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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!

BOOK CLUB: We've selected *Mad Honey* by Picoult and Boylan as our book club pick for January. Our next meeting will be at Nancy Patush's house on Tuesday, February 11, 2025 at 2:30 p.m. New members are always welcome! Sent from my iPhone

MEN'S LUNCH: The United Methodist Men will be having their monthly Men's Luncheon at Olive Garden, 2620 US-34, Oswego on Wednesday, February 19th at noon. Please join us for fellowship and a fine meal.

PRAYER CHAIN LEADERSHIP: *Many thanks to Diane Clodi for her heartfelt and dependable leadership of our Prayer Chain these past two years. This position will now be handled by Pat Rogerson who can be contacted for prayer needs by phone 630-220-1649 or email prayerchaingoodshepherd24@gmail.com*

Thanks to Pat for her willingness to help us stay connected in faith as we move into this new year. ~Pastor Steve

FELLOWSHIP BRUNCH is canceled for January while we finish the floors in Fellowship Hall. We can't wait for everyone to attend the February brunch provided by our Good Shepherd Youth.



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"OPEN HEARTS. OPEN MINDS. OPEN DOORS."

January 19, 2025
2nd Sunday after Epiphany

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 *Salute the Happy Morn* Cheryl Todd

WORSHIP IS CELEBRATING GOD'S LOVE AND POWER

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Your love, O God, extends to the heavens; your righteousness is like the ever-rolling mountains.

People: We shall feast on the abundance of your goodness, O God, and drink our fill of your mercy, O Fountain of life.

Leader: Let us worship God. +

SONG OF PRAISE *Goodness of God* 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

O God, you are our rock, the source of our strength; you are the fountainhead from which flow living waters. When our souls thirst after righteousness, your justice sustains us; in need of encouragement, we behold your power and glory. We lift our hands in the sanctuary; with our lips we praise you. We raise our voices in the company of believers and call on your name. Fill us now with your Holy Spirit, and nourish us by your presence. **Amen.**

WORSHIP IS HEARING GOD'S WORD

SONG OF PRAISE *Wash Our Souls Clean* Reborn

SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 40:1-5, *Matthew 3:1-17 Rev. Steve Good

SERMON: Still On the Clipboard: JB 3.0 Rev. Mary Gay McKinney

WORSHIP IS WITNESSING TO THE WORLD

SONG OF PRAISE *My Love Will Sustain* Reborn

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Go Tell It on the Mountain* Cheryl Todd

+ Kirk When We Gather

Let Go music and lyrics by Jon Conover

"Salute the Happy Morn" by John Wainwright and arranged by Robert J. Hughes
Goodness of God by Ben Fielding, Brian Johnson, Ed Cash, Jason Ingram, Jenn Johnson

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Wash Our Souls Clean by Jon Conover Arranged by Jon Conover and Tom Hartnett

My Love Will Sustain by Jon Conover

Isaiah 40:1-5

Comfort, O comfort my people,
says your God.
Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
and cry to her
that she has served her term,
that her penalty is paid,
that she has received from the LORD's hand
double for all her sins.
A voice cries out:
"In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD;
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.
Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and hill be made low;
the uneven ground shall become level,
and the rough places a plain.
Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,
and all flesh shall see it together,
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

Matthew 3:1-17

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.'"

Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region around the Jordan were going out to him, and they were baptized by him in the River Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for his baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Therefore, bear fruit worthy of repentance, and do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor,' for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.

"I baptize you with water for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is more powerful than I, and I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw God's Spirit descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from the heavens said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."