins that I have done.
dressed in beau - ty not my own,
These I know, and thou - sands more. Be -
then, Lord, shall I ful - ly know, not
hold, my God, he knows not one.
till that day how much I owe.
stanza 4
refrain, then final refrain
refrain Praise the Lord! Oh, my soul, praise the Lord!
final refrain Praise the Lord! Oh, my soul, praise the Lord!
Now and for - ev - er - more, my
For now this sin - ner's heart has
heart con - fess: Christ is all my right - eous - ness;
found its rest: Christ is all my right - eous - ness!



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.

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. In a world filled with so much confusion and so much that is wrong, God is our mighty fortress where we can take refuge. When we gather for worship, we humbly acknowledge our sins. Yet we can also come with confidence, trusting in Christ alone, and finding refuge in the forgiveness he won at the cross.

Almighty and merciful Lord, I confess that I have been sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I know my offenses deserved your punishment forever. But you gave your Son for me! I trust in him as I ask for your forgiveness.

The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. In great love, God sent his Son to be the sacrifice who makes us one with God. Because of Jesus' perfect life, death, and resurrection, you are forgiven and your guilt is removed forever. Because of his grace alone, God calls you his holy child and an heir of eternal life. You are free; live as God's holy child!

Amen!

Prayer

Gracious Lord, our refuge and strength, pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your Word, protect and comfort them in all temptations, defend them against all their enemies, and bestow on the

church your saving peace; 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 — John 16:33

33"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

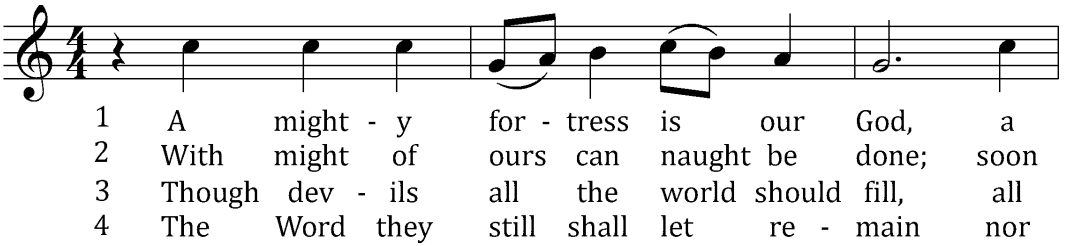
God's Word — Romans 5:1-8

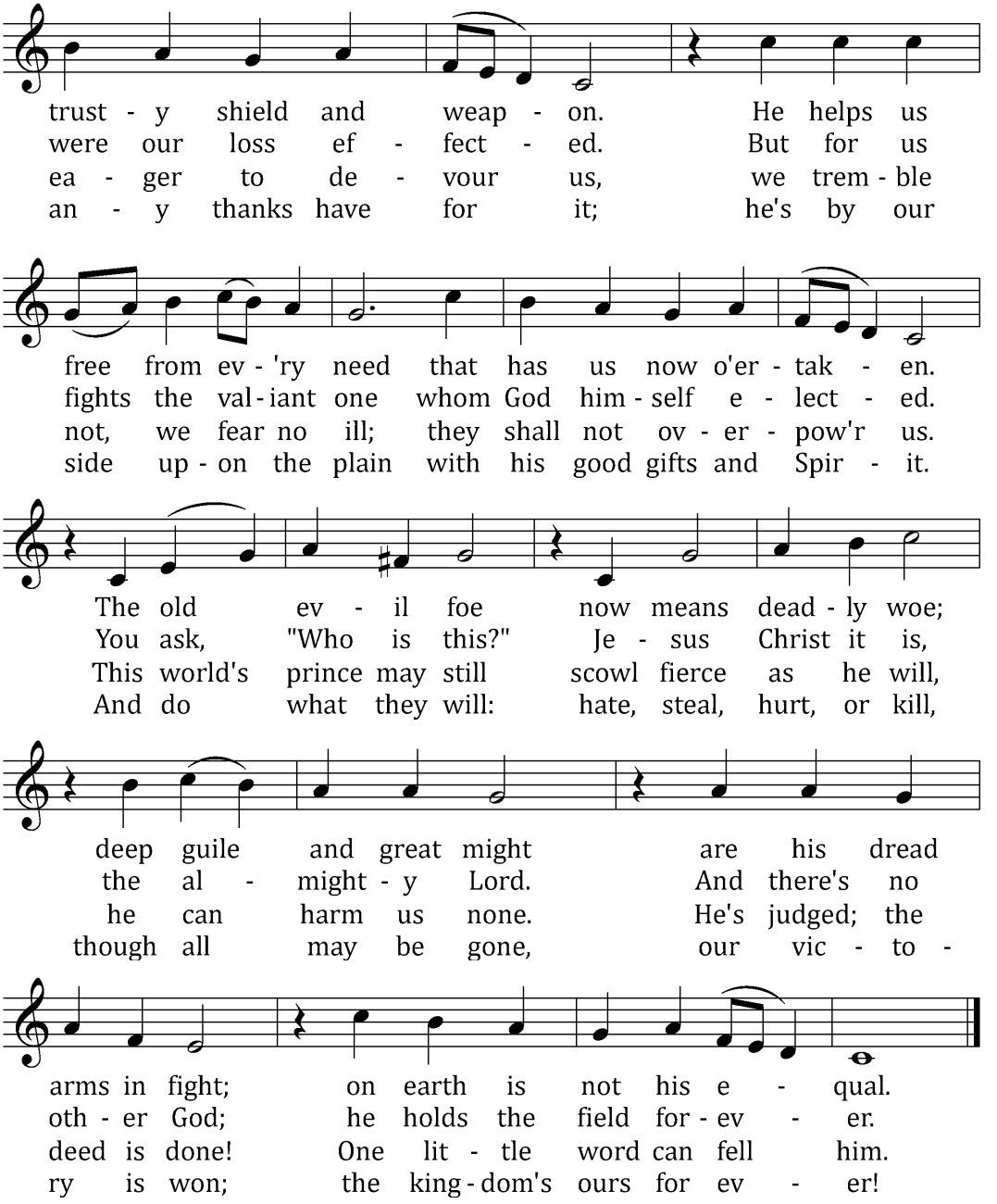
1Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 2through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. 3Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; 4perseverance, character; and character, hope. 5And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

