

## This Week at Epworth

### Sunday, April 30

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

### Tuesday, May 2

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

### Wednesday, May 3

- 5:30pm EHG staff meeting
- 7:00pm Youth
- 7:00pm Choir

### Thursday, May 4

- 10:00am Bible Study
- 4:00pm BIO Girls
- 7:00pm Cub Scouts

### Sunday, May 5

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

**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!

# The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

John 10:11, NRSV



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## Sermon Series

### Previous Sundays—

*Jesus Bursting Forth*

*Victory over Death*

*The Final Week*

*On the Journey to  
Jerusalem*

### Today—

## Living Christian Community

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

*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 makes you feel welcome at a hotel or restaurant?

### +Call to Worship—

Leader: Get ready to worship and to serve God.

**All: We are ready to hear God's word  
for us and to respond in action and love.**

Leader: Open your hearts to God's will today.

**All: We praise our God, the Good Shepherd, who walks  
with us and guides us. Amen.**

*Based on a call to worship by Nancy C. Townley and published on [www.ministrymatters.com](http://www.ministrymatters.com)*

**Opening Song**— No. 2175 *Together We Serve*

## The Church Lifts Prayers to God

### Unison Prayer of Confession

**Strong covenant God, save us from being self-centered in our  
prayers, and teach us to remember to pray for others. May we be so  
bound up in love with those for whom we pray that we may feel  
their needs as acutely as our own, and intercede for them with  
sensitivity, with understanding and with imagination. This we ask in  
Christ's name. Amen.**

*Based on words from John Calvin, Switzerland, 16th cent. From Contemporary Parish  
Prayers, p. 106, Frank Colquhoun, ed. © 1975, Hodder & Stoughton; London*

### Lifting our Joys and Concerns

Leader: Lord, in your mercy / in our joy

**People: Hear our Prayer**

**Call to Prayer**— No. 334 *Sweet, Sweet Spirit*

### 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. 277      *Tell Me the Stories of Jesus* (vs. 1)  
Tell me the stories of Jesus I love to hear; things I would ask Him to tell  
me if He were here: scenes by the wayside, tales of the sea, stories of  
Jesus, tell them to me.

**Time Mostly for Children**—

## The Church Hears God's Word

**First Reading** – *John 10:1-10* (Jesus, the good shepherd)

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

**Choir Anthem** – *Little Innocent Lamb*      Directed by Lance Drevecky  
Arranged by Greg Gilpin

**Sermon Scripture**— *Acts 2:42-47* (Disciples devoted to fellowship)

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

**Message**— *Living Christian Community*      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.

**+ Prayer of Dedication**



## In Our Prayers This Week

### In Hospital

#### Fighting Cancer

Sue Olson  
Duane Triebold  
Jan Barlow  
Jo Thorson

#### In Hospice Care

Mary Kay Wieser

### In Hospital

#### 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  
Cindy Heidelberger

Christy Heflin  
Family & Friends of Gary  
Triebold

Family & Friends of Betty  
Thompson

### In Joy

Children  
Easter season

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 another.

## Ministers of the Gospel

All members of the congregation.

## Appointed Interim Clergy

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## Dakotas Bishop

Bishop Lanette Plambeck

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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. 2223 *They'll Know We are Christians*

## +Dismissal with Blessing —

Leader: Go now to follow the way of Jesus. See others as He does; dare to give freely as He does; and to love unconditionally as He does.

**All: We go, embraced by the Source of Life; in the company of the Word of Life; encouraged by the Breath of Life. Amen**

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## +Postlude —



## 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.





30th Jeanne Burchill

## MAY Birthdays & Anniversaries

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|------------------------------------|---|---|
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Erin Woehl         | } | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Jeanne & Todd Burchill  |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> Lori Jury          |   | 23 <sup>rd</sup> Glenn & Shirley Haugen |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> Shelley Vareberg   |   | 25 <sup>th</sup> Rhonda & Rob Marshall  |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> Lori Glaser        |   | 27 <sup>th</sup> Bev & Don Enger        |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> Andrew Neil Rixin |   | 31 <sup>st</sup> VirLyn & Gordon Hoff   |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> Julie Munkeby     |   |   |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> Lucas McClean     |   |   |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> Josh Hegdahl      |   |   |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> Ashley Enger      |   |   |
| Patsy Winkler                      |   |   |



**Family and Friends of Gary Triebold** Gary passed away on April 18, 2023. He was a member of the Salem church before joining Epworth. Gary’s funeral was held on April 26, 2023, at Epworth with Rev. Duane Coates officiating.

