

# Sunday Worship & Prayers

**Second Sunday of Christmas**

**Lessons and Carols**

**January 4, 2026**

**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 and 10:45am

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

### GATHERING

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

Gathering Hymn

*Angels, from the Realms of Glory*

Song 275

Christmas Greeting

Canticle of Praise

*Angels We Have Heard on High*

Song 289

Prayer of the Day

Psalm

Psalm 8

### WORD

**“For unto you is born a Savior, who is Christ, the Lord.”**

Lesson

Isaiah 12:2-6

Response

*O Come, All Ye Faithful (refrain only)*

Song 283

Lesson

Matthew 1:18-21

Carol

*Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*

Song 272

**“For unto you is born a Savior, who is Christ, the Lord.”**

Lesson

Isaiah 61:1-3, 11

Response

*O Come, All Ye Faithful (refrain only)*

Song 283

Lesson

John 1:19-23, 29-34

Carol:

*In the Bleak Midwinter*

Song 294

**“For unto you is born a Savior, who is Christ, the Lord.”**

Lesson

Isaiah 6:1-8

Response

*O Come, All Ye Faithful (refrain only)*

Song 283

Lesson

Luke 1:26-35

Carol

*O Little Town of Bethlehem*

Song 279

Nicene Creed

Prayers of Intercession

Peace

***See next page***

**Holy Communion – 8:45am and 10:45am**  
*All Songs can be followed along with the presentation.*

**MEAL**

Offering		Amy Ellis
Offering Prayer		
Words of Institution		
The Lord's Prayer		
Communion	<i>What Child is This</i>	Song 296
Post Communion Blessing		
Prayer After Communion		

**SENDING**

Blessing		
Sending Hymn	<i>Go Tell It on Mountain</i>	Song 290
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.



**Happy  
New Year  
2026**

## 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

<b>Presiding Minister</b>	Pr. Adam Berndt
<b>Council Connections</b>	Ron Cordova
<b>Director of Music Ministry</b>	Thomas Ropp
<b>Accompanist</b>	Amy Ellis
<b>Music Leaders</b>	Praise+Team

*8:45am – Traditional*

<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Jan Wormwood
<b>Lectors</b>	Mary Bresnahan Rhonda Warner
<b>Communion Server</b>	Sherrie Simek

*10:45am - Traditional*

<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Dennis Milks
<b>Lectors</b>	Linda Milks Laura Benchik
<b>Communion Server</b>	Cecilia Lawrence

## ***Second Sunday of Christmas***

Within the gospel reading's profound words lies the simple message that God is revealed in a human person. Though we may try to understand how the Word existed with God from the beginning of time, the wonder we celebrate at Christmas is that the Word continues to dwell among us. Christ comes among us in the gathered assembly, the scriptures, the waters of new birth, and the bread and the wine. Through these ordinary gifts we receive the fullness of God's grace and truth.

*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.*

**Poinsettia Plants:** Thank you for those who sponsored one.  
The plants are really to be taken home after the last service this Sunday, January 4<sup>th</sup>.  
Or swing by during normal church office hours to pick up. **Thank you!**

### **Highlights for this upcoming week**

#### **Wednesday, January 7, 2026**

8:30am to 9:00am	Morning Prayer in the Sanctuary
1:00pm to 2:00pm	Wow (Women on Wednesday) group in the Sanctuary
2:15pm to 2:45pm	Children's Chapel in the Sanctuary
5:30pm to 7:30pm	Camp@COH in the Great Hall
6:00pm to 7:00pm	Men's Bible Study group in the church office conference room

#### **Sunday, January 11, 2026**

***Baptism of Our Lord - First Sunday after Epiphany***

#### **Note**

***Voices of Hope Choir practice will resume on Wednesday, January 22nd at 6:00pm.***

**Wednesday's Camp@COH**

**Sign Up Meal Genius for January 7, 2026**

If you would like to donate funds for **Pizza**, please [click here](#).

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094EA9AC29A6FCCF8-61280047-copy#/>



#### **LUNCH BUNCH**

**Wednesday**

**January 14, 2026 at 1:00pm**

**RED LOBSTER**

**10520 Coors Bypass NW**

Please call Florence Begay  
at 505-363-5827 or email at

[florencebegay2011@gmail.com](mailto:florencebegay2011@gmail.com)

**for a head count by January 12.**



**Monday January 19, 2026**  
**Cross of Hope School and the**  
**Church Office**  
**will be closed.**



Because of you,  
life doesn't stop

**BLOOD  
DRIVE**

**Sunday, January 18, 2026**

**From 10:00 am to 1:30 pm in the Nursery.**

**To make a lifesaving appointment,  
please scan the QR code  
or [Click Here](https://donors.vitalant.org/dwp/portal/dwa/appointment/guest/phl/timeSlotsExtra?token=flgrRAwDhyRSkhl%2BVV0JlXWxZ%2FqDNx3TKseYu2sz7w4%3D)**

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**Walk-ins welcome too!**



**LENT??? ALREADY!!!**

Christmas season is closing and Lent is just around the corner!

Lent begins February 18, 2026.

***Stay tuned for more information on reading selections and dates***  
for our very own Cross of Hope Lenten Devotional 2026.

*For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works,  
which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life. Ephesians 2:10*



# *Notes*

## 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:

Morgan Newberry (Nancy Lacher); Rebecca Shore and family and community of St. Luke Lutheran Church (Pastor Jane Voelkel); 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 Boka'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 more information on our ongoing ministries or events scan the QR code or go to [Crossofhope.org](http://Crossofhope.org)**

**All Worship Information may be found on [Crossofhope.org](http://Crossofhope.org) In the Worship Section.**

### **We appreciate your continued giving at Cross of Hope:**

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Via US Mail  
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