

Sunday Worship & Prayers

Second Sunday after Epiphany

January 18, 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 One - 8:45am

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

GATHERING

Prelude		Amy Ellis
Confession and Forgiveness		
Gathering Hymn	<i>Jesus, the Light of the World</i>	ACS Song 914
Apostolic Greeting		
Kyrie	<i>In peace,...</i>	ELW p. 98
Canticle of Praise	<i>This is the feast...</i>	ELW p 101
Prayer of the Day		

WORD

First Reading	Isaiah 49:1-7	
Psalm	Psalm 40:1-11	
Second Reading	1 Corinthians 1:1-9	
Gospel Acclamation	<i>Alleluia</i>	ELW p. 102
Gospel	John 1:29-42	
Children's Time		
Sermon	Walk in the Light: Lamb of God	Pr. Adam
Hymn of the Day	<i>Jesus Calls Us; o're the Tumult</i>	Song 696
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. 107
Sanctus	<i>Holy, Holy, Holy Lord</i>	ELW p. 108
The Lord's Prayer		
Communion	<i>Lamb of God</i>	ELW p. 112
	<i>Here I Am, Lord</i>	Song 574
	<i>One Bread, One Body</i>	Song 496

Prayer After Communion

SENDING

Blessing		
Sending Song for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity	<i>We All Are One in Mission</i>	Song 576
Dismissal/Postlude		

Holy Communion –10:45am

All Songs can be followed along with the presentation.

GATHERING

Gathering Song	<i>Child of Love</i>
Centering Prayer	
Centering Song	<i>Holy Spirit, Enter In</i>

WORD

Readings	Isaiah 49:1-7; 1 Corinthians 1:1-9
Gospel	John 1:29-42
Sermon	Walk in the Light: Lamb of God
Children's Time	Pr. Adam
Song of the Day	<i>Grace Wins</i>
Apostles' Creed	
Prayers of Intercession	
Peace	

MEAL

Offering	<i>Oh My Soul</i>
Offering Prayer	
The Lord's Prayer	
Communion	<i>I Am</i>
Prayer After Communion	

SENDING

Blessing	
Sending Song	<i>Your Grace is Enough</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.



HEARING LOOP INSTALLED
Switch hearing aid to T-coil

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	Art Kavanaugh
Director of Music Ministry	Thomas Ropp
Accompanist	Amy Ellis
Music Leaders	Praise+Team

8:45am – Traditional

Assisting Minister	Margie Reed
Lector	BJ Owens
Cantor	Cheri Sorensen
Communion Server	Kristi Valdez
Altar Team	Kristi Valdez

10:45am - Contemporary

Assisting Minister	Melanie Kouri
Lector	Loyola Cortinas
Communion Server	Cecilia Lawrence
Altar Team	Jan Anderson

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Today's gospel opens with further reflection on Jesus' baptism. He is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world and the one anointed by the Spirit. In the liturgy we come and see Christ revealed among us in word and meal. We go forth to invite others to come and worship the Holy One and to receive the gifts of grace and peace made known 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.

Highlights for this upcoming week

Monday, January 19, 2026

**Martin Luther King Jr. Day –
School and church office closed**

Wednesday, January 21, 2026

8:30am to 9:00am Morning Prayer in the Sanctuary
1:00pm to 2:00pm Women on Wednesday (WOW) 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

Thursday January 22, 2026

6:00pm to 7:00pm Voices of Hope choir practice in the Sanctuary

Sunday, January 25, 2026

Third Sunday after Epiphany



**Wednesday's Camp@COH
Sign Up Meal Genius for January 21, 2026**
If you would like to donate funds for **Nacho Night!**

please [click here](#).

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094EA9AC29A6FCCF8-61613515-campcrossofhope#/>

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity January 18-25

This ecumenical initiative invites Christian traditions to pray for the unity of the Church and to reflect on Jesus' prayer 'that they may all be one' (John 17:21). This year's theme is inspired by Ephesians 4:
'There is one Body and one Spirit,
just as you were called to the one hope of your calling.'

A worship and reception will be offered today,

**January 18 at 2:30pm
Norbertine Abbey**

5825 Coors Blvd SW, Albuquerque, NM 87121
with the **Rev. Wesley Granberg-Michaelson** preaching.



Because of you,
life doesn't stop

BLOOD
DRIVE

Sunday, January 18, 2026
From 10:00 am to 1:30 pm in the Nursery.
Walk-ins welcome too!

It is time...
to write devotions for our very own
Cross of Hope Lenten Devotional.
For devotion ideas, reflect on our theme

Love and Light.

Be invited to offer a devotion
for our journey through the season of Lent.

**“Love
and
Light”
Lenten
Devotional
2026**



***Reflection, poetry, art, song, what gift has God given you to share
with the community as we turn toward the love and light?***

Sign up for scripture readings and instruction forms
will be available in the Great Hall.

Sundays: January 18, and January 25.

Deadline for completion
no later than **February 1.**

Notes

Community Prayers Needs

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

Members of the Community:

Tony Girard; Heron Kristofic; Claudia Russo; Mike Leddy; Janet Conlon; Pat Benchik; Toni Kavarik; 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; Chris and Julie Morgan; Gary and Fran Hveem; Dolores Hughes; Shannon Reynolds; Judy Will.

Friends of Cross of Hope:

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 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 Kavarik); 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 Kavarik); 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:

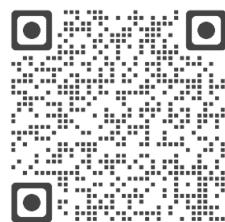
Debra Gonzales, her nephew, and family at the death of her sister, Mary Lou.

Bill Casto and family at the death of his sister, Laura.

Genie Rossetti, family and the community of St. Luke Lutheran Church at the death of her nephew, Marshall.

For the Gift of New Life: Martha Kristofic (Hughes) for the birth of Heron James.

For more information on our ongoing ministries or events
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In the Worship Section.



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