

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, March 26, 2023
The 5th Sunday in Lent

8:00 AM Worship Service in person and live streamed
Divine Service, Setting 4, LSB 203

Preservice Music
Welcome & Opening Announcements
Opening Hymn **What Wondrous Love Is This LSB 543**
Invocation
Confession & Absolution **LSB 203**
Service of the Word
Introit **Psalm 116:1-4, 8; antiphon: v. 15**
Hymn **Christ, the Life of All the Living LSB 420 sts. 1-3**
Scripture Readings **Ezekiel 37:1-14**
Romans 8:1-11
Gospel Verse **On My Heart Imprint Your Image LSB 422**
John 11:17-27, 38-53
Apostles' Creed
Children's Message
Hymn of the Day **Christ, the Life of All the Living LSB 420 sts. 4-7**
Message **Rev. Bob Weinhold**
Offering
Offertory **We Give Thee But Thine Own 781**
Prayer of the Church
Lord's Prayer
Benediction
Hymn to Depart **Be Still, My Soul LSB 752 (Soloist only on verse 3)**
Closing Announcements

Sunday Morning Worship

Sunday, March 26, 2023
The 5th Sunday in Lent

10:45 AM Worship Service in person and live streamed

Preservice Music *Whatever May Come*
Welcome & Opening Announcements
Opening Hymn **You Are My King (Amazing Love)**
Invocation
Confession & Absolution
Song **The Lamb**
Scripture Readings **Ezekiel 37:1-14**
Romans 8:1-11
John 11:17-27, 38-53
Apostles' Creed
Sermon Song **Christ, the Life of All the Living LSB 420 sts. 1-4, 7**
Message **Rev. Bob Weinhold**
Offering
Prayer of the Church
Lord's Prayer
Benediction
Hymn to Depart **Lamb of God**
Closing Announcements
Musicians: Gordon Russell, piano/vocals | Brendan Doty, drums | Kevin Stumpe, guitar | Sarah Mueller, vocals | John Lensch, vocals |

THIS WEEK AT KING OF KINGS

Sun, Mar 26	8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Worship Christian Education Hour Worship Gospel Mime practice
Mon, Mar 27	6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Stephen Ministry Men's Network
Tue, Mar 28	8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Moms in Prayer International GriefShare Pastor Led Bible Study Staff Meeting Praise Band Practice Choir Practice
Wed, Mar 29	5:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Lenten Dinner and Family Activity Worship
Thu, Mar 30	6:30 p.m.	Celebrate Recovery
Fri, Mar 31	6:30 p.m.	Book of Isaiah Bible Study
Sun, Apr 2 Palm Sunday	8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Worship w/Communion Christian Education Hour Worship w/Communion Easter Egg Hunt Hiawatha Care Center Gospel Mime Practice

Attendance
Sunday Worship 3/19: 8:00 AM: 132 10:45 AM: 97 Total: 229
Wednesday Night 3/22: 92
Sunday School Attendance: 42

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

	THIS WEEK	NEXT WEEK			
	03/26 8:00 AM	04/02 8:00 AM		03/26 10:45 AM	04/02 10:45 AM
Elder 03/26	David Hoffman			Tom Sandersfeld	
Elder 04/02	David Hoffman			Paul Parry	
Ushers 03/26	Steve Schroeder			Colin McCarthy, David Eddy, Jason Silcox	
Usher 04/02					
Acolyte 03/26	Charlie Williams			Izzy Mueller	
Acolyte 04/02					
Lay Reader 03/26	Denny Wangeman			Tom Sandersfeld	
Lay Reader 04/02	Steve Gronemeyer			David Ridout	
Sound 03/26	OPEN			Joel Silcox	
Sound 04/02	Brian Carlson			Joel Silcox	
Media 03/26	Sandy Germaine			Dan Henry	
Media 04/02	Sandy Germaine			Jordan Silcox	
Video 03/26	Dave Lempia			OPEN	
Video 04/02	Kirk Monson			Monson	
Greeters 03/26	Kay Nelson			Sharon Meyer	
Greeters 04/02	Dixie Dahl Roxy Savage			Jolene Balvanz	



"Can you believe it?"

"Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" John 11:22-26

- Introduction: Can you believe it?
- I. **What Hard to Believe Things Have You Run Into?**
 - A. Have they been _____ of God?
 - B. Have they been _____ acts of men?
 - II. **What Is More Incredible to You...?**
 - A. To believe that Lazarus _____ from the dead by the word of Jesus?
 - B. Or to want to put him to _____ again?
 - III. **Background On the Text**
 - A. Jesus is good _____ with Mary and Martha
 - B. Lazarus was their brother
 - C. Lazarus was sick – Jesus _____ – Lazarus died
 - D. Side note: Was Jesus _____ for Lazarus' death?
 - E. Hard to believe: Jesus did this for the _____ of God
 - IV. **Can You Believe the Unbelief of the Pharisees?**
 - A. The Pharisees acknowledged that it _____
 - B. The Pharisees could not believe that _____ was the Messiah
 - C. The Pharisees' unbelief moved them to plot the _____ of Jesus
 - V. **Can You Believe the Miracle of Jesus?**
 - A. Lazarus is alive
 - B. Martha confessed faith in Jesus as the _____
 - C. Even before Lazarus was brought back to life
 - VI. **Can You Believe that Jesus Is Alive?**
 - A. Risen from the _____...
 - B. Bringing billions of people back to _____...
 - C. Who believe in His death and _____?
 - D. He is the one who transforms our _____!
 - VII. **We Believe and We _____ Live Again!**

Prayer of the Church –March 26, 2023

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

Lord, You raised Your Son and sent Your Spirit. Sustain us while we await Christ's attention to our present needs. Give strength to our prayers, heal our weaknesses and restore all our losses. Give us faith throughout our days in Jesus, who is the resurrection and the life. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious Lord, we rejoice that You have seen fit to lead Rev. Chris Navurskis to receive and accept our call to be the next Senior Pastor of King of Kings. We pray this day for his congregation and for him and his family as they go through this challenging transition. Grant wisdom and strength for King of Kings and for all involved as they make the multitude of decisions that will be necessary for Pastor Navurskis to begin his ministry here. Lord in Your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Lord of hosts, breathe Your life into Your Church, that she may stand by Your strength and live according to Your Word. Lay Your hand on men of every era to proclaim Your Word and to bring life to the downtrodden, the faithless, the fearful and the outcast. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, You have visited Your creation in Your Son. Grant that our homes would always receive Him and that husbands and wives and brothers and sisters would rejoice to hear His promises, steadfastly believing them and ever living in their light. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord of all, You are the true source of life, which You give through the power of Your Spirit. Humble those who are given authority over the lives of our people, that they would discharge this duty honorably in accord with Your will. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord, our God, You are our life and our length of days. Sustain and strengthen those who suffer sickness and affliction, [especially _____] and comfort all who mourn [especially the family of Christian Balvanz, cousin of Rev. Balvanz, who died unexpectedly last week] with the promise of everlasting life in Christ. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord, grant thankful hearts to all who observe birthdays this week. We praise you, Father, for the gift of Christian marriage, and we celebrate with those couples observing wedding anniversaries. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**

Holy Father, in Baptism You have given the new birth of water and the Spirit. Make Your children strong in Your Spirit, that they may shun the works of the flesh and live in this world expecting the resurrection and the life of the world to come. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

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

- 3/26 - Leah Zebuhr
- 3/27 - Kim Johnson
- 3/28 - E.J. Freymark
- 3/29 - Richard Lohse
- 3/30 - Colin McCarthy
- 4/1 - Ava Coblenz

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

David & Lindsay Hoffman 03/28/2009
David & Patti Fitzgerald 03/30/1990

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

- Julie Birely
- August Happel
- Paul & Sherrie Buchanan
- Cherie Buelow
- Lois Muench
- Marv Frerking
- Richard Nelson
- John Owen
- Jerry Green
- Jerry Cline
- Lydia Parry

Family & Friends

- Family of Christian Balvanz
- Carolyn Cornish
- 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!

Easter Cantata

The Risen Christ, Sunday, April 16th, 2023, 8:00 AM and 10:45 AM Services. Come and join us for a moving musical experience featuring scenes from the visual Bible movie, Matthew.

GriefShare

IT IS NOT TOO LATE to attend the GriefShare sessions. NOTE: There is a slight change for this coming week, because of a schedule conflict, GriefShare will meet this week ONLY on Tues., March 28 at 10:00 a.m. in the Fireside Room. All the other weekly classes will be on Mondays at 10:00. Please come and also invite a friend or neighbor that is struggling with their grief.

LWML Cedar Rapids Zone Spring Servant Event

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, 2301 East Court Street, Iowa City, Iowa. Saturday, April 1, 8:30 Registration, 9:00 Brunch, Meeting, Bible Study and Servant Event. Ingathering for Bridgehaven Pregnancy Center, donate any baby items. Enjoy a morning of fellowship with other Lutheran Women in Mission as we share in "Serving One Another". Contact Norma Swift for details.

Easter Lilies for the Altar

We will be ordering Easter Lilies to decorate the altar for Easter. Order forms can be found on the Welcome Counter. The deadline to order is today.

MMOC Volunteer Opportunities

The Marion Ministry and Outreach Center is seeking volunteers willing to spend up to 4 hours per month engaging with families who receive assistance through the MMOC's Cheerful Cheeks diaper distribution program. Additional details in our E-News or Contact Rich Balvanz at info@marionministry.org or call 319-350-3276 for additional details.

