

Sunday Worship
November 22, 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.

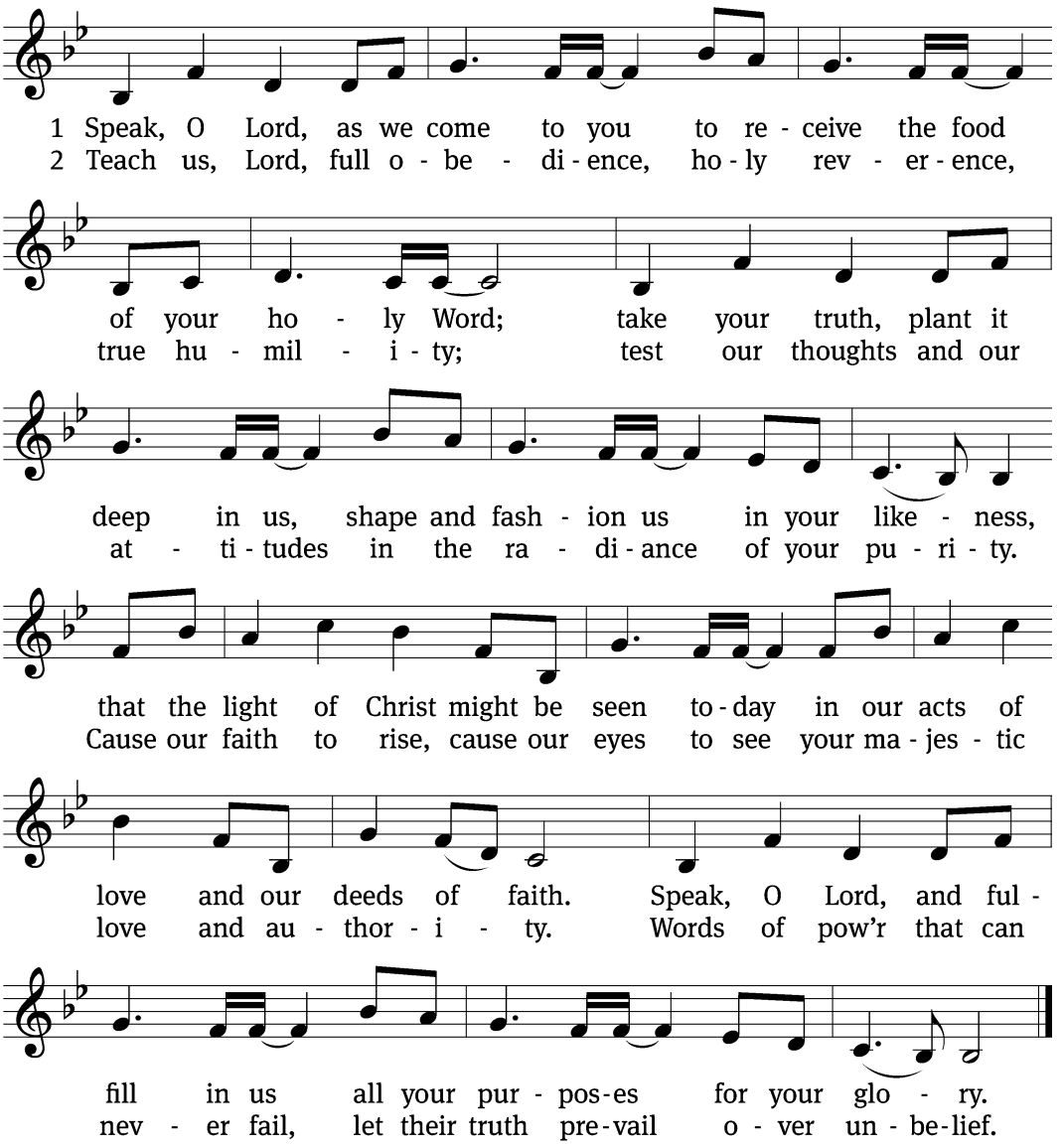
Don't feel obligated. Our members give offerings to God as an expression of our thanks and praise for his amazing love. Visitors, please know that you are our guests. We're happy you came today to hear about Jesus and the gifts he gives us. You're not expected to give an offering; it's your choice.

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.

Opening Song — "Speak, O Lord"



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.

