

Sunday Worship & Prayers

Third Sunday of Advent

December 14, 2025

8:45am and 10:45am worship services

**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 –8:45am – Setting One

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

GATHERING

Prelude	<i>Blessed Is the One (ACS 929)</i>	Voices of Hope
Confession and Forgiveness		
Gathering Hymn	<i>Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn</i>	Song 242
Apostolic Greeting / Kyrie / Prayer of the Day		

WORD

First Reading	Isaiah 35:1-10	
Psalm	Psalm 146:5-10	
Second Reading	James 5:7-10	
Advent Gospel Acclamation	<i>Come Now, O Prince of Peace (verse 3)</i>	Song 247
Gospel	Matthew 11:2-11	
Advent Gospel Acclamation with Children's Time Wreath Lighting		
	<i>Come Now, O Prince of Peace (verse 3)</i>	Song 247
Sermon	Let it Go! Fear	Pr. Adam Berndt
Hymn of the Day	<i>Light Dawns on a Weary World</i>	Song 726
Nicene Creed / Prayers of Intercession		
Peace		

MEAL

Offering		Amy Ellis
Offering Response	<i>He Came Down (verse 3)</i>	Song 253
Great Thanksgiving	<i>The Lord</i>	Page 107
Sanctus	<i>Holy, Holy, Holy Lord</i>	Page 108
The Lord's Prayer		
Communion	<i>Lamb of God</i>	ELW p. 112
	<i>Christ, Be Our Light</i>	Song 715
	<i>O Come, O Come, Emmanuel</i>	Song 257
Prayer After Communion		

SENDING

Blessing		
Sending Song	<i>Joy to the World</i>	Song 267
Dismissal/Postlude		Amy Ellis

Holy Communion - 10:45am - Praise +Team

All Songs can be followed along with the presentation.

GATHERING

Gathering Song
Centering Prayer
Centering Song

Hello My Name Is

Just Be Held

WORD

Readings

Isaiah 35:1-10; James 5:7-10

Gospel

Matthew 11:2-11

Sermon

Let It Go! Fear

Pr. Adam Berndt

Children's Time Wreath Lighting

Song of the Day

My Story

Prayers of the Church

Peace

MEAL

Offering

Face of God

The Lord's Prayer

Communion

Be Born In Me

Prayer After Communion

SENDING

Blessing

Sending Song

Until the Whole World Hears

Dismissal /Postlude

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.



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
Council Connections	Jessica Williams
Director of Music Ministry	Thomas Ropp
Accompanist	Amy Ellis
Music Leaders	Praise+Team

8:45am – Traditional

Assisting Minister	Mary Bresnahan
Acolyte	Benny Berndt
Lector	Kathy Gorman
Cantor	Linda O'Neal
Communion Server	Sherrie Simek
Altar Team	Sherrie Simek

10:45am - Contemporary

Assisting Minister	Melanie Kouri
Lector	Melanie Kouri
Communion Server	Laura Benchik
Altar Team	Debra Gonzales

Third Sunday of Advent

A note of joyful expectation marks today's worship. Isaiah announces that the desert shall rejoice and blossom, and Jesus points to the unexpected and transforming signs of God's reign. We wait with patience for the coming of the Lord, even as we rejoice at his presence among us this day: in word and holy supper, in church and in our homes, in silent reflection and in works of justice and love. We pray that God would open our eyes and ears to the wonders of Christ's advent among us.

*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.*

Making Faith Connection
Sunday Group

Dear Friends,

Laura Burton has graciously agreed to facilitate the class discussion on December 14th. We plan to be back on December 21st.

Blessings to all.
Rich and Rosemary Neely



Christ in Our Home
Devotional
January, February, March -
2026
is now available.
Grab a copy in the Great Hall.

Poinsettia!!

There are a few more plants available.

The cost is \$15 each.

The sign-up sheet will be in the Great Hall.

Cash or check.



***Celebrating Las Posadas on
December 17th, 6:00-7:30 pm.***

Still looking for contributions of food for dinner, assistance for hosting, serving, clean up, etc.

For slot selections, click here: **[Sign Up Genius.](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054DAEAD28A1F58-60864178-lasposadas/167421002#/)**
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Let's make this a very special and delicious time of celebration. ***Gracias!***

Pr. Rick Alpers

will cover any *urgent Pastoral Care needs*
during December 25-January 5th.

