

This Week at Epworth

Sunday, November 12

- 9:00am Sunday School
- 10:00am Coffee Fellowship
- 10:30am Worship
- 5:00pm Potluck
- 6:00pm Charge Conference

Monday, November 13

- 7:00pm Troubadour

Tuesday, November 14

- 1:30pm Tuesday Bible Study

Wednesday, November 15

- 12:00pm UWF Meeting
- 4:30pm Membership Class
- 7:00pm Youth
- 7:00pm Choir

Thursday, November 16

- 10:00am Pastor's Bible Study
- 2:30pm Staff Meeting
- 7:00pm Cub Scouts
- Backpack Distribution

Friday, November 17

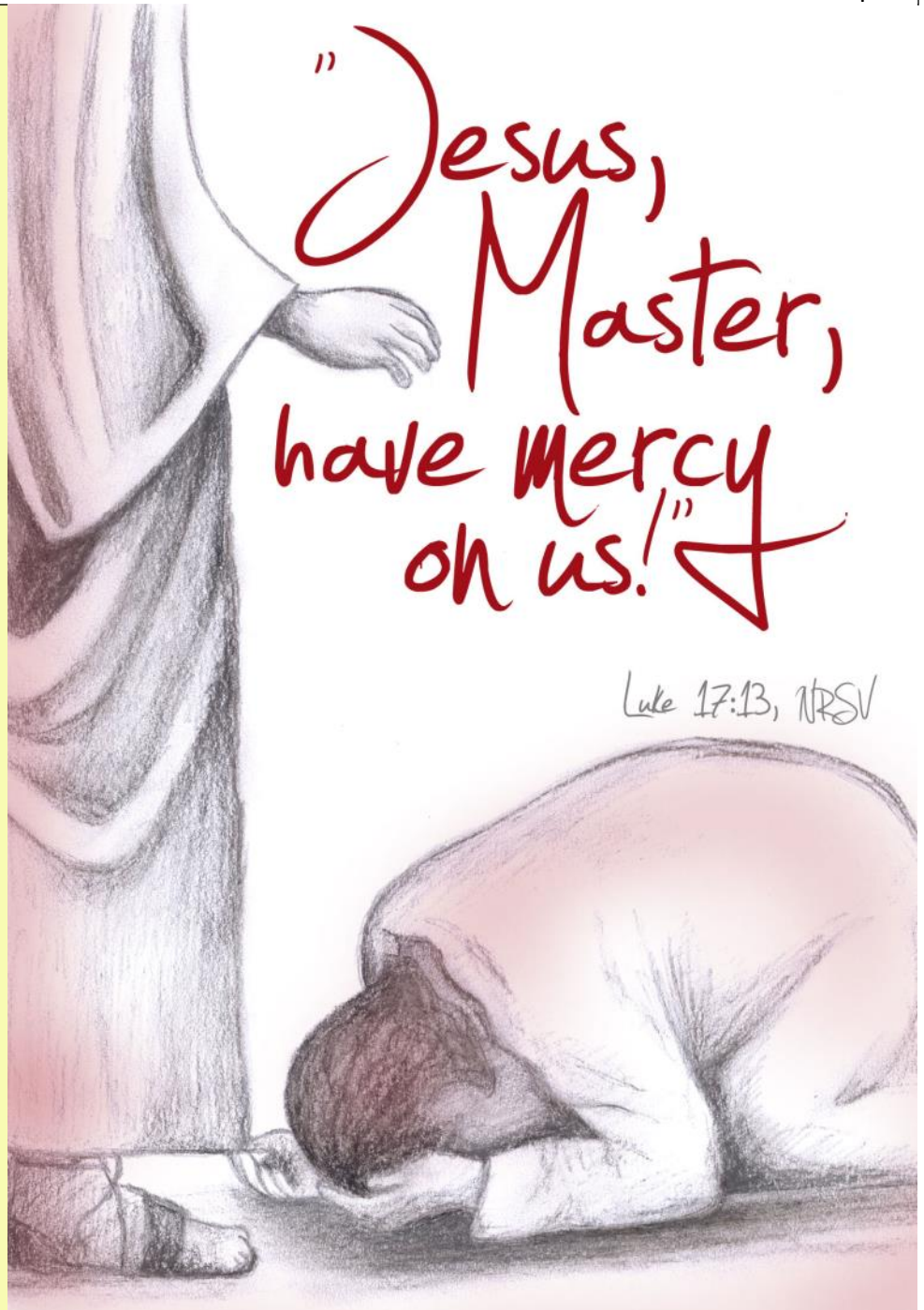
- Newsletter Articles Due

Sunday, November 19

- 9:00am Sunday School
- 10:00am Coffee Fellowship
- 10:30am Worship
- 4:00pm Thanksgiving Service

