

Sunday Worship & Prayers

TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

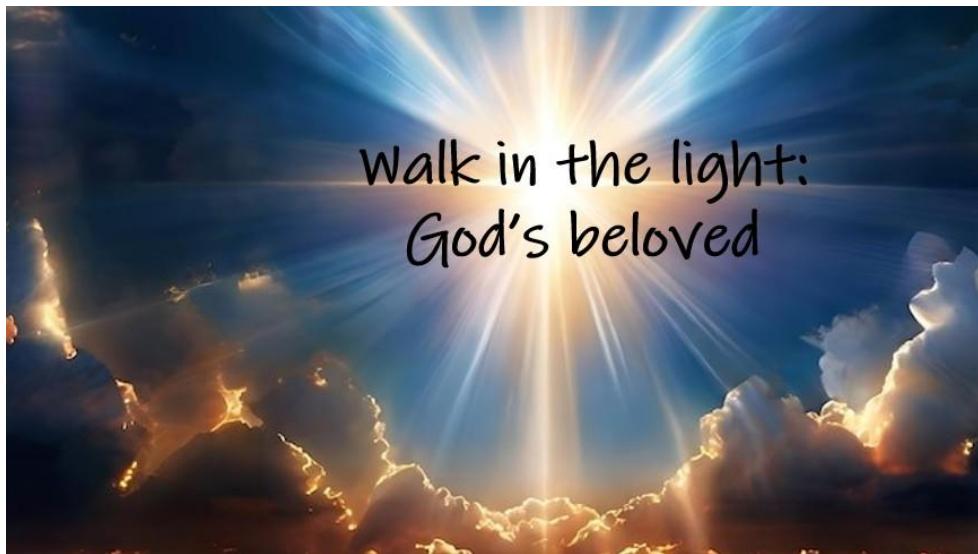
Last Sunday after Epiphany

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	
Psalm	Psalm 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 Fruiful</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>Borning 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	<i>Days of Elijah</i>
Centering Prayer	
Centering Song	<i>Reckless Love</i>

WORD

Readings	Exodus 24:12-18; 2 Peter 1:16-21
Gospel	Matthew 17:1-9
Sermon	Walk in the Light: God's beloved
Song of the Day	<i>Holy Water</i>

Pr. Adam

*Rite of Holy Baptism for Margaret Rose Benham

Prayers of Intercession

Peace

MEAL

Offering	<i>Tremble</i>
Offering Prayer	
The Lord's Prayer	
Celebrate First Communion for Lucy Benham	
Communion	<i>Forever Reign</i>
Prayer After Communion	

SENDING

Blessing	
Sending Song	<i>I See Grace</i>
*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.

<u>SERVING TODAY</u>			
Presiding Minister		Pr. Adam Berndt	
Council Connections		Sherrie Simek	
Director of Music Ministry		Thomas Ropp	
Accompanist		Amy Ellis	
Music Leaders		Praise+Team	
8:45am – <i>Traditional</i>		10:45am - <i>Contemporary</i>	
Assisting Minister	Rhonda Warner	Assisting Minister	Dennis Milks
Lector	Diane Carrico	Lector	Liz Sanchez
Cantor	Linda O'Neal	Communion Server	Linda Milks
Communion Server	Nancy Morrison	Altar Team	Cecilia Lawrence
Altar Team	Kristi Valdez		

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 or 505-897-0047



Highlights for this upcoming week



Monday, February 16, 2026

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



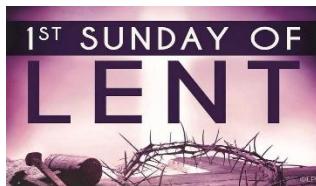
Wednesday, February 18, 2026

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>)



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.

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.

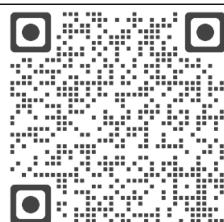
Gift of New Life:

Julianne 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



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In the Worship Section.



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