

Sunday Worship & Prayers

Seventh Sunday of *Advent
December 22, 2024 –8:45am and 10:45am.

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.



Space to Sing!

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 Eight

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

GATHERING

Prelude		Amy Ellis
	<i>The assembly stands in body or spirit.</i>	
Gathering Hymn	<i>The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came</i>	Song 265
Lighting of Advent Wreath		
Advent Hymn	<i>Wait for the Lord</i>	Song 262
Prayer of the Day		
	<i>The assembly is seated.</i>	

WORD

Readings	Micah 5:2-5a; Hebrews 10:5-10	
	<i>The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.</i>	
Gospel Acclamation	<i>Alleluia</i>	Page 188
Gospel	Luke 1:39-45 [46-55]	
Sermon	Space to Sing	Adam Berndt
	<i>The assembly stands.</i>	
Hymn of the Day	<i>People Look East</i>	Song 248
Apostles' Creed		
Prayers of Intercession		
Peace		
	<i>The assembly is seated.</i>	

MEAL

Offering	<i>Magnificat</i>	Keri Sutter and Amy Ellis
	<i>An offering is gathered for the mission of the church. The assembly stands.</i>	
Offering Response	<i>As the Grains of Wheat (R,V1,R)</i>	Song 465
Great Thanksgiving	The Lord	Page 190
Sanctus	<i>Holy, Holy, Holy Lord</i>	Page 190
Communion	<i>The Lamb of God</i>	Page 191
	<i>O Come, O Come, Emmanuel</i>	Song 257
	<i>The assembly stands.</i>	
Prayer After Communion		

SENDING

Blessing and Prayer for Peace		
Sending Hymn	<i>Soon and Very Soon</i>	Song 439
Dismissal		

Holy Communion - 10:45AM - Praise +Team

All Songs can be followed along with the presentation.

GATHERING

Gathering Song *Hosanna (Praise is Rising)*
Centering Prayer
Opening Song *Be Born In Me*
Lighting of Advent Wreath

WORD

First Reading Micah 5:2-5a
Second Reading Hebrews 10:5-10
Gospel Luke 1:39-45 [46-55]
Sermon Space to Sing Adam Berndt
Song of the Day *You Are Holy (Prince of Peace)*
Prayers of the Church
Peace

MEAL

Offering *What If*
Communion *He Is*
Prayer After Communion

SENDING

Blessing and Prayer for Peace
Sending Song *Did You Feel the Mountains Tremble?*
Dismissal
Postlude *Did You Feel the Mountains Tremble?*

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	Rhonda Warner
Lector	Elisa McLellan
Communion server	Mary Bresnahan
Council Connections:	Ron Cordova
Director of Music Ministry	Thomas Ropp
Accompanist	Amy Ellis

Seventh Sunday of Advent

Cradle and cross are inextricably connected on the fourth Sunday of Advent. Between a lovely tribute to the little town of Bethlehem and Mary's magnificent song of praise, the letter to the Hebrews reminds us in no uncertain terms that Christ's advent is for "the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all." It is the kind of tension in which the church always lives as when in holy communion—with high delight—"we proclaim the Lord's death."

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

Sundays of *Advent

Advent is a season of the church year that invites us to reflect on the present time as the space between the promise of God's eternal reign set forth in Christ and the fulfillment of that promise at the end (or fullness) of time.

This 'now and not yet' paradox of God's salvation challenges us to live active and faithful lives of love, forgiveness and mercy as we both know the saving grace of God in Christ and wait for the fullness of grace when Christ will come again.



To honor this season of The Space Between, **we've expanded Advent to seven Sundays this year.** Stir up your power Lord, Christ and come.