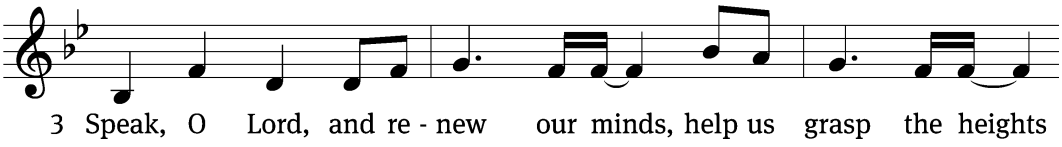
God speaks to us in the Bible, because he wants us to know him, to be forgiven, to believe in him, to walk in his ways, and to live forever. This is why we're committed to gather, grow, serve, and go as the family of God. But so often we're more committed to everything else and we neglect the priorities God has called us to live. These and all our sins we can lay at Jesus' cross. Together we acknowledge that we all need a Savior. Together, let's place our trust in Jesus, the one who rescued us.

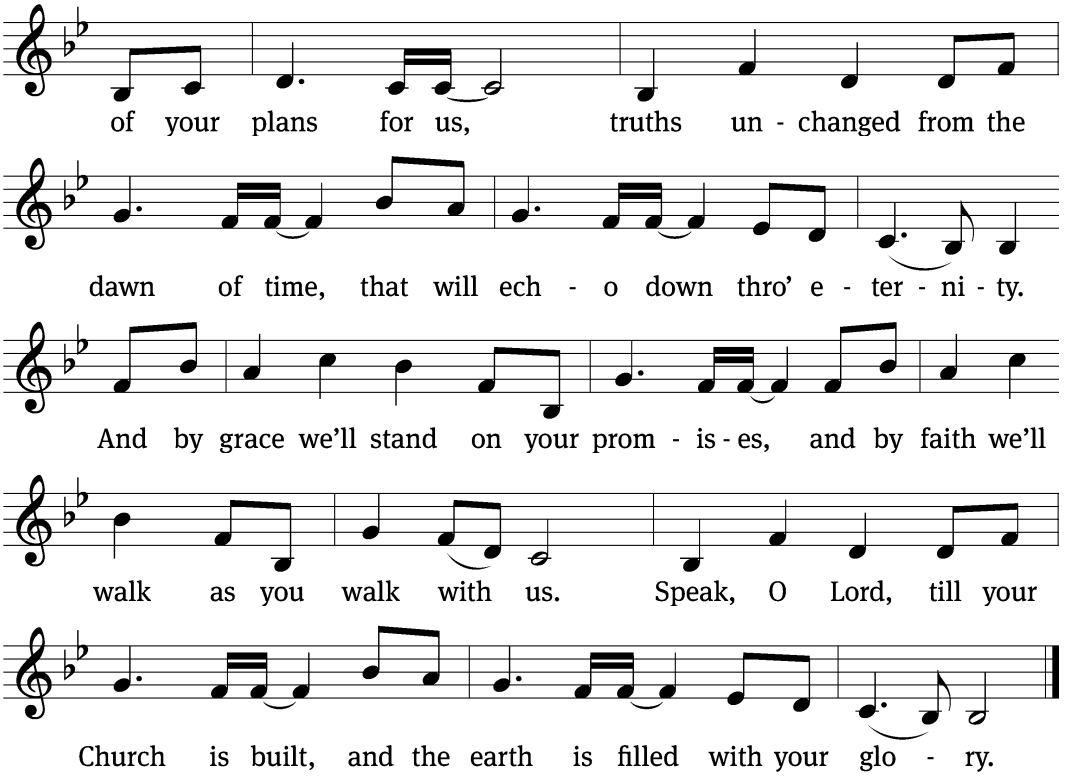
Holy and gracious Lord, I confess that I have sinned in countless ways throughout my life. I have ignored what you clearly told me in the Bible, and so often chosen my own path. My sins deserved your punishment. Thank you for sparing me. Thank you for sending Jesus as my Savior! I believe what you have said. Help me when I struggle. Lift me up when I fail. I trust you, because you have made me your child.

All is forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit! Jesus lived the perfect life we should have lived, died in our place, and came back to life. He has planted his gospel in your heart to believe. Covered by Jesus' perfection, you belong in his family and in his kingdom, equally loved and accepted. He is so happy you are here! Now listen to his Word, and let it be your guide all your life.

Amen!

Song of Response "Speak, O Lord"





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Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, you sent your disciples to proclaim your coming. Bless all the missions of your church, and enable your workers to gather in your harvest. Through them, show your love to the helpless, enlighten those in darkness, assist those in peril and need, and at last bring all your children home to yourself; for you live and reign, now and forever.

