

This Week at Epworth

Sunday, March 26

- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 10 a.m. Coffee Fellowship
- 10:30 a.m. Worship

Monday, March 27

- 7:00 p.m. Valley Troubadours

Tuesday, March 28

- 1:30 p.m. Tuesday Bible Study
- 1:30 p.m. Sermon Text Study

Wednesday, March 29

- 9:00 a.m. Soul Fill-up
- 5:30 p.m. Lenten Meal
- 6:15 p.m. Lenten Service
- 7:00 p.m. Youth
- 7:00 p.m. Choir

Thursday, March 30

- 10:00 a.m. Bible Study
- 7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts

Sunday, April 2

- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 10 a.m. Coffee Fellowship
- 10:30 a.m. Worship

March 26, 2023
10:30 am Worship

LUKE

JESUS AND THE
OUTSIDERS, OUTCASTS,
AND OUTLAWS

*Fifth Sunday
in Lent*



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Sermon Series

Previous Sundays—

Parables from the Underside

Simon, Do You See This Woman?

Lifting Up the Lowly

It's Not About You

Today—

On the Journey to Jerusalem

by Rev. Duane Coates

Next Sunday—

The Final Week

Our Mission

To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Our Vision

Living, sharing and growing in God's love by bringing the world to Christ and Christ to the world through open hearts, open minds, and open doors.

Our Strategy

Radical Hospitality
Spiritual Growth
Signature Ministries
Collaborative Leadership

Sunday Worship

10:30 a.m.

—Traditional/Praise Team

Where + is indicated, standing or sitting, we praise God.

*You are invited to read aloud the **bold text**.*

Large print hymnals are available upon request to an usher

On the screen—Leader=white text, People=yellow text

The Church Gathers to Worship

Connection Question— In what ways does breaking ranks and taking bold action bear witness to your faith?

+Call to Worship—

Leader: We gather to praise and give thanks to God, glorifying God's name.

All: We gather to look for the coming of God's kingdom.

Leader: We gather to ask from God the bread we need for today.

All: We gather in confidence and assurance that whoever seeks, finds, and to everyone who knocks, the door is opened.

Leader: We gather to ask and receive forgiveness for our wrongs and to forgive those who have wronged us.

All: We gather to follow Jesus, who will lead us in the way that leads to life.

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Opening Song—No. 57 *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

The Church Lifts Prayers to God

Unison Prayer of Confession

Lord God, as we search our hearts through this season of Lent, we confess that we have sinned. We have turned away from those in need. We have not lifted up the lowly. We have strayed from your will. We have failed to do the things you have called us to do. We have looked on others with judgment rather than compassion. Forgive us, we pray. Lift us out of our sin and fill our hearts with your goodness and love. See us as we are. Show us mercy and remember us today. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, your Son. Amen.

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Lifting our Joys and Concerns

Leader: Lord, in your mercy / in our joy

People: Hear our Prayer



Call to Prayer—No. 452 – *My Faith Looks Up to Thee* vs. 1-3

A Time of Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer in Unison

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory,
forever. Amen.

Call for Children—No. 191 *Jesus Loves Me* vs. 1

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Time Mostly for Children—

The Church Hears God's Word

First Reading – *Luke 9:51-56* (Jesus prevented from entering
Samaria)

Response—Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Choir Anthem – *The One Who Bears My Sham*

Directed by Lance Drevecky
words by John Parker; music by Joshua Metzger

Sermon Scripture— *Luke 17:11-19* (A story of healing outsiders
and outcasts)

Response—Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Message—*On the Journey to Jerusalem* by Rev. Duane Coates

The Church Responds to God's Word

Offertory—

+Doxology—No. 95, *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Him, all creatures here below;
praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

In Our Prayers This Week

In Hospital

Fighting Cancer

Sue Olson
Duane Triebold
Jan Barlow

In Hospice Care

Tom Vagle

Prayer Requests

Our 4GoG Ministries
mental health concerns
Pastor Dayne
Lori Glaser
World Leaders
Military
People of Ukraine
Pastor Duane
Jake Steen
Allen & Shirley Storkson
Jaxon Horsager
Dottie Werkhoven
Kathy Mah
The Family & Friends of
Bonnie Burchill

In Joy

First Responders
Care Teams

If you or a member of your family is going into the hospital or moving from one care center to another and you would like the church to know about this, please call the church office at 701-845-0340 or email office@epworthvalleycity.com. This helps our church family care for one another.

Ministers of the Gospel

All members of the congregation.

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+Prayer of Dedication

+Breakthrough Prayer—

Dear God, unleash in us your bold, limitless Spirit.
Help us to break free from where we are
and lead us to where you want us to go. Call us to risk.
Call us to change. Call us to follow your Good News. Amen.

Announcements—

+Closing Hymn—No. 2130 *The Summons*

+Dismissal with Blessing—

Leader: Jesus came to heal, to serve, to reach the outsiders and outcasts.

