

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, July 16, 2023
The 7th Sunday after Pentecost
8:00 AM Worship Service in person and live streamed
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Preservice
Welcome & Opening Announcements
Opening Song **Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty LSB 901**
Invocation
Confession & Absolution **LSB 203**
Service of the Word
Scripture Readings **Isaiah 55:10-13**
Romans 8:12-17
Alleluia and Verse **Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23**
Children's Message
Hymn of the Day **Lord, Keep Us Steadfast In Your Word LSB 655**
Sermon **Instead of The Thorn** **Rev. Chris Navurskis**
Nicene Creed
Passing of the Peace
Offering
Prayer of the Church
Service of the Sacrament **LSB 208**
Lord's Prayer
Distribution Hymns **I Come, O Savior, To Thy Table LSB 618**
Blest Are They LSB 982
Benediction **LSB 212**
Closing Hymn **Sent Forth By God's Blessing LSB 643**
Closing Announcements

Sunday Morning Worship

Sunday, July 16, 2023
The 7th Sunday after Pentecost
10:45 AM Worship Service in person and live streamed

Preservice **I Will Wait For You (Psalm 130)**
Welcome & Opening Announcements
Opening Song **May The Peoples Praise You**
Invocation
Confession & Absolution
Scripture Readings **Isaiah 55:10-13**
Romans 8:12-17
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23
Children's Message **Rev. Christopher Navurskis**
Song **One Thing Remains**
Sermon **Instead of The Thorn** **Rev. Chris Navurskis**
Nicene Creed
Passing of the Peace
Offering
Prayer of the Church
Lord's Prayer
Service of the Sacrament
Distribution Songs **Remembrance**
Communion Song
Benediction
Closing Song **Rock of Ages**
Closing Announcements
Musicians: Gordon Russell, piano/vocals | Lori Crosbie, vocals | Sarah Mueller, vocals |

THIS WEEK AT KING OF KINGS

Sun, Jul 16 8:00 a.m. Worship with Communion
9:30 a.m. Christian Education Hour
10:45 a.m. Worship with Communion
4:00 p.m. Hiawatha Care Center
Mon, Jul 17 7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study
Tue, Jul 18 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
6:15 p.m. Praise Band Practice
7:00 p.m. Elder Meeting
Thu, Jul 20 6:30 p.m. Celebrate Recovery
Sun, Jul 23 8:00 a.m. Worship
9:30 a.m. Youth Mission Trip Presentation
10:45 a.m. Worship

Attendance

Worship 07/09 8:00 AM: 130 10:45 AM: 125 Total: 255

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

THIS WEEK	07/16 8:00 AM	07/23 8:00 AM	07/16 10:45 AM	07/23 10:45 AM
Elder 07/16 Elder 07/23	Shane Hartzler Dan Klinkenberg		Paul Parry Tom Sandersfeld	
Ushers 07/16 Usher 07/23	Tony Yelden Dan Blomquist Boyd Kaiser Bob Buelow		Dan Hoffman, Keith Colton, Dave Treptow Ken Ramstad Janet Ramstad	
Lay Reader 07/16 Lay Reader 07/23	Denny Wangeman Steve Gronemeyer		Tom Sandersfeld David Ridout	
Sound 07/16 Sound 07/23	Brian Carlson OPEN		OPEN Joel Silcox	
Media 07/16 Media 07/23	Holly Sojka Denny Wangeman		Alisa Buchanan Darren Jacobsen	
Video 07/16 Video 07/23	Jason Sojka Brian Mullenbach		OPEN OPEN	
Greeters 07/16 Greeters 07/23	OPEN Steve Schroeder		Jolene Balvanz Steve Epley Kathy Epley	



Instead of The Thorn

Have you thought much about thorns?

"That person is a real thorn _____."

"Every _____ has its _____."

"That is a real thorny _____."

"Last week was a real run through the _____!"

Is Isaiah speaking literally or figuratively? What kind of thorn does he have in mind?

Isaiah 55:10-13

His word is like the _____ and the _____.

"The mountains and the hills before you shall _____"

"All the _____ of the field shall _____"

And, "Instead of the thorn... "

Where in the Bible do we see thorns?

Genesis 3

2 Corinthians 12

John 19

Prayer of the Church – July 16, 2023

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

Father of mercy, our sins have merited thorns and briars and yield only trouble and strife. Forgive our transgressions and discipline us against temptation, that we may rejoice in Your name and the promise of everlasting life. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord of life, continue to sow Your Word through the fields of the earth. Bless pastors and missionaries as they proclaim Your truth. Prepare the hearts of all who hear to believe and yield abundant fruit. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, bless parents with faithfulness as they plant Your Word into their children, that they may grow steadfast among the cares and troubles of this world. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord of heaven and earth, strengthen us to hold fast to your Word in times of trouble and sickness. [especially _____]. Sustain their faith in Christ, in his peace and in his life. Likewise, bless those who celebrate anniversaries of birth and marriage. [especially _____]. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of all grace, You have made us Your holy children and freed us from bondage to the flesh. Sustain us in repentance and faith, that we may receive Christ's body and blood for life and salvation. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, Your Spirit calls us by the Gospel to the new life of faith. We praise You and acknowledge You as our Lord. Deliver us from the devil's temptations, that we may live under You and serve You in righteousness, innocence and blessedness; 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:

07/16– Megan Dixon, Mary Lou Konrad, Emma Thielking, August Wadsley
07/18 - Jay Doty
07/19 - Gabe Clark, John Jahlas, JoAnn Schumacher
07/21 - Dennis Bruster, Sandy Thurm
07/22– Greg Glass, Jennifer Massow

Kurt & Elise Hexum 07/21/1979

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.