Amen.

God's Word — Isaiah 6:1-8

1In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on
a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple. 2Above him were
seraphim, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with
two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. 3And they were
calling to one another:

"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty;
the whole earth is full of his glory."

4At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the
temple was filled with smoke.

**5"Woe to me!" I cried. "I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I
live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the
LORD Almighty."**

6Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he
had taken with tongs from the altar. 7With it he touched my mouth and said,
"See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned
for."

8Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will
go for us?"

And I said, "Here am I. Send me!"

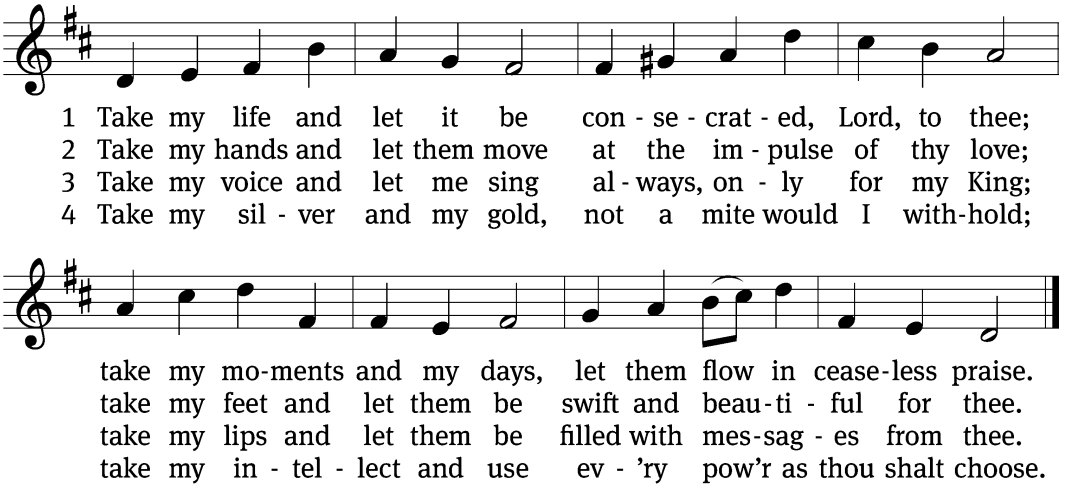
God's Word — Acts 8:1b-4

On that day a great persecution broke out against the church in Jerusalem,
and all except the apostles were scattered throughout Judea and Samaria.
2Godly men buried Stephen and mourned deeply for him. 3But Saul began to
destroy the church. Going from house to house, he dragged off both men and
women and put them in prison.

4Those who had been scattered preached the word wherever they went.

Children's Message *8:30am service*

Song "Take My Life and Let It Be"



Message from God's Word Matthew 13:3-8, 18-23

3Then he told them many things in parables, saying: "A farmer went out to
sow his seed. 4As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the
birds came and ate it up. 5Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have
much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. 6But when the
sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had
no root. 7Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants.
8Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty
or thirty times what was sown.

18"Listen then to what the parable of the sower means: 19When anyone hears
the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one
comes and snatches away what was sown in their heart. This is the seed
sown along the path. 20The seed falling on rocky ground refers to someone

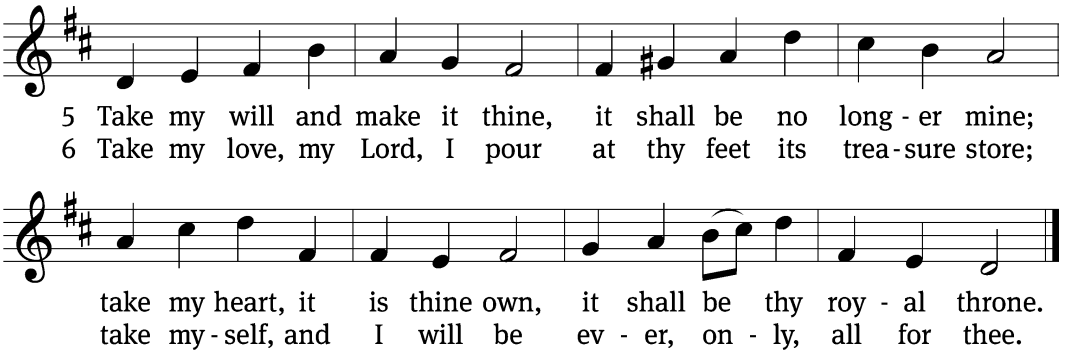
who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. [21]But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. [22]The seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful. [23]But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown."