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, lem-



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Sermon Series

Previous Sundays—

Love is a Burning Thing

Glimpsing God's Glory

Community Christianity

Finding Blessing in Mourning

Today—

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: Come, let us praise the Lord, who has heard and answered our prayers.

All: The Lord is our strength and shield. Our hearts trust God.

Leader: Let us give thanks to God with our song.

All: We will sing to the Lord because God is the strength of the people, the saving place of the anointed.

Based on Psalm 28:6-8

+ Opening Song – No. 57

O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing
v. 1, 2, 5 & 6

The Church Lifts Prayers to God

Prayer of Confession –

O God, source of all that makes life possible, giver of all that makes life good: We gather to give you our thanks, yet we confess that we have often failed to live our thankfulness. What we have we take for granted, and we grumble about what we lack. We have squandered your bounty, with little thought of those who will come after us. We are more troubled by the few who have more than by the many who have less. Forgive us, O God. In this hour of worship, accept our thanksgiving; and teach us to make gratitude and sharing our way of life; through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.

From Bread for the Journey, p. 60 © 1981. Pilgrim Press; Cleveland, Ohio.

Lifting our Joys and Concerns

Leader: Lord, in your mercy / in our joy

People: Hear our Prayer

Call to Prayer – No. 2036

Give Thanks

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.

Announcements —

Call for Children — No. 2233 *This is Where Children Belong*

Time Mostly for Children —

Choir Anthem — *Oh, How I Love Jesus* Directed by Lance Drevecky
By Frederick Whitfield; arr. Lyn Shaw Bailey

The Church Hears God's Word

+ **Responsive Reading** — Psalm 65 No. 789

Leader: Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion;

All: and to you shall vows be performed.

Leader: To you who hear prayer, all flesh shall come because of their sins.

All: When our transgressions prevail over us, you forgive them.

Leader: Blessed are those whom you choose and bring near, to dwell in your courts!

All: We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, your holy temple!

Leader: By dread deeds you answer us with deliverance, O God of our salvation,

All: who is the hope of all the ends of the earth, and of the farthest seas; who by your strength established the mountains, being girded with might;

Leader: who stills the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, the tumult of the peoples; so that those who dwell at earth's farthest bounds are afraid at your signs;

All: You make the morning and the evening resound with joy.

Leader: You visit the earth and water it, you greatly enrich it;

All: the river of God is full of water; you provide its grain, for so you have prepared it.

Leader: You water its furrows abundantly, settling its ridges, softening it with showers, and blessing its growth.

All: You crown the year with your bounty; the tracks of your chariot drip with fatness.

Leader: The pastures of the wilderness drip, the hills gird themselves with joy,

In Our Prayers This Week

Fighting Cancer

Jan Barlow
Jo Thorson
Jill Olson
Arin Lutiker
Dale Neuberger
Don Baasch

Prayer Requests

Our 4GoG Ministries
mental health concerns

Lori Glaser
World Leaders
Military
Lewiston, Maine
Jaxon Horsager
Kathy Mah
Mark Ziebert
Cindy Heidelberger
LeRoy Magnuson
Wayne McKirdy
Karen Pullen
Erin Reielbach
Wyatt Tulp
Family of Mike Baasch
Karen Pullen
Evan Fraedrich
Neil Pederson
Gail Pederson
Family of Allen Storkson
Darlene Bloom

In Joy

A successful Halloween event!

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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All: the meadows clothe themselves with flocks, the valleys deck themselves with grain, they shout and sing together for joy.

+ Scripture Hymn – No. 102 *Now Thank We All Our God*

Sermon Scripture — Luke 17:11-19 (Jesus heals 10 lepers)

Response — Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

Message — *On the Gratitude Path* Pastor Duane Coates

The Church Responds to God's Word
Offertory –

+ Doxology No. 95

+ 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 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 — *My Life is in You Lord* Praise Team

+Dismissal with Blessing —

Leader: As you go out into the world, may you allow gratitude to rise within you, not just for a season, but daily.

