

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
Holy Communion ELW Setting One
Cross of Hope Lutheran Church
May 21, 2023 – 9:00 a.m.
(Order Of Worship)

GATHERING

PRELUDE

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, by whose hand we are given new birth, by whose speaking we are given new life. **Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are welcomed, restored, and supported as citizens of the new creation,
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Holy God,
Holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the
everlasting wellspring.

In mercy and might you have freed us from death and raised us with Jesus, the
firstborn of the dead. In baptismal waters our old life is washed away, and in
them we are born a new.

Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for
waters that wash us clean, quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and
creatures. Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism, the outpouring of
the Spirit of the new creation.

Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you.
Empower our witness to your resurrection.
Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.

Satisfy the world's need through this living water. Where drought dries the earth,
bring refreshment. Where despair prevails, grant hope. Where chaos reigns,
bring peace. We ask this through Christ, who with you and the Spirit reigns
forever. **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

(ELW 392)

APOSTOLIC GREETING

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE *This is the Feast (ELW P.101)*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray...O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

WORD

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

GOSPEL John 17:1-11

CHILDREN'S TIME

SERMON Prayer Rick Alpers

HYMN OF THE DAY *Lord, you give the great commission* (ELW 579)

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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (*Hear us, O God... **Your mercy is great.***)

PEACE The peace of the risen Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

MINISTRY MOMENT

MEAL

OFFERING *Ain't a dat Good News* *Performed By Keri Sutter*

OFFERING RESPONSE *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful* (*ELW 184*)

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Assisting: Let us pray...Generous God, in this meal you offer your very self.
We give thanks for these gifts of the earth. In the breaking of this
bread reveal to us the Risen one. In the pouring of this wine pour us
out in service to the world; through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

SANCTUS *Holy...* *ELW p. 108*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come and know Christ,
Broken and poured out for you.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS *Lamb of God* (*ELW 112*)
 Father, we thank you (*ELW 478*)
 I come with joy (*ELW 482*)

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

Pastor: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever. **Amen**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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 HYMN

Crown him with many crowns

(ELW 855)

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

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