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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!

**SHARE YOUR BLESSINGS:** Thank you to everyone who took tags! Please bring the gift UNWRAPPED with the tag attached by Sunday, Dec. 3rd. If you can't make it in person to grab a tag, or have any questions, please contact Shar Momich 630-567-4994 [sharmomich@gmail.com](mailto:sharmomich@gmail.com)

**POINSETTIAS:** Help beautify our sanctuary for the advent season with a poinsettia dedication!! Poinsettias are \$15 and you may pick up your poinsettia after Christmas Eve service. We will have the dedications in the bulletin on Christmas Eve. Email or call the office to order if you will not be attending in person. dropped off by Sunday, December 10th.

**ADVENT STUDY with Pastor Steve** Pastor Steve is leading a Monday night Advent Study in the Gathering Room for 4 sessions, beginning Monday Nov. 27 at 7:00 pm and ending on December 18th. We will use new curriculum written by United Methodist pastor and author Rachel Billups: "An Unlikely Advent - Extraordinary People of the Christmas Story". Students should purchase their student book/eBook online. Please sign up in the Gathering Room or contact the church office 630-554-3269

**ADVENT STUDY:** The ACE Class will start the Advent Study, *Awaiting the Already: An Advent Journey Through the Gospels*, by [Magrey deVega](#) on Sunday, November 26 at 9:30 am in the Meditation Room. Why do we spend four weeks of Advent pretending that Jesus has not been born when we know full well that he has? *Awaiting the Already* is a study that addresses that question. Obtain your own copy of the book or ask Janet McCarty, the leader, to order one for you. Join our discussion.

**ORNAMENTS:** Our next ornament in the stained-glass series is here! Just \$10. You may purchase your ornament between services during the advent season or by contacting the office.



Role  
Reversal

THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**Online Worship Service  
November 26, 2023**

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“OPEN HEARTS. OPEN MINDS. OPEN DOORS.”

**November 26, 2023**  
**26<sup>th</sup> 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 *Surely Goodness and Mercy* Cheryl Todd

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WORSHIP IS CELEBRATING GOD'S LOVE AND POWER

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Be silent before God. For the day of Yahweh is near.

**People: Yes, Yahweh has prepared a sacrifice, and has consecrated the guests.**

Leader: Fulfill the promises you make to Yahweh your God.

**People: The great day of Yahweh is near; near, and coming with speed. +**

SONG OF PRAISE *What a Beautiful Name* Reborn

WORSHIP IS SHARING AND PRAYING

CHILDREN'S TIME

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Leader: "Lord, in your mercy"

**People: "Hear our prayer"**

SILENT PRAYER, PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORDS PRAYER #895

PRAYER OF PRAISE

Your day, O God, draws near with deliberate haste. We prepare ourselves for the providence that you promise to us in Christ. As we gather in this place to give you all praise and glory, fill us so with the Holy Spirit that we may discern your will. May we thereby be led to worship you in all that we do, with thanksgiving to Jesus, who shows us the way. **Amen.** +

WORSHIP IS HEARING GOD'S WORD

SONG OF PRAISE *He'll Light the Way* Reborn

SCRIPTURE: Joel 2:23-29, \* Luke 18:9-14 Kim Mattern

SERMON: *Role Reversal* Rev. Steve Good

WORSHIP IS WITNESSING TO THE WORLD

SONG OF PRAISE *Wash Our Souls Clean* Reborn

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *God Will Take Care of You* Cheryl Todd

+ Kirk When We Gather

*Let Go* words and music by Jon Conover

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

*God Will take Care of You* composed by W. Stillman Marten and arranged by Robert Hughes

*All the Glory* by Jon Conover

*What a Beautiful Name* Ben Fielding, Brooke Ligertwood 2016 Hillsong Music Publishing Australia  
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*He'll Light the Way* words and music by Jon Conover

*Wash Our Souls Clean* words and music by Jon Conover

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## Joel 2:23-29 NRSVUE

O children of Zion, be glad,  
and rejoice in the LORD your God,  
for he has given the early rain for your vindication;  
he has poured down for you abundant rain,  
the early and the later rain, as before.  
The threshing floors shall be full of grain;  
the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.  
I will repay you for the years  
that the swarming locust has eaten,  
the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter,  
my great army that I sent against you.  
You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied  
and praise the name of the LORD your God,  
who has dealt wondrously with you.  
And my people shall never again be put to shame.  
You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel  
and that I, the LORD, am your God and there is no other.  
And my people shall never again be put to shame.  
Then afterward  
I will pour out my spirit on all flesh;  
your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
your old men shall dream dreams,  
and your young men shall see visions.  
Even on the male and female slaves,  
in those days I will pour out my spirit.

## Luke 18:9-14

He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other, for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."