



# Sunday Worship

March 17, 2024  
10:30 am Worship

Pastor: Duane Coates

Ministers: All God's People

## **This Week at Epworth**

### Sunday, March 17

St. Patrick's Day

—9:00am Sunday School

—10:00am Coffee Fellowship

—10:30am Worship

### Monday, March 18

Pastor's Day Off

—2:00pm Prayer Vigil

—7:00pm Troubadours

### Tuesday, March 19

—1:30pm Bible Study

—5:30pm SPR

### Wednesday, March 20

—4:30pm Confirmation

—5:30pm Lenten Meal

—6:30pm Lenten Service

—7:00pm Youth

—7:15pm Choir

### Thursday, March 21

—10:00am Pastor's Bible Study

—7:00pm Cub Scouts

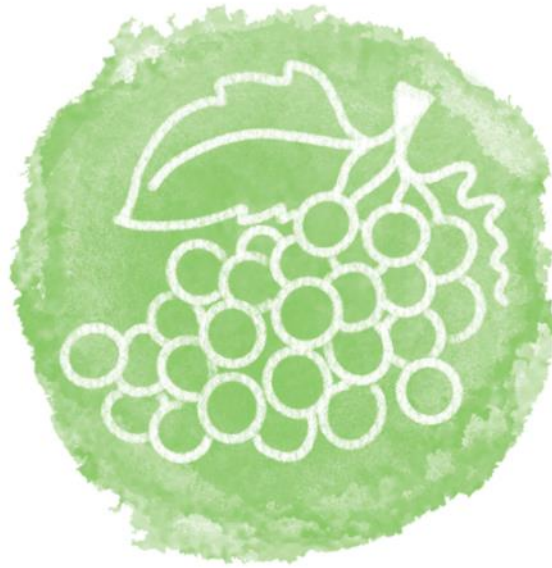
### Sunday, March 24

Palm Sunday

—9:00am Sunday School

—10:00am Coffee Fellowship

—10:30am Worship



## FIFTH SUNDAY *in* LENT

**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](http://epworthvalleycity.com)**



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## Sermon Series

### Previous Sundays—

*What Do We Do in the Meantime?*

*At the Well*

*For the Sake of the Gospel*

*Having a Heart for God*

*Loving the Light*

### Today—

## Sprouting Service from Seed

By Pastor 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

*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: Come, let us worship the God who comes to us in Jesus Christ.

**All: We worship the God who gave up His life that we might live.**

Leader: Let us commit to live for the benefit of others.

**All: We indeed seek to be servants of the Most High God.**

Leader: Let us worship Jesus, who lowered Himself for us before He was lifted on a cross.

**All: We gather to worship Jesus, who calls us to follow Him in glorifying God. Amen.**

+ Opening Hymn – No. 398 *Jesus Calls Us* vs. 1-4

## The Church Lifts Prayers to God

### Unison Prayer –

**Compassionate Lord, forgive us when we falter on this Lenten pathway. Forgive us for being afraid when the road ahead seems too uncertain. We admit that following Jesus is not an easy task. Jesus requires us to be willing to make the ultimate commitment of our whole lives, and we hesitate and hold back. Draw us back to you, Lord. Give us confidence and courage to face the future with hope. Let us place our trust in you that the message of peace and mercy you have given to us through Jesus Christ may be offered to others through our own witness to your healing mercy. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

Based on a prayer by Nancy C. Townley and published on <https://www.ministrymatters.com>

### Lifting our Joys and Concerns

Leader: Lord, in your mercy / in our joy

**People: Hear our Prayer**

### 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 *Where Children Belong*

## Time Mostly for Children —

**Old Testament Reading** — Jeremiah 31:31-34 (New covenant prophesied)

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

*People: Thanks be to God*

**Scripture Hymn** — No. 2086 *Open Our Eyes Lord* sing twice

## The Church Hears God's Word

**Sermon Scripture** — John 12:20-33 (Jesus honors servants)

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

*People: Thanks be to God*

**Message** — *Sprouting Service from Seed* by Rev. Duane Coates

Unless a grain of *wheat* falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it



*bears much fruit.*

John 12:24, NRSV

## 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  
Wayne McKirdy  
Ashley Enright  
Jerry & LaWanna Hieb  
Macy Raven  
Jackie Owen  
Lint Family  
Dakotas Camping  
Appointive Cabinet  
Chuck Jacobson Family  
Jeanie Cink Family  
LeRoy Magnuson Family

### 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](mailto:office@epworthvalleycity.com). This helps our church family care for one another.

## Ministers of the Gospel

All members of the congregation.

## Appointed Clergy

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## Dakotas Bishop

Bishop Lanette Plambeck

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# The Church Responds to God's Word

**Offertory –**

**+ Doxology No. 95**

**+ Prayer of Dedication**

**+Closing Song — No. 2129** *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*

**+Dismissal with Blessing —**

Leader: Beloved, go from here ready to serve and to seek the glory of God.

