

Sunday Worship & Prayers

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 20, 2025

10:00am

**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.**

Dixieland Music Sunday



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 –10:00am – Summer Setting

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

GATHERING

Gathering Song	<i>Down By the Riverside</i>	COH Brass, Rich Neely & Linda O'Neal
Confession and Forgiveness		
Gathering Hymn	<i>I Love to Tell the Story</i>	Song 661
Apostolic Greeting		
Prayer of the Day		

WORD

Readings	Genesis 18:1-10a; Colossians 1:15-28	
Gospel Acclamation	<i>Celtic Alleluia</i>	Song 174
Gospel	Luke 10:38-42	
Children's Time		
Sermon	Extraordinary Ordinary Faith	Pastor Adam Berndt
Hymn of the Day	<i>Soon and Very Soon (v 1,2,4)</i>	Song 439
Apostle Creed		
Prayers of Intercession		
Peace		

MEAL

Offering	<i>In the Sweet By and By</i>	COH Brass, Rich Neely, & Linda O'Neal
Offertory Prayer		
The Lord's Prayer		
Communion	<i>Just a Closer Walk with Thee</i>	Song 697
	<i>This Little Light of Mine</i>	COH Brass, Rich Neely & Linda O'Neal
Prayer After Communion		

SENDING

Blessing		
Sending Song	<i>When the Saints Go Marching In</i>	ACS 950
Dismissal		
Postlude	<i>Joe Avery</i>	COH Brass, Rich Neely & Linda O'Neal

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. *Gluten free option by request.*

Receive the wine (or juice) and drink. Place cup in nearby basket.

SERVING TODAY

Presiding Minister	Pr. Adam Berndt
Assisting Minister	Sherrie Simek
Lector	RC Jordan
Communion server	Cecilia Lawrence
Altar Team	Cecilia Lawrence
Council Connections	Sherrie Simek
Director of Music Ministry	Thomas Ropp
Accompanist	

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Perhaps the church, at its best, is “all ears.” God urges the faithful, again and again, to “listen up!”—to heed the word that gives life. So it was with Abraham and Sarah, Mary and Martha, and the early church at Colossae. So it is today as we join the assembly to hear the word of God, the word of life.

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

Cross of Hope is located on the original and ancestral homelands of the Piro Tribe and Pueblo People, and we give thanks for their presence here since time immemorial. We also wish to recognize and honor all our Indigenous siblings who have and continue to call this land their home.

Help for the hearing impaired!

Cross of Hope has a loop system, enabling hearing impaired worshippers to get the service directly into their hearing devices via a telecoil system. We also have headsets you may borrow if your hearing aids are not able to use the loop system.



2025 SUMMER SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

8:45am – Worship on the lawn
9:15am – Hebrews open and Small Group
10:00am – Worship inside



JULY

Week of July 21 – Vacation Bible School for Special Needs Community

July 27 - 7th Sunday After Pentecost

Week of July 27 – Family Promise Hosting



AUGUST

August 3 - 8th Sunday After Pentecost

August 10 - 9th Sunday After Pentecost - **Bluegrass Music Sunday**

August 11 – Start of School Ministry

August 17 - 10th Sunday After Pentecost

August 24 - 11th Sunday After Pentecost –

10am Worship ONLY - Congregation Meeting and Fellowship

August 31 - 12th Sunday After Pentecost - Labor Day weekend –

Last Day Summer schedule

Blessed at Rainbow Trail!

Thanks to our partners in ministry at Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp and the blessings of a week of camp.

Continue to hold in prayer

Boden and Isaac

who attended camp last week, and

Greta and Zach

who attends this week!



SPECIAL NEEDS VBS

July 21 through July 25, 9 am to 11:30 am.

The volunteer meeting will be Sunday

July 20, 1:00 pm at Cross of Hope.

Any questions, please feel free to contact ***Patty Westerfield at 505 250 5186.***



The school is collecting
plastic grocery bags
to support
Catholic Charities
all summer long.

*There is a “designated tub” in the
Kitchen for plastic bag drop off.
Thank you!*

*...and
School Supplies
listed below*

Wish List

Crayola Colored Pencils—12 CT
Crayola Crayons—24 CT
Crayola Jumbo Crayons—8 CT
EXPO Dry Eras Markers
Elmer's Glue Bottles
Elmer's Jumbo Purple Glue Sticks
Elmer's Small White Glue Sticks
Fiskar Scissor—Blunt & Pointed
Paper Towels
Soft Facial Tissues

***Please bring items to church
throughout the month of July.
All donations are appreciated!***



School Supply Drive



COH Host Family Promise July 27 to August 2, 2025!

Sign-Up Table will be available, July 20.

Blessings always! Glenna Meneely and Jan Anderson

**SERVING GOD THROUGH
COH CHURCH COUNCIL**



Our Council members represent the Church in decisions that are important to our Church.

If you have a sense of serving God through the Ministry of the Council, please consider becoming a Council member. Your gifts and skills would be a blessing to the leadership of Cross of Hope.

