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Third Sunday of Easter

April 14, 2024

Sunday 8:00 & 10:30 AM

ELW=Evangelical Lutheran Worship (red hymnal) **ACS**=All Creation Sings (purple hymnal)

Bold text indicates a congregational response

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

♪ “Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!”

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

May the light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us come into the light, the revealing and healing light of God.

Loving God, **we confess that at times we do not share in the joy of the resurrection, but are caught in the worries of the world. We confess that we do not always live in the spirit of new life, but remain discontent, grumbling and anxious. Forgive us for not sharing the Good News. Forgive us when we find it more comfortable to worry and complain than to risk the joy and encouragement of new life in Christ. Call us back to Your ways, O God, to seek hope and reconciliation, restoration and peace. In the name of the Risen Christ, we pray. Amen.**

Christ is Risen! The stone is rolled away, the tomb found empty. Mary calls out, “I have seen the Lord!” We have seen Christ, too, in every helping hand, in every heartfelt gift, in every choice to restore life to this world. We are called to this new life, a life of forgiveness and reconciliation. You are forgiven; accept your forgiveness and know that God loves you and desires great joy for your life. Walk forward on this journey of faith, knowing your brothers and sisters are with you. **Amen.**

GREETING

From the one who is and who was and who is to come, and from Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, grace and peace be with you all.

And also with you.

(8:00) **KYRIE**

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(8:00) ♪ “Glory to God”

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

SPECIAL MUSIC “You Cannot Lose My Love” by Sara Groves; *Brenda Lund*, soprano

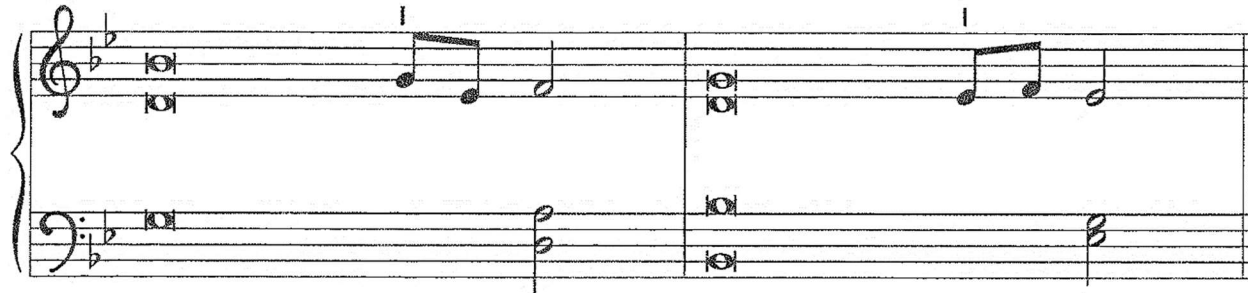
FIRST READING: Acts 3:12-19

¹²[Peter] addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? ¹³The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. ¹⁴But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

¹⁷"And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer.

¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

Psalm 4



¹Answer me when I call, O God, defender | of my cause;
you set me free when I was in distress;
have mercy on me and | hear my prayer.

²**You mortals, how long will you dishon- | or my glory;
how long will you love illusions and seek | after lies?"**

³Know that the LORD does wonders | for the faithful;
the LORD will hear me | when I call.

⁴**Tremble, then, and | do not sin;
speak to your heart in silence up- | on your bed.**

⁵Offer the appointed | sacrifices,
and put your trust | in the LORD.

⁶**Many are saying, "Who will show us | any good?"
Let the light of your face shine upon | us, O LORD.**

⁷You have put gladness | in my heart,
more than when grain and | wine abound.

⁸**In peace, I will lie | down and sleep;
for you alone, O LORD, make me | rest secure.**

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1-7

¹See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is

this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

⁴Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. ⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 24th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: John 24:36b-48

^{36b}Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, "Peace be with you." ³⁷They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate in their presence.

