

Pastor: Duane Coates

Ministers: All God's People

This Week at Epworth

Sunday, April 14

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

Monday, April 15

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

Tuesday, April 16

- 1:30pm Bible Study @ Bridgeview
- 5:15pm Backpack Program Meeting

Wednesday, April 17

- 3:00pm Staff Meeting
- 6:00pm Confirmation
- 7:00pm Youth
- 7:00pm Choir

Thursday, April 18

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

Sunday, April 21

- 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



Sermon Series

Previous Sundays—

Loving the Light

Sprouting Service from Seed

Looking Around with Love

Rising with a Name on His Lips

Jesus Shows Up for Us

Today—

What If?

By Rev. Peg Zerface

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

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The Church Gathers to Worship

+ Welcome and Announcements –

+ Call to Worship –

Leader: Quiet and Persistent God,

All: You work miracles in the silent hush before dawn.

Leader: Strong and Surprising God,

All: You roll away every stumbling stone and bring life to all our dead ends.

Leader: Whirling and Dancing God,

All: You delight in empty tombs and surprising visits.

Leader: Easter God,

All: You give us joy and cause an alleluia to flow from head to toe.

Leader: Risen God,

All: Forever rising in us, we sing our joy!

Rev. Ray Baker, Fargo Faith UMC

+ Opening Hymn – No. 304 *Easter People, Raise Your Voices*

The Church Lifts Prayers to God

Unison Prayer –

Gracious and Glorious God! Lent is over! Christ has Risen! Light rises over us as Jesus overcomes wickedness and death. We need not struggle alone, pushing through pain, stumbling on sin, trying to walk life's way unaided by Your Presence. Easter has come! Our road is new! You have forgiven us! Jesus leads the way! Thank You, O God!! Amen.

Lifting our Joys and Concerns

Leader: Lord, in your mercy / in our joy

People: Hear our Prayer

First Reading – Acts 10:34-43 (Peter explains miraculous healing)

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.

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

Time Mostly for Children —

Choir Anthem — *In God's Hands* Directed by Lance Drevecky
Arranged by Erik Whitehill

+ Scripture Hymn — No. 140 *Great is Thy Faithfulness*

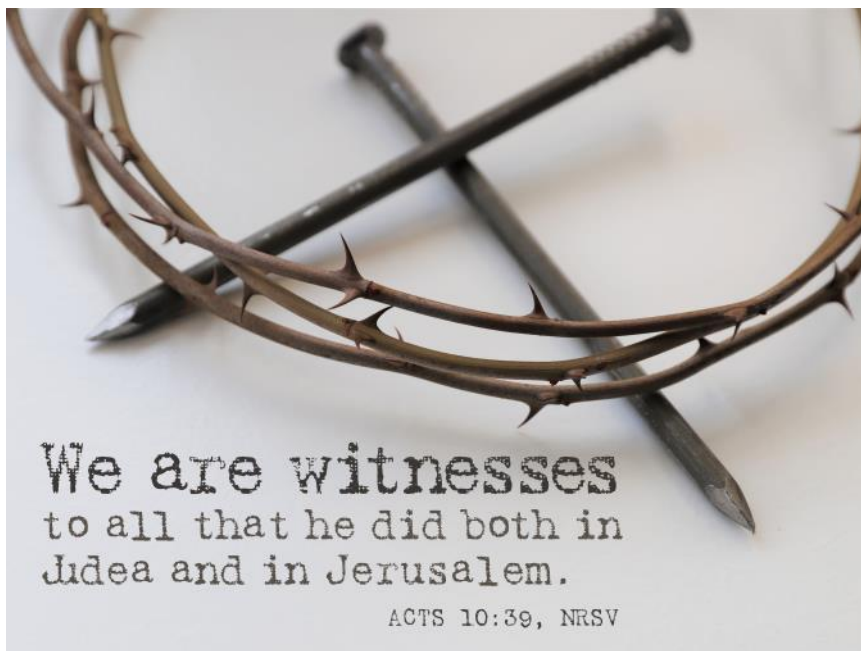
The Church Hears God's Word

Sermon Scripture — Luke 24:36-48 (Resurrected Jesus eats)

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

People: Thanks be to God

Message — *What If?* Rev. Peg Zerface



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
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
Jan Zerface

In Joy

Jaxon Horsager
Linda Bernard

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. 451 *Be Thou My Vision (all three 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.

Pastor Duane Coates, Office: 845-0340 Cell: 605-695-5561

APRIL

Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

16th George & Jan
McCarthy

Epworth Ministry Review

Attendance: Sun. April 7

In-person— 62 Online—28

Attendance: Wed. April 10

Youth— 13

Stewardship: April 7—April 13, 2024

General Fund Giving— \$3,159.00

Glory of God's House— \$125.00

Building & Maintenance— \$50.00

UMCOR— \$50.00

Sunday School— \$9.48



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

Pianist— Marian Drevecky

Tech Team—

Lector— Bruce Larson

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 on May 1 to follow her husband, the Rev. Paul Lint, who has been appointed pastor of Spearfish United Methodist Church in South Dakota. 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.

Wesley Acres Spring Work Day April 27—Volunteers are welcome to join the Epworth youth in a work day at Wesley Acres Camp and Retreat Center on Saturday, April 27 from 10 am to 4 pm.

There will be inside work and outside work. Volunteers are asked to dress appropriately. Lunch will be provided.

CROP Walk for World Hunger April

24—The 44th annual Valley City CROP Walk for Hunger is set for Wednesday, April 24 at 7 pm on the Jefferson school mile. Walkers may start collecting pledges and making donations now. See Michelle Grebel for pledge and donor forms.

Eighty percent of the money raised goes to fight hunger around the world and the remaining 20 percent remains in the local community in a distribution to the Barnes County Food Pantry, the Hi-Liner Food Pantry at Valley City Public Junior/Senior High, and the Valley City State University Food Pantry. In 2023, more than \$7,200 was raised for this cause.

The CROP Walk is a nationwide movement sponsored by Church World Service to raise funds to end hunger and poverty in the United States and around the world. Now there are more than 500 communities across the United States that participate. Valley City's participation in this event started in 1981 with the help of the Rev. Wayne McKirdy and others.

New Summer Service Time— The Servant Leadership Team has decided to move the Sunday service time to 9:30 am for the summer, with coffee fellowship to follow at 10:30 am. This schedule will begin on May 26 and continue until September 8.