

# Sunday Worship & Prayers

**Fifth Sunday in Lent**

**March 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		Amy Ellis
Rite of Healing		
Hymn of Healing	<i>Healer of Our Every Ill</i>	ELW 612
Gathering Hymn	<i>Cast Out, O Christ</i>	ACS Song 1016
Apostolic Greeting		
Kyrie	<i>In peace,...</i>	ELW p. 193
Prayer of the Day		

### WORD

First Reading	Ezekiel 37:1-14	
Psalm	Psalm 130	
Second Reading	Romans 8:6-11	
Lenten Acclamation	<i>Let your steadfast love...</i>	ELW p. 198
Gospel	John 11:1-45	
Children's Time		
Sermon	<u>Hungry</u> : Resurrection	Pr. Adam
Hymn of the Day	<i>Lord, Keep Us Safe and Steadfast in Your Word</i>	Song 517
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>There Is a Balm in Gilead</i>	Song 614
	<i>Jesus, Remember Me</i>	Song 616
Prayer After Communion		

### SENDING

Blessing		
Sending Hymn	Jesus Is a Rock in a Weary Land	Song 333
Dismissal/Postlude		

## Holy Communion –10:45am

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

### GATHERING

Gathering Song  
Centering Prayer  
Centering Song

*I Am*

*Word of God, Speak*

### WORD

Readings  
Gospel  
Children's Time  
Sermon  
Song of the Day  
Service of Healing  
Song of Healing  
Apostle's Creed  
Prayers of Intercession  
Peace

Ezekiel 37:1-14; Romans 8:6-11

John 11:1-45

Hungry: Resurrection

Pr. Adam

*Rise Up (Lazarus)*

*Rattle*

### MEAL

Offering  
Offering Prayer  
The Lord's Prayer  
Communion  
Prayer After Communion

*Blessings*

*I Will Wait For You (Psalm 130)*

### SENDING

Blessing  
Sending Song  
Dismissal /Postlude

*Alive Again*

### *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>	Todd Olsen
<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>	Nancy Lacher
<b>Lector</b>	Nancy Morrison
<b>Cantor</b>	Thomas Ropp
<b>Communion Server</b>	Kristi Valdez
<b>Altar Team</b>	RC Jordan

*10:45am - Contemporary*

<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Dennis Milks
<b>Lector</b>	Laura Benchik
<b>Communion Server</b>	Jan Anderson
<b>Altar Team</b>	Cecilia Lawrence

### ***Fifth Sunday In Lent***

In today's gospel Jesus reveals his power over death by raising Lazarus from the dead. The prophet Ezekiel prophesies God breathing new life into dry bones. To those in exile or living in the shadows of death, these stories proclaim God's promise of resurrection. In baptism we die with Christ that we might also be raised with him to new life. At the Easter Vigil we will welcome the newly baptized as we remember God's unfailing promise in our baptism.

*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.*



# HOLY WEEK

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

9:00am - Fellowship gathering around food

10:00am - Worship begins with palms outside

## April 2, Maundy Thursday

7:00pm - Worship with foot washing and more

## April 3, Good Friday

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

## 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

### Palm Sunday approaches!

This year it falls on March 29, 2026.

*There will only be one service on Palm Sunday at 10:00am.*

At 9:00am we will be providing a Blessings Buffet for our community. It will be a lovely preservice fellowship.

***There are numerous slots to fill: set up, food, service and cleanup.***

***Will you please look and sign up as you can?***

*Thank you!*  
The Hospitality Team



Signup Genius for  
Palm Sunday Blessings Buffet  
[CLICK HERE](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054DAEAD28A1F58-62955146-palm#/)

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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!

Buy your tickets here:

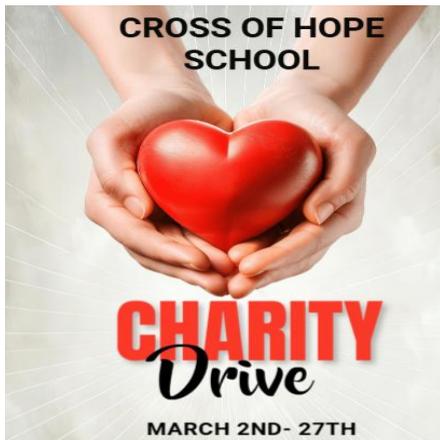
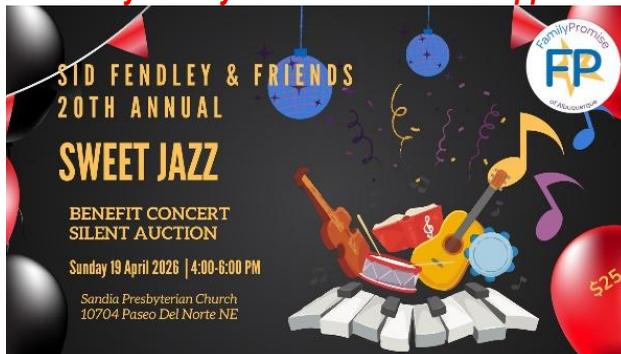
<https://familypromiseabq.networkforgood.com/events/42962-join-us-for-sweet-jazz-2026>

**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.**



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



**Wednesday's Camp@COH  
Sign Up Meal Genius for  
March 25**

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

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

**Christ in Our Home  
April, May, June 2026**

Is now available in  
the Great Hall.  
Pick one up today.



**Pet Food Drive Starts March 29, 2026**

Please bring anything you can to contribute to the church by **April 12.**

Following items needed (**all new and unopened please**):

**Dry dog food, dry cat food, cat litter,  
bleach, and Fabuloso.**

[CLICK HERE](#) to find out ways to give.  
(<https://www.wmranch.org/ways-to-give>)

**Thanks for helping our animal friends.**



New Mexico's Largest  
No-Kill Animal Shelter

A new build is planned for  
**Saturday April 18,**  
**Off Central Ave by the Bio Park.**



If you're thinking about participating or have questions, please contact  
**Tim George:**  
**phone/text (505)412-9016); or e-mail (tgordon430@gmail.com).**

## Community Prayers Needs

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

### Members of the Community:

Jan Wormwood; Rudy and Sherrie Simek; 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.

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.

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