

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, October 8, 2023
The 19th Sunday after Pentecost
8:00 AM Worship Service in person and live-streamed
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Preservice
Welcome & Opening Announcements
Opening Song Christ Is Our Cornerstone LSB 912
Invocation
Confession & Absolution LSB 151
Service of the Word
Choir Let Us Serve Him
Scripture Readings Isaiah 5:1-7
Philippians 3:4b-14
Alleluia and Verse Matthew 21:33-46
Children's Message Rev. Chris Navurskis
Hymn of the Day When I Survey The Wondrous Cross LSB 425
Sermon "Straining Forward to What Lies Ahead" Rev. Chris Navurskis
Apostles' Creed
Passing of the Peace
Offering and Offertory LSB 159
Prayer of the Church
Lord's Prayer
Benediction LSB 166
Closing Hymn Christ Be My Leader LSB 861
Closing Announcements

Sunday Morning Worship

Sunday, October 8, 2023
The 19th Sunday after Pentecost
10:45 AM Worship Service in person and live-streamed

Preservice Great Things
Welcome & Opening Announcements
Opening Song Lord, I Need You
Invocation
Confession & Absolution
Choir Let Us Serve Him
Scripture Readings Isaiah 5:1-7
Philippians 3:4b-14
Matthew 21:33-46
Children's Message Rev. Chris Navurskis
Song In Christ Alone/Solid Rock
Sermon "Straining Forward to What Lies Ahead" Rev. Chris Navurskis
Apostles' Creed
Passing of the Peace
Offering
Prayer of the Church
Lord's Prayer
Benediction
Closing Song Battle Belongs
Closing Announcements
Musicians: Gordon Russell, piano/vocals | Sarah Mueller, vocals | Lorie Crosbie, vocals |

THIS WEEK AT KING OF KINGS

Sun, Oct 8	8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	Worship Christian Education Hour Worship
Mon, Oct 9	10:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	GriefShare Stephen Ministry Women's Bible Study
Tue, Oct 10	8:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Moms in Prayer International Pastor Led Bible Study Staff Meeting Praise Band Practice Evangelism Support Choir Practice
Wed, Oct 11	6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Youth Meal Confirmation Classes HS Youth
Thu, Oct 12	6:30 p.m.	Celebrate Recovery
Sat, Oct 14	9:00 a.m.	Celebrate Recovery Step Study
Sun, Oct 15	8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. 4:00 p.m.	Worship with Communion Christian Education Hour Worship with Communion Hiawatha Care Center

Attendance 10/01
Worship: 8:00 AM: 158 10:45 AM: 83 Total: 241
Children's Sunday School: 53

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

THIS WEEK	10/08 8:00 AM	10/15 8:00 AM	10/08 10:45 AM	10/15 10:45 AM
Elder 10/08 Elder 10/15	Curt Zebuhr		Tom Sandersfeld	
Acolyte 10/08 Acolyte 10/15	Claire Navurskis Haley Sojka		Lydia Parry Lauren Doty	
Ushers 10/08 Usher 10/15	Tony Yelden Kyle Hibbing Bob Buelow		Deanna Glass, Dan Hoffman, Keith Colton	
Lay Reader 10/08 Lay Reader 10/15	Steve Gronemeyer Greg Happel		Tom Sandersfeld Denny Goshon	
Sound 10/08 Sound 10/15	OPEN Brian Carlson		Joel Silcox OPEN	
Media 10/08 Media 10/15	Sandy Germaine Holly Sojka		Alisa Buchanan Dan Henry	
Video 10/08 Video 10/15	Brian Mullenbach Jason Sojka		OPEN OPEN	
Greeters 10/08 Greeters 10/15	Dixie Dahl Roxxy Savage Kay Nelson		Jim Muench Sue Muench Dennis Bruster Virginia Bruster	

King of Kings
LUTHERAN CHURCH
October 8, 2023 - October 14, 2023



Philippians 3:5-14
"Straining forward to what lies ahead."

