

Welcome to King of Kings

We are glad to have you worship the Lord with us today. Members, friends and visitors are asked to complete a "Welcome" card, found in the chair pocket. Please place the card in the offering plate. Your personal information will not be shared outside of King of Kings. Prayer requests on the reverse side of the card will be offered by the King of Kings Prayer Team.

Sunday Morning Worship

Sunday, December 4, 2022
The Second Sunday in Advent
8:00 AM Worship Service in person and live streamed
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Preservice Music
Welcome & Opening Announcements
Opening Hymn **Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus LSB 338**
Invocation
Confession & Absolution **LSB 151**
Choir **Come, Emmanuel**
Service of the Word
Introit
Scripture Readings **Isaiah 11:1-10**
Romans 15:4-13
Matthew 3:1-12

Nicene Creed
Children's Message **Rev. Bob Weinhold**
Hymn of the Day **On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry LSB 344**
Message **God Gives Encouragement Rev. Bob Weinhold**
Offering
Prayer of the Church
Service of the Sacrament
Lord's Prayer
Distribution Hymns **Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence LSB 621**
Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty LSB 901

Benediction **LSB 166**
Closing Hymn **Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding! LSB 345**

Sunday Morning Worship

Sunday, December 4, 2022
The Second Sunday in Advent
10:45 AM Worship Service in person and live streamed

Preservice Song **Prepare The Way**
Welcome & Opening Announcements
Opening Song **Come Lord Jesus (Even So Come)**
Invocation
Confession & Absolution
Choir **Come, Emmanuel**
Scripture Readings **Isaiah 11:1-10**
Romans 15:4-13
Song **Come Lord Jesus (Even So Come)**
Matthew 3:1-12

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Hymn of the Day **On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry LSB 344 sts. 1-2, 5**
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Prayer of the Church
Lord's Prayer
Service of the Sacrament
Distribution Song **Communion Song**
O Come All You Unfaithful (Praise Team Only)

Benediction
Song **I Hear A Sound**

Musicians: Gordon Russell, piano/vocals | Brendan Doty, drums | Kevin Stumpe, guitar | Sarah Mueller, vocals | John Lensch, vocals | Lori Crosbie, vocals

THIS WEEK AT KING OF KINGS

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| Sun, Dec 4 | 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m. | Worship Christian Education Hour Worship African Worship Hiawatha Care Center |
| Mon, Dec 5 | 6:30 p.m. | MMOC Community Choir |
| Tue, Dec 6 | 8:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. | Moms in Prayer International Pastor Led Bible Study Praise Band Practice Choir Practice |
| Wed, Dec 7 | 1:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. | Staff Meeting CEC Advisory Board Meeting Safety & Security Meeting HS Youth Drop In MS Youth Drop In Advent Worship Service |
| Thu, Dec 8 | 6:30 p.m. | Celebrate Recovery |
| Fri, Dec 9 | 6:30 p.m. | Book of Isaiah Bible Study |
| Sat, Dec 10 | 9:30 a.m. | Children's Christmas Program Practice |
| Sun, Dec 11 | 8:00 a.m. 9:30 p.m. 10:45 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. | Cantata Christian Education Hour Cantata African Worship Children's Christmas Program |

Attendance Last Week 11/27
Worship: 8:00 AM-101 | 10:45 AM-70 Total- 171
Children/Youth Sunday: 0 (didn't meet)

Serving Schedule - contact the church office if you'd like to serve.

| THIS WEEK | 12/04 8:00 AM | 12/11 8:00 AM | 12/04 10:45 AM | 12/11 10:45 AM |
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| Elder 12/04 Elder 12/11 | Dan Klinkenber Shane Hartzler | | Paul Parry | |
| Ushers 12/04 Usher 12/11 | Bill Maurer Dan Blomquist | | Glenn Lehrman, Jason Silcox Deanna Glass Jason Silcox Deanna Glass | |
| Acolyte 12/04 Acolyte 12/11 | Zachary Bieber Boden Kane | | Molly Yelden Noel Burmeister | |
| Lay Reader 12/04 Lay Reader 12/11 | Scott Nelson NA | | Denny Goshon NA | |
| Sound 12/04 Sound 12/11 | OPEN OPEN | | Joel Silcox Joel Silcox | |
| Media 12/04 Media 12/11 | Greg Glass Sandy Germaine | | Darren Jacobsen Alisha Buchanan | |
| Video 12/04 Video 12/11 | Kirk Monson Jason Sojka | | Kirk Monson OPEN | |
| Greeters 12/04 Greeters 12/11 | Dixie Dahl Roxy Savage Kay Nelson | | Denny Goshon Ruth Goshon Jolene Balvanz | |



December 4, 2022—December 10, 2022

"God Gives Encouragement"

"For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope." Romans 15:4

Introduction: What has been your greatest challenge?
How have you survived that challenge?

