



Sunday Worship

July 30, 2023
10:30 am Worship

Pastor: Duane Coates

Ministers: All God's People

This Week at Epworth

Sunday, July 30

- 10:00am Coffee Fellowship
- 10:30am Worship
- 4:00-7:00pm UWF Bake Sale
- 4:30pm-7:00pm UMM's 16th Annual Corn Feed

Wednesday, August 2

- 5:30pm Church Family Supper

Thursday, August 3

- Pastor at Global Leadership Summit

Friday, August 4

- Pastor at Global Leadership Summit

Sunday, August 6

- 10:00am Coffee Fellowship
- 10:30am Worship

The
Kingdom of Heaven
is like a merchant in search of fine
Pearls...



Matthew 13:45, NRSV

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!



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Sermon Series

Previous Sundays—

God Provides

Always on the Weekend

The Reckless Gardner

Uncertainty in our Field

Today—

The Hidden Kingdom

by 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

+ Call to Worship —

Leader: Let us gather to worship and say, "Great is the Lord."

All: Our hearts are glad in God, because we trust in God's holy name.

Leader: Let us make a joyful noise to God with songs of praise!

All: We praise you, O God; we acknowledge you to be the Lord.

*Based on a call to worship in The Book of Worship, p. 134,
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+ Opening Song — #577

*God of Grace and God of Glory
vs. 1, 3 & 4*

The Church Lifts Prayers to God

Unison Prayer —

Lord of mustard seeds and yeast, we come to you this day, seeking your Word and will for us. Make us people who care deeply about the well-being of others. Give us courage to be yeast for the rising of hope and peace throughout the world. Open our hearts to your redeeming love, for we ask this in Christ's Name. Amen.

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Lifting our Joys and Concerns & Announcements

Leader: Lord, in your mercy / in our joy

People: Hear our Prayer

Call to Prayer — No. 2065

*More Precious than Silver
(sing twice)*

A Time of Silent Prayer

The Lord's Prayer in Unison

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come,
They 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. 2233 *This is Where Children Belong*
Time Mostly for Children —

First Reading — Genesis 29:15-28 (Jacob marries two wives)

Response — *Leader: The Word of the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God

+ Hymn of Response — No. 560 *Help Us Accept Each Other*
Vs. 1-3

The Church Hears God's Word

Sermon Scripture — Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

(Five short parables about the Kingdom of God)

Response — *Leader: The Word of the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God

Message — *The Hidden Kingdom* Duane Coates



In Our Prayers This Week

Fighting Cancer

Sue Olson
Jan Barlow
Jo Thorson
Jill Olson

Arin, teenager of Dr.
Michelle Abshire of VCSU

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
Mark Ziebert

Cindy Heidelberger
Christy Heflin

LeRoy Magnuson
Dale Neuberger

Bonnie Ranum
Wayne McKirdy

Karen Pullen
Erin Reielbach
Dick Hanson

In Joy

Barry Devitt

Medical Professionals
Pastor Dayne & Aimee

Toni Seidel

Zachrison's new positions

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 –

God of our journey, we pray that you would break through anything that keeps us from encountering you and experiencing your transformational power.

May we, on our Emmaus journey, feel our hearts burning within us. May you empower us to respond to your presence in ways that others might know the resurrecting power of Jesus Christ. We ask this through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

+Closing Song— #540

*I Love Thy Kingdom Lord
vs. 1-3*

+Dismissal with Blessing —

Leader: Go forth with joy, celebrating the opportunity to participate in God's Kingdom.

All: May God give us courage, hope, peace, and love that we might bear gifts to others.

Leader: Go in peace.

All: 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.

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

JULY
Birthdays & Anniversaries

30th Eden & Anthony Cuypers
Alicia & Chad Rixin

AUGUST
Birthdays & Anniversaries

4th Jackie Owen
5th Sophia Hansen
9th Chesney
Thomsen
Addy Lint
16th Jan Anderson
17th Easton Hesch
18th Tyler Clark
20th Diana Vagle
21st Marshall
Pederson
23rd Derek Shape
Bill Bertram
Kevin Zahn
26th Amy Martineck
27th Gale Hansen
Bob Bruns
30th Jim Leadbetter
Ari Tulp

1st Katie & Derek
Woehl
3rd Michelle & Joe
DeMasi
4th Sarah & Trevar
Hansen
5th Cindy & Kevin
Zahn
6th Sheila & Scott
Cummings
Gerri & Dale Harris
12th Barb & Jon Owen
23rd Holly & Michael
Olauson



Epworth Ministry Review

Attendance: Sun. July 23

In-person— 57 Online— 25

Stewardship: July 23—July 29, 2023

Daily Expenses— \$2,233.00

Glory of God's House— \$75.00

Memorial— \$300.00



In Ministry Today

Pianist—Hayley Winkler

Tech Team—

Lector—Jackie Owen

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.



Elim VBS— Elim Evangelical Free Church is having a Jonah-themed Vacation Bible School from 6-8 PM on Mon-Thurs, July 31 to August 3. Children entering K-6th this year are welcome to attend, free of charge. Register that night, or call with RSVP and/or questions to Brian at 701-840-7261.

Families, Individuals to be Photographed for Pictorial Directory— A pictorial church directory is one way to build connection between members and to highlight who we are to newcomers. It also gives an historic snapshot of who we were and what we looked like when the photos were taken.

Our 2018 pictorial church directory has become dated and needs replacement. Thankfully, Universal Church Directories is able to help us with that.

All we need from you is for your family to sign-up for a portrait sitting sometime on Aug. 22 or 23 between 2 and 8:30 p.m. As a thank you for doing that, every family will get a free 8x10 portrait and can buy more if they wish. You'll enjoy a variety of poses, backgrounds, portrait sizes, finish and framing options and have the opportunity to purchase portraits to give to family and friends.

To schedule your photography appointment, simply go to www.ucdir.com, click on photography appointment scheduling login on the right side, enter "nd132" in the Church Code field and enter "photos" in the Church Password field. Follow the prompts to schedule your family's appointment time. If you have 6 or more in your family please use 2 consecutive time slots. The online scheduling option is available Monday through Friday. Appointments fill up quickly, so schedule as soon as possible to secure your preferred date and time. If you are uncomfortable scheduling in this way, please call Bev Enger at 701-840-2255, or Cassidy in the church office at 701-845-0340 to schedule.

Church Family Supper— August's church family supper will be held this Wednesday, August 2. Serving begins at 5:30pm and after 6:30pm some of our youth will be sharing about their mission trip.

Updated Contact Information— In your bulletin today, you'll notice an insert to fill out your updated contact information. Please provide us with your name, current phone number, address, and email address. We are trying to get the most updated information in order to stay in contact with the congregation.

Epworth United Methodist Men's
16th Annual Corn Feed
Sunday, July 30th

Menu		Cost
Pulled Pork Sandwich		Adults \$10
Fresh Sweet Corn		Grades 1-6 \$6
Condiments		(ages 6-12)
Ice Cream		Preschool Free

Epworth United Methodist Church
680 8th Avenue SW—Valley City
Serving From 4:30—7:00 p.m.

Proceeds will be used to support
Epworth's Youth Ministries



United Women in Faith
Garden Produce & Bake Sale
4-7 p.m.
Proceeds will support UWF Missions



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