

This Week at Epworth

Sunday, April 9—Easter Sunday

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

Monday, April 10

- Office closed
- 7:00pm Valley Troubadours

Tuesday, April 11

- 9:00am BC Ministerial Meeting
- 1:30pm Tuesday Bible Study
- 3:20pm Staff Meeting

Wednesday, April 12

- 5:30pm SLT
- 7:00pm Youth
- 7:00pm Choir

Thursday, April 13

- 10:00am Bible Study
- 7:00pm Cub Scouts

Saturday, April 15

- 1:00pm-4:00pm Open House
McCarthy Open House 50th Anniv.

Sunday, April 16

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



Easter Worship

April 9, 2023

10:30 am Worship



Sermon Series

Previous Sundays—

The Final Week

On the Journey to
Jerusalem

*Parables from the
Underside*

*Simon, Do You See
This Woman?*

Today—

Victory over Death

by Rev. Duane Coates

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

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— What would you have done if the women told you about the resurrection on that first Easter morning?

+Call to Worship—

Leader: Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen indeed!

Leader: Death never gets the final word.

All: Let us worship God, because God's steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: Rejoice on this day of salvation.

All: We rejoice because God's steadfast love endures forever. Alleluia!



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Opening Song— No. 302 *Christ the Lord is Risen Today* (vs. 1-5)

The Church Lifts Prayers to God

Unison Prayer of Confession

Living God, rejoicing in this day of resurrection, we have come to celebrate the strength of your love — a love that triumphs even over death. As we exult in the miracle of your incarnate love, we thank you for the opportunity to encounter the Risen Christ here in our midst. 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. 349 *Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus* (sing twice)

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*

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 love me! Yes, Jesus love me! The Bible tells me so.

Time Mostly for Children—

The Church Hears God's Word

First Reading – *Luke 24:1-12* (Jesus' triumphal resurrection)

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Choir— *Here He Comes*

Directed by Lance *Drevecky*

Words and Music by Allison Blumenthal

Sermon Scripture— Luke 24:13-35
(Jesus appears on the Road to Emmaus)



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

People: Thanks be to God.

Message— *Victory Over Death* by Rev. Duane Coates

The Church Responds to God's Word

Offertory—

Special Music—*Easter Hallelujah* Calli Mah and Paul Mah

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

In Our Prayers This Week

In Hospital

Fighting Cancer

Sue Olson
Duane Triebold
Jan Barlow
Jo Thorson

In Hospice Care

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

Della McClean
Mark Ziebert

The Family & Friends of
Bonnie Burchill

The Family & Friends of
Tom Vagle

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. This helps our church family care for one another.

Ministers of the Gospel

All members of the congregation.

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+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. 159

Lift High the Cross

+Dismissal with Blessing —

Leader: Christ is with us in this place.

All: Alleluia!

Leader: Christ goes with us into the world.

All: Alleluia!

Leader: Go now in peace. Christ is risen!

All: Risen indeed! Alleluia!

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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



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



- 16 George & Jan McCarthy

**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. (Open House)
Please, no gifts. Just your company!



Shoes to Fill—Finding volunteers is getting harder and harder and Epworth needs some volunteers! Can YOU Help?



Epworth Ministry Review

Attendance: Sun., April 2nd

- In-person—91 Online—22
- Sunday School—
- Children—13 Adults—6
- Youth—April 5—Cancelled

Stewardship: April 2nd—April 5th

- Daily Expenses— \$6,884.60
- Glory of God's House— \$675.00
- Sunday School—\$21.00
- Building Maintenance—\$50.00
- Matthew 25—Gift Cards \$100.00
- UMCOR—\$50.00
- Upper Room—\$5.00
- Christian Ed.—\$20.00
- Memorial—\$10.00
- Choir Music—\$90.00
- Endowment Foundation—\$15.00
- Youth—\$25.00
- Utility Reimbursement.—\$80.00
- Church Use Gift—\$229.71
- Congregational Care—\$40.00
- Bathroom Door Opener—\$240.00



In Ministry Today

- Pianist—Praise Team
- Tech Team
- Greeters—
- Ushers—
- Lector—Cindy Heidelberger

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.

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.



Volunteers Needed—We need volunteers! Vacation Bible School which is scheduled for May 30—June 2 needs kitchen helpers and

leaders for different areas of school. We are also looking for someone to take the volunteer position of finding ushers and greeters. If you would be interested in helping please contact the office. Ph. 701-845-0340

Tom Vagle—Dec. 3, 1936— April 3, 2023

Please remember the family and friends of Tom in your prayers. Tom was a vital member of Epworth and a proud veteran. He also was a founding member of the Troubadours. Funeral arrangements are pending.



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 to Update Contact Information

Time to update contact information; phone number, address, and email. Correct information will help Epworth stay in contact with members and constituents. If you know anyone who might not be receiving Epworth information that should, please contact Epworth so we can get this corrected. Epworth would like to keep in contact with our members and hopes to have our records updated soon. Please either call or email so the information does not get lost in passing.

Epworth contact:

-701-845-0340

-office@epworthvalleycity.com

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.

Faith Lutheran French Toast Brunch



Faith Lutheran Men's group will be holding a French Toast brunch on April 16th from 9:30am—12:30pm.