

Pastor: Duane Coates

Ministers: All God's People

This Week at Epworth

Sunday, April 7

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

Monday, April 8

- 5:15pm SLT
- 7:00pm Troubadours

Tuesday, April 9

- 9:00am Ministerial Association
- 1:30pm Bible Study @
Bridgeview

Wednesday, April 10

- 6:00pm Confirmation
- 7:00pm Youth
- 7:00pm Choir

Thursday, April 11

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

Saturday, April 13

- 9:30am UWF

Sunday, April 14

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



*"Put your finger here;
see my hands.
Reach out your hand
and put it into my side.
Stop doubting and believe."*

John 20:27, NIV



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Sermon Series

Previous Sundays—

Having a Heart for God

Loving the Light

*Sprouting Service from
Seed*

*Looking Around with
Love*

*Rising with a Name on
His Lips*

Today—

Jesus Shows Up for Us

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

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: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful.

All: And kindle in us the fire of God's love.

Leader: May God send forth the Holy Spirit, and we shall be created.

All: And we will renew the face of the earth.

Leader: Glory to God, who has woven garments of glory for the resurrection.

All: Worship to the Son, who was clothed in those garments at His rising.

Leader: And thanksgiving to the Spirit, who keeps them for all the saints.

All: Let us worship Creator, risen Son, and flowing Holy Spirit on this day, in this season, and into eternity.

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+ Opening Hymn — No. 310 *He Lives*

The Church Lifts Prayers to God

Prayer of Confession —

We gather here to worship you, our God, to give thanks for Jesus Christ and to witness to the power of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

Yet, we admit that there are times when we feel afraid, abandoned, and lonely; when faith leads to doubt and questions rather than a sense of joy or peace of mind. Forgive us when, like the disciples, we find the truth of Easter hard to believe. Come to us, risen Christ, through the closed doors of our hearts and minds and take away our fears and doubts. Come to us, risen Christ, breathe on us and fill us with the joy and peace of your presence. Bless us all as people who have not seen you, but who believe that you are truly the risen Christ, Son of God. Amen.

Written by Moira Laidlaw and published on <https://re-worship.blogspot.com>

Lifting our Joys and Concerns

Leader: Lord, in your mercy / in our joy

People: Hear our Prayer

Announcements —

Call for Children — No. 191 *Jesus Loves Me* (verse 1)

Time Mostly for Children —

The Church Hears God's Word

Old Testament Reading — 1 John 1:1-2:2 (God is light)

Response—Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

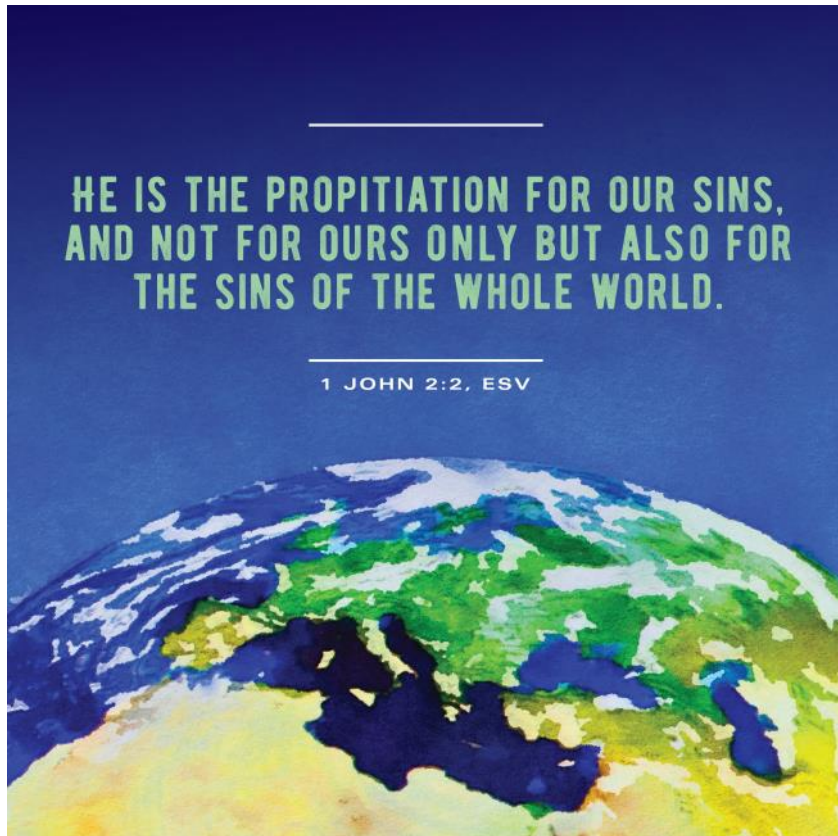
Scripture Hymn — No. 2086 *Open our Eyes*