Send me—a little christ!

I. Bloom where you're planted—as a *little christ*.

II. Just keep planting—as a *little christ*.

Song of Response "Take My Life and Let It Be"



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.

SCAN TO GIVE

Prayer & the Lord's Prayer

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

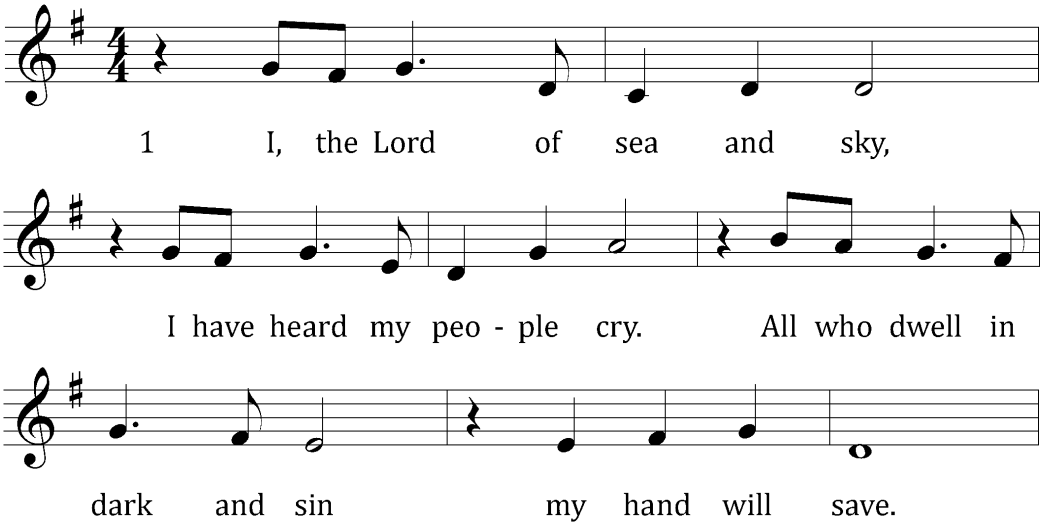
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours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

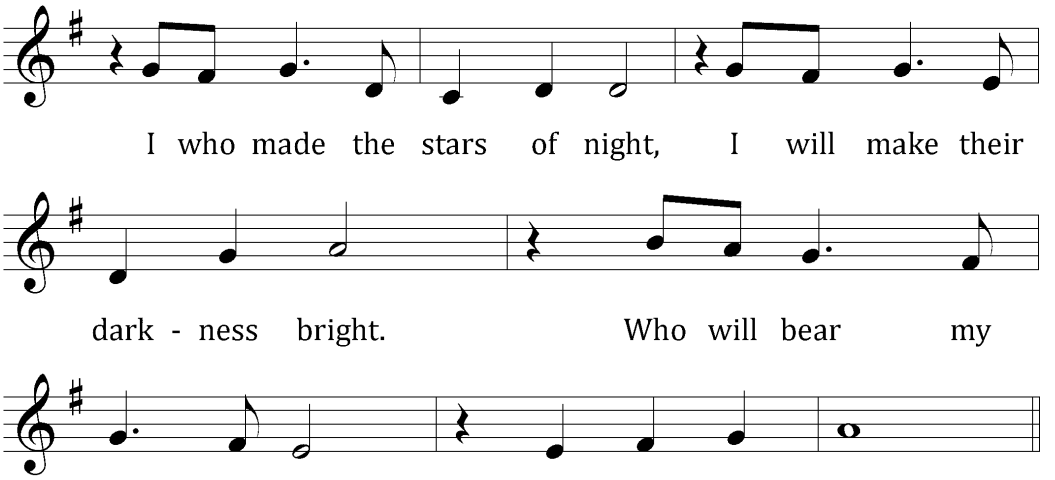
Blessing

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 "Here I Am, Lord"





