8:30 am & 9:45 am

PRELUDE *"Allegro"* *BACH*

***HYMN #301** *"Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross"* *NEAR THE CROSS*

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, let us gather in God's radiant presence.
People: We come trusting God to shape us into ambassadors of Christ's love.
Leader: Christ calls us into His kingdom-community where hearts are stirred, burdens are shared, and joy runs deep.
People: Each morning, remind us that as ambassadors we step into kingdom work — work defined not by power but by grace-formed kinship. Open our hearts to Your Word.
Leader: We come ready to be awakened, ready to be remade.
People: Make us humbly aware that You are forming us still — especially in the places where our habits, reactions, and choices need Your healing touch.
Leader: Your last cry to the Father trails us through the corridors of time, calling us to see truly, love deeply, and live as Your redeemed people.
All: Make us loving and send us as Your Beloved Community. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)

MINISTRY OF MUSIC (9:45)

"Ascribe to the Lord" *POWELL*

SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 23:33–43

Clyde Kunkel (8:30) Lynne Hayes (9:45)

SERMON *"The Cross and the Habits of the Heart"*

8:30 am & 9:45 am

***HYMN #504** "The Old Rugged Cross" *THE OLD RUGGED CROSS*

OFFERING TALK

OFFERINGS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY *"Pastorale"* *YOUNG*

***DOXOLOGY #94** *LASST UNS ERFREUEN*

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION (8:30)

The United Methodist Church practices open communion. All who seek deeper relationship with God are invited and may participate. We are celebrating communion today by intinction, meaning when you come forward you will receive the bread and then you will dip the bread into the cup. In an effort to be more inclusive the bread will all be gluten free. If you prefer the pre-packaged communion elements they will be available at the tables on either side of the stewards.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *Hymnal #13*

***HYMN #298** *"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"* *HAMBURG*

***BENEDICTION**

***HYMN #666** *"Shalom to You"* *SOMOS DEL SENOR*

***POSTLUDE** *"Procession"* *BENOIST*

*Please rise in body or spirit, as you are able.

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS

CLERGY

SERMON Rev. Cecil Thompson
Rev. Elizabeth Trigg

LITURGISTS Jennifer Findsen (8:30 am)
Lynne Hayes (9:45 am)

ORGANIST & PIANIST Cecil Baughman

MINISTRY OF MUSIC Epworth Chancel Choir

NOTES

Epworth United Methodist Church extends a warm welcome to visitors, travelers, and new residents of the community every Sunday. The congregation believes that the presence of each one of you strengthens their witness of Christ. The church hopes that you will feel at home and comfortable at Epworth. Please join us for other Sunday morning activities.

WORSHIP SERVICES

8:30 AM | WORSHIP WITH WEEKLY HOLY COMMUNION
9:45 AM | TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE
11:15 AM | MODERN WORSHIP SERVICE

SUNDAY MORNING CLASSES

Children/Youth
PRESCHOOL ages 3-5 9:45 & 11
GRADES K-5 9:45
GRADES 6-12 9:45
Donuts & The Bible
Nursery available at all services.

Adults
9:45 Coffee & Conversation
9:45 Adult Bible Study
11:00 Devotions, Discipleship & Discussions

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