

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
Cross of Hope Lutheran Church
May 21, 2023 – 10:45 a.m.
(Order Of Worship)

GATHERING

GATHERING SONG *Mighty to Save*

WELCOME

OPENING SONG *Gospel Song*

PRAYER

CENTERING SONG *Goodness of God*

WORD

READINGS Acts 1:6-14, 1 Peter 4:12-14;5:6-11

GOSPEL John 17:1-11

CHILDREN'S TIME

SERMON Prayer Rick Alpers

SONG OF THE DAY *Walking Free*

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
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.
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. Amen.**

Assisting: Let us pray...Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and the meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

The God of all who raised + Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation. **Amen.**

Prayer for Peace...O God, it is your will to hold both heaven and earth in a single peace. Let the design of your great Love shine on the waste of our wraths and sorrows and give peace to your church,
Peace among nations ... Peace in our homes, and Peace in our hearts,
through your son Jesus, Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

St. Luke Church, Chicago

SENDING SONG

Chain Breaker

DISMISSAL

Assisting: Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.
Thanks be to God.

Worship Leaders

Presiding Pastor	Pastor Rick Alpers
Director of Music Ministry	Thomas Ropp
Accompanist	Amy Ellis
Music Leaders	Praise + Team
Assisting Minister	Laura Benchik