6You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. 7Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. 8But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.\

Children's Message

Song — "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"





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Message from God's Word

Psalm 46

1 God is our refuge and strength,
an ever-present help in trouble.
2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way
and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,
3 though its waters roar and foam
and the mountains quake with their surging.

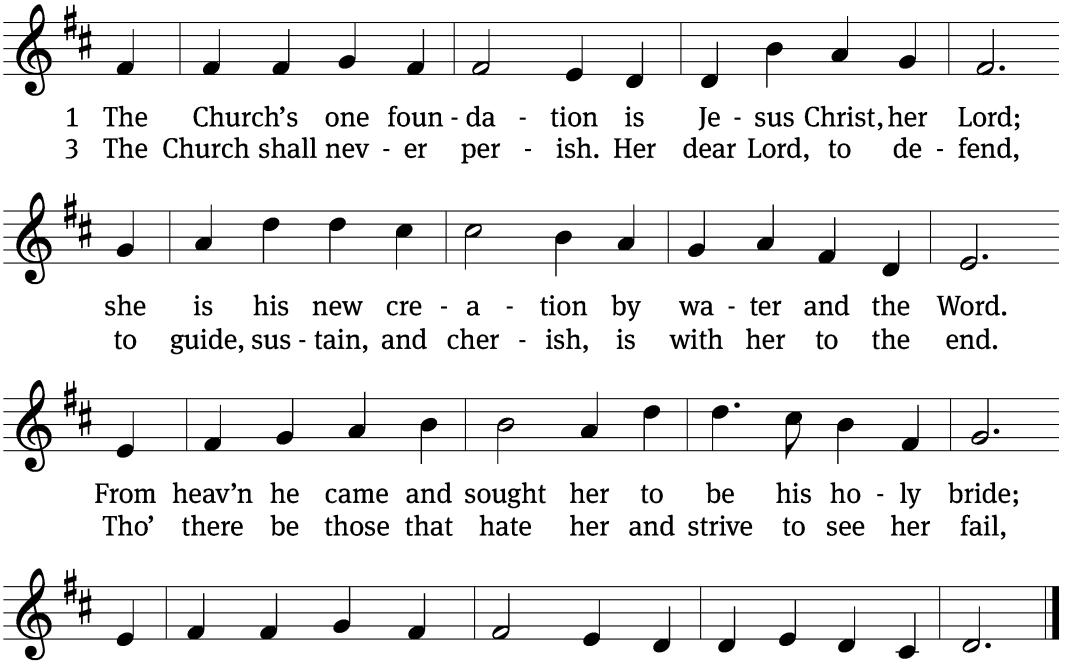
4 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy place where the Most High dwells.
5 God is within her, she will not fall;
God will help her at break of day.
6 Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall;
he lifts his voice, the earth melts.