**All: We go to recognize Christ as we meet and serve our neighbors today and every day. Amen.**

Based on a benediction by Nancy C. Townley and published on <https://www.ministrymatters.com>

**+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



# MARCH

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

Dwayne Richter  
 Justin Horsager  
 Steve Myers  
 Calleigh Rangeloff  
 Derek Woehl  
 Craig Ranum  
 Dick Hanson  
 Joel Owen  
 Bill Noeske  
 Marie Leadbetter  
 Jon Jury  
 Don Baasch  
 Nikki Grebel  
 Wyatt Tulp  
 Jack Bruns  
 Margie Jansen  
 Wade Hesch  
 Melissa Cook  
 Kailee Nielson  
 Sheryl Hanson  
 Gideon Lint  
 Aimee Zachrison  
 Gabrielle (Cummings)  
 Wavra  
 Journey Cruff  
 Pearl Pritchert  
 Liam Bruns  
 Jenny Mueller  
 Neil Pederson  
 Tonya (Van Dyke)  
 Hovland

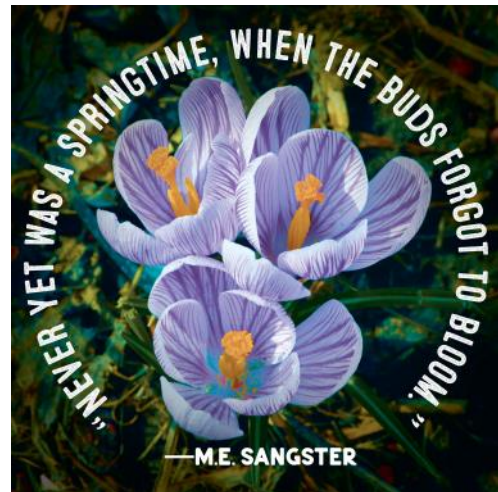
24<sup>th</sup> Jordon & Allison  
 Ranum

## Epworth Ministry Review

**Attendance: Sun. March 10**  
 In-person— 67    Online—43

**Attendance: Wed. March 13**  
 Lenten Service— 21  
 Youth— 14

**Stewardship: March 10—March 16, 2024**  
 General Fund Giving— \$3,462.00  
 UMCOR— \$512.00  
 Glory of God's House— \$180.00  
 Building & Maintenance— \$65.00



## In Ministry Today

Pianist— Hayley Winkler  
 Tech Team—  
 Lector— Anita Tulp  
 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.



**2024 Purse Drive**— We will collect personal care items for the FM Purse Lady in March. Marcie Pfeifer grew up in Valley City (Hank Middlestad's granddaughter) and because of her own circumstances, started collecting and giving purses to organizations and individuals. She has donated more than 2,000 purses regionally. Lightly used purses are welcomed, as are feminine hygiene products, travel-sized toiletries and socks. Look for her Amazon wish list page 2024 Purse Drive, which has mostly bulk items, but it can give you ideas: [https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/1JKJ93FEBV853?ref\\_=wl\\_share&fbclid=IwAR1V0GPiKvOmZTAJjObUrsblgEGXjCTn3KvoujP\\_wgigx9700-UlIUtMifk](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/1JKJ93FEBV853?ref_=wl_share&fbclid=IwAR1V0GPiKvOmZTAJjObUrsblgEGXjCTn3KvoujP_wgigx9700-UlIUtMifk)

**Easter and Holy Week Services Scheduled**— On Easter Sunday, March 31, Epworth will offer two worship choices – 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. The services will feature basically the same content. Then after worship, there will be a 9 a.m. breakfast in the fellowship hall, followed by the Easter Egg hunt at 9:30 a.m. There will be no organized Sunday school, per se.

During Holy Week, there will be no Wednesday meal or service. Rather, worshippers are invited to the Maundy Thursday service at 6:30 p.m. on March 28 and the Good Friday service at 6:30 p.m., on March 29. Holy Week offerings received will be donated to the Barnes County Ministerial Association's assistance fund.

If you are interested in offering special music during any of these services, please inform the office or Pastor Duane.



**Thank You!**— A huge thank you to everyone who helped make Epworth's Holy Grounds at the Winter Show a success! All of the help was greatly appreciated.

**Annual Conference Award Nominations Due March 22**— Several awards will be announced at annual conference. Some are chosen by the cabinet, some by the Conference Council on Youth Ministry, and some via open nominations. Nominations are now being accepted for the following awards: Denman Award for Evangelism, Francis Asbury Award, Streams of Justice, Youthworker Hall of Fame Award, and Youthworker of the Year. Nominations are due by 5 p.m. CDT, March 22, 2024. To learn more about the awards, go to <https://www.dakotasumc.org/annual-conference/award-nominations>

**Annual Conference Legislation Due March 22**— All proposals for petitions and resolutions for the Dakotas Annual Conference 31st Session must be submitted electronically, by 5:00 p.m. CDT, on March 22, 2024. Items should be created using the form found at <https://www.dakotasumc.org/annual-conference/legislation>. If you have questions about resolutions and petitions, you may contact Rev. Rebecca Trefz by email at [rebecca.trefz@dakotasumc.org](mailto:rebecca.trefz@dakotasumc.org).

**Easter Lilies**— You are invited to share an Easter Lily in the sanctuary in honor or in memory of someone. Lilies will be accepted in the office common area during Holy Week (March 25-29) from 9am to 4pm. Please note that the office will close at noon on Friday, March 29. Please give the names (from whom and for whom) to Cassidy in the office.

