

## *Sunday Morning Worship*

*The 1st Sunday in Lent*

*February 21, 2021*

**8:00 a.m. In Person Worship and Streamed Live**

**9:30 AM Christian Education Hour**

**10:45 a.m. In Person Worship**

**Preservice song**

***Christ Be Magnified***

**Welcome and Opening Announcements**

**Opening Hymn**

**The Lamb LSB 547**

**Confession and Absolution**

**Service of the Word**

**Introit**

**Psalm 91:9-13; antiphon: vv.15-16**

**Scripture Readings**

**Genesis 22:1-18**

**James 1:12-18**

**Children's Message**

**Family Five**

**Mark 1:9-15**

**Hymn of the Day     A Mighty Fortress is Our God LSB 657 sts.1-4**

**Message     *The Lent-ster Way of Life*     Rev. Rich Balvanz**

**Nicene Creed**

**Offerings & Presentation of Offerings**

**Prayers of the Church**

**Service of Sacrament**

**LSB 160**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Distribution Hymn     I Come, O Savior, To Thy Table LSB 618**

**Benediction**

**Closing Song     Whom Shall I Fear (God of Angel Armies)**

Additional announcements can be found in the weekly e-News. Email the church office if you are not receiving the weekly emails. [office@kingofkingscr.org](mailto:office@kingofkingscr.org)

### ***What's happening at King of Kings.....***

#### **Midweek Lenten Services**

The season of Lent has begun. Join your fellow Kings of Kings members in person or online Wednesday evenings at 7:00 for midweek Lenten worship conducted by Pastor Balvanz. This year King of Kings youth will deliver the gospel message through a mime performance shown at each service.

**Family Five** is a short video lesson for all people, it includes a lesson for NOW and a question to discuss or activity to do with your family LATER.

Sunday's Family Five is titled: Trust Jesus to bring in the catch!

Activity for **LATER**: As a family reminisce about your memories of the King of Kings building. Talk about how you can continue to share the Love of Jesus with the world, just like the disciples did!

#### **Elders Review Health Policy**

The King of Kings Lutheran Church Covid-19 Health Policy will be reviewed by the Board of Elders on March 1 to determine if a partial relaxation of the congregation's mask-wearing policy may occur. Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds recently announced a statewide lifting of mask requirements in public spaces while some city and county mask requirements remain in place along with a continuation of social distancing and other protective measures.

The Board of Elders desires to provide worship opportunities as close to "normal" as soon as reasonably possible, based on the prevalence of the Covid-19 virus in our community. A likely first step would be to designate one Sunday worship service as "masks optional." All current mask requirements would remain in place.

We are aware that there is a wide range of opinions and very, very strong feelings associated with this issue. Thus, we are eager to have members let us know their thoughts about the possibility of opening the 10:45 service to those who choose not to wear masks.

To be clear, no other changes are contemplated at this point. Sunday School, Youth, Adult Bible Study classes will still require mask use. In addition, all transitions within our building on Sunday mornings would require mask use, including entering and exiting and exiting the sanctuary. Worshipers not wanting to wear masks would be asked to remove them only when seated and put them back on when they leave their seats.

King of Kings established its health protection policies based on CDC recommendations, guidance from local health departments, practices adopted by school districts and actions of fellow congregations.

We are blessed that within our local area the incidence of Covid-19 has diminished markedly since peaking last fall. We pray that our actions as a congregation do not hamper the progress that has been made to date. Therefore, we seek your prayerful consideration and input on this subject.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers this week for...

For Lenten devotion:

As we enter this Lenten season of repentance and renewed devotion, we pray that God would remember us according to his steadfast love and goodness, instruct us in his ways and lead us by his Spirit so that we may repent and believe the Gospel. We ask that he guide our steps as we look beyond today's troubles. Focus our hearts and mind on his Word of promise, so that we may be faithful in following his will and purpose as his church.

**Prayers for Others:**

*Healing, recovery, peace, strength*  
Dave & Leilani Luedtke  
Lea Benson  
Rad Finch  
David Marousek  
Jim Barker  
Tom Bohlken  
Jason Swestka  
Laura Howe  
Leilani Luedtke  
Faith Buss  
Bob & Jan Fruth  
Jack (grandson of Bob and Pat Harris)

For the blessing of ministry to our community:

We praise God for the blessing of our church building, and for the ministry of the gospel that has gone forth from there the past 10 years. We pray that if it is his will, God blesses our plans to renew the construction of our children's and youth facility expansion. We also ask that he provide us with needed materials and willing labor so the work of our hands multiplies opportunities to share the good news of salvation through Jesus Christ, and brings glory to God alone.

For right-minded living:

Because God is the source of every good and perfect gift from above, we seek his power to keep us from being enticed by our own desires to use your gifts in sinful ways; rather, help us to use them rightly in service to God and our neighbor. Bless all our leaders, that we may be governed wisely and justly for the good of this present generation and all those to come.

For those in need of healing:

God is our refuge in every trouble, and has promised to hear when we call to him. We pray that he command his angels to guard our brothers and sisters in faith, and all those who suffer in our midst. Especially we pray for Dave and Leilani Luedtke, Lea Benson, Rad Finch, David Marousek, Jim Barker, Tom Bohlken, Jason Swestka, Laura Howe, Faith Buss, Bob & Jan Fruth, Jack (grandson of Bob and Pat Harris), Jack (grandson of Pauline Moermond), and Jerry Green. May our Lord keep them from every evil that can befall the body, mind and soul.



**King of Kings**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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*Sermon Prayer: Heavenly Father, throughout his temptation in the wilderness Jesus remained steadfast. Through the Holy Spirit, give to us the same steadfastness of faith, so that we may receive the eternal crown of life with him. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.*

*Steadfast: the Lent-ster Way of Life*

**We begin the season of Lent already knowing how it ends!**

**For believers in Christ, Lent is a time to examine our steadfastness in faith.**

*God tested Abraham saying, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you \_\_\_\_\_, and go to the land of Moriah and offer him there as a burnt offering..."*  
*Genesis 22:2*

*The Spirit immediately drove him into the wilderness forty days. Being tempted by Satan." Mark 1:12*

*The devil took Jesus to the peak of the temple, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up..."* Matthew 4:6

*Jesus replied, "It is written, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the \_\_\_\_\_.'" Matthew 4:7*

**Acting in our place, Jesus steadfastly resisted the devil's temptation to sin, and Satan's dominion began to give way.**

**Has your faith been on trial over the last year? Listen to God's promise for the future to the one who remains steadfast. He uses physical descriptions of spiritual truth.**

*"When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will rescue him and honor him. With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation. Because you have made the Lord your dwelling place, no evil shall be allowed to befall you, no plague come near your tent." Psalm 91:9-10*

*"Blessed is the man who remains \_\_\_\_\_ under \_\_\_\_\_, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love Him." James 1:12*