7 The LORD Almighty is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

8 Come and see what the LORD has done,
the desolations he has brought on the earth.
9 He makes wars cease
to the ends of the earth.
He breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
he burns the shields with fire.
10 He says, "Be still, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth."

11 The LORD Almighty is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Song of Response "The Church's One Foundation"



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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.

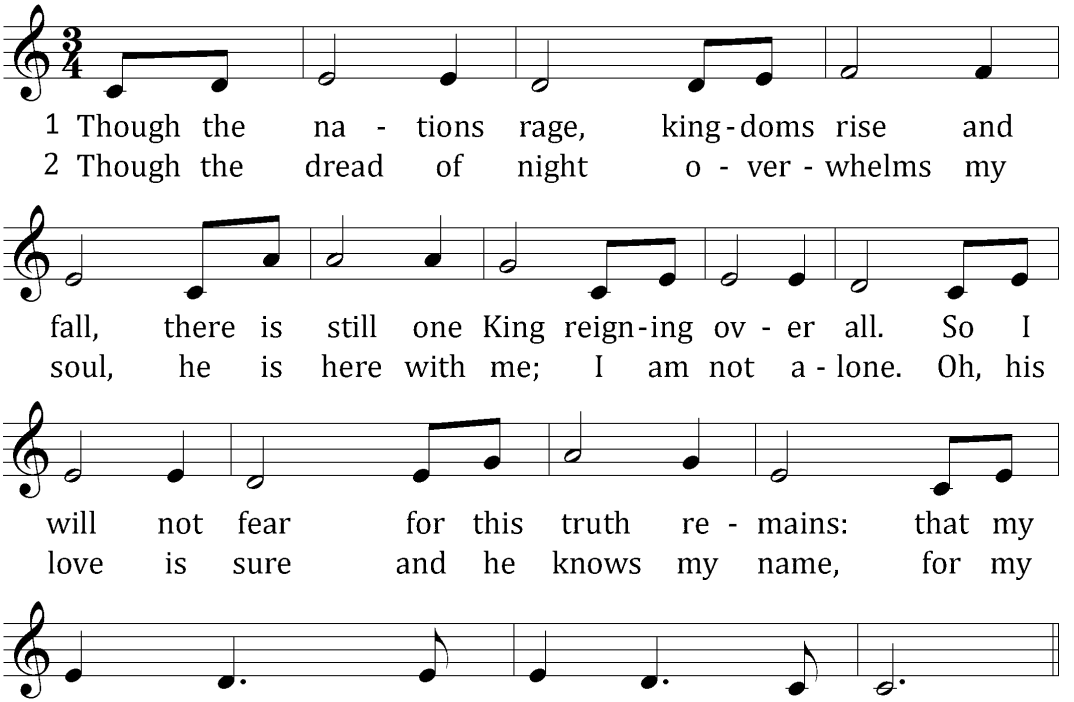
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours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

