



Sunday Worship

March 24, 2024
10:30 am Worship

Pastor: Duane Coates

Ministers: All God's People

This Week at Epworth

Sunday, March 24

Palm Sunday

—9:00am Sunday School

—10:00am Coffee Fellowship

—10:30am Worship

Monday, March 25

—2:00pm Prayer Vigil

—7:00pm Troubadours

Tuesday, March 26

—1:30pm Bible Study

Wednesday, March 27

—6:00pm Confirmation

—7:00pm Youth

Thursday, March 28

Maundy Thursday

—10:00am Pastor's Bible Study

—6:30pm Maundy Thursday

Service

Friday, March 29

Good Friday

Office Closed @ Noon

—6:30pm Good Friday Service

Sunday, March 31

Easter

—8:00am Sunrise Worship

—9:00am Breakfast

—9:30am Easter Egg Hunt

—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!

This service is livestreamed at epworthvalleycity.com



Palm
SUNDAY



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Sermon Series

Previous Sundays—

At the Well

For the Sake of the Gospel

Having a Heart for God

Loving the Light

Sprouting Service from Seed

Today—

Looking Around with Love

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: We have come to see, to hear, and to worship our God. So, let us praise the Lord.

All: Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, who has visited and redeemed the people.

Leader: Blessed are those who come in the name of the Lord.

All: Blessed is the name of the Lord.

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+ Opening Hymn – No. 280 *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

The Church Lifts Prayers to God

Unison Prayer –

God of the foolish cross, tottering down the streets of Jerusalem on a colt, you are not the savior we expect. Your power doesn't look like the power we want our God to demonstrate. Your wisdom makes no sense to us. We are happy to join the crowd, waving branches, but not so sure we want to follow you into the temple courts, into the upper room, into the Garden of Gethsemane, to the foot of the cross. Forgive our false assumptions. Clarify our clouded vision. Let us relax into the foolishness of your love, your grace. Hosanna, hosanna. Save us, Lord Jesus. Amen.

Written by Joanna Harader on her Spacious Faith blog, <http://spaciousfaith.com/>. Re-posted on the re:Worship blog at <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2013/02/prayer-god-of-foolish-cross.html>

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 —

Choir Anthem — *Here He Comes* Directed by Lance Drevecky
Words and Music by Allison Blumenthal

+ Responsive Psalm Reading — Psalm 118:14-29 No. 839-40

+ Scripture Hymn — No. 2270 *He Has Made Me Glad*

The Church Hears God's Word

Sermon Scripture — Mark 11:1-11 (Triumphal entry into Jerusalem)

Response — Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

Message — *Looking Around with Love* Pastor 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
Wayne McKirdy
Ashley Enright
Jerry & LaWanna Hieb
Macy Raven
Jackie Owen
Lint Family
Dakotas Camping
Appointive Cabinet
JoAnn Nathan
Barry Devitt
Ralph & Cleo Thompson

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

Offertory –

+ Doxology No. 95

+ Prayer of Dedication

+Closing Song — No. 536 *Precious Name* vs. 1-3

+Dismissal with Blessing —

Leader: And now, my friends, go forth to a week where transformation will meet you and guide you. Do not hide when they recognize you. Do not doubt when you see Christ. Do not deny when you are confronted. Do not stop until you are at the cross.

All: And there we will see the light, and the burdens of our hearts will roll away.

Leader: Until then, God be with you!

All: Amen.

Written by B. Kevin Smalls, The Africana Worship Book, Year B (Nashville: Discipleship Resources, 2007)

+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

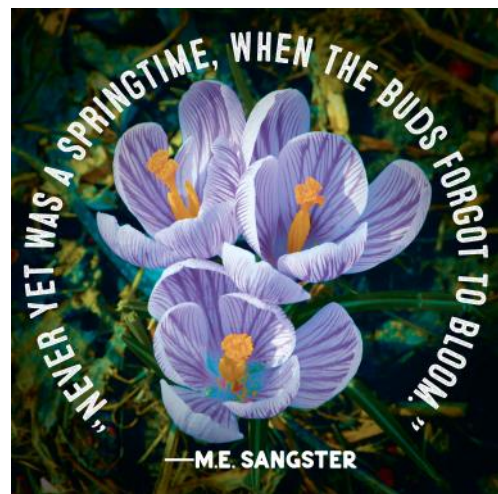
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Ranum

Epworth Ministry Review

Attendance: Sun. March 17
In-person— 66 Online—23

Attendance: Wed. March 20
Lenten Service— 20
Youth— 14

Stewardship: March 17—March 23, 2024
General Fund Giving— \$2,994.00
Glory of God's House— \$425.00
Christian Ed— \$186.00
Building & Maintenance— \$115.00
Parking Lot— \$50.00
Sunday School— \$14.55



In Ministry Today

Pianist— Marian Drevecky
Tech Team—
Lector— Barb 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.



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

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.



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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.