What is your record?
Philippians _____

How do you count wins and losses?
Philippians _____

Have you ever heard anyone refer to the "game of life"?
Philippians _____

Successes and failures are measured by the contest.
Philippians _____

What kind of contest is life?
Philippians _____

What are the rules of the game?
Philippians _____

What if someone tries to change the rules?
Philippians _____

How did Jesus deal with the rules?
Philippians _____

What is the contest Jesus won for us?
Philippians _____

If the "game" is won, why must we "strain forward"?
Philippians _____

What lies ahead?
Philippians _____

Prayer of the Church— October 8, 2023

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

O Lord, You have planted, nurtured and hedged around Your vineyard, the Church. You sent Your dear Son to give His life for her. Inspire her by Your Holy Spirit to yield much fruit for Your kingdom and grant that many find shelter on her holy hill. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful Father, since Your Son has made us His own by His death, grant that we may share in His sufferings with confidence, and that we may also know the power of His resurrection. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, grant all orphans a safe place in which to grow and thrive. Bring into their lives generous couples who will open their hearts to give them permanent homes through adoption. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Divine Vinedresser, You prune those whom You love. Strengthen our hearts to heed Your Law, that we may never presume to sin nor trust in our own deeds, but look to the rainfall of Your grace for our source of life. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, You bring forth from this barren earth a holy people to press forward to Your heavenly goal. Direct our zeal toward Your good and gracious purpose, and prosper the work of the hands that labor in Your name. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful Lord, You sing the song of Your love over the vineyard of Your Church. Lift her united voice through Your Spirit, that she in turn would freely praise Your lavish grace and proclaim Your salvation beyond her walls; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the same 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:

- 10/09 - Leah Luth
- 10/10 - Viki Ingram, Jordan Silcox
- 10/11 - Brian Carlson
- 10/12 - Olivia Pendleton
- 10/13 - Lee Alshouse, Tom Sandersfeld
- 10/14 - Richard Luth

- Scott & Donna Whiting 10/8/1983
- Gabe & Natalie Loesch 10/09/2010
- Conrad & Luann Ramsey 10/13/1973
- Thadeus & Kate Ramsey 10/13/2001

Members

- Billy McVicker
- Ted Williams
- Leann Carlson
- Pat Harris
- Greg Yokanovich
- Paul Buchanan
- Julie Birely
- Cherie Buelow
- Lois Muench
- Marv Frerking
- Richard Nelson
- John Owen
- Jerry Green
- Jerry Cline
- Lydia Parry

Prayers for encouragement upon the death of loved ones:

The family and friends of Chad Winterhof

Family & Friends

- Eddie Dedina, brother of Dian Treptow
- Julie Gentry
- Jen Zebuhr
- Jack (Grandson of Bob & Pat Harris)

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!

King of Kings Prayer Team

When you ask for a prayer to be lifted up to God, the King of Kings' Prayer Team receives the prayer via email and **we pray**. You may write your prayer requests on the attendance card, call the office, use the form on our website or email lorilebeda@aol.com. If you would like to be a part of the prayer team contact Lori Lebeda at the email above.

Evangelism Support October 10th 6PM

Do you need to evangelize like Billy Graham to make a difference? Nope, you just need to have the desire to share Jesus with those on your heart and mind. Join us Tuesday, October 10 at 6 pm where we will recharge by praying with Jesus in the Psalms and share (get support for) our people we want to reach. The Holy Spirit is with us always and it's exciting to see how He impacts lives!

Thank You Notes

We are so grateful to all our church family for your prayers, cards, text, and thoughtfulness. We are both doing much better and we are so grateful to God for his grace, His healing and mercy. God is so good all the time, even when we are going through extremely difficult times, He's there! In Christian love, and grateful hearts, Rich and Jolene Balvanz

I would like to thank my church family and friends for all their prayers, support and cards during the long illness of my daughter in law Amy. Lorraine Stunkel and family

Flowers are given to the Glory of God by Dixie Dahl and Roxy Savage in loving memory of their parents (Wayne and Vera Jenkins) wedding anniversary on October 11th.

