

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 at their weekly meeting.

Sunday Morning Worship

Sunday, July 31, 2022  
The 8th Sunday after Pentecost  
8:00AM Worship Service in person and live streamed  
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Preservice Music  
Welcome & Opening Announcements  
Opening Hymn Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me LSB 761  
Invocation  
Confession and Absolution LSB 151  
Service of the Word  
Introit Psalm 49:7–8, 13–14a, 15; antiphon: vv. 1–2  
Scripture Readings Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12–14; 2:18–26  
Colossians 3:1-11  
Luke 12:13-21  
Hymn of the Day Song of God, Eternal Savior - LSB 842  
Message Rich Toward God Rev. Rich Balvanz  
Apostles’ Creed  
Offering and Offertory LSB 159  
Prayer of the Church  
Lord’s Prayer  
Benediction LSB 166  
Closing Hymn Christ Be My Leader LSB 861

Sunday Morning Worship

Sunday, July 31, 2022  
The 8th Sunday after Pentecost  
10:45 AM Worship Service in person and live streamed

Preservice Song Jesus Your Name  
Welcome & Opening Announcements  
Opening Song #1 By Faith  
Baptism of Brielle Wepler, Granddaughter of Don & Kathryn Church  
Opening Song #2 My Worth Is Not In What I Own  
Invocation  
Confession and Absolution  
Scripture Readings Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12–14; 2:18–26  
Colossians 3:1-11  
Luke 12:13-21  
Song of the Day He Will Hold Me Fast  
Message Rich Toward God Rev. Rich Balvanz  
Apostles’ Creed  
Offering  
Prayer of the Church  
Lord’s Prayer  
Benediction (Aaronic)  
Closing Song Alive In You  
Musicians: Gordon Russell, piano/vocals | Brendan Doty, drums | Cole Doty, guitar | Gina Kleman, vocals |

THIS WEEK AT KING OF KINGS

Sunday, July 31	8:00 a.m.	Worship
	9:30 a.m.	Summer in the Son-Disaster Response
	9:30 a.m.	Book of Isaiah Bible Study/THRIVE Bible Study
	10:45 a.m.	Worship
	1:00 p.m.	African Worship
	2:00 p.m.	Foundations of Faith
Monday, August 1	10:00 a.m.	LADOAS GriefShare
Tuesday, August 2	9:00 a.m.	Book of Revelations Bible Study
	6:00 p.m.	Praise Band Practice
	6:30 p.m.	Biblical Citizenship Study
	7:30 p.m.	Men of God Project Practice
Thursday, August 4	6:30 p.m.	Celebrate Recovery
Sunday, August 7	8:00 a.m.	Worship
	9:30 a.m.	Summer in the Son– Life Groups
	9:30 a.m.	Book of Isaiah Bible Study/THRIVE Bible Study
	10:45 a.m.	Worship
	12:00 p.m.	Voter’s Meeting
	1:00 p.m.	African Worship
	4:00 p.m.	Hiawatha Care Center
Monday, August 8	10:00 a.m.	LADOAS GriefShare
	6:00 p.m.	Stephen Ministry
	7:00 p.m.	Women’s Ministry Book Club

FUTURE KING OF KINGS EVENTS

August 7– 12:00 PM-Voter’s Meeting  
August 7– Life Group Sign-Ups begin  
August 21– Pastor Halvorson’s Retirement Celebration– after each service

Attendance Last Week

Worship 07/24 8:00 AM: 100 10:45 AM: 75 Total: 175

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

THIS WEEK NEXT WEEK	07/31 8:00 AM 08/07 8:00 AM	07/31 10:45 AM 08/07 10:45 AM
Elder 07/31 Elder 08/07	Dan Klinkenberg	Paul Parry
Today’s Ushers	Dale Hahn Bill Maurer	Ken Ramstad Janet Ramstad
Acolyte 07/31 Acolyte 08/07	NA NA	NA NA
Lay Reader 07/31 Lay Reader 08/07	Greg Happel Steve Gronemeyer	OPEN Tom Sandersfeld
Sound 07/31 Sound 08/07	OPEN Brian Carlson	OPEN Joel Silcox
Media 07/31 Media 08/07	Cathy Russell Sandy Germaine	Dan Henry Jordan Silcox
Video 07/31 Video 08/07	Brian Mullenbach Kirk Monson	Brian Mullenbach Kirk Monson
Greeters 07/31 Greeters 08/07	Richard Boardman Charlene Boardman Dixie Dahl Roxy Savage	Jolene Balvanz OPEN Dennis Bruster Virginia Bruster