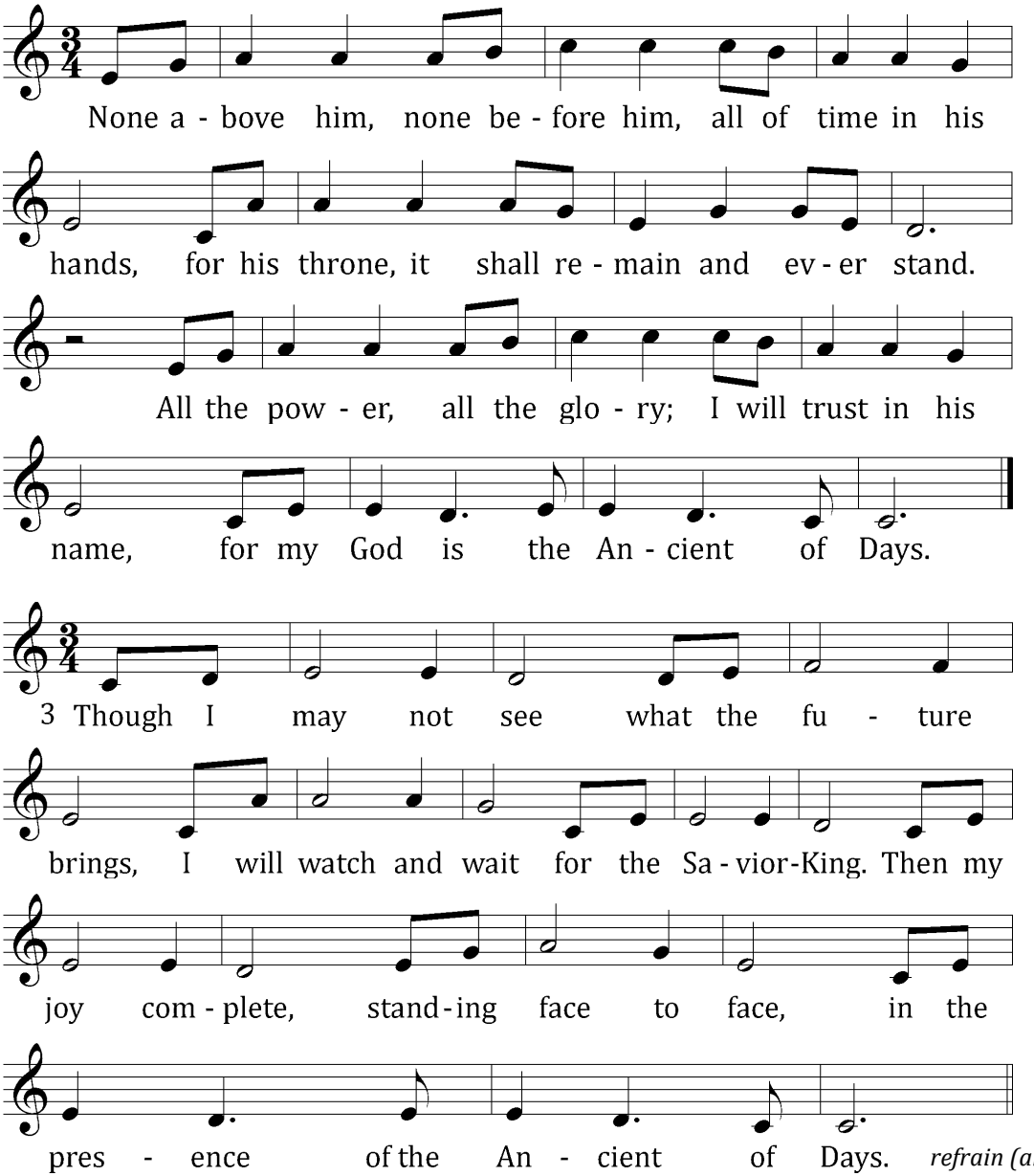
Closing Song "Ancient of Days"



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Refrain



refrain (above)

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Personal Prayer
God Almighty, thank you for preserving your word and the true gospel through the generations. Through that word, increase my trust in your presence and power. Be the mighty fortress of my life, and lend me the strength needed to serve you in all that I do. Amen.

Calendar & Announcements

Oct 25-Nov 1	**Boise** (11655 W McMillan Rd)	**Nampa** (6134 Birch Lane)
Sunday	8:30am – Worship 9:45am – Adult/Teen Bible Study (Chapel) Confirmation Class (Rm 7) Kids' Sunday School (Gym & Classrooms) 11:00am – Worship 3:00pm – Fall Festival!	9:30am – Worship 10:45am – Spiritual Growth: **All groups begin in the worship space.** • Adult/Teen Bible Study • Confirmation Class • Kids' Sunday school 3:00pm – Fall Festival!
Tuesday	6:30pm – Cross Connections	
Wednesday	7:00pm – CrossTrainersXtra (7th-12th grade) *(Boise)*	
Thursday		6:30pm – Men's & Women's Bible Studies 6:30pm – Cross Connections
Saturday	9:00am – GriefShare	
	Daylight Saving time ends – clocks back an hour tonight!	
Sunday	8:30am – Worship (Communion) 9:45am – Monthly Ministry Discussion (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)

Reformation: 509th Anniversary

On October 31, 1517, Dr. Martin Luther nailed 95 theses (statements he wished to defend in a public debate) to the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Saxony, Germany. His theses challenged the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church, which had become misled by a dangerous emphasis on unscriptural traditions and man-made laws during the Dark Ages of medieval Europe.

As an Augustinian monk, a Roman Catholic priest, and a professor of theology, Dr. Martin Luther wanted to reform the many abuses he saw in the medieval church and return to the Holy Bible as the only source of true teaching. This desire for reform led to the formation of a new visible church (the Lutheran church). Thankfully, through this reformation, God has preserved the truth that our salvation was won for us completely by our Savior Jesus Christ. The exclamation, "Sola gratia! Sola fide! Sola Scriptura! Solo Christo! (By grace alone! By faith alone! By Scripture alone! In Christ Alone!)" became the rallying cry for the proclamation of the gospel.

Today we celebrate the 509th anniversary of the beginning of the Reformation. Soli Deo gloria! (To God alone be glory!)

