

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**CROSS OF HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
April 28, 2024 – 10:45 a.m.

**GATHERING**

GATHERING SONG

*Create In Me*

EASTER GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

OPENING SONG

*Father Spirit Jesus*

PRAYER

CENTERING SONG

*Better is One Day*

**WORD**

READINGS

Acts 8:26-40, 1 John 4: 7-21

GOSPEL

John 15:1-8

CHILDREN'S TIME

SERMON  
Berndt

**Searching for...*Nourishment***

Pastor Adam

SONG OF THE DAY

*Everyone Needs a Little*

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 (*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                                     *Clean Heart*

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.**

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.

COMMUNION                                     *Change My Heart O God*

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 SONG

*Child of Love*

## DISMISSAL

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

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

## Worship Leaders

Presiding Pastor

Pastor Adam Berndt

Assisting Minister

Jane Fuller

Director of Music Ministry

Thomas Ropp

Accompanist

Amy Ellis

Music Leaders

Praise+Team