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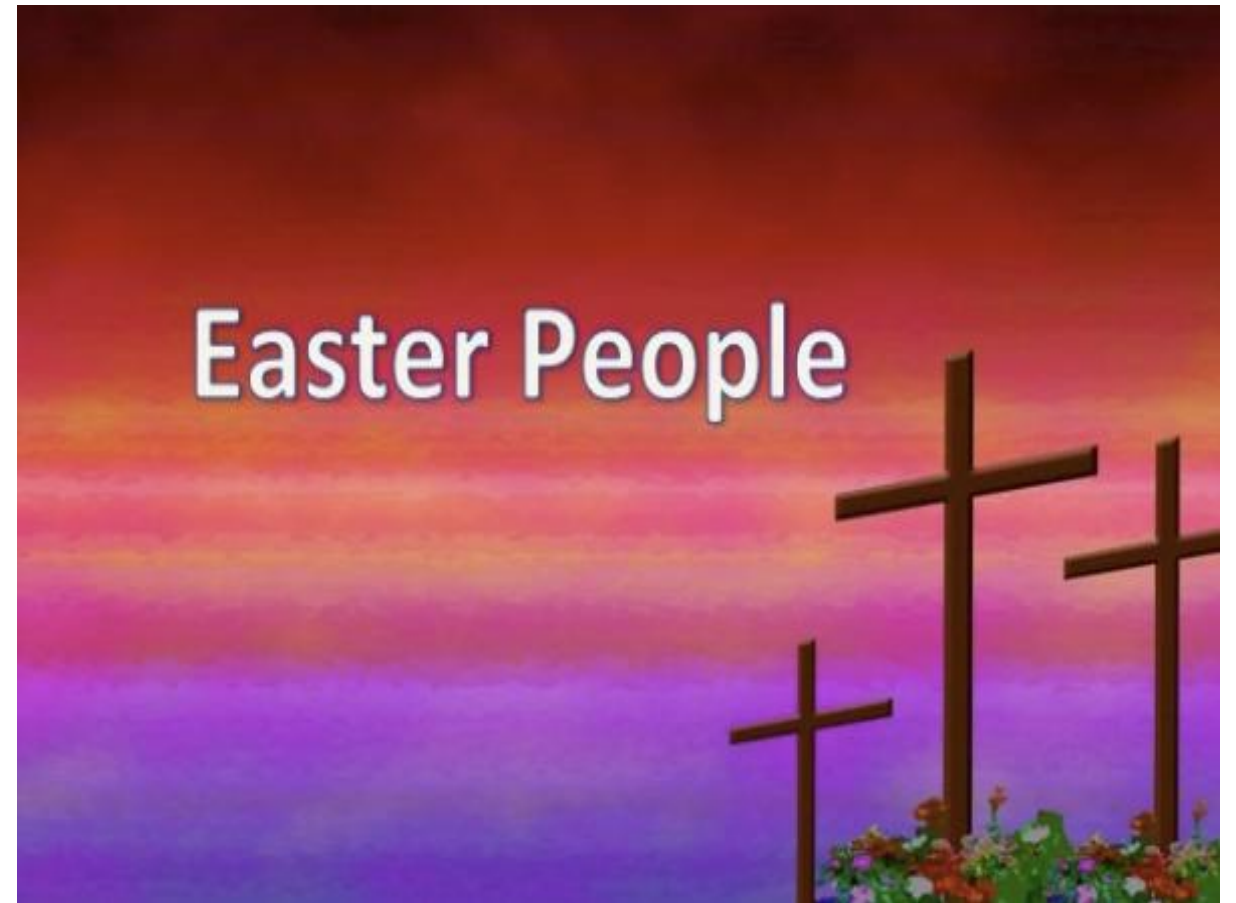
GIVING: Online giving is available and is appreciated as we will still have our regular operating costs and bills. Please mail in your giving to P.O. Box 695 5 W. Washington St. Oswego IL 60543 or use our E giving for online giving
<https://giving.ncsservices.org/app/giving/goodshepherdoswego>
which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

VBS: June 9-12! Registration is now open. \$10 per child ages pre-k to 5th grade. 6th grade and up are encouraged to volunteer. See Rachel Conover with any questions.
https://vbspro.events/p_early/discovery2025

BOOK CLUB: Our book club selection for this month is Orphan Train by Christina Kline. Diane Clodi will be leading the discussion on Tuesday, May 13 at 1:00 p.m. at Nancy Patush's house. Please join us!

MEN'S LUNCH: The United Methodist Men will be having their monthly Men's Luncheon at Yorkville Cafe (Formerly Silver Dollar), 102 Stage Coach Trail, Yorkville on Wednesday, May 21st at noon. Please join us for fellowship and a fine meal.

FELLOWSHIP BRUNCH: Due to Mother's Day, our May brunch will be held on the 3rd Sunday, May 18th. Join us in Fellowship Hall 9:15- 11am.



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"OPEN HEARTS. OPEN MINDS. OPEN DOORS."

April 27, 2025
2nd 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 *He Lives!* Cheryl Todd

WORSHIP IS CELEBRATING GOD'S LOVE AND POWER

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Grace to you and peace from the one who is and who was and who is to come, and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the first-born of the dead.

People: Our God is the Alpha and the Omega, the one who is and who was and who is to come.

Leader: Let us worship the eternal God. +

SONG OF PRAISE *He'll Light the Way* 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 PRAISE and ADORATION

You are the Alpha and the Omega, O God, the beginning and the end of creation. You caused the formless void to burst into splendor, filling space, and revealing your goodness. Your only-begotten, Jesus Christ, came to bring peace and reconcile those who are estranged. We who have been made one gather to praise your goodness, and raise our voices in glad adoration. **Amen**

WORSHIP IS HEARING GOD'S WORD

SONG OF PRAISE *King of Heaven* Reborn

SCRIPTURE: Acts 5:27-32, *John 20:19-31 Rev. Steve Good

SERMON: *Easter People*

WORSHIP IS WITNESSING TO THE WORLD

SONG OF PRAISE *Roll Away That Stone* Reborn

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Ye Sons and Daughters Let Us Sing Alleluia!* Cheryl Todd

+ Kirk When We Gather

Let Go music and lyrics by Jon Conover

He Lives! Written by Stewart Landon and arranged by Alfred H. Ackley

He'll Light the Way by Jon Conover

Roll Away That Stone by: Jon Conover

"Ye Sons and Daughters Let Us Sing Alleluia!"

Based on the traditional French Easter melody, arranged by Benton Price.

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Acts 5:27-32

When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

John 20:19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.