

Sunday Worship & Prayers

Sunday of the Passion Palm Sunday

March 29, 2026 –10:00am Combined Worship Service

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 –10:00am - Setting Nine

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

Assembly gathers outside the church

GATHERING

Gathering Song

Hosanna (Praise is Rising)

Praise+Team

Refrain:

**Hosanna, hosanna,
You are the God who saves us,
Worthy of all our praises**

**Praise is rising, eyes are turning to You;
We turn to You; Hope is stirring,
hearts are yearning for You;
We long for You;
'Cause when we see You,
We find strength to face the day;
In Your presence all our fears
are washed away, washed away.**

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Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Processional Gospel

Matthew 21:1-11

Response after the announcement:

Glory to you, O Lord.

Response after the conclusion:

Praise to you, O Christ.

Blessing of the Palms

Procession

Let us go forth in peace,

in the name of Christ, Amen

The assembly follows the cross into the church singing:

Holy Communion –10:00am (continuation)

Procession Hymn

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

ELW 344

Refrain:

**All glory, laud, and honor to you, redeemer, king,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.**

You are the king of Israel and David's royal Son,
now in the Lord's name coming, our King and Blessed One.

Refrain

The company of angels are praising you on high;
creation and all mortals in chorus make reply.

Refrain

The multitude of pilgrims with palms before you went;
our praise and prayer and anthems before you we present.

Refrain

To you, before your passion, they sang their hymns of praise.
To you, now high exalted, our melody we raise.

Refrain

Their praises you accepted; accept the prayers we bring,
great author of all goodness, O good and gracious King.

Refrain

P.D.; Text: Theodulph of Orleans; tr. John M. Neale
Music: Melchior Teschner

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Holy Communion –10:00am (continuation)

Gathering Song	<i>Lay Me Down</i>	Praise+Team
Peace		
Prayer of the Day		

WORD

Readings	Isaiah 50:4-9a; Philippians 2:5-11	
Gospel Acclamation	<i>Let your steadfast love...</i>	ELW p. 198
The Passion Reading	Matthew 26:14—27:66	
Sermon	Hungry: Hope	Pastor Adam
Hymn of the Day	<i>Ah, Holy Jesus</i>	ELW 349
Prayers of Intercession		

MEAL

Offering		Praise+Team
Offering Prayer		
Great Thanksgiving	<i>The Lord</i>	ELW p. 199
Sanctus	<i>Holy, Holy, Holy Lord</i>	ELW p. 200
Words of Institution		
The Lord's Prayer		
Communion	<i>The Lamb of God</i>	ELW p. 201
	<i>Beneath the Cross of Jesus</i>	ELW 338
	<i>Behold the Lamb</i>	Praise+Team
Prayer After Communion		

SENDING

Blessing
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

Presiding Minister	Pr. Adam Berndt
Assisting Minister	Nancy Morrison
Lector	Sheri Phillips
Gospel Readers:	A: Benny Berndt, Ed Christians, Loyola and Gabby Cortinas B: RC Jordan, Nancy Morrison, Rosemary Neely, and David Wilson C: Amy Ellis, David Kovarik, Thomas and Mike Ropp
Communion server	Laura Berndt
Acolyte	Boden Bencomo
Altar Team	Sherrie Simek
Director of Music Ministry	Thomas Ropp
Accompanist	Amy Ellis

Sunday of the Passion / Palm Sunday

Today, we encounter the paradox that defines our faith: Jesus Christ is glorified king and humiliated servant. We too are full of paradox: like Peter, we fervently desire to follow Christ, but find ourselves afraid, denying God. We wave palms in celebration today as Christ comes into our midst, and we follow with trepidation as his path leads to death on the cross. Amid it all we are invited into this paradoxical promise of life through Christ's broken body and outpoured love in a meal of bread and wine. We begin this week that stands at the center of the church year, anticipating the completion of God's astounding work.

Continuation of Holy Week



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

**Making Faith Connections Group
for Sundays at 10:00am**

A quick note from Facilitator, Rich Neely

Our Sunday morning small group **will not meet**
this coming Palm Sunday or on Easter Sunday.

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.

Pet Food Drive Starts TODAY

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](https://www.wmranch.org/ways-to-give) 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)



Hey! Hey! Save the Date!

Date: June 8 - 12

Theme: Hands Wide Open

Registration will start in April. Dates coming soon!

Check out the link below for more information.

<https://www.rainbowtrail.org/summer-camps/day-camps/>

Community Prayers Needs

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

Members of the Community:

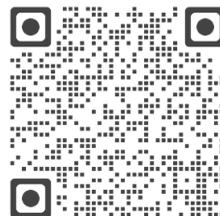
Jan Wormwood; Rudy and Sherrie Simek; Tony Girard; Linda Willoughby; Claudia Russo; Mike Leddy; Janet Conlon; Pat Benchik; Wendy Harrison; Don and Beth Cretsinger; Diane and David Pressel; Tim Fuller; Greg Morrison; Bill Harris; Ruth Hinkel; Susan Jennings; Dick Bresnahan; Flora Telles; Stacey Taylor;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

Friends of Cross of Hope:

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 and Sam Mann (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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