

# Sunday Worship & Prayers

**Second Sunday of Advent**

**December 10, 2023 – 9:00 & 10:45 a.m.**

**Welcome to Cross of Hope**

**a Spirit-centered community that shares Christ's love  
through worship, education and outreach to develop and  
strengthen relationships with God.**



**CROSS OF HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL**

**Loving God - Transforming Relationships - Serving Others**

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace... Romans 15:13*

## Holy Communion + 9:00AM + Setting Three

*All page and song numbers refer to Evangelical Lutheran Worship unless otherwise noted*

### GATHERING

*The assembly stands in body or spirit.*

#### Confession And Forgiveness

#### Gathering Hymn

*There's a Voice in the Wilderness*

**Song 255**

#### Greeting

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#### Kyrie

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#### Advent Wreath Verse

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

**Song 254, vs 1**

#### Lighting of Advent Wreath and Prayer of the Day

*The assembly is seated*

### WORD

#### Readings

**Isaiah 40:1-11, 2 Peter 3:8-15a**

*The assembly stands to welcome the gospel*

#### Gospel Acclamation

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#### Gospel

**Mark 1:1-8**

#### Sermon

**Longing for the Light: Preparing**

**Adam Berndt**

*After silence for reflection follows the sermon, the assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.*

#### Hymn of the Day

*All Earth Is Hopeful*

**Song 266**

#### Apostles' Creed

#### Prayers of Intercession

#### Peace

*The assembly is seated.*

### MEAL

*An offering is gathered for the mission of the church the assembly stands.*

#### Offering

#### Offering Response

**Song 184**

*The assembly stands for the Great Thanksgiving*

#### Great Thanksgiving

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#### Communion

*The Lamb of God*

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*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, vs 1,3, 4, 6, 8*

**Song 257**

*Wait for the Lord*

**Song 262**

#### Prayer After Communion

### SENDING

#### Blessing and Prayer for Peace

#### Sending Hymn

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

**Song 631**

#### Dismissal

# WORSHIP NOTES

In Holy Communion, God meets us in the meal. Jesus is truly present, and we come by the Spirit's grace. You are always welcome at God's table. All baptized believers are welcome to share in this, God's gift to us. Receive the bread and eat. Receive the wine (or juice) and drink. Place cup in nearby basket.

Gluten free option by request.

## SERVING TODAY

<b>Presiding Minister</b>	Pr. Adam Berndt
<b>Assisting Minister 9:00am</b>	Duane Meneely
<b>Assisting Minister 10:45am</b>	Chris Morgan
<b>Lector</b>	Diane Carrico
<b>Communion server</b>	Nicole Bencomo
<b>Director of Music Ministry</b>	Thomas Ropp
<b>Accompanist</b>	Amy Ellis
<b>Music Leaders</b>	Praise+Team

## **Second Sunday of Advent**

John calls people to repent, to clear the decks, to completely reorder their lives so that nothing gets in the way of the Lord's coming. The reading from Isaiah gives the context for this radical call: the assurance of forgiveness that encourages us to repent; the promise that the coming one will be gentle with the little ones. Isaiah calls us all to be heralds with John, to lift up our voices fearlessly and say, "See, your God is coming!" We say it to one another in worship, in order to say it with our lives in a world in need of justice and peace.

You are created in the image of God from the very beginning. This is the basis for God's justice: Since everyone is made in the image of God, then we need to recognize, honor, and respect the image of God in everyone.

No exceptions. – Fr. Richard Rohr

Signup in the Great Hall for the  
Poinsettias that will decorate the  
church for Christmas  
Cost \$15/each

### **Camp@COH**

Wednesday program on break  
beginning December 20.  
Resumes January 10

### **Join us for worship**

Sunday, December 17  
9:00 a.m.

Voices of Hope  
will present an Advent Cantata  
*"Longing for the Light"*

### **Las Posadas December 13, 2023**

Cross of Hope Church and School will be celebrating  
Las Posadas on December 13 from 5:30-7:30  
pm. After the reenactment, we will congregate  
inside the Great Hall for a traditional New Mexican  
feast. Watch for shepherds, sweet donkeys,  
pinatas and Mariachis!

Sign up to bring something or volunteer for this  
special event. We also need assistance for hosting,  
serving, clean up, etc.

Let's make this a very special and delicious time of  
celebration. Gracias!