Wednesdays During Lent

During Lent our King of Kings community will have weekly opportunities to gather around a meal and connect with one another. Each week, a meal will be served by a different ministry group at King of Kings. Be sure to join us for good food and fellowship, including a different weekly activity for the whole family, before midweek Worship at 7:00 PM. Thank you to the Stephen Ministry and Music Ministry groups for serving last Wednesday. Next week, March 29, Vacation Bible School team will be serving cookout food.

Trinity School NEEDS your Hy-Vee Receipts by March 31!

Please bring in your Hy-Vee receipts to the school, blue bin is outside the front doors (or utilize the box on the Opportunities Counter). 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, 2022-March 31, 2023 to qualify for the Cash for Student's Program. Thanks for supporting TLS.

Family Easter Egg Hunt and Candy Donations

You are invited to the Family Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, April 2, at 12:00 Noon. Bring a sack lunch or picnic to continue the fun after the hunt. Kids, don't forget your own basket to collect eggs. Also, the team is asking for candy donations to fill the eggs they can be dropped off outside the church office. During the fellowship time on Wednesday, March 29th from 6-7 the team is also asking for volunteers to help fill the eggs before the hunt.

Easter Breakfast

Simplify the morning rush and skip the kitchen mess. Let us cook you breakfast! The KoK Youth would like to invite you to **Join Us on Easter Sunday**, April 9th for breakfast from 7:00am – 10:30am. Bring yourself, your families & your friends. All are Welcome. Free Will Donation at the door. No reservations or tickets required. The proceeds from this event will support the KoK Youth going on the 2023 HS Youth Summer Servant Event at the Rosebud Sioux Reservation in Mission, South Dakota.

Gospel Mime – Invite a Friend!

King of Kings youth are excited to present the 2023 Gospel Mime. The Mime is a creative and meaningful way for our youth to share the Gospel message through drama set to Contemporary Christian music. There are two opportunities to see the Gospel Mime: Wednesday, April 5 at 7pm, and Saturday, April 8 at 6pm. This is a great opportunity for us all to share the Gospel with friends and family as we prepare for the Easter celebration.

Holy Week at King of Kings

- Sunday, April 2 **Palm Sunday** -8:00 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. with Holy Communion
- Wednesday, April 5 **Gospel Mime** 7:00 p.m.
- Thursday, April 6 **Maundy Thursday** 7:00 p.m. with Holy Communion
- Friday, April 7 **Good Friday** 7:00 p.m. Tenebrae Service of Darkness
- Saturday, April 8 **Gospel Mime** 6:00 p.m.
- Sunday, April 9 **Sunrise Worship** - 6:30 a.m. with Holy Communion
- Easter Breakfast** - 7:00 a.m.—10:30 a.m.
- Easter Worship** - 8:00 a.m. with Holy Communion
- Easter Worship** - 10:45 a.m. with Holy Communion

Attention THRIVENT members:

The deadline to designate your 2022 Thrivent Choice Dollars is March 31, 2023. You can designate your Choice Dollars to King of Kings. Go to www.thrivent.com Enter your User ID & password (if you don't have one – call Thrivent at 800-847-4836 & say "Log In")

Click on the following tabs:

- ⇒ Our Solutions
- ⇒ Generosity
- ⇒ Thrivent Choice
- ⇒ Direct Choice Dollars

From there, you can direct any Thrivent Choice Dollars to King of Kings Lutheran Church (or any other eligible organization).

If you have any questions, there is an instruction sheet on the Opportunities Counter or please contact Jonathan at King of Kings (319-393-2438 or jofft@kingofkingscr.org)

An update from the CEC

Children in our childcare and preschool program have been busy this month! We are excited to feel the temperatures warm up and Spring weather on the way. In our classrooms, you can spot "flower shops", rainbows, Spring themed books, and a variety of open-ended materials for free-exploration.

In addition to the changes in the Spring weather, we are also enjoying the One In Christ Unit on Easter. Our most recent stories were "Jesus Rides into Jerusalem" and "A Women Anoints Jesus' Head and Feet". In this unit, Children are learning that Jesus is more powerful than anything, even death itself.



Vacation Bible School 2023

We are Blasting Off for Adventure this Summer with Stellar VBS at King of Kings June 12-16th 9 am – Noon! We've got a Stellar spot for you! Kids – come learn how to Shine Jesus' Light and have some out-of-this-world fun! Learn more about Jesus, make new friends, enjoy yummy snacks, play awesome games, create amazing crafts, sing catchy songs and experience one-of-a-kind Bible adventures! Volunteers – we need YOU to help make this all happen and work with our amazing team! Please contact Lindsay Hoffman or Leah Luth with additional questions. Sign up via the QR codes or via the links in the E-News.

To Register Kids:



To Volunteer:

