



## SERVING US IN WORSHIP TODAY

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### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GIVING:** Online giving is available and is appreciated. 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!

**FELLOWSHIP BRUNCH:** Our monthly brunch returns September 14th! Brunch is available the 2nd Sunday of the month 9:15-11am in Fellowship Hall. The September "Apple Theme Brunch" will have Pancakes (apple topping), Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Apple Sauce, Apple Squares, Fruit, Apple Cider Donuts and more! Come for the food, stay for the fellowship, we'd love to see you there!  
\*A free will offering will be taken.

**LOVE PACKAGES:** Thank you to everyone who donated Christian books and Bibles to Love Packages! Mr. Rapp picked up many filled boxes. Please keep your donations coming. This will be an ongoing ministry now. Look for the bin in Rooms 6 & 7.

**BOOK CLUB:** Our next book is ***Frozen River*** by **Lawhon**. We will meet at Nancy Patush's house on Tuesday, September 23 at 1:00 p.m. Join us if you can. Let the church office know if you need a ride.

**BLESSING of the BACKPACKS:** Sunday September 14th during Sunday School. Have your children bring their backpacks to Sunday school.

**MEN'S LUNCH:** The United Methodist Men will be having their monthly Men's Luncheon at McBride's North, 2340 S. Eola Road, Aurora on Wednesday, September 17th at noon. Please join us for fellowship and a fine meal.



THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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*"OPEN HEARTS. OPEN MINDS. OPEN DOORS."*

**September 14, 2025**  
**14th 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](http://www.goodshepherdoswego.org)*

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PRELUDE	<i>The Prayer</i>	Cheryl Todd
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WORSHIP IS CELEBRATING GOD'S LOVE AND POWER

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: How lovely is your dwelling place, O God! My soul longs for your courts; my heart and flesh sing for joy.

**People: Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest. Blessed are those who dwell in your house, ever singing your praise!**

Leader: Let us worship God. +

SONG OF PRAISE	<i>In Christ Alone</i>	Reborn
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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 PRAISE and ADORATION

Blessed are those whose strength is in you, O God of hosts, in whose hearts are highways to your eternal dominion. A day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere, and you withhold nothing from those who walk uprightly. We shall dwell as doorkeepers in your heavenly household, there to give you the honor and glory that is due your name. **Amen.**

WORSHIP IS HEARING GOD'S WORD

SONG OF PRAISE	<i>Blessed Be Your Name</i>	Reborn
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SCRIPTURE: Jeremiah 2:4-13, *Luke 14:1, 7-14	Rev. Steve Good
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SERMON: *Kingdom Hospitality*

WORSHIP IS WITNESSING TO THE WORLD

SONG OF PRAISE	<i>Room for You at the Table</i>	Reborn
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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE	<i>Love Lifted Me</i>	Cheryl Todd
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\* Kirk [When We Gather](#)

*Let Go* music and lyrics by Jon Conover  
*The Prayer* by Carole Bayer Sager and David Foster and arranged by Jane Holstein  
*Love Lifted Me* by Howard E. Smith and arranged by Lani Smith  
*In Christ Alone* by Stuart Townsend  
2001 Thankyou Music Ltd (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing)  
*Blessed Be Your Name* by Beth Redman and Matt Redman  
2002 Thankyou Music Ltd (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing)  
*Room for You at the Table* by Jon Conover

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## Jeremiah 2:4-13

Hear the word of the LORD, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel. Thus says the LORD:

What wrong did your ancestors find in me

that they went far from me

and went after worthless things and became worthless themselves?

They did not say, "Where is the LORD,

who brought us up from the land of Egypt,

who led us in the wilderness,

in a land of deserts and pits,

in a land of drought and deep darkness,

in a land that no one passes through,

where no one lives?"

I brought you into a plentiful land

to eat its fruits and its good things.

But when you entered you defiled my land

and made my heritage an abomination.

The priests did not say, "Where is the LORD?"

Those who handle the law did not know me;

the rulers transgressed against me;

the prophets prophesied by Baal

and went after things that do not profit.

Therefore once more I accuse you,

says the LORD,

and I accuse your children's children.

Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look;

send to Kedar and examine with care;

see if there has ever been such a thing.

Has a nation changed its gods,

even though they are no gods?

But my people have changed their glory

for something that does not profit.

Be appalled, O heavens, at this;

be shocked; be utterly desolate,

says the LORD,

for my people have committed two evils:

they have forsaken me,

the fountain of living water,

and dug out cisterns for themselves,

cracked cisterns

that can hold no water.

## Luke 14:1

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the Sabbath, they were watching him closely.

## Luke 14:7-14

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host, and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers and sisters or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."