

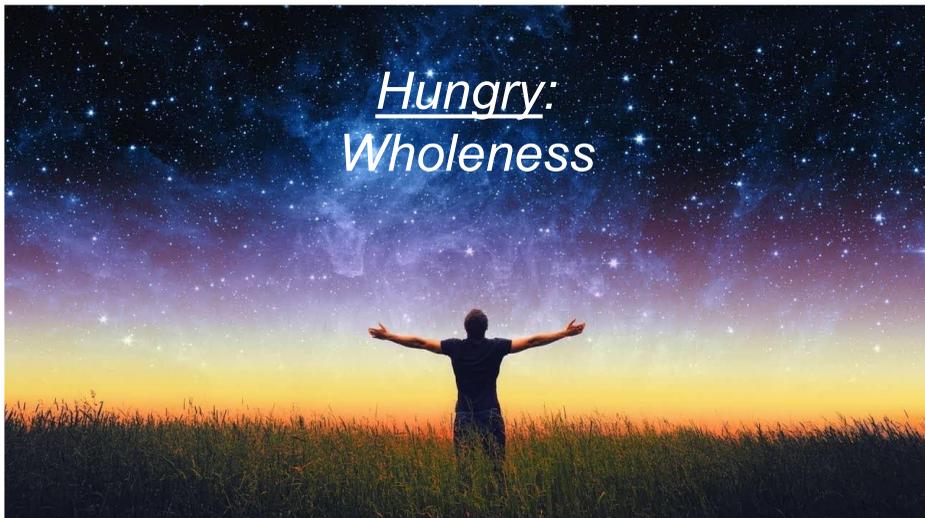
# Sunday Worship & Prayers

**Fourth Sunday in Lent**

**March 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 Nine - 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>God, Whose Almighty Word</i>	Song 673
Apostolic Greeting		
Kyrie	<i>In peace,...</i>	ELW p. 193
Prayer of the Day		

### WORD

First Reading	1 Samuel 16:1-13	
Psalm	Psalm 23	
Second Reading	Ephesians 5:8-14	
Lenten Acclamation	<i>Let your steadfast</i>	ELW p. 198
**Gospel	John 9:1-41	Offered by Surgite
Children's Time		
Sermon	<u>Hungry</u> : Wholeness	Pr. Adam
Hymn of the Day	<i>Let My Spirit Always Sing</i>	ACS 1020
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>Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound</i>	Song 779
	<i>Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am</i>	Song 814
Prayer After Communion		

### SENDING

Blessing		
Sending Hymn	<i>Be Thou My Vision</i>	Song 793
Dismissal/Postlude		

## Holy Communion –10:45am

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

### GATHERING

Gathering Song  
Centering Prayer  
Centering Song

*I Believe it Now*

*Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)*

### WORD

Readings

1 Samuel 16:1-13; Ephesians 5:8-14

\*\*Gospel

John 9:1-41

Offered by Surgite

Children's Time

Sermon

Hungry: Wholeness

Pr. Adam

Song of the Day

*Praise You Anywhere*

Apostle's Creed

Prayers of Intercession

Peace

### MEAL

Offering

*Goodness of God*

Offering Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Communion

*Let It Rain*

Prayer After Communion

### SENDING

Blessing

Sending Song

*Soul on Fire*

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

<b>Presiding</b>	Pr. Adam Berndt
<b>Council Connections</b>	Laura Burton
<b>Dance Ministers</b>	Surgite, a sacred dance company
<b>Director of Music Ministry</b>	Thomas Ropp
<b>Accompanist</b>	Amy Ellis
<b>Music Leaders</b>	Praise+Team
<b>Director of Worship</b>	RC Jordan

*8:45am – Traditional*

<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Margie Reed
<b>Lector</b>	Duane Meneely
<b>Cantor</b>	Thomas Ropp
<b>Communion Server</b>	Lynne Bagby
<b>Altar Team</b>	Lynne Bagby

*10:45am - Contemporary*

<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Chris Morgan
<b>Lector</b>	Melanie Kouri
<b>Communion Server</b>	Linda Milks
<b>Altar Team</b>	TBD

### ***Fourth Sunday In Lent***

Baptism is sometimes called enlightenment. The gospel for this Sunday is the story of the man born blind healed by Christ. "I was blind, now I see," declares the man. In baptism God opens our eyes to see the truth of who we are: God's beloved children.