Gospel Reading — John 20:19-31 (Jesus appears to the disciples)

Response—Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Message — *Jesus Shows Up for Us* 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
Wayne McKirdy
Ashley Enright
Jerry & LaWanna Hieb
Macy Raven
Jackie Owen
Lint Family
Dakotas Camping
Appointive Cabinet
JoAnn Nathan
Barry Devitt
Ralph & Cleo Thompson
Duane Borchert
Bob Werkhoven
Jon Zerface

In Joy

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. 367 *He Touched Me (both verses)*

+Dismissal with Blessing —

Leader: Go into the world with assurance, hope, and promise.
May the grace of the word of life rest upon you.

All: May the love of the source of life embrace us.

Leader: May the transforming power of the breath of life help, strengthen, and surprise you, this day and all your days.

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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APRIL

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Anna Lint
Amy Noeske
Dan Elston
Carol Nelson
Kelly Pederson
Derek Bruns
Matthew Glaser
Jeanne Burchill

7th Don & Lisa Baasch
16th George & Jan
McCarthy

Epworth Ministry Review

Attendance: Sun. March 31

8:00 Service— 43 Online—9

10:30 Service— 77 Online— 13

Attendance: Wed. April 3

Youth— 16

Stewardship: March 28—April 6, 2024

General Fund Giving— \$7,077.60

Glory of God's House— \$575.00

Ministerial Association— \$322.00

Memorial— \$100.00

Study Books— \$30.00



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.

In Ministry Today

Organist— Cyndi Hill

Tech Team—

Lector— Bev Enger

Ushers—



Seeking Christian Education Director and Youth Director— The Servant Leadership Team (SLT), through the Staff-Parish Work Group and in consultation with Pastor Duane plan to hire for two openings on the church staff: Director of Christian Education (at 12-15 hours/week) and Youth Director (at 10 hours per week). If interested, please contact Pastor Duane or the church office.

Hayley Winkler is leaving her position as Christian education director on June 14 to pursue music education and student teaching in that field. Brenda Lint is leaving the youth director position to follow her husband, the Rev. Paul Lint, who has been appointed pastor of Spearfish United Methodist Church in South Dakota. The timing of that opening depends on when a new site director can start at Wesley Acres Camp and Retreat Center where the Lints are co-directors. These two positions could be held by the same or different persons. Generally, the Christian education director works 12-15 hours a week to help provide a positive learning environment in the church so that all can experience God's love and grow closer and deeper in commitment to the Lord. Among the qualifications are a strong belief in Jesus Christ and respect for United Methodist theology and practice, strong organizational, administrative, and leadership skills. A degree in some type of education or some experience in the field is preferred, but not required.

The youth director works 10 hours per week building young disciples for Christ by developing and implementing a comprehensive approach to youth ministry. That person will also serve as a spiritual leader and role model in the areas of group building, worship, discipleship, mission, and outreach.

Qualifications for that position include embracing Christian discipleship and United

Methodist doctrine and theology. We are also looking for someone with an ability to work effectively with youth, diverse individuals, and teams of volunteers. Skills in communication and computers are helpful.

For full job descriptions, see the church office. The positions report to the pastor and are evaluated by the Servant Leadership Team through the Staff-Parish Work Group in consultation with the pastor.

Native American Ministries Sunday—On the third Sunday of Easter, April 14, we will collect our annual Native American Ministries special offering. There will be special envelopes and donation cards in the bulletins. The cards have a QR code you may scan allowing you to give electronically.

This offering helps to develop and strengthen Native American ministries in our Annual Conference and beyond. It also provides scholarships for Native Americans attending United Methodist schools of theology.

Half of the offering stays within the Dakotas Annual Conference for Native ministries here. The other half is distributed nationally by agencies of the church.

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