

# Good Shepherd Church

Worship Guide

February 25, 2024

## Gathering and Call to Worship

*Prelude*

### Gospel Proclamation and Blessing

God's good news—which He promised long ago through His prophets in the Holy Scriptures concerns His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who was a descendant of David according to the flesh and who has been declared to be the powerful Son of God by the resurrection from the dead according to the Spirit of holiness.

*Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus. (Rom. 1:1-4,7)*

### Call to Worship

Oh give thanks to YAHWEH; call upon his name;  
make known his deeds among the peoples!

<sup>2</sup> Sing to him, sing praises to him;

***tell of all his wondrous works!***

<sup>3</sup> Glory in his holy name;

***let the hearts of those who seek Yahweh rejoice!***

<sup>4</sup> Seek Yahweh and his strength;

***seek his presence continually!***

<sup>5</sup> Remember the wondrous works that he has done,  
his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,

Psalm 105:1-5

**We assemble before God and meet in the Name of Jesus the Christ - Let us confess the faith we hold:**

### Confessing the Faith

This is eternal life to know the only true God and Jesus Christ whom he has sent.

We confess with the Apostle Peter to the Lord Jesus, the Messiah, *You have the words of eternal life, and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God.* With the Apostle John we declare: *We know that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true; and we are in him who is true, in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life.* [John 17:3, John 6:68f, 1 John 5:11]

### Hymn- Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands

Christ Jesus lay in death's strong bands  
for our offences given;  
but now at God's right hand he stands,  
and brings us life from heaven:  
let us give thanks and joyful be,  
and to our God sing faithfully  
loud songs of hallelujah!

2. It was a strange and dreadful strife,  
when life and death contended;  
the victory was gained for life,  
the reign of death was ended:  
stripped of its power, no more it reigns:  
an empty form alone remains;  
its sting is lost for ever.

3. Let us obey his heavenly call  
by which the Lord invites us;  
Christ is himself the joy of all,  
the sun who warms and lights us;  
in love and mercy he imparts  
eternal sunshine to our hearts;  
the night of sin is ended.

4. Let us his people feast this day  
upon the bread of heaven.  
The word of grace has purged away  
the old, corrupting leaven;  
now Christ alone our souls will feed,  
he is our meat and drink indeed,  
faith lives upon no other.

Author- Martin Luther Tr. Richard Massie  
Tune: Luther's Hymn 87 87 887 #456P

### **Invocation**

**Pastor Jeff Gregory**

### **Hymn- Immortal Honors Rest on Jesus' Head**

Immortal honors rest on Jesus' head,  
my God, my portion and my living bread;  
in him I live, upon him cast my care;  
he saves from death, destruction and despair.

2. He is my refuge in each deep distress,  
the Lord my strength and glorious righteousness;  
through floods and flames he leads me safely on  
and daily makes his sovereign goodness known.

3. My every need he richly will supply,  
nor will his mercy ever let me die;  
in him there dwells a treasure all divine  
and matchless grace has made that treasure mine.

4. O that my soul could love and praise him more,  
his beauties trace, his majesty adore,  
live near his heart, rest in his love each day,  
hear his dear voice and all his will obey.

Author- William Gadsby #302P  
Meter- 10.10.10.10

### **Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon**

#### **Call to Confession:**

*And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.* Hebrews 4:13

**Our Joint Confession-** Our Father in Heaven, we confess that we are born sinners and that we continue to sin against You, our God and Savior. Our only hope is to come to You in Jesus's name, and we do so now. Hear us for Christ's sake. Forgive us our many sins; our harsh words; our wicked thoughts; our false dealings. Teach us kindness, purity, and integrity. Our Father, lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

\*Silent personal naming of sins and request for cleansing

### **Assurance of Pardon**

Here our Savior's Words: *Very truly I tell you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be judged but has crossed over from death to life.*" John 5:24

*At just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, **Christ died for us.** <sup>9</sup> Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! Romans 5:6,8,9 **The blood of Jesus goes on cleansing us from sin.** 1John 1:7;2:12*

Your sins have been forgiven on account of his name. Believe the gospel. **Thanks be to God!**

### **Hymn-How I Love the Voice of Jesus / It Was Finished**

How I love the voice of Jesus  
on the cross of Calvary;  
he declares his work is finished,  
he has spoken this hope to me.

