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ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE CHURCH BUILDING AND PARKING LOT WILL BE CLOSED TUESDAY, JULY 16 for everyone's safety due to Com ED replacing a pole.

GIVING: Online giving is available and is appreciated as we will still have our regular operating costs and bills. Please mail in your giving to P.O. Box 695 5 W. Washington St. Oswego IL 60543 or use our E giving for online giving <https://giving.ncsservices.org/app/giving/goodshepherdoswego> which can also be found on our website under the giving tab. ~ Thank you!

PRAYERS FOR THE HOLY LAND: The Methodist Liaison Office in Jerusalem is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting. Topic: MLO - Jerusalem's Update and Prayers Every Wednesday at 1:00 PM US Midwest. Join our Zoom Meeting on Wednesdays. See the Eblast or email the office for the link.

VBS: Thanks to everyone that has volunteered to help with VBS. **There will be a meeting of all VBS volunteers on Tuesday, July 9 at 5:30 pm, in the Fellowship Hall. Anyone wanting to help please join the meeting.** Contact Janet McCarty at jmccarty70@gmail.com or text/call 331-588-0064 with any questions.

Now we need **CHILDREN** to register to be a VBS Knight of North Castle. Pick up an information sheet in the Gathering Room or go to goodshepherdoswego.org and click on the Vacation Bible School is Back, tab.

MEN'S LUNCH: The United Methodist Men will be having their monthly Men's Luncheon at Mike & Denise's, 728 E. Veterans Parkway, Yorkville on Wednesday, July 17th at noon. Please join us for fellowship and a fine meal.

BOOK CLUB: The next book club discussion will be Tuesday, July 30 at 1:00 p.m. at Nancy Patush's house. This month's book is *The Secret Life of Bees* by Sue Monk Kidd. Please join us.



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“OPEN HEARTS. OPEN MINDS. OPEN DOORS.”

July 7 2024
7th Sunday after Pentecost

WELCOME! We are happy you came to worship with us today. If you would like to join our mailing list please subscribe on our website. www.goodshepherdoswego.org

PRELUDE *Surely Goodness and Mercy* Cheryl Todd

WORSHIP IS CELEBRATING GOD'S LOVE AND POWER

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: I will sing of thy steadfast love, O God, for ever; with my mouth I will proclaim thy faithfulness to all generations.

People: For thy steadfast love was established for ever, thy faithfulness is firm as the heavens.

Leader: Let us worship God. +

SONG OF PRAISE *Come as You Are* Reborn

WORSHIP IS SHARING AND PRAYING

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Leader: "Lord, in your mercy"

People: "Hear our prayer"

SILENT PRAYER, PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORDS PRAYER #895

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgive us, O God, for our self-important boasting. We take credit for our strength without thought of your gifts. We claim as our victories triumphs of your grace. You bring new life; we take it for granted. Deliver us from our vain ways, and forgive our smug complacency. Turn our boasting to thanksgiving for Christ's power within us. Amen. +

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Paul declares that "when we were dead through our trespasses, God made us alive together with Christ. . . For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God. . . lest anyone should boast." Let us then boast of God's grace within us, and claim with assurance the new life in Christ.

WORSHIP IS HEARING GOD'S WORD

SONG OF PRAISE *Room for You at the Table* Reborn

SCRIPTURE: 2 Corinthians 12:2-10, *Matthew 11:25-30 Larry Luytjes

SERMON: *Rest for the Soul* Rev. Steve Good

HOLY COMMUNION

WORSHIP IS WITNESSING TO THE WORLD

SONG OF PRAISE *Our God of Forgiveness* Reborn

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Battle Hymn of the Republic* Cheryl Todd

+ Kirk [When We Gather](#)

Surely Goodness and Mercy composed by John W. Peterson and Alfred B. Smith
and arranged by Roger Wilson

Battle Hymn of the Republic composed by William Steffens and arranged by Lani Smith

Come as You Are by Ben Glover, David Crowder, Matt Maher

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Our God of Forgiveness by Jon Conover 2020

Room for You at the Table by Jon Conover

2 Corinthians 12:2-10

I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows— was caught up into paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ, for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

Matthew 11:25-30

At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

“Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”