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**REALity**

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The Good Shepherd

# MESSIAH

## **Resurrection Reality: Jesus Provides Good Shepherding**

Scripture frequently pictures spiritual care in terms of a shepherd watching over sheep. Even folks unfamiliar with shepherding are able to grasp the meaning. Sheep are helpless animals—an easy meal for predators. For sheep to survive they needed a shepherd who not only leads them to sources of food, but who also is willing to tangle with a pack of wolves. Jesus is such a shepherd. He proved he is willing to lay down his life for his sheep.

The word “pastor” comes from the Latin word for “shepherd.” Today, there are plenty of people—pastors, religious leaders, etc.—who claim they can provide healing for your soul. Yet, Scripture warns that there are “false prophets” (1 John 4:1) who “distort the truth” (Acts 20:30). But the resurrection reality is that our Good Shepherd is faithful. He will raise up under-shepherds who know Christ and proclaim the truth of his gospel.



### **Connect with us!**

We invite everyone to fill a connection card.

Scan the code above or sign the guestbook in the lobby.

### **Welcome to Messiah**

**Restrooms** are located in the fellowship hall. Exit the sanctuary turn right, and go through the double doors.

**Kids’ Church.** Children ages 3 through grade 5 are invited to Kids’ Church which takes place during the 10:30 a.m. service. You can drop them off starting at 10:20 a.m. at Family Ministry Center. They’ll join you in church for the last portion of the service.

**Quiet room.** Children are always welcome in worship and we love hearing their little voices. However, if needed, a quiet room is located in the fellowship hall. Turn right when exiting the sanctuary and the quiet room will be on the left.

**Ushers** are available in the entry way to answer any additional questions you may have.

# WE WORSHIP THE LORD

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## Call to Worship

We worship in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen**

## Amazing Grace

*CW 576*

- 1   Amazing grace—how sweet the sound—  
      that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost but now am found,  
      was blind but now I see.
  
- 2   The Lord has promised good to me,  
      his Word my hope secures;  
he will my shield and portion be  
      as long as life endures.
  
- 3   Through many dangers, toils, and snares  
      I have already come;  
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,  
      and grace will lead me home.
  
- 4   When we've been there ten thousand years,  
      bright shining as the sun,  
we've no less days to sing God's praise  
      than when we'd first begun.

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## Prayer

# The Word

## First Reading

**Acts 20:28–32**

*The good shepherd asks his sub-shepherds to keep watch over the flock.*

<sup>28</sup>Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood. <sup>29</sup>I know that after I leave, savage wolves will come in among you and will not spare the flock. <sup>30</sup>Even from your own number men will arise and distort the truth in order to draw away disciples after them. <sup>31</sup>So be on your guard! Remember that for three years I never stopped warning each of you night and day with tears.

<sup>32</sup>“Now I commit you to God and to the word of his grace, which can build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified.”

## Gospel

**John 10:11–18**

*Jesus explains why he is the good shepherd.*

<sup>11</sup>“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. <sup>13</sup>The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.

<sup>14</sup>“I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me— <sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd. <sup>17</sup>The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life—only to take it up again. <sup>18</sup>No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father.”

## The King of Love My Shepherd Is (8:30 a.m.)

CW 552

- 1 The King of love my shepherd is,  
whose goodness fails me never;  
I nothing lack if I am his,  
and he is mine forever.
- 2 Where streams of living water flow,  
my Savior gently leads me,  
and where the verdant pastures grow,  
with food celestial feeds me.
- 3 Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,  
but yet in love he sought me  
and on his shoulder gently laid  
and home, rejoicing, brought me.
- 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill  
with you, dear Lord, beside me,  
your rod and staff my comfort still,  
your cross before to guide me.
- 5 You spread a table in my sight,  
a banquet here bestowing;  
your oil of welcome, my delight;  
my cup is overflowing!
- 6 And so through all the length of days  
your goodness fails me never;  
Good Shepherd, may I sing your praise  
within your house forever!

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## King of Love (10:30 a.m.)

- 1 The King of Love my Shepherd is  
Whose goodness faileth never  
I nothing lack if I am His  
And He is mine forever  
And He is mine forever
- 2 Where streams of living water flow  
My ransomed soul He leadeth  
And where the verdant pastures grow  
With food celestial feedeth

### **Chorus**

***Never failing, Ruler of my heart  
Everlasting, Lover of my soul  
On the mountain high or in the valley low  
The King of Love my Shepherd is  
The King of Love my Shepherd is***

- 3 Lost and foolish off I strayed  
But yet in love He sought me  
And on His shoulder gently laid  
And home rejoicing brought me
- 4 In death's dark veil I fear no ill  
With Thee, dear Lord, beside me  
Thy rod and staff my comfort still  
Thy cross before to guide me

### **Chorus**

Oh, Hallelujah, Hallelujah  
Oh, Hallelujah, Hallelujah

### **Chorus**

- 5 And so through all the length of days  
Thy goodness faileth never  
Good Shepherd, may I sing Your praise  
Within Your house forever  
Within Your house forever

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*The Good Shepherd*

**Psalm 23**

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not be in want.

*He makes me lie down in green pastures,*

He leads me beside quiet waters, he restores my soul.

*He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.*

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil,

*for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.*

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.