Though the sun had ceased its shining,  
though the war appeared as lost,  
Christ had triumphed over evil—  
it was finished upon that cross.

2 Now, the curse, it has been broken:  
Jesus paid the price for me;  
full, the pardon he has offered,  
great the welcome that I receive.

Boldly I approach my Father,  
clothed in Jesus' righteousness;  
there is no more guilt to carry—  
it was finished upon that cross.

3 Death was once my great opponent,  
fear once had a hold on me,  
but the Son who died to save us  
rose that we would be free indeed!

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fear once had a hold on me,  
but the Son who died to save us  
rose that we would be free indeed!

Yes, he rose that we would be free indeed!  
Free from every plan of darkness,  
free to live and free to love;  
death is dead and Christ is risen—  
it was finished upon that cross.

Onward to eternal glory,  
to my Saviour and my God;  
I rejoice in Jesus' victory—  
it was finished upon that cross,  
it was finished upon that cross,  
it was finished upon that cross.

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### **Reading the Holy Scriptures**

*You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me, yet you refuse to come to me that you may have life. John 5:39-40*

**Prayer:** Almighty, gracious Father, forasmuch as our whole salvation depends upon our true understanding of Your holy Word, grant to all of us that our hearts, being freed from worldly affairs, may hear and apprehend Your holy Word with all diligence and faith, that we may rightly understand Your gracious will, cherish it, and live by it with all earnestness, to Your praise and honor; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen. (from Martin Baucer, Strasbourg Liturgy)

**First Testament- Exodus 16:13-35**

**New Testament- John 6:25-51**

**New Testament- 1 John 5:1-21**

**The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!**

### **Hymn-Your Work, Not Mine, O Christ**

Your work, not mine, O Christ,  
speaks gladness to this heart,  
it tells me all is done  
and bids my fear depart.

*To whom but you,  
who can alone  
for sin atone,  
Lord, shall I go?*

2. Your wounds, not mine, O Christ,  
can heal my damaged soul;  
your stripes, not mine, contain  
the balm that makes me whole.

3. Your cross, not mine, O Christ,  
has borne the awful load  
of sins that none could bear  
except the incarnate God.

4. Your death, not mine, O Christ,  
has paid the ransom due;  
ten thousand deaths like mine  
would have been all too few.

5. Your righteousness, O Christ,  
alone can cover me;  
no righteousness but yours  
suffices for my plea.  
Author-Horatius Bonar  
Tune: St John 66 66 44 44  
#710P

### **Presentation of Our Offerings**

*Each of you must bring a gift in proportion to the way Yahweh your God has blessed you. Deut.16:17*  
*"Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7*

**Prayer: We thank you, O Lord, for all your gifts, which we have received as tokens of your love to us. Accept these gifts which we now present before you as tokens of our gratitude and use both them and us in the service of your kingdom, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen. (Frank Colquhoun)**

### **Hymn- A Grace Doxology**

"For thy free electing favor,  
Thee, O Father, we adore!  
Jesus, our atoning Savior,  
Thee we worship evermore!"  
Holy Ghost from both proceeding  
Let thy praise our breath employ;  
Earnest of our future heaven  
Source of holiness and joy.