I. The Challenge of John, the Baptist

- A. Preparing the way for the _____
- B. Preaching _____

II. The Endurance of the Faithful

- A. "the characteristic of a man (or woman) who is not _____ from his/her deliberate purpose and loyalty to faith and piety by even the greatest trials and sufferings... a patient steadfast waiting."
- B. Simply surviving is _____

III. The Encouragement of the Scriptures

- A. "consolation, comfort, solace; that which affords comfort or _____"
- B. The healing that _____ endurance
- C. God, through His Word, is the _____ of encouragement in order to endure

IV. That We Might Have Hope

- A. "Joyful and confident expectation of eternal salvation... expectation of _____"
- B. The belief that we know the challenge will come to an _____

V. How Does God Encourage Endurance In Order that We Might Have Hope?

- A. We might live in _____
- B. We might _____ God
- C. Connected to Christ the _____
- D. Confirms the promises _____

VI. As We Await the Coming of Christ, God _____ to Give the Encouragement Needed to Endure Any and All Challenges



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Prayers for December 4, 2022

Heavenly Father, stir my heart and prepare me for the advent of your Son through your encouraging Word and Sacraments. Sustain me in hope through every trouble and trial of this mortal life as I await him.

Following the way of John the Baptist, cause the Church to eagerly proclaim the true gospel everywhere. Open ears to listen and hearts to receive him in faith.

Endow those in authority with the desire and ability to protect the innocent, punish the wicked and work for the common welfare.

Compassionate Lord, as I await the day when pain and death are no more, grant me patience, comfort and healing, according to your will. Hear my prayers for all the sick, and give wisdom and skill to all medical professionals who care for them.

Gracious Lord, thank you for the birth of a daughter on Thanksgiving Day to Kyle and Julia Hibbing. Grant health and safety to little Hallie as she awaits the day of her entry into your kingdom through Holy Baptism.

Lord, look with favor on those celebrating birthdays and marriage anniversaries this week.

These things I ask through Jesus Christ, your Son, my Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

We'd like to wish the following King of Kings Members a very happy and blessed Birthday or Anniversary:

Sarah Mueller 12/06
Allison Schmidt 12/06
AJ Offt 12/07
Denise Scott 12/07
Ben Wadsley 12/08
Landon Parry 12/09

Bob Varian 12/09
Alma Happel 12/10
Kirk Jonasson 12/10
Elliana Orth 12/10

Dennis & Virginia Bruster 12/05

If we missed your birthday or anniversary, we apologize, we'd love to include you. Please contact the church office to update your information, 319-393-2438 or office@kingofkingscr.org

COMMUNION PREPARATION (Communion is observed on the first and third Sundays of the month at both service times.)
The Bible instructs us to examine ourselves...
+Do I truly repent of my sins?
+Do I believe I am forgiven my sins through Jesus?
+Do I believe that along with the bread and wine I also receive the real body and blood of Jesus for the forgiveness of my sins?
+Do I promise, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to amend my sinful life?
If you are not a member of a LCMS church, please speak with the pastor before the service.

Prayers for healing, recovery, peace, strength:
Amy Stuenkel, daughter in law of Lorraine Stuenkel
Lydia Parry
Jo Schumacher
Gary Russell
Cherie Buelow
Mary Balvanz
Lois Muench
Diane Muench
Richard Nelson
John Owen
John Leonard
Marv Frerking
Jerry Green
Jerry Cline
Jack (grandson of Bob and Pat Harris)
Richard Goshon
Paula Easton
Jen Zebuhr
Julie Gentry
Prayers for encouragement upon the death of loved ones:
Jen Silcox and family at the death of her mother Sandy Brough.
The Simonson and Younggren family at their death of their mother and grandmother Lorraine Weinbrandt.

Guest Information

Welcome to King of Kings Lutheran Church! We are happy you have chosen to attend one of our two Sunday morning worship services. The message is the same at both, but the worship styles are somewhat different. You will participate in a more traditional liturgical worship (with variations) at 8:00, while the 10:45 a.m. service employs a more contemporary form. Communion is observed on the first and third Sundays of the month at both service times. Please stop by the WELCOME CENTER, near the main entrance, for information on programs and ministries at King of Kings. We hope to see you again soon!

A CHRISTMAS YARN

Get out your ugliest Christmas Sweater and save the date for this year's Children's Ministry Christmas Program! A Christmas Yarn will be presented on Sunday, December 11 at 6:30 PM. At Unique Gifts from Luxurious Yarns (U.G.L.Y.), ugly is beautiful! At the factory of the world's leading supplier of ugly Christmas sweaters, founder Sam Ebenezer pulls all the strings to make sure no stitch is dropped. With a huge order looming to get out the day before Christmas, the team of Bob Cratchit ("that's pronounced Crochet"), Tiny Tom and others weave together a plan of attack, while Sam encounters three mysterious visitors who not only help overcome some ugly obstacles, but bring the beautiful good news of Christmas! With apologies to a well-loved Christmas Carol, don your ugliest Christmas sweater, and have a Dickens of a good time with A Christmas Yarn!

Disaster Response Ministry

The Disaster Response Ministry is heading to Lake Charles, LA Dec 3-10 to help rebuild homes for those that have been affected by recent hurricanes. Thanks for all your prayers and support as we share God's love with others.

