

This Week at Epworth

Sunday, April 2—Palm Sunday

- 9:00am Sunday School
- 10:00am Coffee Fellowship
- 10:30am Worship

Monday, April 3

- 2:00pm Prayer Vigil
- 7:00pm Valley Troubadours

Tuesday, April 4

- 9:00 am BC Ministerial
- 1:30pm Tuesday Bible Study

Wednesday, April 4

*No Lenten Services*

- 7:00pm Youth
- 7:00pm Choir

Thursday, April 6

- 6:30pm Maundy Thursday  
Worship

Friday, April 7, Good Friday

- 12:00 pm Community Good Friday
- 6:30pm Good Friday Worship  
featuring Epworth Youth

Sunday, April 9—Easter Sunday

- 8:00am Sunrise Worship
- 9:00am Easter Breakfast/  
Fellowship
- 9:30am Children's  
Easter Egg Hunt
- 10:30am Worship



*Palm Sunday*

April 2, 2022

10:30 am Worship

# LUKE

JESUS AND THE  
OUTSIDERS, OUTCASTS,  
AND OUTLAWS

*Sixth Sunday  
in Lent*



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## Sermon Series

### Previous Sundays—

On the Journey to  
Jerusalem

*Parables from the  
Underside*

*Simon, Do You See  
This Woman?*

*Lifting Up the Lowly*

### Today—

## The Final Week

by Rev. Duane Coates

### Next Sunday—

## Victory over Death

### 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

*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**— If you knew you had only one week to live, what would you do, where would you go, with whom would you spend time?

### +Call to Worship—

Leader: Come, let us worship the God who has lifted up the lowly.

**All: Our God has filled the hungry with good things.**

Leader: Jesus invites society's "greatest" to become like a person of low status. He invites leaders to be servants.

**All: Jesus came to us as one who serves.**

Leader: We will eat and drink at His table in His kingdom.

**All: The Son of Man came to seek and save the lost.**

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**Opening Song**— No. 278 *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*  
(Process palms to front of the church)

### Children's Bell/Vocal Choir

### Time Mostly for Children

## 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. 473 *Lead Me, Lord* (sing twice)

## The Church Hears God's Word

**First Reading** – *Luke 19:29-40* (Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem)

Response—Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**+ Hymn of Preparation** – No. 340

*Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy*

**Sermon Scripture**— *Luke 19:1-10*

(Jesus seeks out and saves Zacchaeus)

Response—Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Message**— *The Final Week* by Rev. Duane Coates

## The Church Responds to God's Word

**Offertory**—You may leave your offering in the plate in front when you come up for Communion or there is a plate on the table in back as you exit the church.

**Sacrament of Holy Communion**—

**+Passing the Peace**—

**+The Great Thanksgiving**—

**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.**

**Breaking the Bread**—

**Giving the Bread and Cup**—Everyone is welcome to the Lord's Table regardless of age or membership.



## In Our Prayers This Week

**In Hospital**

**Fighting Cancer**

Sue Olson  
Duane Triebold  
Jan Barlow  
Jo Thorson

**In Hospice Care**

Tom Vagle

**In Hospital**

Linda Seidel (Covid)

**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  
Dave Zeller  
The Family & Friends of  
Bonnie Burchill

**In Joy**

Children  
Easter celebrations

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](mailto:office@epworthvalleycity.com). This helps our church family care for one

## Ministers of the Gospel

All members of the congregation.

## Appointed Interim Clergy

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Guest wifi: Epworth Guest  
Password: epworth@guest

## +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 Song — No. 432 Jesu, Jesu (v. 1-4)

+Dismissal with Blessing —

Leader: The Son of Man came to seek and save the lost.

**All: We follow Jesus in seeking the lost, in living humbly, and in serving others.**

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+Postlude —



**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



- 1 Steven Owen
- 5 Anna Lint
- 10 Amy Noeske  
Dan Elston
- 11 Carol Nelson
- 15 Kelly Pederson
- 16 Leah Haak
- 22 Derek Bruns  
Matthew Glazer
- 30 Jeanne Burchill  
Talon Schlittenhardt



- 7 Don & Lisa Baasch
- 16 George & Jan McCarthy



**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/  
Fellowship
- 9:30 am—Easter Egg Hunt
- 10:30 am—Traditional Easter Worship



**Epworth Ministry Review**

**Attendance: Sun. , March 26**

In-person—71      Online—15  
 Sunday School—  
 Children—6      Adults—3  
 Youth—March 29—12

**Stewardship: March 26—April 1**

Daily Expenses— \$2,206.00  
 Glory of God’s House— \$192.00  
 Sunday School—\$29.00  
 Building Maintenance—\$27.00  
 Matthew 25—\$239.00



**In Ministry Today**

Organist—Cyndi Hill  
 Tech Team  
 Greeters—Bruce and Susan Larson  
 Lector— Mary Lee Nielson



**Happy 50th Anniversary  
George and Jan McCarthy**

George and Jan will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary at Epworth Church April 15th from 1 pm - 4 pm.



**Mondays @ Epworth**—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.

This week—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.

### Congregational Care Notes

**Several of our local ministries** have hosted Epworth’s weekly Lent suppers. THANK YOU to all of you cooks, servers, eaters, and donors!

**Easter breakfast** (April 9th) will follow the 8:00 am Sunrise service and will be hosted by the Congregational Care ministry. Virlyn is looking for muffin donations for this breakfast.

Please contact her at 701-840-9285



**Church Family suppers** will begin again in May. Supper will be held one Wednesday a month and

serving will begin at 5:30 pm.

### Foreign Exchange Student Looking for Home for 2023-24 School Year

The American Institute for Foreign Study’s Academic Year in America program is looking for a Christian family with which to place a German farm girl in this area for the 2023-24 school year, starting on or about Aug. 4, 2023.

More information can be found in the newsletter or by contacting the office or Pastor Duane.

### Bonnie Burchill—June 21, 1943—March 22, 2023



Bonnie’s funeral service was on Saturday, April 1. Please keep Bonnie’s family and friends in your thoughts and prayers.

### 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 from many of our members for having a wrong address. Correct home addresses are important so that we can get our news out to you. If you know anyone who might 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 hopes 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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### Great Plains Food Bank Coming

The Great Plains Food Bank truck is coming! We are looking forward to another great food distribution on **Tuesday, April 18, 1:30-3:00 p.m.**

Volunteers are a vital component to making this important ministry happen right here in our church parking lot! Please contact Pastor Duane or the office if you are available to help. We will need traffic controllers and other volunteers.

### Help Prevent Child Abuse

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month, and the state Health and Human Services agency invites concerned people to respond in either of the following ways: Wear blue on Fridays to show support. Also, the Green Dot program is having a bystander training on Tuesday, April 18 from 9 a.m. to noon at the GrandStay Hotel (271 Winter Show Rd. SE). To register, contact the program at 701-840-6270 or [vcgreendot@gmail.com](mailto:vcgreendot@gmail.com).