

# Sunday Worship & Prayers

Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 25, 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.



*Walk in the Light:  
Prophet*

**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>In Christ Called to Baptize</i>	Song 575
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 9:1-4	
Psalm	Psalm 27:1, 4-9	
Second Reading	1 Corinthians 1:10-18	
Gospel Acclamation	<i>Alleluia</i>	ELW p. 102
Gospel	Matthew 4:12-23	
Children's Time		
Sermon	Walk in the Light: Prophet	Pr. Adam
Hymn of the Day	<i>Christ, Be Our Light</i>	Song 715
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>Jesus, the Light of the World</i>	ACS Song 914
	<i>I Love to Tell the Story</i>	Song 661

### Prayer After Communion

### SENDING

Blessing		
Sending Hymn	<i>I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light</i>	Song 815
Dismissal/Postlude		

## Holy Communion –10:45am

*All Songs can be followed along with the presentation.*

### GATHERING

<b>Gathering Song</b>	<i>Smile</i>
<b>Centering Prayer</b>	
<b>Centering Song</b>	<i>Give Us Clean Hands</i>

### WORD

<b>Readings</b>	Isaiah 9:1-4; 1 Corinthians 1:10-18
<b>Gospel</b>	Matthew 4:12-23
<b>Sermon</b>	Walk in the Light: Prophet
<b>Children's Time</b>	Pr. Adam

**Song of the Day** *I Will Follow*

**Apostles' Creed**

**Prayers of Intercession**

**Peace**

### MEAL

**Offering** *Brighter Days*

**Offering Prayer**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Communion**

**Prayer After Communion**

### SENDING

**Blessing**

**Sending Song** *Today is the Day*

**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.

<b>SERVING TODAY</b>	
<b>Presiding Minister</b>	Pr. Adam Berndt
<b>Council Connections</b>	Bob Arseneau
<b>Director of Music Ministry</b>	Thomas Ropp
<b>Accompanist</b>	Amy Ellis
<b>Music Leaders</b>	Praise+Team
<i>8:45am – Traditional</i>	
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Nancy Lacher
<b>Lector</b>	Ed Christians
<b>Cantor</b>	Beth Locke
<b>Communion Server</b>	Kristi Valdez
<b>Altar Team</b>	Lynne Bagby
<i>10:45am - Contemporary</i>	
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Laura Benchik
<b>Lector</b>	Sherrie Simek
<b>Communion Server</b>	Laura Benchik
<b>Altar Team</b>	Cecilia Lawrence

### ***Third Sunday after Epiphany***

Jesus begins his public ministry by calling fishers to leave their nets and follow him. In Jesus the kingdom of God has come near. We who have walked in darkness have seen a great light. We see this light most profoundly in the cross—as God suffers with us and all who are oppressed by sickness, sin, or evil. Light dawns for us as we gather around the word, the font, and the holy table. We are then sent to share the good news that others may be “caught” in the net of God’s grace and mercy.

*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

### **Wednesday, January 28, 2026**

8:30am to 9:00am	Morning Prayer 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
5:30pm to 6:30pm	Men's Bible Study group in the church office conference room

### **Thursday January 29, 2026**

6:00pm to 7:00pm	Voices of Hope choir practice in the Sanctuary
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### **Sunday, February 1, 2026**

### **Fourth Sunday after Epiphany**

#### **NOTE:**

**COH School and Church off will be closed on Thursday, January 29, 2026.  
PNM power schedule for shutoff**

## The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity January 18-25

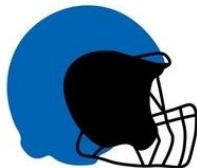
This ecumenical initiative invites Christian traditions to pray for the unity of the Church and to reflect on Jesus' prayer 'that they may all be one' (John 17:21).

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.'



**Wednesday's Camp@COH  
Sign Up Meal Genius for January 28, 2026**  
If you would like to donate funds for **Chicken Strips!**  
please [click here](#).

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094EA9AC29A6FCCF8-61616465-camp>



**SUPER  
BOWL  
SUNDAY**

**Food Drive through  
February 8, 2026**

Please start collecting  
non-perishable food items  
to donate for the

**Rio Grande Food Project.**

Drop off at the designated area  
in the Great Hall.



**Food Drive Wish**

Oatmeal & Cereals  
Pastas & Sauce  
Bread & Crackers  
Rice & Grains  
Canned & Dried Beans  
Canned Fish & Chicken  
Canned Vegetables  
Canned & Dried Fruit  
Nut & Seed Butters  
Canned & Boxed Soups

**Wednesday LUNCH BUNCH  
February 11, 2026 at 1:00pm**

**Cracker Barrel**

**5700 Redlands Rd NW,**

Albuquerque, NM 87120

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

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

**for a head count by February 8.**



**"Love  
and  
Light"  
Lenten  
Devotional  
2026**



**"Love and Light"**

**Friendly reminder: Last Sunday**

Sign up for scripture readings and instruction forms  
in the Great Hall on **January 25**.  
Deadline for completion no later than **February 1**.

# Notes

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## 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.

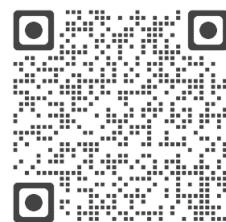
### Comfort the Grieving:

Linda O'Neal and family at the death of her father, John Holdridge.

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.

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.



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