Praise the God of all creation,  
Praise the Father's boundless love;  
Praise the Lamb our expiation,  
Priest and King enthroned above.  
Praise the Fountain of salvation,  
Him by whom our spirits live;  
Undivided adoration  
To the One Jehovah give.  
Augustus Toplady, Josiah Conder  
8787 Nettleton (Come Thou Fount)

### **Lifting up of Our Prayers**

*O you who hear prayer, to you shall all flesh come.*  
*By awesome deeds you answer us with righteousness, O God of our salvation, the hope of all the ends of the earth. Psalm 65:2,5*  
Concerns/ thanksgivings

### **Prayers of the People**

#### **Prayer Hymn – Bread of Heaven, On You We Feed**

Bread of heaven, on you we feed,  
for your flesh is food indeed;  
ever may our souls be fed  
with this true and living bread;  
day by day our strength supplied  
through your life, O Christ, who died.

2. Vine of heaven, your precious blood  
seals eternal peace with God.  
Lord, your wounds our healing give;  
to your cross we look and live:  
Jesus, here our souls renew,  
rooted, grafted, built in you!  
Author- Josiah Conder  
Tune: Spanish Chant 77 77 77  
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## Ministry of the Word

### Scripture: John 6:52-71

<sup>52</sup> The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “**How can this man give us his flesh to eat?**” <sup>53</sup> So Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. <sup>54</sup> Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. <sup>55</sup> For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. <sup>56</sup> Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. <sup>57</sup> As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me, he also will live because of me. <sup>58</sup> This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like the bread the fathers ate, and died. Whoever feeds on this bread will live forever.” <sup>59</sup> Jesus said these things in the synagogue, as he taught at Capernaum.

<sup>60</sup> When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?” <sup>61</sup> But Jesus, knowing in himself that his disciples were grumbling about this, said to them, “Do you take offense at this? <sup>62</sup> Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? <sup>63</sup> It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is no help at all. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. <sup>64</sup> But there are some of you who do not believe.” (For Jesus knew from the beginning who those were who did not believe, and who it was who would betray him.) <sup>65</sup> And he said, “This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by the Father.”

<sup>66</sup> After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him. <sup>67</sup> So Jesus said to the twelve, “*Do you want to go away as well?*” <sup>68</sup> Simon Peter answered him, “**Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, <sup>69</sup> and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God.**” <sup>70</sup> Jesus answered them, “Did I not choose you, the twelve? And yet one of you is a devil.” <sup>71</sup> He spoke of Judas the son of Simon Iscariot, for he, one of the twelve, was going to betray him.

### Sermon – “Feeding on Christ Jesus”

by Wayne Conrad

### Response Hymn- I Am the Bread Life

I am the Bread of life.  
He who comes to me  
shall not hunger;  
and who believe in me  
shall not thirst.  
No one can come to me  
unless the Father draw him..

Refrain:

*And I will raise him up,  
and I will raise him up,  
and I will raise him up on the last day.*

The bread that I will give  
is my flesh for the life of the world,  
and he who eats of this bread,  
he shall live for ever,  
he shall live for ever.

Unless you eat  
of the flesh of the Son of Man  
and drink of his blood,  
and drink of his blood,  
you shall not have life within you.

I am the Resurrection,  
I am the life.  
If you believe in me,  
even though you die,  
you shall live for ever.

Yes, Lord, we believe  
that you are the Christ,  
the Son of God,  
Who has come  
into the world.

Text: John 6, 11

## **Christ Meets Us at His Table** led by Jeff Gregory

O taste and see that Yahweh is good; happy are those who take refuge in him. —Psalm 34:8, NRSV

Declaration: *“Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her....to present her to himself as a radiant church, without spot or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless.”* (Eph. 5:25-27)

### **Words of Invitation**

Congregation of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord has prepared his table for all who love him and trust in him alone for their salvation. All who have true regret for their sins, who personally believe in the Lord Jesus as their Savior, and who desire to live in obedience to him, are now invited to come with gladness to His table.

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.

#### **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

#### **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

#### **It is right for us to give thanks and praise.**

We give you thanks, O God,

through your beloved servant, Jesus Christ,

whom you have sent in these last times

as Savior and Redeemer and messenger of your will.

He is your Word, inseparable from you, through whom you made all things  
and in whom you take delight.