Members

Leann Carlson
Pat Harris
Greg Yokanovich
Paul Buchanan
Julie Birely
Cherie Buelow
Lois Muench
Marv Frenking
Richard Nelson
John Owen
Jerry Green
Jerry Cline
Lydia Parry

Prayers for encouragement upon the death of loved ones:

Karen, mother of Jessica Dvorak, upon the death of her husband.
Jen Silcox and family upon the death of her uncle Charles Brough.
Randy & Rhonda Townley upon the death of Randy's father.
Darrel Norman & family upon the death of his father.

Family & Friends

Paula Easton, mother of Catherine Russell
Eddie Dedina, brother of Dian Treptow
Amy Stuenkel
John Leonard
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!

Building Update

You may have noticed some new items around our King of Kings campus. Some projects are complete and a few are in progress. Special thanks to the many volunteers who have assisted in these transformations. The list of remodeled areas includes:

- ◆ New playground areas on the north side of our building
- ◆ New landscaping projects are taking place
- ◆ Remodel of various areas inside:
- ◆ Music room & office
- ◆ Former children's ministry check-in counter being transformed into a lounge area
- ◆ Audio/video production room
- ◆ Additional office area
- ◆ Storage area

Keep Saving your Hy-Vee Receipts!

We are collecting for the 2023-24 year. Hy-Vee receipts are collected and counted weekly, so no need to hold onto them at home! Receipts need to be dated between April 1, 2023-March 31, 2024 to qualify for the Cash for Student's Program. Receipts can be put in the box on the Opportunities Counter.

Cheer Someone's Day and Support Missions

Handmade greeting cards are for sale (\$2.50 each) on the card rack in the Fellowship Center outside the Music Ministry Office. These beautiful cards are made by King of Kings' LWML ladies. All proceeds go to support mission projects here in Iowa and around the world.

King of Kings Softball Team

King of Kings softball team plays Monday nights at 6:00 PM or 7:00 PM at Noelridge Park. The team played Monday night but lost 12-6. Come cheer on the team this Monday, July 17 at 6:00 PM, Noelridge Field 1 against New Life Community.

Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by Larry and Marge Shay in honor of their 45th Anniversary on July 14, and by Greg and Deanna Glass in honor of their birthdays and their 21st Anniversary on 07/12.

LWML National Convention

Denise Scott, Darlene Wood and Norma Swift joined 3500 Lutheran women at the LWML National Convention, June 22-25 in Milwaukee, WI. The Iowa East District bus visited Phil's Friends in Addison, IL, a mission grant recipient that sends care packages and cards to cancer patients. King of Kings Tuesday and Wednesday morning life groups collected 6 boxes and 2 bags of supplies and the LWML women created 140 cards of cheer to be included in the packages. Gift cards were also donated. Thank you to those who contributed.

31 new mission grants totaling \$2,350,000 were selected. The Riverfront Mission Walk raised over \$100,000 for missions! From the impressive opening worship service and continuing through the bible studies, mission grant recipient reports, traditional hymns and contemporary songs led by an energetic pianist, keynote speakers and a comedy duet made for a very inspiring convention.

Save the Date

Middle School and Confirmation Teacher Jessica Dvorak, has accepted a Divine Call to Cross Lutheran church in Illinois. We'd like to celebrate her and her family with a send off during the 9:30 AM hour on Sunday, July 30. Watch for additional details.

An update from the CEC

Wow! Have you seen our wonderful outdoor spaces? The CEC children and staff have been enjoying our fantastic new playgrounds! Praise the Lord for the blessings He provided to make these spaces possible - especially including the volunteers who worked many hot summer days to complete them as quickly as possible for our children to enjoy.

Time spent outside can lead to better physical and mental health, improved sleep, and cognitive, social, and emotional gains for young children. Ensuring that outdoor play is an integral part of your child care and education setting's daily schedule supports early learning across all domains and unleashes a whole lot of joy—for you and for children! - NAEYC

HS Youth Missions Team Returns

Our HS Youth Mission team is scheduled to return from their week of service this Sunday morning between services (9:30-10:30am). All congregations members are invited to greet the team with family members and friends to celebrate our youth and their time sharing the Gospel with the community of Mission, South Dakota. The team will present to the congregation the following Sunday, 7/23 during the Education hour starting at 9:30am.



Marion Ministry & Outreach Center

Marion Ministry Volunteer Opportunity

The Marion Ministry and Outreach Center distributes emergency diapers and wipes to people in need on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month.

On June 22nd, we distributed diapers and wipes to 51 individuals. Our immediate needs are: Wipes and size 3 diapers, and volunteer help to bag the diapers and wipes and to hand them out. The need is great! Won't you please consider volunteering? If you can, please contact Rachel Happel at 319-447-7901 and she will add you to the schedule. Thank you for your consideration.



HS and MS Youth NERF Night

Save the date! On Wednesday, July 26 at 6:30 we are having a NERF night at King of Kings for 7-12 grade youth. THIS is no ordinary NERF night – we have invited several other youth groups to join us as well which should make the CHAOS even more fun! Keep an eye out for more details to come, but start reaching out to friends now to share in this night of fun.