

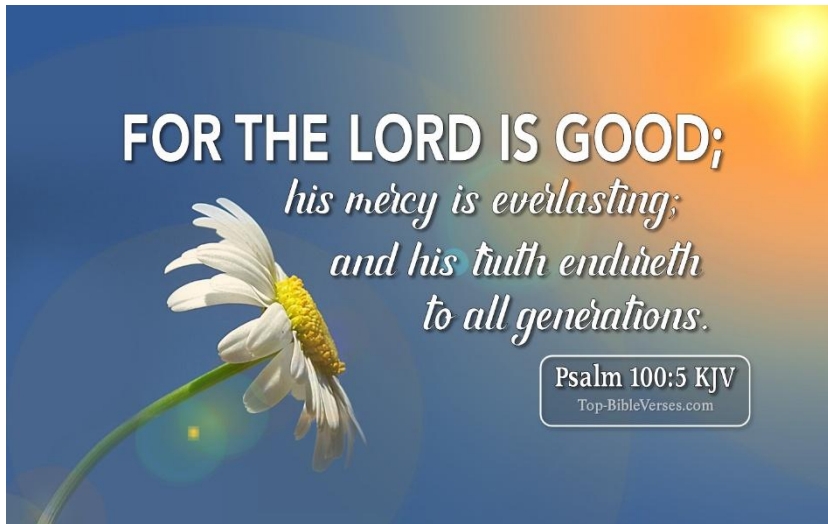
Sunday Worship & Prayers

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 26, 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 – Setting Nine - 8:45am

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

GATHERING

Prelude		Amy Ellis
Gathering Hymn	<i>Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds</i>	Song 367
Apostolic Greeting		
Canticle of Praise	<i>This is the Feast...</i>	ELW p. 196
Prayer of the Day		

WORD

First Reading	Ezekiel 34:7-15	
Psalm	Psalm 100	
Second Reading	1 Peter 2:19-25	
Gospel Acclamation	<i>Alleluia</i>	ELW p. 198
Gospel	John 10:1-10	
Children's Time		
Sermon	Living Hope	Pr. Adam
Hymn of the Day	<i>Have No Fear, Little Flock</i>	Song 764
Rite of Holy Baptism	Heron James Kristofic	
Apostles' Creed		
Prayers of Intercession		
Peace		

MEAL

Offering		Amy Ellis
Offering Response	<i>Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful</i>	Song 184
Great Thanksgiving	<i>The Lord</i>	ELW p. 199
Sanctus	<i>Holy, Holy, Holy Lord</i>	ELW p. 200
The Lord's Prayer		
Communion	<i>Lamb of God</i>	ELW p. 201
	<i>Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us</i>	Song 789
	I Know that My Redeemer Lives! (vs 1, 3, and 5)	Song 619
Prayer After Communion		

SENDING

Blessing		
Sending Hymn	<i>God Be with You Till We Meet Again</i>	Song 536
Dismissal/Postlude		

Holy Communion –10:45am

All Songs can be followed along with the presentation.

GATHERING

Gathering Song	<i>No One Like You</i>
Thanksgiving for Baptism	
Centering Song	<i>You Never Let Go</i>
Centering Prayer	

WORD

Readings	Ezekiel 34:7-15; 1 Peter 2:19-25	
Gospel	John 10:1-10	
Children's Time		
Sermon	Living Hope	Pr. Adam
Song of the Day	<i>I Will Follow</i>	
Apostles' Creed		
Prayers of Intercession		
Peace		

MEAL

Offering	<i>My Savior My God</i>
Offering Prayer	
The Lord's Prayer	
Communion	<i>Lord, I Need You</i>
Prayer After Communion	

SENDING

Blessing	
Sending Song	<i>Miracle Power</i>
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	Pr. Adam Berndt
Council Connections	Art Kavanaugh
Director of Music Ministry	Thomas Ropp
Accompanist	Amy Ellis
Music Leaders	Praise+Team
Director of Worship	RC Jordan

8:45am – Traditional

Assisting Minister	Mary Bresnahan
Lector	Louise Hawley
Communion Server	Lynne Bagby
Altar Team	Lynne Bagby

10:45am - Contemporary

Assisting Minister	Renae Johannsen
Lector	Laura Benchik
Communion Server	Cecilia Lawrence
Altar Team	Debra Gonzales

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Today is sometimes called “Good Shepherd Sunday.” Jesus is called the “gate” of the sheep in today’s gospel. The risen Christ opens the way to abundant life. He anoints our heads with oil and guides us beside the still waters of our baptism. Each Sunday he spreads a feast before us amid the world’s violence and war. We go forth to be signs of the resurrection and extend God’s tender care to all creation.

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.

Mother's Day Food Drive - May 10

Please start collecting nonperishable food items to donate for the **Rio Grande Food Project**. Drop off will be at the designated area in the Great Hall.

