

Sunday Worship & Prayers

First Sunday in Lent

February 22, 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 Nine - 8:45am

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

GATHERING

Prelude	<i>Lamb of God (ELW 336)</i>	Voices of Hope
Confession and Forgiveness		
Gathering Hymn	<i>Oh, Love, How Deep</i>	Song 322
Apostolic Greeting		
Kyrie	<i>In peace,...</i>	ELW p. 193
Prayer of the Day		

WORD

First Reading	Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7	
Psalm	Psalm 32	
Second Reading	Romans 5:12-19	
Lenten Acclamation	<i>Let your steadfast</i>	ELW p. 198
Gospel	Matthew 4:1-11	
Children's Time		
Sermon	<u>Hungry</u> : mercy	Pr. Adam
Hymn of the Day	<i>A Mighty Fortress Is Our God</i>	Song 504
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. 199
Sanctus	<i>Holy, Holy, Holy Lord</i>	ELW p. 200
The Lord's Prayer		
Communion	<i>Lamb of God</i>	ELW p. 201
	<i>I Want Jesus to Walk with Me</i>	Song 325
	<i>Jesus, Still Lead On</i>	Song 624
Prayer After Communion		

SENDING

Blessing		
Sending Hymn	<i>Bless Now, O God, the Journey</i>	Song 326
Dismissal/Postlude		

Holy Communion –10:45am

All Songs can be followed along with the presentation.

GATHERING

Gathering Song
Centering Prayer
Centering Song

This is Amazing Grace

Never Walk Alone

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Readings
Gospel
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Peace

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Bless the Broken Road

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

SENDING

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Say So

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.

<u>SERVING TODAY</u>			
Presiding Minister		Pr. Adam Berndt	
Council Connections		Art Kavanaugh	
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	Duane Meneely	Assisting Minister	Sherrie Simek
Lector	David Wilson	Lector	Cecelia Pepper
Cantor	Thomas Ropp	Communion Server	Laura Benchik
Communion Server	RC Jordan	Altar Team	
Altar Team	RC Jordan		

First Sunday In Lent

Today's gospel tells of Jesus' temptation in the desert. His forty-day fast becomes the basis of our Lenten pilgrimage. In the early church Lent was a time of intense preparation for those to be baptized at the Easter Vigil. This catechetical focus on the meaning of faith is at the heart of our Lenten journey to the baptismal waters of Easter. Hungry for God's mercy, we receive the bread of life to nourish us for the days ahead.

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.

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



Ready to grab!

COH's Lenten Devotional "Love and Light"

Booklets are still available in the Great Hall.

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 2026-2027

Online Re-enrollment window will open:

February 23rd for our current families.

Online New Registration opens:

March 2nd for all families.

Highlights for this upcoming week

Wednesday, February 25, 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 26, 2026

6:00pm to 7:00pm	Voices of Hope choir practice in the Sanctuary
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Saturday February 28, 2026

5:30pm to 7:00pm	Surgite Donor Appreciation Dinner in the Great Hall
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Sunday, March 1, 2026 *Second Sunday in Lent*

COH HOSTING: March 8-14, 2026

Location:

Montgomery Church of Christ (MCC)
7201 Montgomery NE

Serving:

Two adults and four children (ages 5, 5, 8, and 10)

Hot Meals:

Meal delivery at 5:00pm at MCC's site to best serve the children's needs.
Sun - Sat (except Wednesdays)

Meal Delivery: .

You may stay, eat with, and visit with families as desired.



***Sign Up Table will be available in the Great Hall
Sundays, February 22 and March 1.
Thank you for the support and love!***



Reflections

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Community Prayers Needs

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

Members of the Community:

Art Kavanaugh; Tony Girard; Linda Willoughby; Sherrie Simek; Claudia Russo; 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; Gary and Fran Hveem; Dolores Hughes; Shannon Reynolds; Judy Will.

Friends of Cross of Hope:

Baby Laurabelle, Baby Juliana, Hannah and James (Laura and Jerry 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 and Jerry Burton; Oliver Lee, son of Elizabeth and David Jennings; Heron Kristofic, son of Martha Hughes.

Comfort the Grieving:

Tony Girard and family at the death of his mother, Shirley Girard.

For more information on our ongoing ministries or events scan the QR code or go to Crossofhope.org

All Worship Information may be found on Crossofhope.org In the Worship Section.

We appreciate your continued giving at Cross of Hope:

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