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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

PRAYER BLANKETS: It's time to make **Prayer Blankets** for our graduates. We will meet on Tuesday morning, May 14, from 9-11 in the big Sunday School Room. All are welcome to help. Please bring a pair of scissors suitable to cut fleece.

SUMMER MUSIC: People who are interested in performing special music during our summer services in June, July, and August for the 8:15 service? You can also include my email and encourage people to contact me if they are interested.

2024 GRADUATES: Our church would like to celebrate this year's Good Shepherd graduates from High School and Higher Education. Please let us know of your graduate and their school so we can recognize and celebrate their achievement later this spring. You may contact the church office this week with your info. Thank you!

GLOBAL 6K WALK/RUN FOR WATER (part of the Christian organization World Vision) to raise awareness and money to give permanent access to water for millions of children and women who have to walk an average of 6k to get water for their families, The \$50 registration per person is all you need to join (\$25 for children 18 and under). If you want to fundraise beyond that, great! The event will be **Saturday June 1st at Hudson Crossing Park in Oswego.** <https://global6k.worldvision.org/team/ChurchOfTheGoodShepherdOswego>

Promo code **EMPOWERMOMS** now through May 13th \$10 off all registrations



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“OPEN HEARTS. OPEN MINDS. OPEN DOORS.”

May 5, 2024
6th Sunday of Easter

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 *Thine is the Glory* Cheryl Todd

WORSHIP IS CELEBRATING GOD'S LOVE AND POWER

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Make a joyful noise, all the earth!

People: Break forth in joyous song to the God of victory!

Leader: Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who dwell in it!

People: With trumpets and the sound of the horn we make a joyful noise as we worship God. +

SONG OF PRAISE *How Great Thou Art* Reborn

WORSHIP IS SHARING AND PRAYING

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Leader: "Lord, in your mercy"

People: "Hear our prayer"

HYMN *The Church's One Foundation*

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

O God of power and majesty, as the sea roars, your name is praised. Waves pounding the shore remind us of your grandeur. By your creative design, birds fly, fish swim, and creatures in forests and meadows leap and run. All creation chants in praise of your plan for them. As you make our joy complete in the gift of your only begotten Son, Christ Jesus our Savior, we worship you with hearts hands, and voices in songs of glad adoration. Amen. +

SILENT PRAYER, PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORDS PRAYER #895

WORSHIP IS HEARING GOD'S WORD

SPECIAL MUSIC: *O Worship the King* Joyful Noise Handbells

SCRIPTURE: Romans 5:1-11, *John 15:9-17 Larry Luytjes

SERMON: *Plucked from the Burning* Rev. Steve Good

HOLY COMMUNION

WORSHIP IS WITNESSING TO THE WORLD

HYMN *Hope of the World*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* Cheryl Todd

+ Kirk When We Gather

Thine is the Glory written by Handel and arranged by Benton Price
How Great Thou Art words and music Stuart Wesley and Keene Hine
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O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing by Carl Glaser arranged by Tom Birchwood

Romans 5:1-11

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely, therefore, since we have now been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

John 15:9-17

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing, but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me, but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.