

Sunday Worship & Prayers

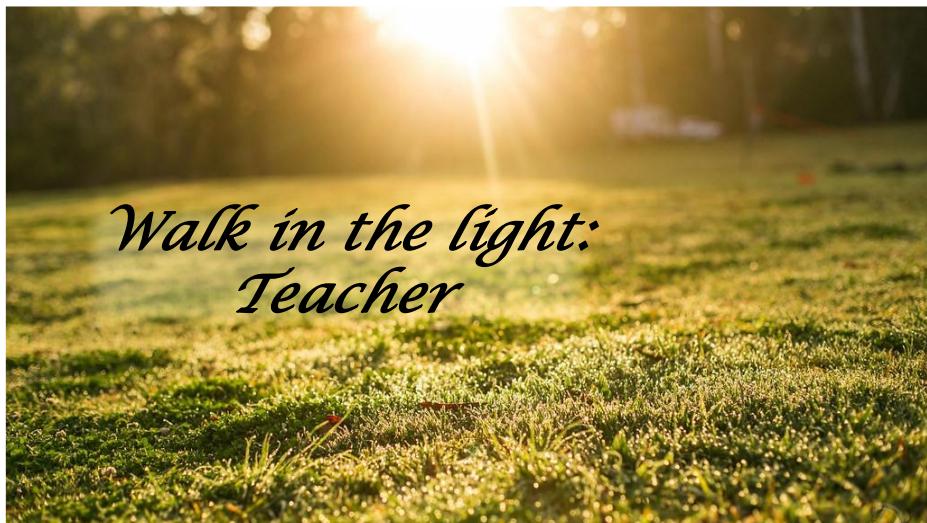
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

February 8, 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	<i>Come, Beloved of the Maker</i> (ELW 306)	Voices of Hope
Confession and Forgiveness		
Gathering Hymn	<i>Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies</i>	Song 553
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	<i>Isaiah 58:1-12</i>	
Psalm	<i>Psalm 112:1-10</i>	
Second Reading	<i>1 Corinthians 2:1-16</i>	
Gospel Acclamation	<i>Alleluia</i>	ELW p. 102
Gospel	<i>Matthew 5:13-20</i>	
Children's Time		
Sermon	<i>Walk in the Light: Teacher</i>	Pr. Adam
Hymn of the Day	<i>Lord of Light</i>	Song 688
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>Lord. Whose Love in Humble Service</i>	ELW 712
	<i>Jesus, the Light of the World</i>	ACS Song 914
	<i>O Lord, Now Let your Servant</i>	ELW 313
Prayer After Communion		

SENDING

Blessing		
Sending Hymn	<i>We Are Marching in the Light</i>	Song 866
Dismissal/Postlude		

Holy Communion –10:45am

All Songs can be followed along with the presentation.

GATHERING

Gathering Song	<i>What a Friend</i>
Centering Prayer	
Centering Song	<i>Redeemed</i>

WORD

Readings	Isaiah 58:1-12; 1 Corinthians 2:1-16
Gospel	Matthew 5:13-20
Sermon	Walk in the Light: Teacher
Children's Time	
Song of the Day	<i>Until the Whole World Hears</i>

Pr. Adam

Apostles' Creed	
Prayers of Intercession	
Peace	

MEAL

Offering	<i>Go Light Your World</i>
Offering Prayer	
The Lord's Prayer	
Communion	<i>Heartbroken Hallelujah</i>
Prayer After Communion	

SENDING

Blessing	
Sending Song	<i>Do Something</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 Minister		Pr. Adam Berndt	
Council Connections		Todd Olsen	
Director of Music Ministry		Thomas Ropp	
Accompanist		Amy Ellis	
Music Leaders		Praise+Team	
<i>8:45am – Traditional</i>		<i>10:45am - Contemporary</i>	
Assisting Minister	Gary Warner	Assisting Minister	Chris Morgan
Lector	Tim George	Lector	Laura Benchik
Cantor	Jan Wormwood	Communion Server	Cecilia Lawrence
Communion Server	John Lacher	Altar Team	Cecilia Lawrence
Altar Team	Sherrie Simek		

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Light shines in the darkness for the upright, the psalmist sings. Isaiah declares that when we loose the bonds of injustice and share our bread with the hungry, the light breaks forth like the dawn. In another passage from the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus, the light of the world, calls his followers to let the light of their good works shine before others. Through baptism we are sent into the world to shine with the light of Christ.

