



# Sunday Worship

April 28, 2024  
10:30 am Worship

Pastor: Duane Coates

Ministers: All God's People

## **This Week at Epworth**

### Sunday, April 28

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

### Monday, April 29

- 7:00pm Troubadours

### Tuesday, April 30

- 1:30pm Bible Study @  
Bridgeview

### Wednesday, May 1

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

### Thursday, May 2

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

### Friday, May 3

Pastor's Day Off

### Sunday, May 5

- 9:00am Sunday School
- 10:00am Coffee Fellowship
- 10:30am Worship
- 11:30am Hayley & Lints  
Appreciation Taco Bar



# LOVE

Herein is LOVE, not that  
we loved God, but that he  
loved us, and sent his Son.

1 JOHN 4:10, KJV

**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  
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## Sermon Series

### Previous Sundays—

*Looking Around with Love*

*Rising with a Name on His Lips*

*Jesus Shows Up for Us*

*What If?*

*Acting Out of Love*

### Today—

## Growing Love

By Cindy A. Heidelberg

### 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, let us worship God, who gives us land.

**All: Our worship is to protect and preserve it.**

Leader: Come, let us worship God, who gives us water and air.

**All: Our worship is to keep them pure, safe, and fresh.**

Leader: Come, let us worship God, who gives us plant life.

**All: Our worship is to steward them and protect them justly.**

Leader: Come, let us worship God, who gives us animal life.

**All: Our worship is to enjoy, preserve, and steward them.**

Leader: Come, let us worship God, who gives us each other.

**All: Our worship is to abide with them in God's love and to join in the active loving stewardship of all God has created, including our neighbors.**

*Based on a litany by Melvin E. West from *the Rural Church Memo, June 1990**

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**Opening Hymn –** No. 92 *For the Beauty of the Earth*  
*vs. 1, 2 & 4*

## The Church Lifts Prayers to God

### Unison Prayer –

**O God, we join with our sisters and brothers around the world in remembering Christ's sacrifice for us and His resurrection from the dead. For the life we have received, we give you thanks and praise. In the abundance of your many gifts, grant us grace to fill one another's lives with love. Redeem, restore, and remold us until we are made new. In Jesus' name, Amen.**

*Based on a prayer by Barbara Dunlap-Berg ©1992 by United Methodist Publishing House*

### 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. 191 *Jesus Loves Me* vs. 1

## Time Mostly for Children —

**Choir Anthem —** *Gather by the River to Pray*  
Directed by Lance Drevecky  
Arranged by Pepper Choplin

**Old Testament Reading —** Genesis 1:24-31 (Creation account)

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

*People: Thanks be to God*

**+ Scripture Hymn —** No. 147 *All Things Bright and Beautiful*

## The Church Hears God's Word

**Sermon Scripture —** 1 John 4:7-21 (Loving each other)

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

*People: Thanks be to God*

**Message —** *Growing Love* Cindy A. Heidelberg



## 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  
Cindy Heidelberg  
Family of Pat Unkenholz  
Linda Seidel

### 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](mailto: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. 697**

*America (My Country, 'Tis of Thee)* all four verses

+ **Dismissal with Blessing —**

Leader: Creating God, as we return today to our homes, workplaces, and communities.

**All: May Your Spirit open our eyes to see the vastness and brilliance of Your beauty.**

Leader: May we see, hear, and love all -

**All: recognizing Your glory evident in all of Creation.**

Leader: Most of all, let us embrace – even in the brokenness of our brothers and sisters — all of them, created in Your image.

**All: May we wait joyfully to experience the redemption that comes only through Christ Jesus our Lord.**

Leader: Go now to love and serve God and serve your neighbor, in Jesus' name.

**All: Amen.**

+**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

Jeanne Burchill

**MAY**  
Birthdays & Anniversaries

Erin Woehl  
Lori Jury  
Shelley Vareberg  
Lori Glaser  
Julie Munkeby  
Josh Hegdahl  
Ashley Enger  
Patsy Winkler  
Courtney Bruns  
Fred Schroeder  
Matt Miller  
Cindy Zahn  
Rosalie Knutson  
Jerry Noeske  
Barb Young  
Mary Lee  
Nielson  
Jennifer Miklas  
Joseph  
Cummings  
Robert Hansen  
Bonnie Ranum

3<sup>rd</sup> Jeanne & Todd  
Burchill  
23<sup>rd</sup> Glenn & Shirley  
Haugen  
25<sup>th</sup> Rhonda & Rob  
Marshall  
27<sup>th</sup> Bev & Don Enger  
31<sup>st</sup> VirLyn & Gordon  
Hoff

# Epworth Ministry Review

**Attendance: Sun. April 21**

In-person— 66    Online—19

**Attendance: Wed. April 24**

Youth— 19

**Stewardship: April 21—April 27, 2024**

General Fund Giving— \$2,797.00

Native American Sunday— \$113.00

Memorial— \$100.00

Sunday School— \$76.29

Glory of God’s House— \$75.00

Study Books— \$65.00

## In Ministry Today

Pianist— Marian Drevecky

Tech Team—

Lector— Duane Coates

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.

### Ushers Needed



**Volunteers needed for Hi-Liner Food Pantry**— Again, this summer, the Bridges Backpack Program will host a food distribution at Valley City High School on Wednesday nights in June through early August.

The distribution will allow families to gather food items they need for a week. It takes place from 5-7 p.m. in the first room south (to the right) from door W6 on the northwest corner of the high school.

Volunteers are requested to help the families, to weigh the food, record the number of adults and children served by that amount of food, and to help carry it to their vehicles. Volunteers would be requested to come at 4:45 pm and stay until about 7:15 pm. Here are the dates on which volunteers are needed:

June 12, June 19, June 26, July 10, July 17, July 24, and July 31. If interested, please see Pastor Duane.

**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.

**New Members Join on Easter Sunday**— On Easter Sunday, March 31, we welcomed new members Gail and Peder Gjovik. Gail is a retired registered nurse, who has experience as a director of nursing at a long-term care facility in Powell, Wyoming. Peder, who holds an earned doctorate, is a retired professor and former chair of the technology department at Valley City State University. He also has experience as a newspaper press operator. They joined by transfer of membership from First Lutheran Church in Fessenden, North Dakota.

**Peace with Justice Special Offering May 19**— On May 19, we will receive a special offering for Peace with Justice Sunday. This special observance enables The United Methodist Church to have a voice in advocating for peace and justice through a broad spectrum of global programs. There will be special offering envelopes and an insert in your worship guide about this special Sunday. This is one of eight conference-wide financial appeals throughout each year.

The annual conference retains half of receipts for peace and justice ministries in the Dakotas. The remaining half goes to peace and justice ministries of the general church. In the past, your donations have provided funds for ethnic/minority local church ministries and programs related to ministries that educate, equip, and mobilize actions in support of identified economic, health, and gender-justice priorities.

You are invited to donate electronically at any time or bring a special offering with you to worship on May 19.

**Appreciation Lunch for Paul & Brenda Lint and Hayley Winkler**— On Sunday, May 5, we will be honoring Brenda & Paul Lint, our Youth directors, and Hayley Winkler, our Christian Education director, who will be leaving their positions soon. Please join us in the dining room after worship on Sunday the fifth as we thank them for all they have done for Epworth. Since this will fall on the day of Cinco de Mayo, we will be serving tacos. There will be baskets for any cards, etc. that you would like to leave for the Lints and Hayley. This is also senior recognition Sunday, so we will honor them as well. Remember Sunday, May 5th after church! Hope to see you there!

