

Pastor: Paul Lint

Ministers: All God's People

## **This Week at Epworth**

### Sunday, May 5

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

### Monday, May 6

- 12:00pm EHG Board Meeting
- 5:15pm SLT Task Meeting

### Tuesday, May 7

- 1:30pm Bible Study @ Bridgeview

- 1:45 SPR Meeting

### Wednesday, May 8

- 12pm UWF
- 6:00pm Confirmation

### Thursday, May 9

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

### Sunday, May 12

#### Mother's Day

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

**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)**

## Camp Sunday!



**ADVENTURE  
AWAITS AT CAMP  
THIS SUMMER!**



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to experience Christ, Creation,  
and Community through  
camp and retreat ministries.*

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## Sermon Series

### Previous Sundays—

*Rising with a Name on  
His Lips*

*Jesus Shows Up for Us*

*What If?*

*Acting Out of Love*

*Growing Love*

### Today—

## Linked by Love

Pastor Paul Lint

### 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: This is the day.

**Congregation: This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice in it!**

Leader: This is the place.

**Congregation: This is the place that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice in it!**

Leader: Grace is the gift.

**Congregation: Grace is the gift that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice in it!**

**All: This is the day that the Lord has made. We come today to rejoice in this place for the gifts we have been given.**

Opening Song – *My Lighthouse*

## The Church Lifts Prayers to God

### Unison Prayer –

**God of Grace, join us now in this special time set apart from our busy lives so that we may experience you in a new way. We come to you seeking your presence and grace. The love you have shown us in Jesus is more than we deserve. Your arms are open wide, like a waiting father for his prodigal children, ready to welcome and restore. Open us up to receive all that you have to lavish on us today. May this time of worship be a celebration of your love for us and our love for you. In the name of Christ we pray, Amen.**

*Adapted from the 2024 Camp Curriculum Linked by Love  
and an opening prayer from the Long Green Valley Church of the Brethren.*

### Lifting our Joys and Concerns

Leader: Lord, in your mercy / in our joy

**People: Hear our Prayer**

Prayer Song – No. 2164 *Sanctuary*

### 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 —** *I'm Trading My Sorrows*

**Time Mostly for Children —**

**Senior Recognition —**

## The Church Hears God's Word

**Sermon Scripture —** Luke 15:11-32 (The Prodigal Child)

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

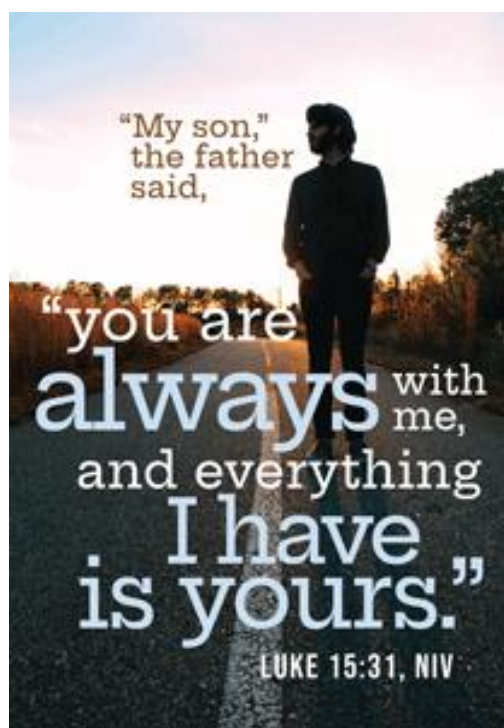
*People: Thanks be to God*

**+ Song —** *Amazing Grace, My Chains are Gone*

**Message —**

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## 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 Heidelberger  
Family of Pat Unkenholz  
Linda Seidel  
Family of Duane Triebold  
Rick Clark

### In Joy

Jaxon Horsager

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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Bishop Lanette Plambeck

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# The Church Responds to God's Word

Offertory –

+ Doxology No. 95

+ Prayer of Dedication

+ Closing Song — *All the People Say Amen*

+Dismissal with Blessing —

Leader: Go now with the love and grace of God fresh in your hearts. Go with hands open to receive all God has for you.

**All: We go with hands ready to reach out to those in need of God's love shown through us. 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

# 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 28**

In-person— 92    Online— 42

**Attendance: Wed. May 1**

Youth— 18

**Stewardship: April 28—May 4, 2024**

General Fund Giving— \$4,241.00

Glory of God's House— \$207.00

Native American Sunday— \$15.00

Building & Maintenance— \$12.00

Upper Room— \$10.00

## In Ministry Today

Pianist—

Tech Team—

Lector—

Ushers—

### Address Change?

If your address has changed, please notify the church office @ 845-0340 or e-mail: [office@epworthvalleycity.com](mailto: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**— Today 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 as we thank them for all they have done for Epworth. 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. Hope to see you there!