*You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.*

Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life,

*and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.*

**Offering**

*We give thanks to the Lord with our offerings. If you are our guest today, please do not feel obligated to give an offering. Members of Messiah give generously and freely out of thanksgiving to the Lord and in support of Messiah's mission to preach the good news of Jesus Christ in Nampa and to the ends of the earth.*

**Prayer and 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.**



***Give online.***

*If you are interested in giving an offering online, you can scan the code above.*

# The Lord's Supper

## Confession and Forgiveness

As we prepare to receive the Lord's Supper, God instructs us to examine ourselves. Therefore, we confess our sins and hear our Savior's words of forgiveness.

**Lord, we, like sheep, have gone astray. We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts. We have offended you and sinned against you. We have done those things that we should not have done, and we have not done those things we should have done. Have mercy on us, Lord! Forgive us and restore us according to your promises in Jesus Christ.**

God, our merciful Father has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our redeemer and Savior. He is the Good Shepherd who laid down his life for his sheep. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

**Amen**

## Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

## Distribution

*The ushers will invite communicant members forward, one pew at a time. Visitors, we respectfully ask that you refrain from taking the Lord's Supper until you have spoken with the pastor.*



## What Is This Bread (10:30 a.m.)

CW 665

- 1 What is this bread?  
Christ's body risen from the dead:  
    this bread we break,  
    this life we take,  
was crushed to pay for our release.  
O taste and see—the Lord is peace.
  
- 2 What is this wine?  
The blood of Jesus shed for mine;  
    the cup of grace  
    brings his embrace  
of life and love until I sing!  
O taste and see—the Lord is King.
  
- 3 So who am I,  
that I should live and he should die  
    under the rod?  
    My God, my God,  
why have you not forsaken me?  
O taste and see—the Lord is free.
  
- 4 Yet is God here?  
Oh, yes! By Word and promise clear,  
    in mouth and soul  
    he makes us whole—  
Christ, truly present in this meal.  
O taste and see—the Lord is real.
  
- 5 Is this for me?  
I am forgiven and set free!  
    I do believe  
    that I receive  
his very body and his blood.  
O taste and see—the Lord is good.

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## Blessing

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**Amen.**

## Christ Be My Leader

CW 518

- 1 Christ be my leader by night as by day;  
safe through the darkness, for he is the way.  
Gladly I follow, my future his care,  
darkness is daylight when Jesus is there.
- 2 Christ be my teacher in age as in youth,  
drifting or doubting, for he is the truth.  
Grant me to trust him; though shifting as sand,  
doubt cannot daunt me; in Jesus I stand.
- 3 Christ be my Savior in calm as in strife;  
death cannot hold me, for he is the life.  
Nor darkness nor doubting nor sin and its stain  
can touch my salvation: with Jesus I reign.

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## LOOKING AHEAD

April 24	Afternoon Bible Study .....	1:30 p.m.
May 01	Afternoon Bible Study .....	1:30 p.m.
	Highschool Hangout.....	7:00 p.m.
May 05	Basket Raffle.....	11:30 a.m.
May 07	Small Group Meeting .....	6:00 p.m.
May 08	Afternoon Bible Study .....	1:30 p.m.
May 12	Mother's Day	
May 14	Admin/Ministry Council Meeting .....	6:30 p.m.
May 15	Preschool Church .....	9:00 a.m.
	Afternoon Bible Study .....	1:30 p.m.
	Highschool/Middle School Hangout.....	7:00 p.m.
May 16	Preschool Church .....	9:00 a.m.
May 19	Confirmation Sunday	
May 21	Preschool Year End Program.....	10:00 a.m.
	Afternoon Bible Study .....	1:30 p.m.
May 22	Preschool Year End Program.....	10:00 a.m.
May 24	Valley-Wide Youth Night .....	6:00 p.m.
May 25	Board of Directors Meeting .....	9:00 a.m.
May 27	Memorial Day	
May 29	Afternoon Bible Study .....	1:30 p.m.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Valley-Wide Youth Night hosted by Cross of Christ.**

Wednesday, April 24 from 6-9. We will have a meal, snacks, games, live music, keynote and breakout groups. We will be joining the youth groups from Cross of Christ and Peace in Jesus. Please let Mrs. W. know if you will be able to make it or need a ride.

### **Raffle tickets are available**

Baskets are on display and the raffle will be held Sunday May 5 after late service. Proceeds will help youth travel to this summer's youth rally.

### **Small Group Stewardship Bible Study**

Last Sunday we are kicked off small group Bible studies. Pastor and other leaders are presenting a 45 minute Bible study to groups of 2 or 3 households. The study is called "The Joy of Christian Giving." Messiah's ministries are supported largely by offerings that the Messiah generously gives. The goal of the study is to remember that our giving is driven by the gospel, and to spur one another on as we grow in the grace of giving. We are asking every member to please sign up for a small group Bible Study. A sign-up sheet is available in the lobby. An electronic sign-up was also emailed out on April 11.



# MESSIAH

## Our Mission

*Knowing Jesus, Sharing his Love.*

## Our Core Values

**Servant Heart.** *"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord" (Colossians 3:23).*

**A Caring Community.** *"Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers" (Galatians 6:10).*

**Anchored in the Word.** *"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God" (Colossians 3:16).*

**Adaptable.** *"But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect" (1 Peter 3:15).*

**Outreach Focused.** *"Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation" (Mark 16:15).*

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### Worship Schedule

8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Worship  
9:30 a.m. Bible Class/Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Kids' Church