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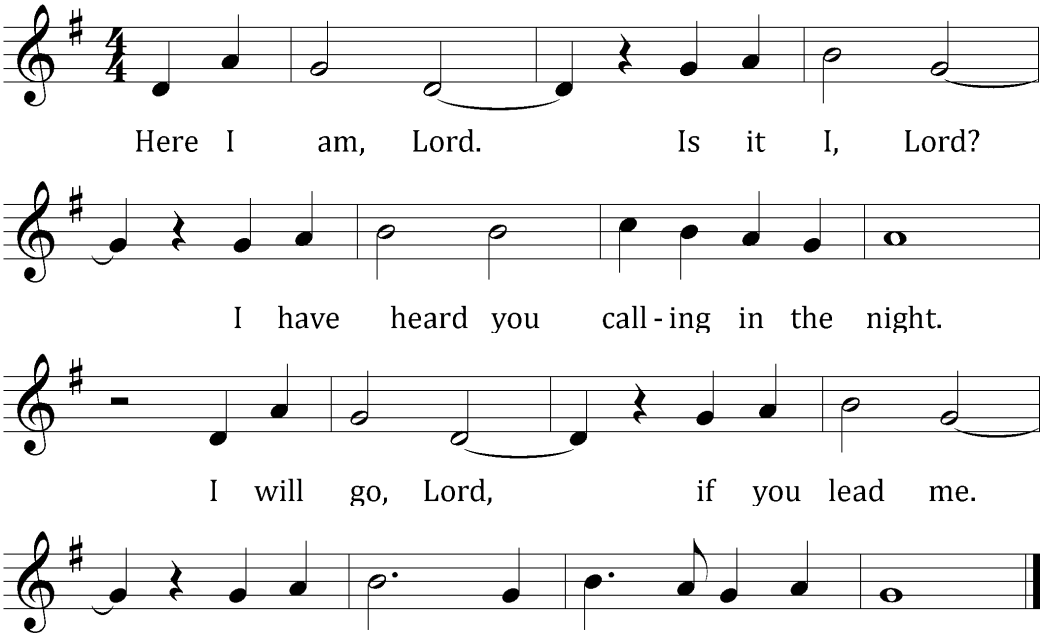

