

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**Holy Communion ELW Setting Nine**  
**Cross of Hope Lutheran Church**  
**April 28, 2024 – 9:00 a.m.**

**GATHERING**

PRELUDE

EASTER GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

GATHERING HYMN

*Now the Green Blade Rises*

ELW 379

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... O God, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, 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

Acts 8:26-40

PSALM

Psalm 22:25-31

SECOND READING

1 John 4: 7-21

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Alleluia*

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*After the gospel is announced*

**Glory to you, O Lord**

GOSPEL

John 15:1-8

*After the gospel*

**Praise to you, O Christ**

CHILDREN'S TIME



# MEAL

OFFERING

Voices of Hope

OFFERING RESPONSE

*Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful*

ELW 184

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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*We Have Seen the Lord*

ELW 869

*Where Charity and Love Are Shown*

ACS 931

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

*Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds*

ELW 367

## DISMISSAL

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

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

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