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**SERVING US IN WORSHIP TODAY**

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CHOIR DIRECTOR	Jonathan Tatar
CONTEMPORARY MUSIC	Jon Conover and ReBorn
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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!

**PASTOR APPRECIATION:** Let's show Pastor Steve how much we appreciate him this month - Pastor Appreciation Month - by writing him a note of thanks or sharing a story of how he has helped you and our church. We have special note cards available in Fellowship Hall that will be added to a book and given to Pastor Steve at the end of the month. If you can't make it to church this month, feel free to send your note of appreciation to [sharmomich@gmail.com](mailto:sharmomich@gmail.com) and she will add it to the book for you.

We would also like to ask that you consider making an extra contribution/offering to the church in appreciation for the Pastor's work. Note Pastor on your check's memo line or on your envelope.

We are so thankful for Pastor Steve and hope that he feels that love this month and always.

**MISSION OPPORTUNITY: Midwest Mission Distribution Center (MMDC)** – Our on-site mission event is coming to Good Shepherd on Sunday, October 20, when we assemble 100 Personal Dignity Kits after both church services as well as during the afternoon. **Please add this to your calendar to help for an hour or two.** This mission event connects our congregation and deepens discipleship. Hosting our on-site event is just like going on a mission trip without the travel. Together, we will be a bright light of hope and bring some joy to all of our lives by serving together.

**MISSIONS-HESED HOUSE:** Our next dinner to provide and serve at Hased House is **Monday, October 28.** We will need the following: · Chili (30-35 servings) · Garden salad (30-35 servings) · Cornbread (30-35 servings) · People who would like to contribute can reach out to Sara Poniatowski via email ([poniatowski@att.net](mailto:poniatowski@att.net)) or phone/text (773-251-8372).

**HANDBELLS:** The handbells are in need of more ringers. Training will be provided if needed. Please contact Cheryl Todd at [cheryljtodd@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cheryljtodd@sbcglobal.net) or by phone: 630-554-2102 if you are interested.



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*“OPEN HEARTS. OPEN MINDS. OPEN DOORS.”*

**October 20, 2024**  
**22nd 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 *Morning Has Broken* Cheryl Todd

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WORSHIP IS CELEBRATING GOD'S LOVE AND POWER

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Let those who favor my cause sing out with joy and be glad; let them say always, "God is great".

**People: And my tongue shall be talking of your righteousness and of your praise all the day long.**

Leader: Let us worship God. +

SONG OF PRAISE *This is Amazing Grace*

WORSHIP IS SHARING AND PRAYING

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Leader: "Lord, in your mercy"

**People: "Hear our prayer"**

HYMN *Praise to the Lord*

PRAYER OF PRAISE

Your praise is ever on our lips, O God. Songs of joy swell within us. We gaze at creation and behold goodness; we hear of your covenant and discover righteousness. Your love is boundless, your care without limits. We enter your sanctuary to give you honor; we bow down before you with glad adoration. Receive our worship and accept our thanksgiving. You are God whom we serve evermore. **Amen.** +

SILENT PRAYER, PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORDS PRAYER #895

WORSHIP IS HEARING GOD'S WORD

SPECIAL MUSIC: *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* Joyful Noise Handbells

SCRIPTURE: Hebrews 5:1-10, \* Matthew 20:1-16 Sharlene Momich

SERMON: *The Ups and Downs of Grace* Rev. Steve Good

WORSHIP IS WITNESSING TO THE WORLD

HYMN *God Be with You til We Meet Again*

BENEDICTION

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

+ Kirk When We Gather

*Morning Has Broken* Based on the Gaelic melody "Bunessan" and arranged by Gilbert Martin  
*This is Amazing Grace* 2012 Phil Wickham Music (Admin. by BMG Rights Management [c/o Music Services, Inc.]) Seems Like Music (Admin. by BMG Rights Management [c/o Music Services, Inc.]

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*Ye Sons and Daughters Let Us Sing Alleluia!*

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

## Hebrews 5:1-10

Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness, and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not presume to take this honor but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest but was appointed by the one who said to him,

“You are my Son;  
today I have begotten you”;

as he says also in another place,

“You are a priest forever,  
according to the order of Melchizedek.”

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered, and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

## Matthew 20:1-16

“For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius for the day, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around, and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received a denarius. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received a denarius. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for a denarius? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”