⁴⁴Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

(8:00) ♪ "Jesus We Are Gathered"

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sing 3 times

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CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON *Pastor Corey Fuhrman*

♪ "Touch That Soothes and Heals"

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(8:00) APOSTLES' CREED

PRESENTATION

PRAYERS

APOSTLES' CREED

PUBLIC AFFIRMATION

LAYING ON OF HANDS—

Family, sponsors and friends are invited to come forward when the confirmand stands.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Almighty God, confirm the work you have begun in these young people. Grant that they may remain in the fellowship of your church and in the faith of your gospel. Keep them so that nothing of this world may lead them away from you. Give them joy in obeying your Word. Grant that they may always know you more intimately, love you more fervently, and serve you more faithfully in word and deed, for the welfare of all humanity, for the upbuilding of your people and the glory of your name. In Jesus' name, Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

... God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord. **Amen.**

(8:00) **LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

OFFERING

SPECIAL MUSIC "Blessings" by Laura Story; *Brenda Lund*, soprano

♪ "Be Not Afraid"

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Give Online

OFFERING PRAYER

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.**

(10:30) **HOLY COMMUNION**

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HOLY, HOLY, HOLY ELW p.108

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WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

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CHOIR ANTHEM "A Communion Meditation" by Don Besig

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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.**

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.**

♪ "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing"

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DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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Weekly Calendar

Sun. Apr. 14

Sunday Worship 8:00 AM
 In person, online, radio
 Confirmation Cake Reception 9:00 AM
 Coffee Fellowship 9:00 AM
 Christian Ed. 9:15 AM
 Confirmation 10:30 AM
 Sunday Worship 10:30 AM
 Chamber Rehearsal 1:00 PM
 Bemidji Chamber Singers Concert 3:00 PM

Mon. Apr. 15

Italian Language Group 2:00 PM

Tues. Apr. 16

Staff Meeting 9:00 AM
 Pastors Text Study 10:30 AM
 Altar Guild Mtg 2:00 PM
 Choir Rehearsal 5:30 PM
 Bagpipers 6:00 PM
 Worship Band 6:30 PM
 RingPraise 7:15 PM

Wed. Apr. 17

Quilters 9:00 AM
 Men's Meeting 10:00 AM
 Wednesday Activities 5:00 PM
 Study Group 6:00 PM
 Wednesday Worship 6:00 PM
 Adult Ed-Encanto & Faith 6:45 PM

Thurs. Apr. 18

FLCW Board Mtg 10:00 AM
 First Call Group 11:00 AM
 Hooks & Needles 1:00 PM
 LSS Seniors 1:00 PM

Fri. Apr. 19

Friday Prayers (Islamic Community)
 1:30 PM
 Prep for Makers Market 6-9 PM

Sat. Apr. 20

Prep for Makers Market 7-9 AM
 Soul Sisters Makers Market 9 AM-3 PM

Sun. Apr. 21

Sunday Worship 8:00 AM
 In person, online, radio
 Coffee Fellowship 9:00 AM
 Graduation Celebration for Harrison 9 AM
 Christian Ed. 9:15 AM
 Sunday Worship 10:30 AM
 HC Good Samaritan Blackduck 1:30 PM
 First Word Deadline 4:00 PM
 Gather with CCG 5:00 PM

Serving in Worship

Preacher: Pastor Corey Fuhrman
Assistant Minister: Pastor Kayla Billings
Organist: Sarah Carlson
Lay Reader: 8:00
 10:30 George Liapis

ALTAR GUILD HELP NEEDED!

Do you find comfort and joy in our sanctuary, whether it's from the glowing candlelight, the beauty of the altar, or the solemn, holy feeling you get when approaching the altar for communion? Would you like to offer yourself to our Lord for what God has done for you by being a part of the dedicated group that volunteers their time to maintaining God's holy sanctuary? If so, our Altar Guild ministry would be happy to hear from you! We are in need of replacing a few members who have had to drop out, and we're sure we could find a spot for you. Please give us your prayerful consideration, and if you feel the Holy Spirit calling, contact either Steve or Dianne Wilds (218-987-2052).

P.S. We are an equal opportunity ministry... **men as well as women.**



We need radio broadcast sponsors for May 5, 19 & 26 and June 2, 9, 23 & 30. Cost is \$50.00.

CONFIRMATION

We lift up those being Confirmed today.

Emily Kay Midgarden

Elliot Nathaniel Price

Mackenzie Ann Leas

Brayden Lee Berube

William Edgar Ames

Our prayers are with you!

Wednesday Night Supper

All Menu Items Subject to Change

Apr 17 – Sloppy Joes, Tater Tots, Macaroni Salad, Brownies

Apr 24 – Pasta & Meat Sauce, House Salad, Bread, Ice Cream

Lemon water, milk and coffee are served with each meal.