Poinsettias

Order your poinsettias today. Order forms can be found on the Welcome Counter. The deadline to order is Sunday, December 11.

Thank you from the Silcox Family

We would like to say thank you to everyone for all your kindness, cards, texts, visits and prayers during the loss of Jen's Mom, especially those who came to the services. Your support with Jen out of state for most of the last couple months has been greatly appreciated. We are so blessed by our church family. With sincere gratitude
Jen, Jason, Justin, Jordan and Joel Silcox

The white poinsettias for the altar during this Advent season are given to the Glory of the Lord by Darlene and Kristin Wood in memory of Rev. Fritz Wood and son, Tim and all our departed families heavenly homecoming.

The Winter Rose

Join us December 11 at 8:00 AM or 10:45 AM for our Christmas Cantata, The Winter Rose. The Winter Rose incorporates both traditional carols and newly composed anthems that visit the timeless Christmas story with fresh insight. Through use of music, narration and simple symbolism, the cantata presents the life of Christ from prophecy to passion. The orchestrations effectively capture the essence of Joseph Martin's well-crafted piano writing, fully expressing the color and beauty of this musical tableau.

Pew Sister Bible Study for Women

A new study for women is starting on Monday, January 16 at 7:00 PM. This 12-session Bible study for women "goes and tells what God has done" in the lives of real women in the church today. From alcoholism to postpartum depression to cancer, twelve different women generously share the story of God's faithfulness in their lives for the consolation of their sisters in Christ.

Each session begins with a scripture reading followed by a narrative of an individual woman's real-life story. Eight study questions, designed for both personal and group study, help the reader apply the reading and narrative to her own life in Christ. A meditative hymn stanza and collect complete each session.

The goal of this study is to encourage and build up the faith of our Christian sisters. Every woman sitting in the pew has a story to share of God's faithfulness in her life, and women love nothing more than to hear a good story and to delight in the sisterhood of believers.

Sign up at the Welcome Counter or email Ann at office@kingofkingscr.org. Each book will be \$15. They will meet the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month.

Inclement Weather

It's that time of year again, we never know what mother nature has in mind. If inclement weather is predicted and we need to cancel services or activities we will send out notifications via email, text, social media and on KCRG (TV and online). Please make sure to check one of those avenues if the weather is questionable. Also, if you have not opted in to text notifications, please contact the church office to sign up.

PLEDGE CARDS – Thank you to all who returned pledge cards last weekend. If you have not yet taken the opportunity to return your cards (2023 annual giving & Forward with Christ building campaign), you may continue to do so – place them in the box at the welcome center (additional cards are available there also), mail them to the church, call 319-393-2438 or email Jonathan, jofft@kingofkingscr.org, with your pledge information.

Your Forward in Christ Capital Campaign Co-chairs are long-time King of Kings members:

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Please contact them for any questions, information or feedback regarding our campaign.

Advent Worship Invitation, Wednesday 7 p.m.

All parents have great expectations for their children. Join us for Advent worship Wednesday evening at 7 p.m. as this season we explore the lives of several Old Testament sons, none of whom compared to the Son who calms our fears and gives us hope through his death and resurrection.

Annual Voter's Assembly

We have once again reached the very important time of the year when we conduct our Annual Congregational Voter's Assembly. This meeting plays a critical role in the setting of the annual budget, elections for open Governing Board positions, as well as the establishment of congregational Visions and Goals for 2023. The leadership of the congregation truly values the input of all of our members, and would encourage everyone to attend. This year's meeting will be held on Sunday, January 8, 2023, immediately following the 10:45 a.m. service. No meal will be provided. Childcare will be available.

Outdoor Nativity

The nativity sculptures are given in loving memory of former King of Kings member Lavern Wenndt, husband of Ellie Wenndt and father of Sharm Wenndt & Cindy Hutcheson, also a King of Kings member. The sculptures are also given in loving memory of Sharm's wife, Dianna Wenndt. The family prays that these gifts remind us all of the true meaning of Advent and Christmas – that God has sent His only Son, Jesus Christ, as Savior of the world.



HS Servant Event

We still have some spots available for our summer youth trip to Mission, South Dakota. All youth currently in grades 8 through 12 are eligible to sign up. Don't miss out on this life-changing opportunity to go and serve in Jesus' name. For more information, reach out to DCE Tony. **The deadline to sign up is Dec. 31, so don't wait!** (tdixon@kingofkingscr.org)

Student Ministry During Advent

Students in grades 5-12 are encouraged to join us for midweek drop-ins on Wednesdays. HS Youth will meet in the HS Youth room and grades 5-8 will meet in the Middle School youth room with Jessica Dvorak. We'll have a chance for youth to connect and have some fun before joining their families for Advent Worship at 7pm. For a complete list of Advent events, check out KOK Student Ministries social media or weekly email.

Parent Help Needed

We are gearing up for the annual High School youth Christmas party on Sunday, December 18th and DCE Tony is looking for some help from parents to plan and prepare the meal. If you can help make this a special night, contact Tony!