College Care Packs – LAST CHANCE

King of Kings youth are going to be assembling care packs **THIS Wednesday!** If you would still like to donate items, You can check out the list by scanning the QR Code. We plan to pack 20-25 boxes. Please Bring all items to DCE Tony's Office by Tuesday, October 10! We are also still accepting names and contact information for undergrad college students who would be blessed by a care package from our youth. Please contact the Church office or email DCE Tony. (tdixon@kingofkingscr.org)



LWML Card Sales Continue Today

Stop by and see Leilani and Lorraine at the table in the Fellowship Hall between services and browse the LWML \$1.00 Clearance Cards!

Kids Sing in Church October 15

Sunday School and CEC kids will sing in church on October 15 at the end of the 8:00 a.m. service and beginning of the 10:45 a.m. service. Kids plan to meet in the music room (previously Classroom 4) at 8:40 and 10:35 to get lined up and ready to sing. Contact Gordon Russell with questions, 319-393-2438 or grussell@kingofkingscr.org

Parents Connect

So you've got kids in Sunday School and they are starting to learn more about the Bible and what Jesus has done for them. GREAT! But then you realize that they are also starting to ask you more questions that you might not be sure how to answer. If you can relate, drop by Parents Connect to grab some coffee and learn more about the lessons that are being taught to your kids in their classes. Parents will have a chance to connect with one another, share the unique joys and challenges of family life, and discuss topics that coincide with the Children's Sunday school lessons. Parents Connect meets in the new Children and Youth Ministry addition at King of Kings and is facilitated by Megan Dixon.

IN THE WORD AT KING OF KINGS SUNDAY MORNING 9:30 AM

Pastor Led Bible Study	Worship Center	Rev. Navurskis
Book of Isaiah	Classroom 1/2	McElreaths
Book of Jeremiah	Fireside Room	Rev. Konrad
Parents Connect	Red Room	Megan Dixon
HS Bible Study	Youth Room	Tony Dixon



Sometimes It's Hard to Ask for Help

We're brought up to be strong, self-sufficient, independent people. We tend to think that if we ask for help, it is a sign of weakness. So, we try to keep our struggles hidden, stuffed deep inside. However, that's not God's plan. Galatians 6:2 says, "Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." God wants us to care for others—and allow others to care for us in our time of need.

If you're sad or struggling inside, don't suffer alone. Ask for help. We've got a team of Stephen Ministers who are ready to listen, care, encourage, pray, and help you through a tough time. Find out more about Stephen Ministry by talking with one of our Stephen Leaders: *Kathy Epley (319-270-0632), Kris Ruprecht (319-321-1200); Pastor Navurskis (319-393-2438).*



A Night at Bloomsbury Farm

On Wednesday, October 25th we will head out to Bloomsbury Farm in Atkins to have an evening of fun and fellowship! The cost for this trip is \$20 and covers the cost of admission and hot dogs, chips, and s'mores. Students will have access to the 10 acre corn mazes and also be able to take advantage of Bloomsbury's other activities! All youth grades 5-12 are welcome to join us at this event. Friends are welcome and encouraged too! **WE WILL MEET OUT AT BLOOMSBURY AT 6pm.** Parents are welcome to stay, but paid admission is required for each person inside the gate, even if you don't participate in the activities. All youth who plan to attend should sign up on the clipboards in their youth room. You can also email DCE Tony (tdixon@kingofkingscr.org) All participants will need to fill out a KOK Student Ministry release form, which can be picked up in the youth room or downloaded on our website. If you have questions, reach out to DCE Tony Dixon.

Midweek HS Youth: Care Packs

Join us this week as we share the love of Christ with our College Students. We'll not only pack items into boxes for them, but also write encouraging notes and pray for them. If we have extra time at the end of our evening, we have some activities planned as well. Don't miss this great opportunity to connect with other youth, hang out, and destress in the middle of your week!

**Pre Confirmation and Confirmation This Week
Wednesday, October 11**

5th Grade
Noah, the Ark, the rainbow, and THE Promise
Leader: Kathryn Church

6th & 7th Grade
Unit 1.5 – The Basic Map
Leaders: Amanda Klinkenberg & Megan Dixon

8th Grade
On the Night When He was Betrayed
Leader: Pastor Chris Navurskis

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.