

# Sunday Worship & Prayers

**TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD**

**Last Sunday after Epiphany**

**February 15, 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
Thanksgiving for Baptism		
Gathering Hymn	<i>How Good, Lord, to Be Here!</i>	Song 315
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	Exodus 24:12-18	
Psalms	Psalms 99	
Second Reading	2 Peter 1:16-21	
Gospel Acclamation	<i>Alleluia</i>	ELW p. 102
Gospel	Matthew 17:1-9	
Children's Time		
Sermon	Walk in the Light: God's beloved	Pr. Adam
Hymn of the Day	<i>Come, Beloved of the Maker</i>	Song 306
Apostles' Creed / Prayers of Intercession / Peace		

### MEAL

Offering	<i>Light of the World</i>	Voices of Hope
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>Beautiful Savior</i>	Song 838
	<i>Born Cry</i>	Song 732
Prayer After Communion		

### SENDING

Blessing		
Sending Hymn	<i>Alleluia, Song of Gladness</i>	Song 318
*Farewell to Alleluia		
Dismissal/Postlude		

## Holy Communion –10:45am

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

### GATHERING

Gathering Song  
Centering Prayer  
Centering Song

*Days of Elijah*

*Reckless Love*

### WORD

Readings

Exodus 24:12-18; 2 Peter 1:16-21

Gospel

Matthew 17:1-9

Sermon

Walk in the Light: God's beloved

Pr. Adam

Song of the Day

*Holy Water*

**\*Rite of Holy Baptism for Margaret Rose Benham**

Prayers of Intercession

Peace

### MEAL

Offering

*Tremble*

Offering Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrate First Communion for Lucy Benham

Communion

*Forever Reign*

Prayer After Communion

### SENDING

Blessing

Sending Song

*I See Grace*

**\*Farewell to Alleluia**

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.





## **\*Rite of Holy Baptism**

ELW Worship Book p. 227, assembly responses below in bold



**10:45 a.m. – Margaret Rose Benham, daughter of Kevin and Elyse Benham**

### PROFESSION OF FAITH

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus,  
reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces  
that defy God?

Do you renounce the powers of this world that  
rebel against God?

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw us  
from God?

**We renounce them.**

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God,  
the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of  
God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ,  
God's only Son, our Lord,  
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the  
dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.**

### THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We give you thanks...

**Amen**

### WELCOME

Let your light so shine before others that they  
may see your good works and glorify your  
Father in heaven.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**We welcome you into the body of Christ and  
into the mission we share: join us in giving  
thanks and praise to God and bearing God's  
creative and redeeming word to all the  
world.**

## 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

<b>Presiding Minister</b>	Pr. Adam Berndt
<b>Council Connections</b>	Sherrie Simek
<b>Director of Music Ministry</b>	Thomas Ropp
<b>Accompanist</b>	Amy Ellis
<b>Music Leaders</b>	Praise+Team

*8:45am – Traditional*

<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Rhonda Warner
<b>Lector</b>	Diane Carrico
<b>Cantor</b>	Linda O'Neal
<b>Communion Server</b>	Nancy Morrison
<b>Altar Team</b>	Kristi Valdez

*10:45am - Contemporary*

<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Dennis Milks
<b>Lector</b>	Liz Sanchez
<b>Communion Server</b>	Linda Milks
<b>Altar Team</b>	Cecilia Lawrence

### ***Transfiguration of Our Lord /Last Sunday after Epiphany***

Today's festival is a bridge between the Advent-Christmas-Epiphany cycle that comes to a close today and the Lent-Easter cycle that begins in several days. On a high mountain Jesus is revealed as God's beloved Son, echoing the words at his baptism. This vision of glory sustains us as Jesus faces his impending death in Jerusalem. We turn this week to Ash Wednesday and our yearly baptismal journey from Lent to Easter. Some churches put aside the alleluia at the conclusion of today's liturgy. This word of joy will be omitted during the penitential season of Lent and will be sung again at Easter.

*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.*

## **\*Farewell to Alleluia**

Based on the Hebrew word, *hallelu yah*, meaning “praise the Lord,” alleluia is a word of great praise to God in the life of the church. Because of the penitential character of the season of Lent in the Western church, singing or saying the word alleluia has historically been suspended during these forty days.

The omission of alleluia during Lent goes back at least to the fifth century in the Western church. The custom of actually bidding it farewell, however, developed in the Middle Ages.

The hymn “Alleluia, song of gladness” (ELW 318) contains a translation of an eleventh-century Latin text that compares an alleluia-less Lent to the exile of the Israelites in Babylon. The text then anticipates the joy of Easter when glad alleluias will return in all their heavenly splendor.

### **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, Pastor Adam will gather with anyone interested in becoming a member of Cross of Hope Lutheran Church.

To explore the mission and vision of Cross of Hope, our ministries, and the Lutheran tradition that is our guiding lens of faith, come with questions or curiosities in a group setting with Pastor Adam.

***To join the new Members group***

please contact RC Jordan at

[media@crossofhope.org](mailto:media@crossofhope.org) or 505-897-0047



### Highlights for this upcoming week



**Monday, February 16, 2026**

President's Day –  
School and Church office will be closed.



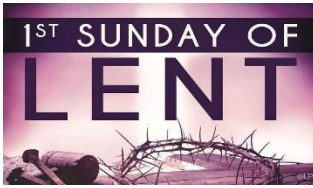
**Wednesday, February 18, 2026**

12 noon:

A simple spoken service of the word with the  
imposition of ashes service in the Sanctuary

7:00pm:

Worship with Voices of Hope and Praise+Team  
and impositions of ashes service in the Sanctuary



**Sunday, February 22, 2026**

*First Sunday in Lent*

Ready to grab!

### **COH's Lenten Devotional “*Love and Light*”**

Booklets will be available in the great hall starting Sunday, February 15.

To view online or download a copy, please [click here](https://www.crossofhope.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/Lent2026LoveandLight.pdf).

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### **Cross of Hope School Enrollment for 2026-2025**

Online Re-enrollment window will open:

***February 23<sup>rd</sup> for our current families.***

Online New Registration opens:

***March 2nd for all families.***

## Community Prayers Needs

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

### Members of the Community:

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

Shirley Girard (Tony Girard's Mom); Baby Laurabelle, Baby Juliana, Hannah and James (Laura 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 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.

### Gift of New Life:

Julianna and Laurabelle, granddaughters of Laura Burton.  
Oliver Lee, son of Elizabeth and David Jennings.  
Heron Kristofic, son of Martha Hughes.

**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.**

### **We appreciate your continued giving at Cross of Hope:**

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Via US Mail  
Online bills pay through your bank.

