

**RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD: EASTER DAY**  
**Holy Communion ELW Setting Nine**  
**Cross of Hope Lutheran Church**  
**March 31, 2024 – 9:00 a.m.**

**GATHERING**

PRESERVICE MUSIC

COH Brass / Amy Ellis

GATHERING ANTHEM

*Come and See*

Surgite and Voices of Hope

EASTER GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

GATHERING HYMN

*Thine is the Glory*

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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*

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

Let us pray... God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**WORD**

FIRST READING

Isaiah 25:6-9

SECOND READING

Acts 10:34-43

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Alleluia*

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*After the gospel is announced*

**Glory to you, O Lord**

GOSPEL

Mark 16:1-8

*After the gospel*

**Praise to you, O Christ**

CHILDREN'S TIME

SERMON                                      *Searching For Life*  
*(after sermon a Moment for Reflection)*

Pastor Adam Berndt

HYMN OF THE DAY    *Now All The Vault of Heaven Resounds*

ELW 367

NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, he Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION    *(God of grace,...hear our prayer.)*

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

MINISTRY MOMENT

# MEAL

OFFERING

Voices of Hope

OFFERING RESPONSE *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful*

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

Assisting: Let us pray...Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine.  
**Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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SANCTUS

*Holy...*

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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

The risen Christ is made known to us  
in the breaking of the bread.  
Come and eat at God's table.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

*Lamb of God*

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*Awake, My Heart, with Gladness*

ELW 378

*That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright*

ELW 384

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...Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. **Amen.**

# SENDING

## BLESSING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope ☩ bless you now and always. **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    *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!*

ELW 369

## DISMISSAL

Assisting: Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

## POSTLUDE

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