**Family and Friends of Betty Thompson** Betty passed away on April 18, 2023. Betty enjoyed being active in Epworth Circle groups. Her funeral was held on April 28, 2023, at Epworth with Rev. Duane Coates officiating.

# WE'RE IN THIS TOGETHER!

## Epworth Ministry Review

### Attendance: Sun.

In-person—79      Online—9  
Sunday School— Children—13    Adult—6  
Youth—April 26th—13

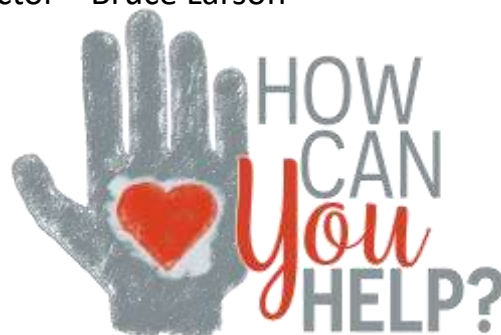
### Stewardship: April 23rd—April 29th

Daily Expenses— \$1,267.00  
Glory of God’s House— \$200.00  
Memorial—\$135.00  
Native American Sunday—\$175.00  
Choir Music—\$115.00  
Endowment Foundation—\$100.00  
Matthew 25—\$25.00  
Parking Lot—\$110.00  
Bathroom Door Openers—\$25.00



## In Ministry Today

Pianist—Marian Drevecky  
Music—Epworth Praise Team, Epworth Choir  
Music Director—Lance Drevecky  
Tech Team—  
Lector—Bruce Larson



**Church Family suppers**—will begin again in May. Supper will be held Wednesday, May 3rd, 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



**Building Clean-up!**—Trustees and others have been hard at work fixing and cleaning. Plumbing, lighting, door fixing and so much more; with so much more to come. Rooms are being cleaned and spaces being organized. What a crew! Now it is our turn to help. Let Jan McCarthy know if you are willing to get dirty. There are many spaces in and outside our beautiful church that need some help.

One last plea—check the coat racks, lost and found, and kitchen area to see if you left anything behind. Many of these items will be leaving the building if a home is not found soon.

### Address Change?

If your address has changed, please notify the church office @ 845-0340 or e-mail: office@epworthvalleycity.com

Please help us keep our postage costs down by notifying the church of your address change.

## **New Building Security for Epworth**

When you come to the west doors of the church, you will notice a new security camera with a button to press for access to the building. This security system was installed after several years of staff and directors at both the church and Epworth's Holy Grounds coffee kiosk raising concerns about security of the building. Our building sits next to one of Valley City's main thoroughfares, across the street from a popular entertainment venue and next to an elementary school. Our parking lot is used as a drop-off site for two different school districts' transportation systems. All of that in a building that remains largely unoccupied except for a few unarmed employees.

All doors of the church, including the northwest door (that gives baristas access to restrooms), will remain locked except when there is an event. While the old keys will still work, others will need to ring the doorbell to gain access. (If the green is showing in the monitor the door is open.)

During events, such as youth group or Bible studies, the doors can be programmed to remain open for a set amount of time.

We hope to maintain the safety and security of the building and more importantly the people who use it for worship.

## **CROPWalk for Hunger**—

Wed., May 3rd, 7:00 pm.



Walk the block around Jefferson School & Hanna Field. Donations can be dropped off at the church office or contact Michelle Grebel 701-490-3762

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