



Sunday Worship

February 4, 2024

10:30 am Worship

Pastor: Duane Coates

Ministers: All God's People

This Week at Epworth

Sunday, February 4

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

Monday, February 5

- Pastor's Day Off
- 7:00pm Troubadours

Tuesday, February 6

- 9:00am Ministerial Association
- 1:30pm Bible Study
- 5:30pm SPR
- 7:00pm Cub Scouts Parents Meeting

Wednesday, February 7

- 1:30pm UWF
- 7:00pm Youth
- 7:00pm Choir

Thursday, February 8

- 10:00am Pastor's Bible Study
- 7:00pm Cub Scouts

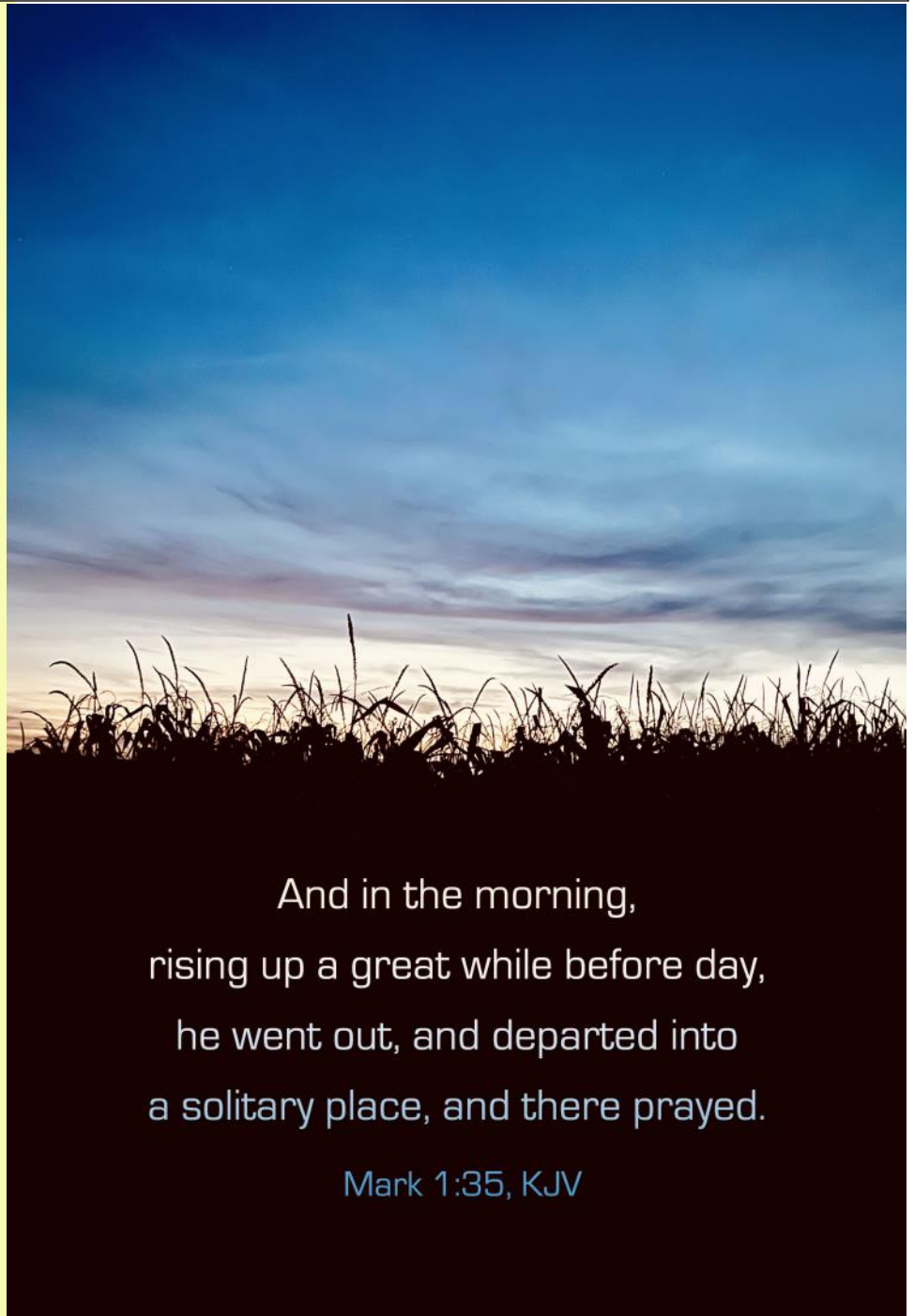
Sunday, February 11

- 9:00am Sunday School
- 10:00am Coffee Fellowship
- 10:30am Worship
- 1:00pm 4H

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!

This service is livestreamed at epworthvalleycity.com



And in the morning,
rising up a great while before day,
he went out, and departed into
a solitary place, and there prayed.

Mark 1:35, KJV

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Sermon Series

Previous Sundays—

*A Very Dakotas
Christmas*

Led by the Light

Jesus Calls Us

Who is in Charge Here?

Today—

A New Reality

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 and bulletins 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 come to worship and praise the Lord.

All: Songs of praise are fitting for our God.

Leader: The Lord gathers the outcasts, uplifts the downtrodden,
heals the brokenhearted and binds up our wounds.

All: The Lord knows all the names of numberless stars. God is abundant in power, and the Lord's understanding is beyond measure.

Leader: We rejoice at the rain God brings upon the earth to tend and nourish it, giving all animals, including humans, their food.

All: The Lord takes pleasure in those who love Him. May we find hope in that steadfast love. Amen.