Music: Brenda Lund 10:30 The Choir
Ushers: 10:30 Justin Sibben, Taleigha Jourdain
Radio Announcer: Bob Dennistoun
Radio Sponsor: Carole Hofstad in memory of my husband, Phil.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
JUNE 9 TO JUNE 13**




**REGISTER
HERE!**

Bemidji Chamber Singers Concert Today at 3:00 pm First Lutheran will be hosting the Chamber's concert of early music, "The King Shall Rejoice" by G. F. Handel This will feature a selection on the program including tympani, organ, and piccolo trumpets.

Congratulations Harry!
We will be celebrating with Harrison Segero on his college graduation next Sunday, **April 21st, at 9:15 am** in the Fellowship Hall. Please take a moment to congratulate him as you see him around First Lutheran.

FLC GARAGE SALE
SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2024
7AM TO 3PM
FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH - 900 BEMIDJI AVE N.

New Member Orientation
Sunday, May 12 - 9:15am or
Wednesday, May 15 - 6:45pm

We would love to have you join our church family! There are no tests, no weeks of lessons, just a simple time to gather and learn about FLC.

New members will be received
May 19 (8:00 and 10:30am) & May 22 (6:00pm)

DRIVE-IN WORSHIP SPONSORS

Cost of Sponsorship is \$110.00



Summer is coming and that means Drive-In Worship is too! Are you be willing to sponsor one? If so, please call or stop by the church office!

Makers Market
VENDOR AND CRAFT SHOW

SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 2024
9AM-3PM
FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Featuring handmade crafts, local vendors and food for purchase!

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Are you a vendor or crafter looking to host a table? Please contact Pastor Kayla for more information at 218-444-5302 or kbillings@flcbemidji.org

ENCANTO
CONNECTING FAITH AND LIFE THROUGH STORY

WEDNESDAYS AT 6:45PM
APRIL 10, APRIL 17, APRIL 24, MAY 1 AND MAY 8
LUTHER ROOM
ALL AGES VIEWING - APRIL 7TH @ 3PM @ FLC

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

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- 1 Christ is ris-en! Shout Ho - san - na! Cel - e - brate this day of days!
- 2 Christ is ris-en! Raise your spir - its from the cav - erns of de - spair.
- 3 Christ is ris-en! Earth and heav-en nev - er-more shall be the same.



Christ is ris - en! Hush in won - der: all cre - a - tion is a - mazed.
Walk with glad-ness in the morn-ing. See what love can do and dare.
Break the bread of new cre - a - tion where the world is still in pain.



In the des - ert all-sur-round-ing, see, a spread-ing tree has grown.
Drink the wine of res - ur - rec - tion, not a ser - vant, but a friend.
Tell its grim, de - mon-ic chor - us: "Christ is ris - en! Get you gone!"



Heal-ing leaves of grace a - bound-ing bring a taste of love un - known.
Je - sus is our strong com-pan - ion. Joy and peace shall nev - er end.
God the First and Last is with us. Sing Ho - san - na, ev - 'ry - one!

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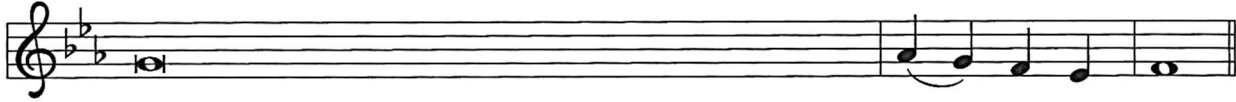
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In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



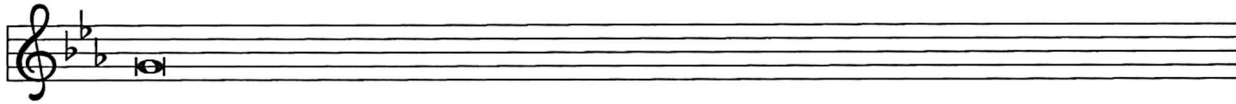
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



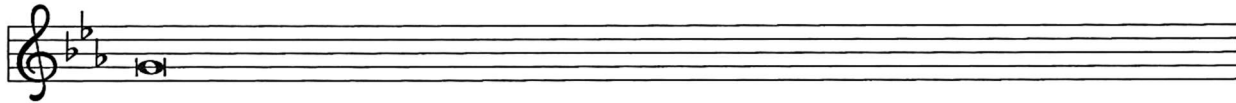
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



