



**SERVING US IN WORSHIP TODAY**

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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.

**ACE:** The Adult Christian Education class began a new study on April 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am in the Meditation Room entitled *Jesus Revealed: The I Am Statements in the Gospel of John*. Light. Join us as we watch the DVD that goes along with this study and then discuss the ideas presented by the author. Questions, contact Janet McCarty, the leader.

**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 with your info. Thankyou!

**BOOK CLUB:** This month's book is *The Measure* by Nikki Erlick. We will meet at Nancy Patush's house on Tuesday April 30th at 1:00 P.M. We welcome new members. Please join us! See Judy McGregor or Nancy Patush with questions.

**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>



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April 21, 2024**

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“OPEN HEARTS. OPEN MINDS. OPEN DOORS.”

**April 21, 2024**  
**4th 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](http://www.goodshepherdoswego.org)*

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PRELUDE *The Lord is My Shepherd* Cheryl Todd

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WORSHIP IS CELEBRATING GOD'S LOVE AND POWER

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

**People: You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me.**

Leader: You have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

**People: Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life.**

Leader: And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever +

SONG OF PRAISE *Lead Me Home* Reborn

WORSHIP IS SHARING AND PRAYING

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Leader: "Lord, in your mercy"

**People: "Hear our prayer"**

HYMN *Precious Lord Take My Hand*

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

**All praise be unto you, O God, Great Shepherd of the sheep. You gather your people as lambs to your bosom; you enfold them with your all-embracing love. You refresh us like a stream flowing freely with living waters; you nourish us like a host whose table is heavy-laden. We gather to hear your refreshing word of promise and direction, to honor your name as our guardian and hope. Amen. +**

SILENT PRAYER, PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORDS PRAYER #895

WORSHIP IS HEARING GOD'S WORD

SPECIAL MUSIC: *The Lord Bless You and Keep You* Joyful Noise Handbells

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 23, \*John 10:1-10 Sharlene Momich

SERMON: *The Good Shepherd* Rev. Steve Good

WORSHIP IS WITNESSING TO THE WORLD

HYMN *Hope of the World*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Surely Goodness and Mercy* Cheryl Todd

+ Kirk When We Gather

*The Lord is my Shepherd* by Jessie Irvine and arranged by Robert Hughes

*Lead Me Home* words and music by Jon Conover

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

## Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.  
He makes me lie down in green pastures;  
he leads me beside still waters;  
he restores my soul.  
He leads me in right paths  
for his name's sake.  
Even though I walk through the darkest valley,  
I fear no evil,  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff,  
they comfort me.  
You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.  
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD  
my whole life long.

## John 10:1-10

“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.