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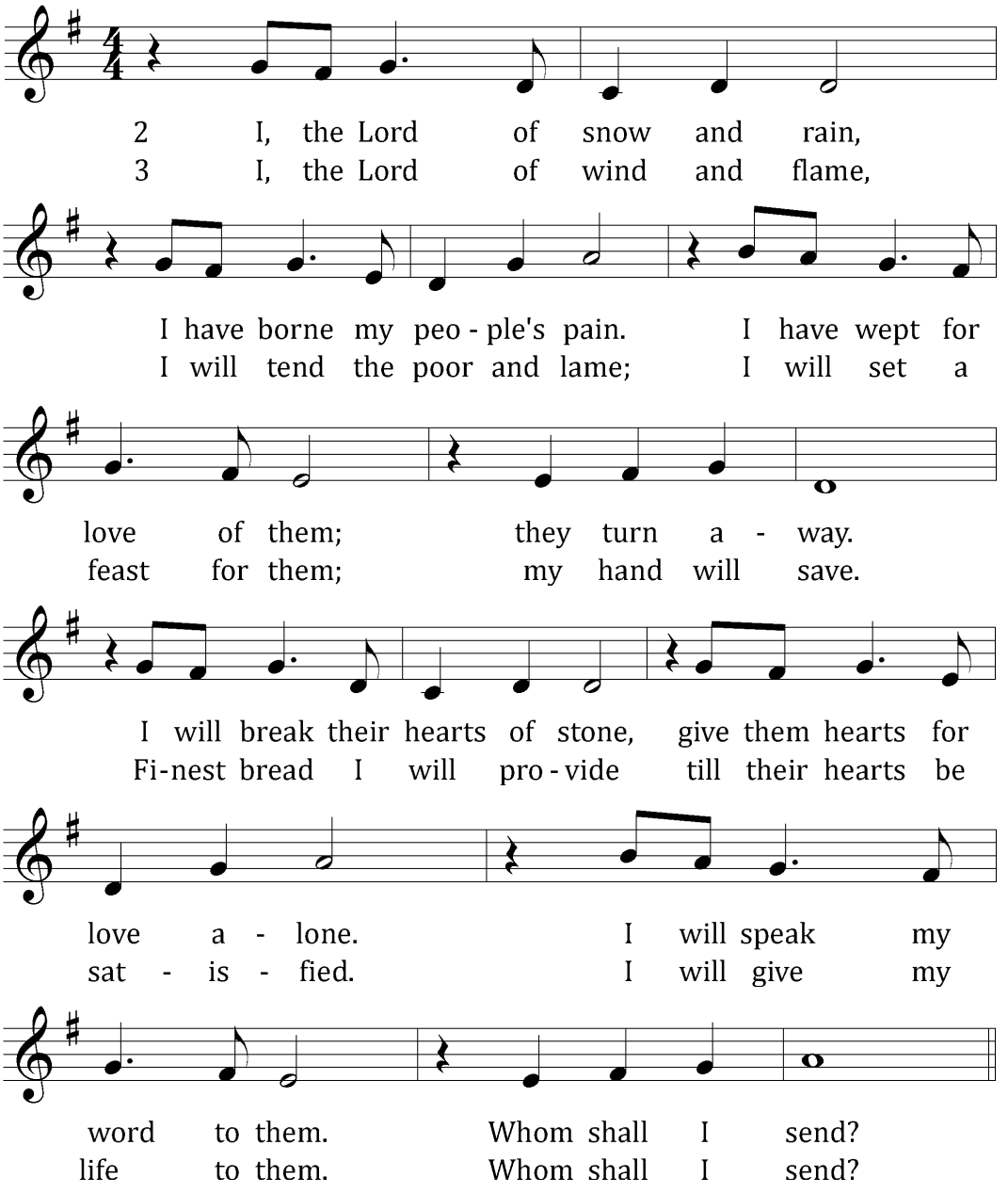
2 I, the Lord of snow and rain,
3 I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I have borne my peo - ple's pain. I have wept for
I will tend the poor and lame; I will set a
love of them; they turn a - way.
feast for them; my hand will save.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for
Fi-nest bread I will pro - vide till their hearts be
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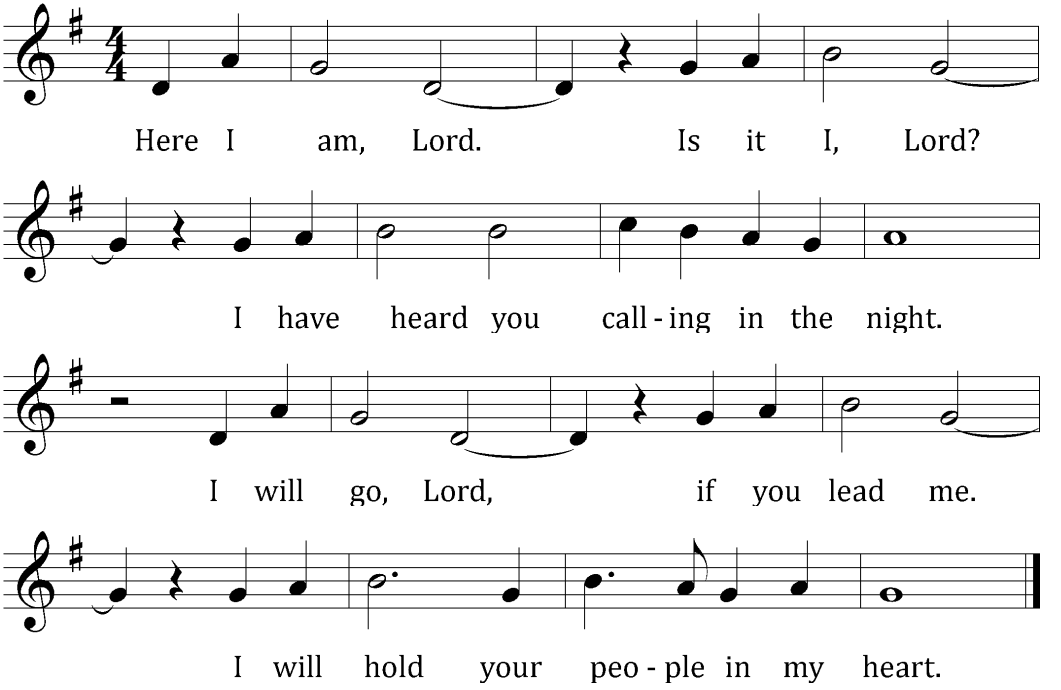

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Personal Prayer

My generous and gracious God, you have called me into your kingdom, given me a place in your family, and blessed me with all I have. I praise and thank you! Strengthen the roots of my faith in your grace and power, and bless the fruits I produce to glorify your name and further your kingdom. Amen.