May you see the needs of others.

May thoughts of Jesus fill your mind,

hunger for God drive your soul,

and love for our Lord guide your speech and your actions.

All: We will endeavor to accept with gratitude the grace, peace and love of the triune God and run with perseverance the path set before us. Amen.

Based on a prayer written by Joe Sherer pastor of the Mount Joy Mennonite Church, and posted on A Daily Prayer. <http://adailyprayer.wordpress.com/2007/11/16/strangers-in-this-world/>

+Postlude —

NOVEMBER

Birthdays & Anniversaries

13th Dawn Thomsen
Matt Nielson
Seth Breske
16th Mike Olauson
17th Connie Sauer
Lucy Ranum
23rd Braeden Olauson
25th Jossi Zahn
30th Glenn
Haugen

12th Fred & Dorothy Schroeder
25th Kevin & Anita Tulp

WE'RE IN THIS TOGETHER!

Epworth Ministry Review

Attendance: Sun. November 5

In-person—149 Online—9
Sunday School—15 Adult— 10
Youth— 17

Stewardship: November 5—November 11, 2023

Daily Expenses— \$4,574.60
Glory of God's House— \$630.00
Backpack Program— \$125.00
Building & Maintenance— \$65.00
Sunday School— \$23.97



In Ministry Today

Pianist— Marian Drevecky
Music— Epworth Choir, Epworth Praise Team
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.

Ushers Needed



Hunger the Focus of Conference's Thanksgiving Offering—

Bishop Lanette Plambeck has named hunger as the cause for the 2023 Thanksgiving offering. Bishop Plambeck is basing her call for offerings on the John 6 version of the feeding of the 5,000, which started with five loaves and two fish. So, calling the campaign "Five and two," Bishop Plambeck is inviting every United Methodist in the area to give \$5 to two food ministries this Thanksgiving season, or \$52 to a food ministry of your choice.

Since Epworth's Servant Leadership Team has already decided to raise funds for the local Bridges Backpack Program (BBP), we will collect this special offering throughout November with a special "noisy" offering received on Nov. 19. We are also seeking volunteers to deliver this food to the schools each week in November.

One of the components of the BBP is to provide weekend food in the backpacks of school children in need. Each week, volunteers distribute food to the schools in Valley City. The food is then given discretely to children who are food insecure and who probably wouldn't receive adequate nutrition over the weekend.

The largest funding source for this program ended last year, and so BBP, a local non-profit, has been running on reserves and donations. We are invited to be generous with food. So, I hope you will come to worship prepared to give generously to this needed program. Checks may be made out to Bridges Backpack Program.

Also, our church is responsible for delivering these meals to the schools on Nov. 16, Nov. 21, and Nov. 30. This happens once each week, typically on a Thursday (but on a different day the week of Thanksgiving.) So, ideally, we are looking for a different family each of the five weeks in November, but it's possible to sign up for more than one week. If you are interested in this ministry, please see Pastor Duane.

Christmas Shoebox Update—

Thank you to everyone for supporting the Christmas Shoebox Mission Drive! 47 shoeboxes were delivered to Jamestown First United Methodist Church on Monday, November 6th.

Thank you to those who donated money for gifts, wrapped shoeboxes, shopped, and filled shoeboxes. Thank you to Cassidy for printing up information sheets and including information about the drive in the weekly bulletins and monthly newsletters.

What a blessing these Christmas Shoeboxes will be to the children of the Spirit Lake Nation!

—Randi Watterson and Mission Team

Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service Set for Nov. 19—

Christians in Valley City are invited to come together in worship and thanksgiving on the Sunday before Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 19. The service will be held at the Congregational Church, starting at 4 p.m. Several pastors from Valley City churches are planning and participating in the service. Our own Pastor Duane will be the preacher of the day. An offering will be taken for the ecumenical assistance the Barnes County Ministerial Association gives to people in need throughout the year.

Charge Conference Today— Our annual Church/Charge Conference is set for today at 6 pm here at Epworth. A 5 p.m. potluck meal will precede the meeting. Our Northwest District Superintendent, the Rev. Joel Winckler, will be here to preside at this the annual meeting of our corporation.

At this meeting, we will set the clergy compensation package for 2024, adopt the 2024 annual church budget, elect leaders to Servant Leadership Team, and discuss other matters important to the life of our church that may come up.