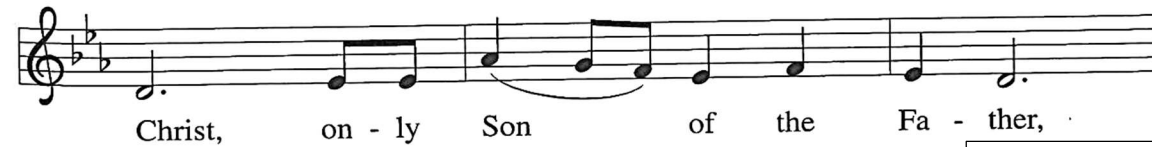
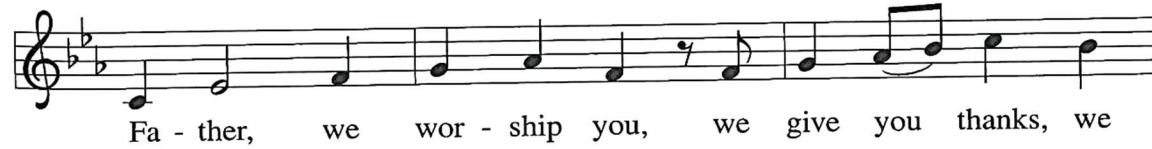
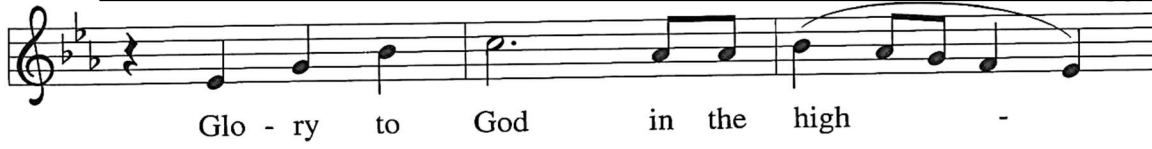
Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.



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Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the
right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.
For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a -
lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,
Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of
God the Fa - ther. A - men.
Glo - ry to God in the high -
est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

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Sing three times

Jesus, We Are Gathered

Jesu, tawa pano

Je - su, ta - wa pa - no, Je - su, ta - wa pa - no,
Je - sus, we are gath-ered, Je - sus, we are gath-ered,

Je - su, ta - wa pa - no, ta - wa pa - no mu zi - ta re - nyu.
Je - sus, we are gath-ered, we are gath-ered, Lord Je - sus, for you.

Touch That Soothes and Heals

EASTER

See My Hands and Feet

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1 Touch that soothes and heals the hurt - ing, hands that
2 Feed the hun - gry, clothe the na - ked, vis - it
3 Love and serve with - out dis - tinc - tion all earth's
4 Hands that beck - on lit - tle chil - dren, bind a



break a loaf of bread; steps that walk be - side the
ones in need of care, give the home - less warmth and
peo - ple, first and least. Know with - in each act of
wound, pre - pare a meal, feet that rush to share good



wea - ry, bear - ing bur - dens in their stead:
shel - ter: Christ will find a wel - come there.
kind - ness hope and whole - ness are in - creased.
tid - ings, Christ a - ris - en, still re - veal.

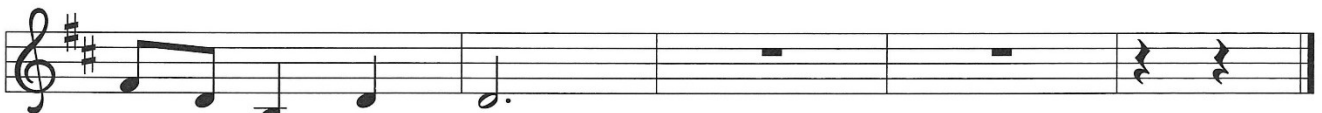
Refrain



“See my hands and feet,” said Je - sus, love a - ris - en from the



grave. “Be my hands and feet,” said Je - sus, “live as



ones I died to save.”

Be Not Afraid

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Be not a-fraid, sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al-le - lu - ia!

Be not a-fraid, sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al-le - lu - ia!

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Great Thanksgiving

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The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

10:30

Holy, Holy, Holy

Setting 1

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Lamb of God

Setting 1

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Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing! 385



1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice and sing! Now is the tri - umph
2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day; death's might-y stone is
3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that life which
4 Your name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to - day with



of our king! To all the world glad news we bring:
rolled a - way; let all the earth re - joice and say:
can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:
one ac - cord, the life laid down, the life re - stored:



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