*For urgent Pastoral Care needs during Christmas,
please contact the church office.*



Cross of Hope School will be closed for Winter Break
December 22 - through January 5

Cross of Hope Church Office will be closed on:

Wednesday - December 24 at noon

Thursday - December 25

Friday - December 26

Thursday - January 1, 2026

You are all invited to
**Cross of Hope's Annual
Hanging of the Greens**
Sunday, December 14th
after the 10:45am service.

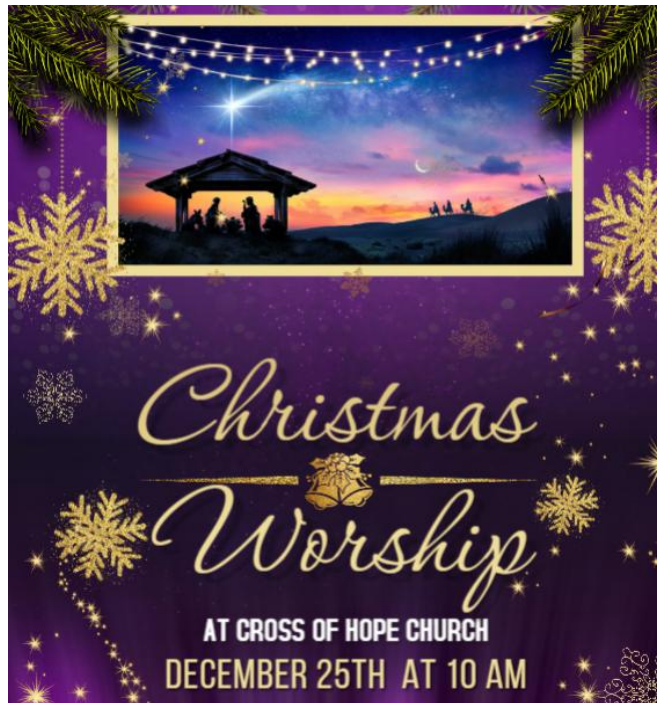
All decorators will be treated to a pizza lunch.



A friendly reminder:

*All gifts **MUST** be returned to the church no later than
Sunday, December 14.*

If you have any questions, or would like to help in any way,
please call Deney Perkins (505-321-5549).



Community Prayers Needs

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

Members of the Community:

Mike Leddy; Janet Conlon; Pat Benchik; Toni Kovarik; Wendy Harrison; Don and Beth Cretsinger; Diane and David Pressel; Tim Fuller; Greg Morrison; Bill Harris; Ruth Hinkel; Susan Jennings; Dick Bresnahan; Toni Kovarik; Flora Telles; Claudia Russo; Stacey Taylor; Phil Wangberg; Shirley and Dale McCan; Chris and Julie Morgan; Gary and Fran Hveem; Dolores Hughes; Shannon Reynolds; Judy Will.

Friends of Cross of Hope:

Dawn Vola (Jennifer's Mom); Jan Meoli (Sherrie Simek); Spencer (Laura Burton's nephew); Roxanne (Keri Sutter's friend); Jennifer (Keri Sutter's friend); Tim (Pat Benchik's brother); Tanya Patterson and Kim Mora (friends of Rhonda Warner); Bill (Beth Locke's brother); Ray and Barbara (friends of Gary Warner); Hart and Joyce Paulat (Kristi Valdez' parents); Mike Nelson (BJ Owens' brother); Barbara (Keri Sutter); Tom McCain (Tim Fuller); Brenda Erhard, Angela McKnight's Mom (Art Kavanaugh); 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 (Gary Warner's niece and her family); Matt Clark (Rosemary Neely); Don Abeyta (Jennifer Abeyta); Frank Lepkowski (Toni Kovarik); Mark Christensen (Rhonda Warner's brother); Lorrie Willoughby (Linda W); Karen (Beth Cretsinger); Tom Grady (Sylvia Oelsner); Erik Hansen (Janet Conlon); Stacey Bender (Lois Casto); Diane Lamp; Theresa Perez; Katie Halstrom (Sorensen's); 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); David Dees.

For the Gift of New Life:

Cash Bennett Modisette, great grandson to Robert and Sheri Phillips.

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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