

Sunday Morning Worship

The 4th Sunday in Lent

March 14, 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 *May the Peoples Praise You*

Welcome and Opening Announcements

Opening Song **At The Cross**

Invocation

Confession and Absolution

Introit **Psalm 27:3-5; antiphon: v. 1**

Song **Lord, I Need You**

Scripture Readings **Numbers 21:4-9**
Ephesians 2:1-10

Children's Message **Family Five**
John 3:14-21

Hymn of the Day **God Loved the World So That He Gave LSB 571**

Message **Rev. Rich Balvanz**

Apostles' Creed

Offerings & Presentation of Offerings

Prayers of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

Choir **Beautiful The Wounds of Christ**

Benediction (Aaronic)

Closing Song **Jesus Son of God**

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

Return to the Lord

The season of Lent is upon us, a time when King of Kings members gather a time of midweek worship to consider our need of daily repentance in light of the salvation from sin that is ours in Christ. You are invited to join your fellow Kings of Kings members in person or online Wednesday evening at 7:00.

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: For-God-So-Loved-The-World

For **today's Family Five** as a family thank God for sending his son for you.

Here is your chance to be a part of the King of Kings Virtual Choir!!

We are putting together a song that will be included in our Easter Cantata service on April 25th, 2021. This is a great opportunity to join our voices together without really being together! Contact Gordon Russell, Director of Music so he can send you the link to the materials you will need. Either call him at (319) 393-2438 or email him at grussell@kingofkingscr.org. Video submissions are due by Monday, April 12th. You have the choice of recording your video at home or arranging with Gordon to come to the church to record.

New at King of Kings

VineLife... a fellowship ministry for those who want to experience the joy of gardening. All ages are welcome.

Learn practical wisdom about gardening and enjoy fellowship and fresh air at the farm of Steve and Kathy Epley.

Mark your calendars for this year's events

April 11: A Garden for Everyone

May 9: Best of the Best

August 15: Fruits, Fruits, and More Fruits

September 19: The Community Squash Patch



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

For Lenten devotion:

That we see the difficulties and disappointments of this life as God's call to repentance so that we trust in Him in all things, setting aside our selfish and sinful desires and following his will as children redeemed by Christ and members of his heavenly kingdom. By Your Spirit, create and sustain saving faith within us and all who hear Your Word, that we may not be condemned but saved and raised up with Christ to be seated with Him in the heavenly places. May we seek transformed hearts, minds and actions so that we willingly carry out those things to which he has called us so that he may be glorified in the lives of his people.

For future leaders:

That those who are embarking on the Difference Makers training may serve faithfully as they go about establishing and enhancing the ministries of this congregation. Bless their study and preparation as they go about fulfilling the good works to which they have been called.

For our congregation in time of pandemic:

That we are kept from harm while properly serving and worshiping our Lord. Protect us as we go about opening our activities to more normal conditions. Give us repentant hearts and grant us patience and understanding to all so that our words and actions may please you. Fill us with joy as we witness your strong hand at work in bringing healing to a world dominated by fear and dread.

For those in need of healing:

Among these are: Lea Benson, Dave & Leilani Luedtke, Sherrie Buchanan, Jerry Green, Rad Finch, David Marousek, Jim Barker, Tom Bohlken, Jason Swestka, Faith Buss, Bob & Jan Fruth, Jack (grandson of Bob and Pat Harris) and Jack (grandson of Pauline Moermond). Grant them health and healing in accord with your perfect will, and sustain them in all their trials.

For good weather and willing volunteers:

That as we resume construction of our new ministry facility the Lord would provide good weather so the work may be done without interruption and that he provide plentiful and willing volunteers to aid in its completion. Above all, we pray God's blessing on its purpose—to bring the good news of Jesus and his salvation to the hearts and minds of the elect.

All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever. **Amen.**

Prayers for Others:

Healing, recovery, peace, strength

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Sermon Prayer

Father, in your great love for us you sent your only Son as our redeemer. Grant us faith to trust in your salvation and faith to walk as children of light. This we pray in Jesus' name.
Amen.

Jesus, the Object of Our Faith

Texts: Numbers 21 & John 3

Sin is _____ . Sin denies reality and embraces falsehood. Sin separates people from God, and leads them to see God as the source rather than the solution to their problems.

The "fiery" serpents God sent among the Israelites in the desert was a wake-up call, not a punishment.

God's intent is always to bring sinners to repentance.

'And the people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us."'
Numbers 21:7

The solution God offered was not to remove the problem – the fiery serpents - but to provide healing when the people looked at a symbol that reminded them of the deadly ugliness of their sin.

"Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live." Numbers 21:9

The serpent raised on a pole was a sign of the complete salvation God planned for all of us in Jesus Christ. As Jesus told Nicodemus...

"As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life." John 3:14-15

Jesus came to save us from the law's deadly effect on people born with the inclination and desire to sin against God.

"For God did not send his Son into the world to _____ the world, but in order that the world might be _____ through him." John 3:17

Through faith, we are recipients of his saving work. True faith believes God's promises and trusts him to fulfill them for Jesus' sake, leading to a changed heart and transformed life.

"For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them." Ephesians 2:10

Jesus, the one who gave himself to die for us on the cross, is the object of our faith. So, we look up to him, trusting in God's promise that we are forgiven sinners, members of his kingdom.