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Calendar & Announcements

Nov 22-29	**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	9:30am – Worship 10:45am – Spiritual Growth: **All groups begin in the worship space.** • Adult/Teen Bible Study • Confirmation Class • Kids' Sunday school
Tuesday	6:30pm – Cross Connections	
Wed.	5:00pm – Thanksgiving Eve Fellowship 6:30pm – Thanksgiving Eve Worship (Communion) 7:30pm – Fellowship continues	
Thursday	*Happy Thanksgiving! Church offices closed.* *No Cross Connections or Bible studies today.*	
Saturday	9:00am – GriefShare	
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THIS WEEK

November Worship Series: SEND ME
Sundays thru November 22 • 8:30 or 11:00 am



What's your purpose in God's kingdom? Let's encourage each other through this worship series to see our individual roles in both the shared ministry of Cross of Christ and in our individual lives, as we too answer God's call with, "Here am I, send me!"

This series wraps up today, but we'll keep hearing the ***Send Me*** theme throughout the "congregational" year! **Next Steps**: Check out cocidaho.org/resources/send-me and peruse the lists of ways your skills and interests might serve our collective ministry together as Cross of Christ. Use the form there to let us know and a ministry coordinator will follow up!

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, and even the most mundane of them is a "mask" that God hides behind! Be refreshed and empowered by the truths of vocation!

Cross of Christ Gear: Now thru December 1

Cross of Christ branded apparel is available for purchase for a limited time! (Christmas gifts, anyone??) Visit tinyurl.com/CoC-Apparel-2026 to see and order items (also linked in Friday news email). If you have any questions or issues contact Joe in the Boise office (admin@cocboise.org).

- You'll pay online when you order.
- **Ordering closes Dec 1;** items will then be shipped to Cross of Christ.
- You'll be notified when your order is ready for pick-up at Cross of Christ (at your preferred campus).

All-Church Thanksgiving Eve Worship with Holy Communion
Wednesday, November 25 • 6:30pm • here at the Boise campus

This will be a special celebration bringing together both Cross of Christ campuses in one place! Come and enjoy time with your church family.

If you're planning to bring an appetizer to share, please put your name on the sign-up even if you're not sure what you're bringing yet. This will help our organizers plan! The sign-up is on the lobby bulletin board.

- Appetizers & fellowship beginning at 5:00pm
- Worship at 6:30pm
- Appetizers & fellowship continue after the service!

To rejoice together even further, you're invited to write on a leaf something(s) you thank God for; these leaves will be posted on the bulletin board "tree" in the lobby for Wednesday's gathering.

The leaves are available today in the lobby; you can…

- write one today and tape it to the tree (particularly if you want to participate but aren't able to attend on Wednesday)
- take one home and bring it with you Wednesday evening
- just come on Wednesday; more will be available that evening

Christmas Flowers

To honor Jesus' birth, purchase flowering plants to beautify the Boise chapel. See the sign up on the lobby bulletin board for details. **Last day to request a plant is Sunday, November 29,** so don't delay! After the last service on Christmas Eve or Day, take your plants home to enjoy! Contact Darlene McLain with questions (208-914-3912).

Advent Devotions to Take Home

Choose an Advent devotion booklet from the table near the lobby bulletin boards!

Multiple options are provided by Martin Luther College (our church body's called worker training school) with daily devotions beginning December 1.

"Meditations" provides daily devotions year-round; this volume begins Nov. 29.

Advent Worship Series: Reasons for the Season
Sundays, November 29 – December 20 • 8:30 or 11:00 am

You've probably heard the phrase that Jesus is the reason for the season, and it's true. The heart of Christmas is the celebration of Jesus, but that raises a deeper question: Why did he come at all?

Through the four Sundays leading up to Christmas (the Advent season), we are going to discover the love of a Savior who chose to step into the world *for* the world. *We are the reasons for the season.*

Call Received

Pastor Hein has received a Call to serve as pastor for Light of the Valley Lutheran Church in Layton, Utah. Please pray for him, Julie, and their family as he considers where best he could serve God's kingdom. He welcomes your input and encouragement (greg.hein@cocidaho.org / 480-433-3084).

UPCOMING

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!

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 Caroling

Saturday, December 5 • 2:00pm - approx. 4:30pm, optional dinner after

Share the joy of Jesus' birth with residents of local senior living communities, where fellow Cross of Christ members and family members live. We'll carol at four locations in Meridian and West Boise, and then have dinner together at Idaho Pizza in Meridian. All ages are encouraged to participate – bring the whole family! Please RSVP to Becky Sobolewski at 208-963-0474.

Community Partner: Faces of Hope Christmas Gifts

Gifting deadline Sunday, December 6

Help make Christmas brighter for families in our community! We're partnering with **Faces of Hope** to stock their Holiday Hope Shop and help provide Christmas gifts for families in need.