Some of the responsibilities of the Council as outlined in our COH Constitution include:

- Lead the congregation in stating its mission.
- Participate in long-range planning.
- Oversee and provide for the administration of the Congregation.
- Responsible for the financial and property matters of the Congregation.
- Prepare and recommend the annual budget.
- Serve a two-year term.
- Meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month.
(about 1 to 1 ½ hours)

***New members will be elected at the Congregational Meeting on Sunday,
August 24, 2025, at 10:00am.***

If you have any questions about the duties of a Council member, a Council Connection representative is available at the front desk, in between services on Sunday, to answer questions or provide you with additional information.



This beautiful piece was found on the lawn after the July 13th morning outdoor worship service.

Could it be yours?

Sherrie Simek has it for safekeeping. You can contact her via email at:

rsimek1053@yahoo.com



Relief today. Resilience tomorrow.

Lutheran Disaster Response, a ministry of the ELCA, provides support for communities recovering from devastating floodwaters by responding to urgent needs, providing emotional and spiritual care, and supporting cleanup and long-term recovery.

We are church together, and together we can reflect Christ's light and hope to our neighbors in their time of need.



Scan the QR code to give today.

Floods are one of the most common disasters in the United States. Your generosity supports survivors on the long road to recovery.



Dear church,

Our hearts break anew with each update about the catastrophic flash floods in South Central Texas. We join the Rev. Sue Briner, bishop of the Southwestern Texas Synod, in her call to “pray, pray, pray for those who are still lost as well as the families of those who are lost, who have died, or who have experienced loss of home or property.” Merciful God, hear our prayer.

As ever and with your support, the ELCA, through Lutheran Disaster Response, stands ready to walk with our neighbors in the Texas hill country as the floodwaters recede and communities begin to navigate life on the other side of this horrific flood. May we be bearers of the hope found in Christ alone and help shoulder the burden for those who grieve unimaginable loss. Thank you to those who have already joined us through your prayers and support for this work.

Your gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response ensure that our neighbors are not alone on the long road to recovery after disasters like the floods in Texas. Lutheran Disaster Response is coordinating with the Southwestern Texas Synod and will work with other partners as well to respond to urgent needs, provide emotional and spiritual care, and support cleanup and long-term recovery.

Through these disasters and others in the United States and around the world, Lutheran Disaster Response accompanies communities throughout the recovery process, walking with them for as long as it takes. Together, as a church, we follow Christ's call to share hope and healing with our neighbors in need.

In prayer together,

John Eggen signature
The Rev. John Eggen
Senior Director, Annual Giving
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Community Prayers Needs

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

Members of the Community:

Art Kavanaugh; Ruth Hinkel; Susan Jennings Kat Cooley; Lois Casto; Dick Bresnahan; Greg Morrison; Toni Kovarik; Wendy Harrison; Shirley and Dale McCan; Diane and David Pressel; Flora Telles; Claudia Russo; Stacey Taylor; Laura and Jerry Burton; Phil Wangberg; Chris and Julie Morgan; Gary and Fran Hveem; Dolores Hughes; Don and Beth Cretsinger; Shannon Reynolds; Tim Fuller; David Dees; Judy Will; Bill and Gem Harris.

Friends of Cross of Hope:

Ray and Barbara (friends of Gary Warner); Hart and Joyce Paulat (Kristi Valdez parents); Mike Nelson (BJ Owens' brother); Thomas Lacher (John Lacher's brother); Ian Willis (Long time friends of Toni and David Kovarik); Barbara (Keri Sutter); Tom McCain (Tim Fuller); Brenda Erhard, Angela McKnight's Mom (Art Kavanaugh); Tom and Carol Kent (Toni Kovarik); Sue Harshman (Nancy Leon's friend); Paula Mickey Yarbrough (Karen Schwartz's neighbor); Susan Mann-Biddison (Toni Kovarik); Margaret George Davis (Linda George's daughter-in-law); Dianah Rowland (friend of BJ Owen); Sandy Jensen (niece of BJ Owen); Cecil Ingram (Joy Thornhill's dad); Virginia Casper (Lynne Bagby's Mom); Randy B (Elisa Mclellan and family); Pam (Debbie Bokan's sister); Melissa, Tim and Joseph; Matt Clark (Rosemary Neely); Don Abeyta (Jennifer Abeyta); 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); Judi (Carolyn Bye); Audie (Pat Benchik); Nadine (Kathy Bramley); Ataliya (Dee Gutierrez); Karen (Janet Conlon); Bill Bramley (Todd Bramley); Griselda (Alex Cortinas); Rick O'Roark; Tony Rivera (Deborah Rivera).

Those who are home-centered: Cross of Hope and the family of Russ Edwards at his death.

Those who are home-centered: Carroll Werling

For more information on our ongoing ministries or events scan the QR code or go to Crossofhope.org

All Worship Information may be found on Crossofhope.org In the Worship Section.

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