Items like Oatmeal & Cereals, Pastas & Sauces, Bread & Crackers, Rice & Grains, Canned & Dried Beans, Canned Fish & Chicken, Canned Veggies, Canned & Dried Fruit, Nut & Seeds, Butters, Canned & Boxed Soups.

To learn more about RGFP visit us at www.rgfp.org.



**Wednesday, May 13th
at 12:30pm**

Maricos Altamar
1517 Coors Blvd NW, 87121

Please call Florence Begay at 505-363-5827 or by email to florencebegay2011@gmail.com for a head count by May 11th.

Community Event for all! Night of Appreciation!

**Wednesday,
April 29th
5:30pm to 7:00pm**

Save the Date!

PARENTS/ VOLUNTEERS

Night of Appreciation

Wednesday, April 29th | 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

Cross of Hope School

- Dinner will be served.
- Activities for the students
- Parent Input via Table Talk
- Elementary Student Performance

Join Us for an Evening of
Connection & Collaboration

There's Something Better Coming

The Easter season is a precious time for Christians to celebrate the source of our hope: Christ is risen, and he invites us to rise with him into new life. Easter reminds us that God is still at work, even in the places where we've felt stuck or discouraged.

Easter is an invitation to try again—with his strength—to break habits we thought were unbreakable.

There's something better coming.

Easter is a chance to breathe new life into a marriage we feared was beyond saving.

There's something better coming.

Easter is an opportunity to slow down, reach out, and reconnect with those we've unintentionally neglected.

There's something better coming.

Easter is an invitation to look at our lack of love and seek God for compassion.

There's something better coming.

Easter is a chance for all no-hopers to regain their vision of what can be!

There's something better coming.

Easter is an opportunity to renew our faith.

There's something better coming.

Easter is a chance to “renew our strength and mount up with wings as eagles; to run and not faint.”

There's something better coming.



SYNOD ASSEMBLY 2026
Thursday April 23 – Saturday April 25
Hosted by
Bethany Lutheran Church, Denver, Colorado

This year's Rocky Mountain Synod Assembly centers on the theme ***Vida en Cristo. Life in Christ***, inviting the synod to root its shared life in Jesus Christ. The theme emphasizes that life in Christ is lived not only in worship and church gatherings, but also in everyday callings—at home, at work, in service to neighbors, and in the ordinary rhythms of daily life.

Grounded in baptism, the Assembly highlights God's grace, the Spirit's renewing work, and the calling of all people to live out faith through love, service, justice, and peace. Scripture guiding the theme includes Romans 6:3–4 and Galatians 2:20. Duane and Glenna Meneely will join Pr. Adam as the voting members from Cross of Hope.

**JUNE
8-12**

DAY CAMP
EVERYONE WELCOME
Proverbs 4:7

**Rainbow Trail
Day Camp**

[Now Open for Registration](#)

To Register for camp: Kindergarten to Fifth grade
<https://www.crossofhope.org/16663-2/>

To Volunteer for camp:
<https://www.crossofhope.org/forms/rainbow-trail-day-camp-2026/rainbow-trail-lutheran-day-camp-parent-volunteer-form/>

Community Prayers Needs

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

Members of the Community:

Rich Neely; Liz Sanchez; Duane Meneely; Jan Wormwood; Rudy and Sherrie Simek; Tony Girard; Linda Willoughby; Claudia Russo; Mike Leddy; Janet Conlon; Pat Benchik; BJ Owens; Wendy Harrison; Don and Beth Cretsinger; Diane and David Pressel; Tim Fuller; Greg Morrison; Bill Harris; Ruth Hinkel; Susan Jennings; Dick Bresnahan; Flora Telles; Stacey Taylor; Phil Wangberg; Shirley and Dale McCan; Gary and Fran Hveem; Dolores Hughes; Shannon Reynolds; Judy Will.

Friends of Cross of Hope:

Ray and Jackie (dear friends of Carlene Hobbs); Baby Heron (Mary Hughes' grandson); Don Hilty (Toni Kovarik); Sam Mann, Susan Mann-Biddison's grandson (Toni Kovarik); Ed Klaus (John Romisher); Baby Laurabelle, Baby Juliana, Hannah and James (Laura and Jerry Burton); Ron and Karl (Rosemary Neely); Joyce (Sherrie Simek); Edward Swanson (Jan Anderson); Morgan Newberry (Nancy Lacher); 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 and Kim (friends of Rhonda Warner); Bill (Beth Locke's brother); 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 Mcllellan and family); Pam (Debbie Bokan's sister); Melissa 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:

Charles Hendrickson and family at the death of his wife, Kay.
Shannon Telles and family at the death of her cousin, Frank Serna.

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

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In the Worship Section.**

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