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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!

LENT BIBLE STUDY with Pastor Steve: *The Message of Jesus: Words that Changed the World.* Pastor Steve invites you to sign up for a 6 week class every Monday night in Lent at 7:00 pm in the Gathering Room. We will study scripture using Adam Hamilton's new curriculum: "The Message of Jesus". "We will explore six of the most important themes in Jesus' teachings, why they matter, and how they speak to us today. The book explores Jesus' preaching on the Kingdom of God, the Sermon on the Mount, the parables, the "I am "sayings in John, and more. Jesus' message is not only life-changing, but world-changing. Please purchase your own student book online (about \$15). Bring your bible to class or borrow one from the church. Please sign up in the Gathering Room (or contact the church office) and provide your email.

BOOK CLUB: Our next selection will be *Miss Morgan's Book Brigade* by Janet Charles. This book is based on the true story of librarian Jessie Carson during World War I. We will be discussing it on Tuesday, March 11 at 1:00 p.m. at Nancy Patush's home. Please join us! New members are always welcome!

LIBRARY: We continue to work on organizing our church library. Please stop by and see the new books that are available to be checked out.

EASTER CANTATA: The choir is preparing an Easter cantata and welcomes anyone who would like to sing in it. Rehearsals are Saturdays from 10-11:30 am starting on March 1st. Contact Jonathan Tatar with any questions.

MEN'S LUNCH: The United Methodist Men will be having their monthly Men's Luncheon at Ozzie's Diner, 2290 Ogden Ave, Aurora on Wednesday, March 19th at noon. Please join us for fellowship and a fine meal.

UMM 2025 ANNUAL MEETING, MESSAGE, AND COMMUNION SERVICE "EMPOWERED BY GRACE" Saturday, March 22, 2025 - 8:30 AM to 11:00 AM. Hosted by the Lake South District at: The United Methodist Church of New Lenox 339 West Haven Avenue, New Lenox, IL 60451



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"OPEN HEARTS. OPEN MINDS. OPEN DOORS."

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1st Sunday in Lent

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 *Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley* Cheryl Todd

WORSHIP IS CELEBRATING GOD'S LOVE AND POWER

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Make God your refuge, the Most High your habitation.

People: All who call upon God's name will be saved.

Leader: Let us worship God. +

SONG OF PRAISE *Amazing Grace*

WORSHIP IS SHARING AND PRAYING

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Leader: "Lord, in your mercy"

People: "Hear our prayer"

HYMN *Hope of the World*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Judge and Redeemer, we come before you, shorn of all pretenses and without cause for pride. We care more about bread than our confession of Christ our Savior. We worship many gods and do not serve you alone. We offer bribes to garner your favor; we do not rely on your promised goodwill. Forgive our deceit and grant us forgiveness. Through Christ we repent our sinful ways. Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Paul writes that "If you confess with your lips that Jesus is Savior and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." Friends, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

SILENT PRAYER, PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORDS PRAYER #895

WORSHIP IS HEARING GOD'S WORD

CHOIR ANTHEM: *Seek Ye First* One A 'Chord

SCRIPTURE: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7, *Luke 4:1-13 Rev. Steve Good

SERMON: *Who Knows Best*

WORSHIP IS WITNESSING TO THE WORLD

HYMN *God be with You til We Meet Again*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *We Gather Together* Cheryl Todd

+ Kirk When We Gather

Let Go music and lyrics by Jon Conover

Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley Traditional Appalachian Tune
arranged by Hugh Livingston, Jr.

"We Gather Together" arranged by Robert Hughes,
a 17th century Netherlands Folk song.

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden, but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die, for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food and that it was a delight to the eyes and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked, and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Luke 4:1-13

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tested by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over he was famished. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.' "

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, "To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered him, "It is written,

'Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.' "

Then the devil led him to Jerusalem and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you,
to protect you,'

and

'On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.' "

Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.' " When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.