



Sunday Worship

May 14, 2023

10:30 am Worship

Pastor: Reverend Duane Coates

Ministers: All God's People

This Week at Epworth

Sunday, May 14

- 9:00am Sunday School
- 10:00am Coffee Fellowship
- Honoring Our Graduates
- 10:30am Worship
- 4:30pm 4H

Tuesday, May 16

- 1:30pm Tuesday Bible Study

Wednesday, May 17

- 7:00pm Youth

Thursday, May 18

- 12:00pm UWF Unit meeting/
Luncheon

- 4:00pm BIO Girls

- 7:00pm Cub Scouts

Friday, May 19

- 5:30pm Girl Scouts

Sunday, May 21

- 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!

*Because I live,
you also
will live.*

John 14:19



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Sermon Series

Previous Sundays—

Remember Whose You
Are

*Living Christian
Community*

Jesus Bursting Forth

Victory over Death

Today—

by Rev. Duane Coates

Kept in Our Hearts

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 was your favorite graduation gift?

+Call to Worship—

Leader: Let us enter God's house with the sound of praise.

All: We will come into this holy space with offerings of various kinds.

Leader: Come and hear, all who love God. Come and hear what God has done for us.

All: We cried aloud to the Divine, and God listened. The Holy One listens to the words of our prayers.

Leader: God has blessed us when we didn't even know it.

All: The Lord has not rejected our prayers nor removed steadfast love from us. God's love endures forever. Amen.

Based on Psalm 66:8-20

Opening Song— *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

Praise Team

The Church Lifts Prayers to God

Unison Prayer of Confession

Loving God, we pray for the wisdom to discern your call in our lives. We pray for the wisdom to make healthy choices. We also pray for the courage to maintain solid Godly relationships with friends, parents, and other loved ones. As these relationships change, we pray that you would give us the grace to change, also. Likewise, we pray for the courage to boldly swim against the current of society as we seek to follow you. We pray for the courage to take a stand with you for justice and peace in this world.

Based on a prayer by Katherine Hawker, 1993. Posted on the Liturgy Outside the Box website.
<http://www.liturgyoutside.net/Graduation.pdf>

Lifting our Joys and Concerns

Leader: Lord, in your mercy / in our joy

People: Hear our Prayer

Graduation Recognition—



Prayer for the Graduates –

God of truth and knowledge, by your wisdom we are taught the way and the truth. Bless these graduates as they now finish their courses of study. We thank you for those who taught and worked beside them and all who supported them along the way. Walk with these graduates as they leave and move forward in life. Take away their anxiety and confusion of purpose. Strengthen their many talents and skills, instill in them a confidence in a future you plan, where energies may be gathered up and used for the good of all people; for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Hymn of Response – No. 383 *This is a Day of New Beginnings*
(vs. 1-4)

Prayer Litany for Mother's Day –

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)

Time Mostly for Children —

The Church Hears God's Word

First Reading – *1 Peter 3:13-22* (Be ready to defend Christian hope)

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Choir Anthem— *A Song of Praise* Directed by Lance Drevecky
Words and music by Keith Christoher

Sermon Scripture— *John 14:15-21* (Disciples devoted to fellowship)

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Message— *Kept in Our Hearts* by Rev. Duane Coates



In Our Prayers This Week

In Hospital

Fighting Cancer

Sue Olson
Duane Triebold
Jan Barlow
Jo Thorson
Jill Olson

In Hospice Care

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
Della McClean
Mark Ziebert
Cindy Heidelberger
Christy Heflin
Family and Friends of
Edith Drevecky
Family and Friends of
Mari Kay Wieser
Family and Friends of
Dave Zeller

In Joy

Mothers
Graduates
Easter Season
Spring

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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The Church Responds to God's Word

Offertory—

+Doxology—No. 95

*Praise God, from Whom All
Blessings Flow*

+ 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 Song —*My Life is in You Lord*

Praise Team

+Dismissal with Blessing —

Leader: Bathed in the love of Christ, go now into this world giving generously the healing love of God.

All: God's peace will always be with those who live in God's love. Amen.

Based on a benediction by Nancy C. Townley ©2020 and published on
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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.

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MAY

Birthdays & Anniversaries

14th Josh Hegdahl

15th Ashley Enger

Patsy Winkler

16th Courtney Bruns

Fred Schroeder

17th Matt Miller

Cindy Zahn

19th Rosalie Knutson

Chuck Jacobson

Jerry Noeske

20th Barb Young

Deb Bruns

Mary Lee Nielson

21st Jennifer Miklas

23rd Joseph Cummings

25th Robert Hansen

Bonnie Ranum

23rd Glenn &
Shirley Haugen

25th Rhonda &
Rob Marshall

27th Bev & Don
Enger

31st VirLyn &
Gordon Hoff



WE'RE IN THIS TOGETHER!

Epworth Ministry Review

Attendance: Sun. May 7

In-person—60 Online—30

Sunday School— Children—5 Adult—13

Youth—May 10—14

Stewardship: May 7—May 13, 2023

Daily Expenses— \$3,437.00

Glory of God's House— \$130.00

Memorial—\$60.00

Choir Music—\$300.0

Tech. Booth—\$50.00

Miracle Offering—\$50.00



In Ministry Today

Pianist—Marian Drevecky

Music—Epworth Praise Team, Epworth Choir

Music Director—Lance Drevecky

Tech Team—

Lector—Dave Hanson

Ushers—

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

Epworth has a security system installed to keep users and employees safe at both the church and Epworth's Holy Grounds coffee kiosk.

All doors of the church, including the northwest door (that gives baristas access to restrooms), will remain locked except when there is an event.

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



We Love Washington

School—A coupon from Holy Grounds was given to each teacher and staff member at

Washington School in celebrate and appreciation of the wonderful jobs each has done for the students and our community. If you would like to contribute to this giving, there will be a jar in the gathering space that you may give a donation.

Backpack Program—The Hi-Liner Pantry will be open one day a week (Wednesdays) from 5—7pm during the summer (June 7—August 2) to help our families in the community. In order for this to happen, the program is looking for volunteers to help. The time would be from 4:45-7:00pm. Let Pastor Duane know if you can help.

Faith Lutheran Church— Faith Lutheran Church is having a rummage sale Friday, May 19 through Sunday, May 21 at their church. Also, May 21, they will be having their pancake brunch. A flyer for each is on the bulletin board for more information.

Head Start Program—is currently accepting applications for the 2023/24 school year. Applications and flyers are available in the gathering space for those who would like to apply or if you know someone who may



2023 Miracle offering: ROAD TO

HOPE— On June 8-10, the 30th session of the Dakotas Annual Conference will be meeting in Sioux Falls. A Miracle Offering will be taken during the conference as an expression of our gratitude for the blessings God gives in our lives. Each congregation is asked to pray and prepare for this offering. In response to the increasing number of deaths by suicide, ideation of suicide, and attempts among youth in North and South Dakota, and the mental health crisis of our nation, the 2023 Miracle Offering recipients are:

Helpline of South Dakota and FirstLink of North Dakota.

These organizations provide free and confidential services including listening and support, referrals to resources /help, and crisis intervention. Phone helplines are available 24/7, for anyone who is experiencing a mental health or other crisis. Programs are available to provide resources, support and education and to connect individuals and families with the services they need.

More information about the organizations can be found on their websites.

Helpline SD: <https://www.helplinecenter.org>

Firstlink ND; <https://myfirstlink.org>

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.

Bouquet on Alter—was given by Perry Roorda in remembrance of his beautiful wife, Dorothy Roorda. Dorothy passed 6 years ago today, on Mother's Day.