Visit our Giving Tree in the lobby, where you can find gift options for all ages. Take a tag (or two!), purchase the gifts, and deliver them back to the tree in the lobby. **Gift donation deadline is Sunday, December 6.**

Questions? Reach out to Casey! (caseycmasters@gmail.com)

Ladies' Advent by Candlelight

Sunday, December 6 • 5-7pm • here at the Boise campus

This evening of Scripture, music, food, and community is for all women of the congregation and their female family members, friends, and neighbors, to help prepare our hearts for celebrating our Savior's birth.

We'll ponder "Questions of Christmas," meditating on small moments in the Christmas story that reveal to us big things of God.

Think of a friend to invite and RSVP on the lobby bulletin board or online at tinyurl.com/CoCLadiesAdvent26.

Monthly Ministry Discussion
Sunday, December 6 • 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!

We'll continue to ride the Everyone Outreach wave, spend some time debriefing Fall, and look ahead to some new ways in December and the new year to connect to each other and our community**.**

Preschool Service & Christmas Cookies Needed
The Cross of Christ Preschool students will present the good news of Jesus' birth on Thursday, Dec 10, 6:30 pm here at church. All are welcome to attend!

The students, families, and guests enjoy treats and fellowship in the lobby after the service. If baking is your gift, could you provide some Christmas cookies for this evening? Sign up on the lobby bulletin board or at tinyurl.com/prekchristmascookies26. Please deliver your cookies to the Boise kitchen by Wednesday, Dec 9. (Allergy-friendly options are always welcome; please label nut-free, gluten-free, etc.)

All-Congregation Ministry Meeting
Sunday, December 13 • 12:30pm lunch begins | 1:00 meeting • Nampa campus

Plan to attend! Lunch will be served starting at 12:30.

Twice a year we meet as an entire church family to celebrate the ministry at both our campuses and discuss our vision to keep increasing our impact in the Treasure Valley. You'll hear updates from both campuses:

- Current and projected financial goals for supporting ministry
- Steps to move our vision forward
- Brand new initiatives to bless you and make you a blessing

This meeting is for all our members, because this is your ministry. You are encouraged to listen, ask questions, and offer input as we seek to impact lives for eternity! *A virtual option will be emailed to members the week prior.*

Come Enjoy a Real Christmas

Don't let yourself or the people in your life settle for "just another Christmas." Surround yourself with the love of God and people who care. Get your heart filled with the *real* reason to *really* celebrate – and bring the people *you* care about!

	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) Candlelight Service	3pm or 5pm	2pm or 4pm
Christmas Day (Fri)	10:00am	← *one all-church service at the Boise campus*



Staff Ministry Intern

Cross of Christ will have the privilege next semester of hosting an intern, Mary Niebuhr, from the Staff Ministry program at Martin Luther College (our church body's ministry training school). Staff ministers are trained in a variety of ministry areas; their internship provides real-life experience to go with classroom training.

Mary will be here mid-January to mid-May 2027, and we're responsible for providing her with housing – a host family with whom she can live for those four months. *If you'd like to know more about serving as her host family, please get in touch with Kristen Koepsell* (kristen.koepsell@cocidaho.org / 208-922-8422).

People in God's Word	Boise	Nampa	Total
Sunday Morning Worship	119/81	99	299
Livestream Views	8		
Adult Bible Study	45	35	80
Kids' Sunday School	24	17	41
Men's/Women's Bible Study	NA/16	6/7	6/23

General Fund Offerings Planned FY 26-27	$985,228
General Fund Planned FYTD	$378,934
General Fund Offerings FYTD	$290,082
Total Offerings Last Week (All Funds)	$19,132

Serving	November 22	November 29
Altar Care	D. McLain, K. Tiffany	D. McLain, K. Tiffany
AV	Team Butterfield	C. Klink, TBD, J. Meier
Bulletins	L. Bafus, R. Ritger	Prigge, B. Robbins
Coffee	C. Berrier, K. Walters, N. Turley	C. Berrier, K. Walters, F. Huffman
Flowers	Watkins	TBD
Greeters	Rule, E. & L. Hein	M. & D. Arstein, M. & B. Lowry
Music	J. Hein, B. Klink	K. Koepsell
Tellers	Turley, Christianson, Harris	Rule, Walden, Hudson
Ushers	B. Masters, B. Walters, R. Seely, B. Turley	K. Broyles, J. Harris



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