THIS WEEK

Adult/Teen Bible Study: In Season & Out of Season
today, Sunday, Oct 25 • 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.

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

See you soon for this fun, family-friendly, community event! Whether you're serving in a designated role today or simply attending, consider yourself a host and a bridge-builder for Christ, taking the time to actively welcome and connect with some of our guests today. You can talk to Casey Masters (208-803-4060) or Kristen Koepsell (208-922-8422) with any questions yet today.

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)

Upcoming Worship Series: SEND ME

Sundays, November 1 - 29 • 8:30 or 11:00 am

What's your purpose in God's kingdom? Let's encourage each other through our new worship series to see our individual roles in both the shared ministry of Cross of Christ and in living out our individual identities as ambassadors for Christ. We'll look at the ways God called and equipped people throughout Scripture to represent his kingdom and impact lives for eternity. In this way, we'll strive to become the church we've envisioned and to each answer God's call with a confident, "Here am I, send me."



Daylight Saving Time Ends October 31

Clocks go *back* an hour next Saturday evening (or early Sunday morning)!

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!

Monthly Ministry Discussion

Sunday, November 1 • 9:45am

Your opportunity to not just know what's going on at Cross of Christ, but to offer input, ask questions, and help make plans!

This month, we'll reflect on our Fall Festival, look ahead to some fellowship and service opportunities, and continue to build on our Everyone Outreach workshop as we look to grow our culture of outreach.

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 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

Craft Fair Hosted at Boise Campus
Saturday, November 7 • 10:00am – 3:00pm

All are invited as Crafted Connection (craftedconnection.org) hosts a holiday craft fair in the Boise campus gym: toys, candles, baked goods, jewelry, and more. Cross of Christ will also have a booth to interact with guests and share info about our ministry!

Sunday Morning Bible Study: My Vocation in Christ
Sundays, November 15-29, December 13-20 • 9:45am

Did you know that you are a "mask of God"? God "hides" behind you, as HE cares for our world and the people in it through YOU!

We call this truth *vocation*, which simply means "calling." God has many callings for you (mom/dad, wife/husband, sibling, employee/employer, citizen, etc.), and even the most mundane of them is a "mask" that God hides behind!

Be refreshed and empowered by the truths of vocation as we learn and embrace what God has to say about it for these five weeks.

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.

SERVE Opportunity: Time to Rake!
Saturday, November 21 • 9am – approx. 12pm

Help rake leaves and clean up yards for several fellow Cross of Christ members!

We'll meet here at church Nov 21 at 9am and split into teams for as many yards as needed; expect to work all morning. Bring gloves if you want them, a rake and/or leaf blower if you can. Lunch provided! Please RSVP on the lobby bulletin board or at tinyurl.com/BoiseRakeup2026.

Or be served! If you're in need of assistance raking your yard, please contact the Boise office (208-375-3992, admin@cocidaho.org) by Saturday, November 14.

All-Church Thanksgiving Eve Worship

Wednesday, November 25 • 6:30pm • here at the Boise campus

This will be our one Thanksgiving service this year, a special celebration bringing together both Cross of Christ campuses in one place!

Having spent our November Sunday mornings considering how God has called and equipped us individually and collectively to build his kingdom, we'll come together on Thanksgiving Eve to give thanks for our partnership across campuses and for the ways God has and will continue to bless us.

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).

Christmas Worship Schedule!

	Boise Campus	**Nampa Campus**
Sunday, 12/13	Sunday school & confirmation students participate in 11am worship	Sunday school & confirmation students participate in worship
Christmas Eve (Thurs)	3pm or 5pm	4pm or 6pm
Christmas Day (Fri)	10:00am	← *one all-church service at the Boise campus*

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People in God's Word	Boise	Nampa	Total
Sunday Morning Worship	95/67	102	264
Livestream Views	8		
Adult Bible Study	28	36	64
Kids' Sunday School	28	23	51
Men's/Women's Bible Study	NA/12	7/NA	19

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 25	November 1
Altar Care	C. Biggs	D. McLain, K. Tiffany
AV	Team Butterfield	C. Klink, M. Hartman, J. Meier
Bulletins	L. Bafus, K. Jones	Prigge, B. Robbins
Coffee	M&S Swanberg, TBD	C. Berrier, TBD
Flowers	M. Banner	M. Lowry
Greeters	B. Robbins, K. Sigler, M&B Lowry	TBD
Music	A. Lange, A. Biondi, M. Hatzung	J. Hein
Tellers	Harris, Hudson, Davidson	TBD
Ushers	R. Lange, B. Masters, R. Seely, J. Harris	B. Adams, M. Boltz