Advent – The Space Between **Advent and Christmas at Cross of Hope 2024**

School closed - Winter Break - December 23, 2024 to January 3, 2025

Church Office closed - December 24 (at noon), plus December 25 and 26, 2024

Tuesday, December 24

Nativity of our Lord - Christmas Eve Worship

4:00pm- Children's Worship

Christmas songs and stories

6:00pm - Contemporary Worship

with Praise+Team

8:00pm - Candlelight Service

Music with the Brass & Voices of Hope Choir

Wednesday, December 25

Nativity of our Lord - Christmas Day

10:00am worship

Sunday, December 29 - First Sunday of Christmas, 10:00am worship

Church office closed, New Year's Day - Wednesday, January 1, 2025

Council Connection
Council Leader **Ron Cordova**,
will be present to connect

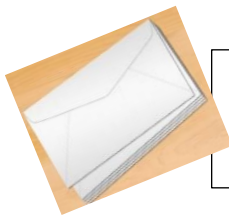
this Sunday from 10:00-10:30 am at the front desk.
Swing by and say Hi!

Going forward, **Council Connections**, will continue to be available each week with a different council leader to connect with the community on our Sunday schedule from 10:00-10:30am at the front desk.
Let us share this journey as Cross of Hope

A shout out from the Property Team

“A Big Thank You!”

To the Boy Scouts and all of you
who came out on Fall Clean Up Day!
We sure appreciate your hard work!



The 2025 Giving Envelopes
In the Great Hall
for those who use envelopes.



Because of you,
life doesn't stop



CROSS OF HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday, January 19, 2025
From 10:00am to 1:30pm

To make an appointment
call or text Julie Jones at 915-433-7588 or
use the QR code provided. WALK-INS WELCOME
All donors who come to give blood will enter our giveaway
to win 1 of 3 \$10,000 gift cards.



Shout out to Kathy Gorman for our Outreach program!
She has provided a schedule of events for this upcoming year!
Mark your calendar(s) appropriately! 😊

2025 OUTREACH Calendar

January 19	See above
February 9	Super Bowl Food Drive
March 16	Pet Food Drive
May 11	Mother's Day Food Drive
June 8	Blood Drive Time: 10am-1:30pm
September 28	Blood Drive Time: 10am-1:30pm
October 5	Pet Blessing and Pet Food Drive

Community Prayers Needs

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

Members of the Community:

Wendy Harrison; Shirley McCan; Toni Kovarik; Denise Soto; Diane & David Pressel; Flora Telles; Claudia Russo; Stacey Taylor; Laura and Jerry Burton; Russ Edwards; Phil Wangberg; Chris and Julie Morgan; Gary and Fran Hveem; Dolores Hughes; Don & Beth Cretsinger; Shannon Reynolds; Tim Fuller; David Dees; Judy Will; Bill and Gem Harris.

Friends of Cross of Hope:

Susan Mann-Biddison (Toni Kovarik); Louella (mother of Linda Aragon, COH teacher); Margaret George Davis (Linda George's daughter-in-law); Alesia Bell (Nancy Lacher); Dianah Rowland (friend of BJ Owen); Sandy Jensen (niece of BJ Owen); Mary Wood (John Lacher); Ken, Joyce, Stacy, Jen, and Amber (David Bagby's Brother and family); Mona Lookhart (RC Jordan); Kay Walch (Joy Thornhill's mom); Cecil Ingram (Joy Thornhill's dad); Virginia Casper (Lynne Bagby's Mom); Phil Mohrman (RC Jordan's brother); Randy B (Elisa Mclellan and family); Pam (Debbie Bokan's sister); Melissa, Tim and Joseph; Rose Family (Sheri Phillips); Matt Clark (Rosemary Neely); Don Abeyta (Jennifer Abeyta); Tom Kent and family, Carol, Leslie, Erin (Toni Kovarik); 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); Judy (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).

For the Gift of New Life:

Daphne Kate Moser, daughter to Sean Moser.

Comfort the Grieving:

Kevin Williams and family, and the community of faith at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Los Alamos at the death of his mother, Lu.

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

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

We appreciate your continued giving here at Cross of Hope:

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