As David was anointed king of Israel, in baptism God anoints our head with oil, and calls us to bear witness to the light of Christ in our daily lives.

*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.*



Palm Sunday

# HOLY WEEK

## March 29, Sunday of the Passion / Palm Sunday

9:00am - Fellowship gathering around food

10:00am - Worship begins with palms outside



Maundy Thursday

## April 2, Maundy Thursday

7:00pm - Worship with foot washing and more



Good Friday

## April 3, Good Friday

7:00pm - Worship with the adoration of the cross



Easter Sunday

## April 5, The Resurrection of Our Lord / Easter Day

8:45am - Traditional Worship service

10:00am - Easter egg hunt and fellowship

10:45am - Contemporary Worship Service

### Wednesday's Camp@COH

### Sign Up Meal Genius for March 18

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

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094EA9AC29A6FCCF8-62566450-campcrossoff/>



CROSS OF HOPE SCHOOL



**CHARITY Drive**

MARCH 2ND- 27TH

All donations for the School's Charity Drive may be placed on the large cart in the Great Hall. Thank you for your generosity!

For our next service project, we will be collecting hygiene items for Catholic Charities:

- Body Wash
- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Lotion
- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Disposable Wipes
- Deodorant
- Feminine Hygiene Products



Family Promise of Albuquerque (FPA)  
invites you to join us for the 20th annual Sweet Jazz Benefit Concert and Silent Auction.  
This event benefits the operations, programs and services of  
Family Promise of Albuquerque and this year is no exception.

We are adding something special for our 20th anniversary concert- an opportunity for our guests to be a permanent part of FPA by purchasing a dedication plaque for our new shelter and day center! Supporters will be able to purchase a large plaque, small plaque or add their name to a plaque shared by others. Plaques will be on display in our new home upon the completion of renovations.

If you have an item you'd like to add to the silent auction,  
please reach out to our Family Advocate Tina at [assistant@familypromiseabq.org](mailto:assistant@familypromiseabq.org)  
to coordinate the pick up of your item - no item is too big or too small!

Mark your calendars, buy your tickets and join us for Sweet Jazz!  
*Buy your tickets here:*

<https://familypromiseabq.networkforgood.com/events/42962-join-us-for-sweet-jazz-2026>

*20th Annual Sweet Jazz Benefit Concert and Silent Auction*  
**Sunday, April 19, 2026**

Doors open at 3pm

Concert and Silent Auction 4pm- 6pm  
Sandia Presbyterian Church  
10704 Paseo Del Norte NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87122



Thank you for your attendance and support.



**\*\*Gospel**

**John 9:1-41**

***Offered by Surgite***

As Jesus passed by, he saw a man blind from his birth. And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be made manifest in him. We must work the works of him who sent me, while it is day; night comes, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." As he said this, he spat on the ground and made clay of the spittle and anointed the man's eyes with the clay, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam." So he went and washed and came back seeing.

***John 9:1-7***

The symbolism of water as a means of healing is used throughout the New Testament, as in baptism and cleansing of lepers. In creating this dance, we've used the episode of restoration of sight to the blind with healing waters as a symbol of the healing which comes about through the love of a concerned community of people when motivated by the waters of love.

*Tom Hysom,  
choreographed the Healing Waters dance  
along with his explanation of the dance.*

## Community Prayers Needs

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

### **Members of the Community:**

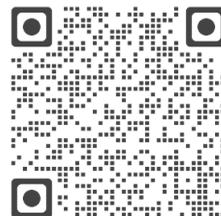
Jan Wormwood; Rudy and Sherrie Simek; Art Kavanaugh; Tony Girard; Linda Willoughby; Claudia Russo; Mike Leddy; Janet Conlon; Pat Benchik; Toni Kovarik; Wendy Harrison; Don and Beth Cretsinger; Diane and David Pressel; Tim Fuller; Greg Morrison; Bill Harris; Ruth Hinkel; Susan Jennings; Dick Bresnahan; Flora Telles; Stacey Taylor; Phil Wangberg; Shirley and Dale McCa; Gary and Fran Hveem; Dolores Hughes; Shannon Reynolds; Judy Will.

### **Friends of Cross of Hope:**

Ed Klaus (John Romisher); 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.

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