

Sunday Worship & Prayers

Second Sunday of Advent

December 7, 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

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| Prelude | <i>Light Dawns on a Weary World (ELW 726)</i> | Voices of Hope |
| Confession and Forgiveness | | |
| Gathering Hymn | <i>Hark, the Glad Sound!</i> | Song 239 |
| Apostolic Greeting / Kyrie / Prayer of the Day | | |

WORD

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| First Reading | Isaiah 11:1-10 | |
| Psalm | Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19 | |
| Second Reading | Romans 15:4-13 | |
| Advent Gospel Acclamation | <i>Come Now, O Prince of Peace (verse 2)</i> | Song 247 |
| Gospel | Matthew 3:1-12 | |
| Advent Gospel Acclamation with Children's Time Wreath Lighting | | |
| | <i>Come Now, O Prince of Peace (verse 2)</i> | Song 247 |
| Sermon | Let it Go! Despair | Pr. Adam Berndt |
| Hymn of the Day | <i>On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry</i> | Song 249 |
| Nicene Creed / Prayers of Intercession | | |
| Peace | | |

MEAL

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| Offering | | Amy Ellis |
| Offering Response | <i>He Came Down (verse 2)</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>Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming</i> | Song 272 |
| | <i>Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus</i> | Song 254 |
| Prayer After Communion | | |

SENDING

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| Blessing | | |
| Sending Song | <i>All Earth is Hopeful</i> | Song 266 |
| Dismissal/Postlude | | Amy Ellis |

Holy Communion - 10:45am - Praise +Team

All Songs can be followed along with the presentation.

GATHERING

Gathering Song *Song of Hope (Heaven Come Down)*
Centering Prayer
Centering Song *Come as You Are*

WORD

Readings Isaiah 11:1-10; Romans 15:4-13
Gospel Matthew 3:1-12
Sermon Let It Go! Despair Pr. Adam Berndt
Children's Time Wreath Lighting
Song of the Day *Hosanna (Praise is Rising)*
Prayers of the Church
Peace

MEAL

Offering *Jesus Messiah*
The Lord's Prayer
Communion *What Can I Do*
Prayer After Communion

SENDING

Blessing and Prayer for Peace
Sending Song *Blessed Be Your Name*
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

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| Presiding Minister | Pr. Adam Berndt |
| Council Connections | Art Kavanaugh |
| Director of Music Ministry | Thomas Ropp |
| Accompanist | Amy Ellis |
| Music Leaders | Praise+Team |

8:45am – Traditional

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| Assisting Minister | Duane Meneely |
| Acolyte | Addy Berndt |
| Lector | Lynne Bagby |
| Cantor | Thomas Ropp |
| Communion Server | Nancy Morrison |
| Altar Team | Kristi Valdez |

10:45am - Contemporary

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| Assisting Minister | Dennis Milks |
| Lector | Barb Morton |
| Communion Server | Cecilia Lawrence |
| Altar Team | Cecilia Lawrence |

Second Sunday of Advent

At the heart of our Advent preparation stands John the Baptist, who calls us to repent and make a new beginning. As the darkness increases we turn toward the approaching light of Christ. For Christians he is the root of Jesse, the righteous judge who welcomes all, especially the poor and meek of the earth. We wait with hope for that day when the wolf will dwell with the lamb, and there will be no more hurt or destruction. From the Lord's table we are sent in the spirit of John the Baptist to proclaim that in Christ the kingdom of God has come near.

*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.*

Blessings to all.
Rich and Rosemary Neely



The sign-up sheet will be in the Great Hall.
Please mark your payment
"poinsettia".



Thank you!

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



LUNCH BUNCH

Wednesday, December 10 at 1:00pm

Olive Garden at 3823 Coors NW

(new location)

Please call Florence Begay for a head count by **December 8.**

By phone at 505-363-5827 or by email at florencebegay2011@gmail.com

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.

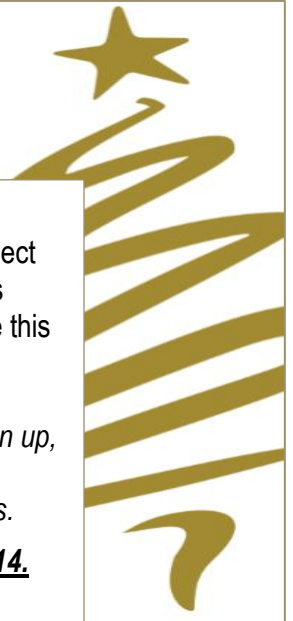
Please RSVP by Friday, December 12
to **RC Jordan** in person or email at media@crossofhope.org.
We want to be sure there is plenty of pizza for all. Thank you!



Christ in Our Home Devotional
January, February, March - 2026
is now available.

Grab a copy in the Great Hall. 😊

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Angel
TREE



Angel Tree Ministries

This year, Cross of Hope again partnered up with the APS Homeless Project for their Angel Tree Ministry Program. The social workers and counselors involved in this process have selected families most in need of assistance this year. Cross of Hope will be working to provide Christmas for six of these families.

If you are interested in participating and have not yet had a chance to sign up,

Deney Perkins will be available Sunday, December 7

in between services to assist you in choosing gifts for family members.

All gifts MUST be returned to the church no later than 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:

Janet Conlon; Pat Benchik; Toni Kovarik; David Bagby; 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:

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.

Comfort the Grieving:

Linda Willoughby and family at the death of her brother, Tom.

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.

We appreciate your continued giving at Cross of Hope:

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