You sent him from heaven into the virgin’s womb, where he was conceived and took up our flesh.

Born of the virgin by the power of the Holy Spirit, he was revealed as your Son.

In fulfillment of your will, he stretched out his hands in suffering to release from suffering  
those who place their trust in you, and so won for you a holy people.

He freely accepted the death to which he was handed over

in order to destroy death and to shatter the chains of the evil one;

to trample underfoot the powers of hell and to lead the righteous into light;

to fix the boundaries of death and to manifest the resurrection.

#### **Praise you O God!**

And so he took bread, gave thanks to you, and said, *“Take, and eat; this is my body, broken for you.”*

In the same way he took the cup, saying,

*“This is my blood, shed for you. When you do this, do it for the remembrance of me.”*

Remembering therefore his death and resurrection, we set before you this bread and cup,

thankful that you have counted us worthy *in and through your Son, Jesus,*

to stand in your presence and serve you as your priestly people. [Text based on Hippolytus’ (215AD) prayer]

### **The Distribution of the Bread**

As Hebrews 10:10 states, *“We have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.”*

It was not the sacrificial bodies of lambs and oxen, but the body of the Son of God that was the only sacrifice that paid for our sins.

***The life we now live in the flesh we live by faith in the Son of God, who loved us and gave himself for us. (Gal. 2:20) Hallelujah!***

## Communion Hymn- 656P O Sacrifice of Calvary

O sacrifice of calvary,  
O Lamb whose sacred blood was shed,  
O great High Priest on heaven's throne,  
O Victor from the dead!  
Here I recall your agony,  
here see again your bloodstained brow;  
beyond the sign of bread and wine  
I know your presence now.

2. Your royal presence intercedes  
eternally for me above,  
and here my hungry spirit feeds  
upon these gifts of love;  
before your holy table laid  
I kneel once more in hope and peace,  
your blood and flesh my soul refresh  
with joy that shall not cease.

### Partaking of the Bread

Take and eat. The body of Christ, given for you. **Thanks be to God!**

### Pouring and Sharing of the Cup

*You were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold,<sup>19</sup> but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. 1 Pet. 1:18-19* The ransom price that paid for salvation was Christ's blood poured out on Calvary. ***Oh, precious blood of the Lamb of God which washes away our sin!***

The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Thanks be to God!**

### We Remember You

We remember you,  
we remember you;  
by your sacrifice of love  
all glory now is due.  
At this table here  
mercy hovers near.  
Thanks is offered up;  
in this bread and cup, we remember you.

Precious, risen Lamb,  
Jesus who was slain,  
now enthroned in glory,  
forever you will reign.  
Gladly we embrace  
both these signs of grace.  
Thanks is offered up;  
in this bread and cup, we remember you.  
Words & Music: Walt Harrah  
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### A Prayer of Thanksgiving



Let us remember with gratitude the gospel as declared for us in this holy meal.

***Almighty God, who has come to us in the person of Jesus Christ and has revealed to us through his life and teachings the sense and purpose of our own lives, we give you deepest thanks for our having heard the good news of the gospel and having believed it. Grant, Lord, that we might continue strong in this faith and might ever be eager to share it with other people for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

### **Hymn-There Is a Redeemer**

There is a redeemer,  
Jesus, God's own Son,  
precious Lamb of God, Messiah,  
Holy One.

#### **Chorus**

*Thank you, O my Father,  
for giving us your Son,  
and leaving your Spirit  
till the work on earth is done.*

2. Jesus, my Redeemer,  
name above all names,  
precious Son of God, Messiah,  
Lamb for sinners slain.

3. When I stand in glory  
I will see his face  
and there I'll serve my King for ever  
in that holy place.

Author- Melody & Keith Green

Tune- There Is a Redeemer #334P

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### **Ascription of Praise**

Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, ***to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.*** Jude 24-25

#### **Benediction – 2 Thessalonians 5:23-24**

*Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it. Amen.*

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