

# Good Shepherd Community Church

Proclaiming the God of Truth and Grace



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## Festival of the Resurrection of Messiah Jesus

### Weekly Gathering

Sundays: 10:30 am - Corporate Worship: Word & Table

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### Gathering of the Congregation

Online Service due to Coronavirus Pandemic

### Acclamation

The Lord is risen! ***The Lord is risen indeed!***

### Greeting-

Grace to you and peace, from Him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven Spirits who are before His throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. ***Alleluia! Amen!***

### Call to Worship

#### Scripture Proclamation

*The Lord is risen!*

***The Lord is risen indeed!***

***Sing this aloud, proclaim it to the ends of the earth:***

*The Lord has set his people free.*

Jesus was handed over to death for our sins,  
*And was raised to life for our justification.*

God's right hand and his holy arm  
have worked salvation for him.

Let us praise the God of our salvation!

Romans 4:24; Psalm 98:2

### Doxology

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade.

***Praise, honor, glory,  
and strength***

***forever and ever***

***to the one who sits***

***on the throne***

***and to the Lamb!"***

1 Peter 1:3-4; Revelation 5:13

Hymn- The Strife Is O'er

Invocation

Pastor

*To you, O LORD, do we lift up our eyes.*

*Father how we praise you for raising Messiah Jesus from the grave thus affirming his holiness and receiving his atonement for our sins. In him the Daystar has risen. In Your light make us to see light. May your Holy Spirit be with us in prayer and praise, in speaking and hearing from your Holy Word. And do bless us with all spiritual blessing in Jesus Christ, for His name's sake. Amen.*

Hymn- See the Christ

## Confession of Sin

1 John 1:9 *He forgives us.*

## Call to Confess

The proof of God's amazing love is this: while we were sinners Christ died for us. *Much more surely, now that we have been justified by his blood will we be saved through him. As we reflect on God's amazing love, let us confess our sins.* Romans 5:8

## Corporate Prayer

*Eternal Splendor, Light of light and God of gods,  
You have shone upon us and we have seen your glory,  
shining in the face of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Bathed in your light, our faith and our life are shown to be shrouded and  
tarnished.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
Yet, in your great mercy you forgive what we have been.  
We pray that you now will amend what we are  
and direct what we shall be,  
that we may henceforth walk in your light,  
delight in your will, and reflect your radiance,  
to the glory of your holy name. Amen.*

## Assurance of Pardon

*I have blotted out your transgressions like a cloud and your sins like  
mist; return to me, for I have redeemed you.*

***For Christ came into the world not to condemn the world,  
but that the world through him should be saved.***

*Therefore, be imitators of God, as beloved children.*

***And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a  
fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. Hosanna! Amen!***

—based on Isaiah 44:22 Matthew 21:8-9; John 3:17; Ephesians 5:1-2

## We Sing of Christ Jesus

*The Lord is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation; this is  
my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him. Exod.15:2*

Hymn- "Christ IS Risen, He IS Risen Indeed"

## Reading of the Scriptures

*Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the law of Moses, the  
prophets and the psalms." Then he(Jesus) opened their minds so they could  
understand the scriptures. Luke 24:44f*

Prayer before the reading.

*Lord of our Salvation open our eyes as we hear your word. May we see the  
glory of your resurrection through it. Amen.*

First Testament-Isaiah 49:1-7

Psalms 16

New Testament- 2 Timothy 1:8-11

New Testament- Luke 24:1-11

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

## We Sing of Christ Resurrection

*To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood.*

Hymn- The Day of Resurrection

## Profession of Our Faith

*Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens,  
Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. Hebrews 4:14*

*We believe* the first man Adam became a living being. The last Adam became a life-giving spirit. For since by a man came death, by a man also came the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive. The first man was of the earth, made of dust; the second Man is the Lord from heaven.

*We confess that we are to deliver what we also received from the  
testimony of the eyewitnesses:*

that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures. Then He was seen by Peter and by the twelve. After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once. After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles. Then last of all He was seen by Paul also, a former persecutor of the Way, who was converted by the light of the risen Jesus. He was set apart for the gospel of God, which the Lord promised beforehand through his prophets in the Holy Scriptures.

The gospel concerns God's Son, who was descended from David with respect to his humanity. He was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the

dead, Jesus Christ our Lord. It is through him that we have received grace and a commission to lead people of all nations to believe and obey.

Jesus the Christ is risen from the dead and he is LORD!

1 Corinthians 15:3-8,21,45,47;Romans 1:3-5

### **Praying to Our God**

We Present our Prayers with Thanksgivings

*But as for me, I will look to the Lord; I will wait for the God of my salvation; my God will hear me. Micah 7:7*

Prayer concerns, thanksgivings and petitions

### **We Listen to the Word Expounded**

Scripture Text- Acts 26:22-23

*To this day I have had the help that comes from God, and so I stand here testifying both to small and great, saying nothing but what the prophets and Moses said would come to pass: that the Christ must suffer and that, by being the first to rise from the dead, he would proclaim light both to our people and to the Gentiles."*

Sermon- "Resurrection Mandate " by Jeff Gregory

Hymn of Response- Song for the Nations

### **We Eat the Feast of Christ's Victory**

Alleluia! Christ, our Passover lamb, is sacrificed for us;

**therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!** - 1 Corinthians 5:7-8

Words of Institution

Breaking of the Bread/ Sharing of the Cup

Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands (Martin Luther)

### **Resurrection Day Collect**

*Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.*

### **Benediction-**

**Pastor**

*May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.*