

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Nourished at this table, O God, may we know Christ's redemptive love and live a new life in Him. Help us who recognize our Lord in the breaking of bread to see and serve Him in all whose lives are broken. Give us who are fed at his hand grace to share our bread with the hungry and with the hungry of heart. Keep us faithful in Your service until Christ comes in final victory, and we shall feast with all Your saints in the joy of Your eternal realm. Through Christ, all glory and honor are Yours, almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit in the holy church, now and forever. Amen.

The Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Response of Praise

By Your power, You raised Jesus from death to life. Through His victory over the grave, we are set free from the bonds of sin and the fear of death to share the glorious freedom of the children of God. In His rising to life, You promise eternal life to all who believe in Him. We praise You, that as we break bread in faith, we shall know the risen Christ among us.

The Offering

The Old Rugged Cross

Offertory

* Gloria Patri No. 581

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

***Hymn of Commissioning**

Thine is the Glory

No. 238

***Benediction**

As Christ burst forth from the tomb, may new life burst forth from us and show itself in acts of love and healing to a hurting world. And may that same Christ, who lives forever and is the source of our new life, keep your hearts rejoicing and grant you peace this day and always. Amen.

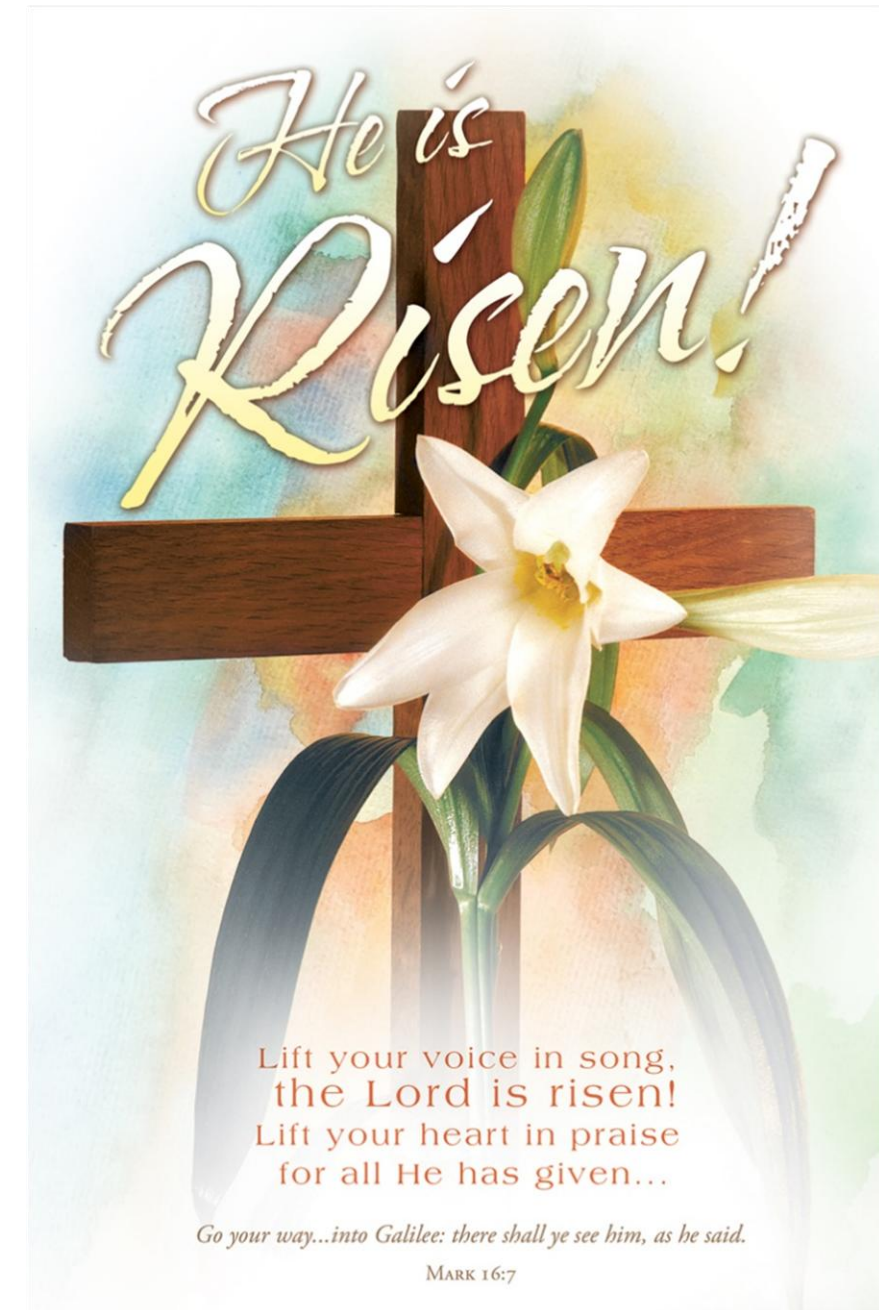
Postlude

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Special Thanks Today:

Usher: Darron Harris

Lay Leader: Ginger Stapley



Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church

April 5, 2026

Worship Service

April 5, 2026

11:00 AM

* Those who are able, please stand. **Bold** is to be read in unison.

Prayer of Preparation

God of life, we praise You for the miracle of Easter. We pray for great joy for ourselves and for all who come to worship today to celebrate Jesus' resurrection. We pray especially for those who will join us for worship and whose lives are filled with pain, loss, or deep sadness. May they sense how the resurrection is a source of great hope. Amen.

Welcoming and Announcements

Everyone is asked to sign the Friendship Folder in the pew rack. Visitors: Please completely fill out your name, mailing address, and e-mail address to enable us to extend our Christian hospitality. Please pass the folder to your neighbor and then return it to the center aisle with the cover open so that you may learn the names of the other worshipers. For sight impaired worshipers: Large Print Hymnals are available from the ushers. For hearing impaired worshipers: We recommend downloading the Listen Everywhere app.

Minute for Mission

One Great Hour of Sharing

Ginger Stapley

*Greeting One Another in Love

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

Prelude

Lamb of God/He Is Lord

Call to Worship

Leader: This is the good news— the grave is empty; Christ is risen.

People: Hallelujah!

Leader: This is the good news— the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never put it out.

People: Hallelujah!

Leader: This is the good news— once we were no people; now we are God's people.

People: Hallelujah!

Leader: Christ is our peace; the indestructible peace we now share with each other.

People: Hallelujah!

*Hymn of Praise

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

No. 232

*Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Leader: Lord, bring new life where we are worn and tired; new love where we have turned hard-hearted; forgiveness where we feel hurt and where we have wounded; and the joy and freedom of Your Holy Spirit where we are prisoners of ourselves.

Time for Silent Confession

Leader: To all and to each, on his community and on his friends, where regret is real, Jesus pronounces His pardon and grants us the right to begin again.

People: Thanks be to God! Amen.

*Assurance of God's Grace

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. —1 Corinthians 15:20-22, NRSV

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Lesson

Psalm 16

Pew Bible page 388

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Second Scripture Lesson

John 20:1-2, 11-18

Pew Bible page 706

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Beyond My Fault

Leon Lewis

Sermon

Woman. Sir. Mary. Teacher.

Rev. Jeff Davis

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*Hymn of the Day

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

No. 2348

*Affirmation of Faith

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Sacrament of Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Table