All: We go out in gratitude, giving thanks to God, for the mighty one has done great things for us. Amen.

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+Postlude—

"...when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice". He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him..." (15-16).



We Welcome You!

Welcome! If you're a guest, know that we're glad you're here, and that we'd love to get to know you better. If this is your first visit, welcome. If you are returning, welcome back!

Coffee Fellowship time is at 10:00 a.m. Enjoy coffee, lemonade, water, and a treat. We welcome our visitors to join us!

We Care For Our Community

Please share with the church office if you, a family member, or another in our church family are experiencing illness, hospitalization, or need of pastoral care.

Pastor Duane Coates, Office: 845-0340 Cell: 605-695-5561



- 26th Sheryl Hanson
Gideon Lint
- 27th Aimee Zachrison
- 28th Gabrielle (Cummings) Wavra
Journey Cruff
Pearl Pritchert
- 29th Liam Bruns
Jenny Mueller
- 30th Neil Pederson



Maundy Thursday, April 6th

6:30 pm—Worship Service with Holy Communion

Good Friday, April 7th

6:30 pm—Good Friday Worship

Easter Sunday, April 9th

- 8:00 am—Sunrise Service
- 9:00 am-10:30 am—Easter Breakfast
- 9:30 am—Easter Egg Hunt
- 10:30 am—Worship



Ushers & Greeters



Epworth is in need of a volunteer to help call members to be ushers and greeters. At this time we are also asking for a group of people to offer their service for Palm Sunday, Easter Sunrise and Easter. Please contact Pastor Duane or the church administrator at 701-845-0340.



Epworth Ministry Review

Attendance: Sun., March 19
 In-person—70 Online—22
 Sunday School—
 Children—8 Adults—13
 Youth—March 22—12

Stewardship: March 19-25
 Daily Expenses— \$4,315.00
 Glory of God’s House— \$225.00
 UMCOR Sunday—\$465.00
 Parking Lot—\$50.00
 Sunday School—\$10.25
 Study Book—\$15.00
 Choir Music—\$158.00



In Ministry Today

- Pianist—Praise Team
- Tech Team
- Greeters— Volunteers
- Ushers—Volunteers
- Lector—Bruce Larson

Lenten Prayer Vigils Held on Mondays, 2:00 pm

Each Monday during Lent, at 2 pm, you are invited to join in a prayer vigil. You may participate at church or at home and stay the whole hour or just a portion. A prayer guide is provided each week.

Prayers will be for our church families and church ministries, with our church families grouped by first letter of last name as follows:

March 27 – R,S,T,U April 3 – V,W,X,Y,Z

Easter Lilies—You are invited to share an Easter Lily in the sanctuary in honor or in memory of loved ones. Lilies will be



accepted in the office common area during Holy Week (April 2-April 8) and will be moved to the sanctuary on Saturday. Please give names to person in the office.

Loving our Neighbors Food Drive March with a Focus on the Hi-Liner & VCSU Food Pantries

Once again, our church is eager to show Christian love to our neighbors through conducting a food drive for the VCHS Hi-Liner and VCSU food pantries. Everyone is encouraged to bring various items as donations. Please think in terms of young people's tastes. Suggestions for different areas are listed below.

- Goods quick and easy (beef jerky, crackers, Ramen Noodles, Instant Mac & Cheese, trail mix)
- Breakfast items (cereal, Pop-tarts, granola bars)
- Drink mixes (Hot Cocoa, Crystal Light packets, Gatorade Packets)
- Paper and personal-care items (shampoo & conditioners, body soap, deodorant, body lotion, laundry detergent, toothpaste and tooth brushes)



Volunteers Needed—We need volunteers! Hayley has begun to look for volunteers to help with Vacation Bible School which is scheduled for May 30—June 2. Kitchen helpers and leaders for different areas are needed. Pastor Duane continues to welcome volunteers to assist with technology, too! If you would be interested in helping in any of these areas, please contact Hayley or Pastor Duane. Ph. 701-845-0340 or e-mail: pastor@epworthvalleycity.com

Luke is Focus of Lenten Study

Books are still available for the Lenten study on the gospel of Luke. This is the text used for both the Thursday morning (10 a.m.) Bible study and the Sunday morning (9 a.m.) adult Sunday school class in the library. All youth and adults are welcome to either opportunity. Large-print books for the study, written by the Rev. Adam Hamilton, senior pastor of the United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in the Kansas City area, are available in the office for \$15.55.

Time for Updates

Many of our members have decided that cellphones are the way to go and have disconnected the land-line. If this is you, Epworth asks that you update your phone number with us so we can have it in our records. We also have experienced the return of the newsletter for having a wrong address from many of our members. Correct home addresses are so that we can get our news out to you. If you know anyone who may not be receiving our newsletter but would like one, please have them contact Epworth so we can get this corrected. Epworth would like to keep in contact with our members and constituents and hope to have our records updated soon. Please either call or email so the information does not get lost in passing. Epworth contact:

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