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, February 11, 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 February 12, 2026

6:00pm to 7:00pm	Voices of Hope choir practice in the Sanctuary
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Sunday, February 15, 2026

Transfiguration of Our Lord / Last Sunday after Epiphany



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

Cracker Barrel

5700 Redlands Rd NW

Please call Florence Begay at 505-363-5827 or email at florencebegay2011@gmail.com for a head count by February 8.

Wednesday's Camp@COH

Sign Up Meal Genius for February 11, 2026

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

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094EA9AC29A6FCCF8-61895381-copy#/>



Flowers



On January 18 – from David and Toni Kovarik
In memory of David's mother Dorothy Kovarik,
and in honor of their daughter Lauren Kovarik's birthday.

On February 8 – from Margie and Bob Reed
In celebration of their 60th year anniversary.

For February 15 – Two upcoming occasions
From Keri Sutter, in memory of Ross Sutter.

From Nancy Leon and Toni Leon Kovarik, in loving memory of their mother, Helen Leon.

COMMUNITY MUSIC CONCERT
Sunday, February 15 at 2:00 pm

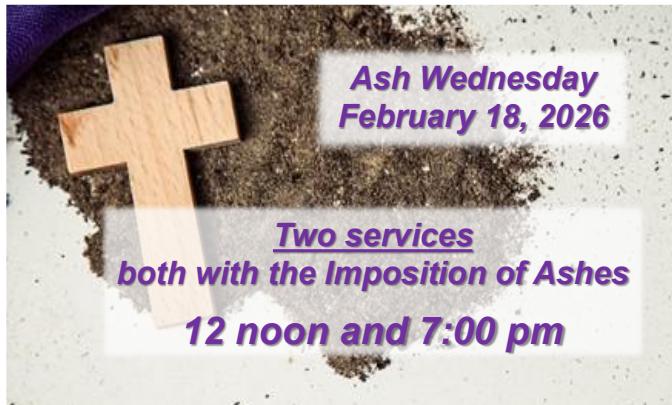
Holy Cross Lutheran Church
6901 Wyoming Blvd. NE
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87109

Bring non-perishable food donations for the Food Pantry serving families in need and our unhoused neighbors.

Everyone is welcome to this free event.



Cross of Hope School and Church office will be closed on Monday, February 16



Interested in Membership at Cross of Hope?

New members devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of the bread and the prayers. - Acts 2:42



During Lent, Pr Adam will gather with anyone interested in becoming a member of Cross of Hope Lutheran Church. Together we'll explore the mission and vision of Cross of Hope, our ministries, and the Lutheran tradition that is our guiding lens of faith. Details to follow as we form the group. Be invited to talk with Pr. Adam with questions or curiosities.

To join the new Members group

please contact RC Jordan at media@crossofhope.org or 505-897-0047

Cross of Hope School Enrollment for 2026-2025

Online Re-enrollment window will open:
February 23rd for our current families.

Online New Registration opens:
March 2nd for all families.



Helpers Needed

Our partners in ministry at Family Promise of Albuquerque have acquired new static site buildings. Thank you to everyone who has been part of this journey - we look forward to making you proud! Special thanks to our building fund donors and Bernalillo County for making this dream a reality. These residential properties will become the home of the new shelter program, day center for workforce and life skills development, and a single unit for transitional housing.

***FPA anticipates beginning renovations in March and April of this year
and need the following:
those handy with light fixture installation,
door lock installation,
general cleaning,
furniture assembly,
and painters.***

If you or someone in your circle are interested in being part of our renovation team
(in addition to our contractors),
please reach out to FPA Executive Director Michael Trimm at
director@familypromiseabq.org.

Community Prayers Needs

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

Members of the Community:

Linda Willoughby; Sherrie Simek; Claudia Russo; Tony Girard; Heron Kristofic; 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; 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:

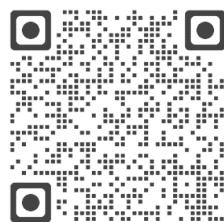
Ron and Karl (Rosemary Neely); Joyce (Sherrie Simek); Edward Swanson (Jan Anderson); Morgan Newberry (Nancy Lacher); Dawn Vola (Jennifer's Mom); Jan Meoli (Sherrie Simek); Spencer (Laura Burton's nephew); Roxanne (Keri Sutter's friend); Jennifer (Keri Sutter's friend); Tim (Pat Benchik's brother); Tanya Patterson and Kim Mora (friends of Rhonda Warner); Bill (Beth Locke's brother); 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 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 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:

Bob and Margie Reed at the death their longtime friend, Jerry Seeco.

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

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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