Based on Psalm 147:1-11

+ Opening Hymn — No. 92 *For the Beauty of the Earth*
vs. 1, 3, 4 & 6

The Church Lifts Prayers to God

Prayer of Confession — No. 8

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lifting our Joys and Concerns

Leader: Lord, in your mercy / in our joy

People: Hear our Prayer

Announcements —

Call for Children — No. 277 *Tell Me the Stories of Jesus*

Time Mostly for Children —

The Church Hears God's Word

Old Testament Reading – Isaiah 40:21-31 (Isaiah brings hope)

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

+ Scripture Song – No. 143 *On Eagle's Wings (sing twice)*

Gospel Reading – Mark 1:29-39 (Jesus heals Peter's mother-in-law)

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

Message — *A New Reality* by Rev. Duane Coates



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
Jaxon Horsager
Kathy Mah
Mark Ziebert
Vivian Ziebert
LeRoy Magnuson
Wayne McKirdy
Gail Pederson
Ashley Enright
Jerry & LaWanna Hieb
Macy Raven
Family of Rev. Dick
Unkenholz
Jackie Owen
Mike Watterson
Phil Lint

In Joy

Warmer weather

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

Sacrament of Holy Communion –

+Closing Song — No. 569

*We've a Story to Tell
to the Nations vs. 1, 3 & 4*

+Dismissal with Blessing —

Leader: Renewed by the power of God's unconditional love and forgiveness; strengthened by the witness of Jesus to be of service to others,

All: we go from this place rejoicing in the opportunities to serve others in Christ's name.

Leader: Go in peace, and may the peace of God always dwell within you.

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.

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FEBRUARY

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Christopher Glaser
Jenna Elston
Jada Zahn
Kael Grebel
Paul Lint
Griffin Kvilvang
Holly Neuberger
Todd Clark
Hilde van Gijssel
Ana Duffy
Sheila Cummings
Steven Nielson
Jennifer Elston
Noah Tulp
Grace Lint
Lauren Hoganson

10th Heather & Tim
Schwehr

Epworth Ministry Review

Attendance: Sun. January 28

In-person— 72 Online—23

Attendance: Wed. January 31

Youth— 14

Stewardship: January 28—February 3, 2024

General Fund Giving— \$2,953.00

Glory of God's House— \$187.00

Utility Reimbursements— \$80.00

Matthew 25— \$12.00

Building & Maintenance— \$12.00



In Ministry Today

Organist— Cyndi Hill

Tech Team—

Lector— Mike Watterson

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.



Loving our Neighbors Food Drive—

During the month of Valentine's Day, we ask the congregation to show Christian love to neighbors by collecting food for the Barnes County Food Pantry. Everyone is encouraged to bring various items as donations. Please think in terms of no extra ingredients, supplies, or utilities needed. As such, we invite you to think about how persons would access the items without a can opener, a pot, electricity, or even running water. We will be collecting items through the month of February. Here are suggestions of various categories of items to bring:

beef jerky, crackers, canned fruit/vegetables with pull-up lids, tuna pouches/kits, pasta, rice, cereal, pop-tarts, peanut butter, facial tissue, toilet paper, toiletries, & baby wipes.

Safer Sanctuary Training— We all want our church to be safe for all who enter. In 1996 The United Methodist Church declared that having a Safe Sanctuary was necessary. By 1998 all United Methodist Churches were expected to have policies and practices to protect children and others. In 2023, it was time for a revision and a check-in with every church to see if churches are continuing to update policies and training called Safer Sanctuaries. This past November Brenda Lint attended an event to train the trainers for Safer Sanctuaries. She is offering this training to Epworth and area churches on Saturday, February 24 at 10:00am.

Epworth United Methodist Men's

Brunch— The Methodist Men are having a French Toast Brunch on Sunday, February 25th at Epworth United Methodist Church. We will be serving French toast, sausage, assorted fruit, juice, and coffee. We will be serving from 9:00 – 12:30. The cost of the brunch will be \$8.00 for adults, \$4.00 for grades 1-6 and preschoolers will dine for free. We thank you for your support throughout the years and we hope to see you on the 25th.

Multiplying Love Becomes Theme of Lenten Services—

During Lent, Epworth will follow the lead of the bishop's appointive cabinets of both the Dakotas and Minnesota Annual Conferences when we bring our study focus to the basic love mission Holy Scripture gives to all Christians. Spreading love was the heart-rending message our Methodist founder John Wesley preached to lonely, overworked, unchurched people in the coal mines and on the streets of 18th century England. Love is the heart of what Wesley worked out as a practical theology even as the structure of his movement took on his Enlightenment-informed logical structure. Award-winning Wesleyan theologian Dr. Paul W. Chilcote explains this in his book: "Multiplying Love: A Vision of United Methodist Life Together," which forms the basis of our Lenten church-wide study. We will engage this book during the Wednesday night Lenten services between Feb. 14 and March 20, inclusive. These services will involve live music and recorded preaching from cabinet members of both conferences (which includes our former pastor Rev. Dan Bader). Ash Wednesday's worship involves a traditional service complete with imposition of ashes. That service starts at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 14 in the sanctuary. The other Wednesday Lenten services start at 6:15 p.m. in the Gathering Space, following a 5:30 Lenten meal in the dining room.

This study will also be part of the adult class that meets in the library (Feb. 25-March 24) and possibly the Thursday, 10 a.m. Bible study in the dining room (Feb. 15-March 28). Both studies are open to adults. The church will have books available for purchase for \$16, or you may order them from Cokesbury at www.cokesbury.com.