Sign up on our website([crossofhope.org](http://crossofhope.org)) by using  
the QR code link on page 8

### **2024 Tithe Envelopes**

If you contribute by using tithe  
envelopes, the 2024 Tithe Envelopes are  
ready for pick up in the great hall on  
Sundays or in the church office during  
the week.

### **An Invitation**

We are planning on pre-recording devotions for the 12 days of Christmas to air on  
our Facebook and YouTube pages. If you would like to participate with a favorite  
Christmas devotion (or the Christ in our Home devotion), song, poem,  
instrumental please contact Greg and Nancy Morrison to sign up. We will record  
the week of December 18 at Cross of Hope.

Christ in our Home devotionals for  
January-March 2024 are in the  
Great Hall. Get your copy today

### **Church Office Closed:**

Friday, December 22 at noon  
Monday, December 25

**A Season of Light  
Advent and Christmas at Cross of Hope**



**December 9 – Preschool Christmas Program – 10am.**

**December 10 – 2nd Sunday of Advent – 9am and 10:45am worship.**

**December 13 – Las Posadas – 5:30 – 7:30pm.**

**December 17 – 3rd Sunday of Advent – 9am and 10:45 am worship  
9am – Cantata with Voices of Hope**

**December 24 – 4th Sunday of Advent – 10am worship with guests Surgite**

**December 24 – *Nativity of our Lord – Christmas Eve Worship***

4pm- Children's Worship – Christmas songs and stories

6pm – Contemporary Worship with Praise + Team

8pm – Candlelight Service – Music with the Brass and  
Voices of Hope Choir

**December 25 – Nativity of our Lord – Christmas Day – 10am worship**

**December 31 – First Sunday of Christmas – 10am worship**

## Things to remember for my Journey



# Holy Communion + 10:45AM + Praise+Team

*All Songs can be followed along with the presentation*

## GATHERING

Gathering Song	<i>Evidence</i>	Projected
Opening Song	<i>Lookin' For You</i>	Projected
Advent Wreath Lighting and Prayer		
Centering Song	<i>Waiting Here For You</i>	Projected

## WORD

Readings	Isaiah 40:1-11, 2 Peter 3:8-15a, Mark 1:1-8	
Sermon	Longing for the Light: Preparing	Adam Berndt
Song of the Day	<i>How Many Kings</i>	Projected
Apostles' Creed		
Faith Statement and Prayers		

## MEAL

Offering	<i>Keep Makin Me</i>	Projected
Thanksgiving at the Table		
Communion	<i>Go, Light Your World</i>	Projected

## SENDING

Blessing and Prayer for Peace		
Sending Song	<i>Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)</i>	Projected
Dismissal		

## Community Prayers Needs

*Please call or email the church office to add/remove names.*

### Members of the Community:

Gary and Fran Hveem; Dolores Hughes; Jackie Taylor; Jerry Burton; Nancy Morrison; Silas Toledo; Zach Zimmer; Don & Beth Cretsinger; Toni Leon Kovarik; Shannon Reynolds; Tim Fuller; Claudia Russo; Bob Meredith; David Albin; Flora Telles; Pastor Dale and Edee Bauer; Lydia Alba; Geoff Bokan; Diane & David Pressel; Chris Morgan; John and Susan McWilliam; David Dees; Judy Will; Wendy Harrison; Bill and Gem Harris; Robert and Carolyn Bye

### Friends of Cross of Hope:

Natalia Cortinas (Alex); Roxanne and Frank Lepkowski (Toni Kovarik); Mark Christianson; Lorrie Willoughby (Linda W); Karen (Beth Cretsinger); Tom Grady (Sylvia Oelsner); Erik Hansen (Janet Conlon); Stacey Bender (Lois Casto); Brian Victorine (BJ Owens); Diane Lamp; Theresa Perez; Katie Halstrom (Sorensens); Judy (Carolyn Bye); Audie (Pat Benchik); Nadine (Kathy Bramley); Ataliya (Dee Gutierrez); Will R. (Mary Bresnahan); Karen (Janet Conlon); Karen Parnell (Lynne Bagby); Bill Bramley (Todd Bramley); Nicole Doerr (Nancy Lacher); Eileen Brost (Pastor Rachel Powell); Griselda (Alex Cortinas); Rick O'Roark; Tony Rivera (Deborah Rivera).

### Those who are home-centered:

John Fries; Carroll Werling

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