King of Kings  
LUTHERAN CHURCH  
July 31, 2022— August 6, 2022

Sermon Prayer

<sup>1</sup>Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!  
<sup>2</sup>Serve the LORD with gladness!  
Come into his presence with singing!  
<sup>3</sup>Know that the LORD, he is God!  
It is he who made us, and we are his;  
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.  
<sup>4</sup>Enter his gates with thanksgiving,  
and his courts with praise!  
Give thanks to him; bless his name!  
<sup>5</sup>For the LORD is good;  
his steadfast love endures forever,  
and his faithfulness to all generations.  
In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

Psalm 100

Rich Toward God

“Take care, and be on your guard against all \_\_\_\_\_, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.” Luke 12:15

Covet: to desire wrongfully, without regard to the rights of others.

Covetousness is a sinful attitude of the \_\_\_\_\_ that tempts and leads one into other sins to wrongfully obtain possessions.

“If you have been \_\_\_\_\_, seek the things that are above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died and our life is hidden with Christ in God.” Colossians 3:1-3

Covetousness is another form of \_\_\_\_\_.

Covetousness sacrifices relationships in exchange for earthly possessions.

The opposite of covetousness is \_\_\_\_\_.

Contentment acknowledges that not all people have been made equal stewards of God’s earthly gifts. But it is a present reality that we are equal members of the same spiritual body, living completely in and for Christ!

“Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.” Colossians 3:11

“You have put off the old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator.” Colossians 3:9b-10



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**Prayer of the Church—July 31, 2022**

O Lord, all things in this world are futile without the grace of your Word and Spirit. Guard our hearts against pride and arrogance and a life rich in things but poor in spirit. Give us hearts filled with wisdom to use all you have bestowed on us for your purpose and glory.

O Lord, guard your Church and provide her with honorable and noble men for the Office of the Holy Ministry. To this end, we ask your blessing on our voters meeting next Sunday, gathering for the purpose of calling a senior pastor for this congregation. Thank you for the work of those who have served faithfully in this office and prepare the heart of the one whom you have chosen to preach your Word, administer your sacraments and teach us of your grace and mercy in coming years. Guide us as we deliberate together so we may act with one heart and one mind as one body in Christ. Give us patience and peace, knowing that our prayer is heard by you and answered according to your good and gracious will.

O Lord, bless and protect our families and make our homes places where your name is believed and honored. We implore your blessing on the Children's Education Center, so it may be a place where children and parents alike are fed with the gospel of Jesus Christ, who has redeemed and saved us from sin and death. Bring to our doors those whom you have chosen to receive the blessing of your Word. Through the power of your Spirit, make this congregation a beacon of light and hope in this community.

O Lord, kingdoms rise and fall, and leaders are raised up and brought low by Your will. Make our leaders humble before you, that we might recognize the vanity of all our earthly plans and be ready to rejoice and give thanks for your good gifts.

O Lord, be near the suffering, the dying and the grieving. Sustain them in the truth that their lives are even now hidden with Christ in God, and that when He appears, they will also appear with Him in glory. Give them compassionate and skillful doctors and nurses, that their suffering may be eased and their minds and bodies returned to health.

Answer all doubt and fear, O Lord, with confidence in your Word and Sacraments, that by these Means of Grace we may be kept in holiness and guarded from temptation and despair until the day when you bring all things to their perfect fulfillment and we are delivered to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**Prayers for healing:**

Aimeee Mugiraneza  
Deanna Sanden  
Sherry Brendes  
Guy Patten  
John Schumacher  
John Owen  
Marv Frerking  
Jerry Cine

**Prayers for encouragement upon the death of loved ones:**

Paula Bruner & Sandy Chapman and families  
Galen Brendes and family  
**Prayers for strength in times of trial or suffering:**  
Pierre Manirakiza and family  
Jerry Green  
Alysia Beam  
Ruth Jahlas  
Julia Bickel  
Jen Zebuhr  
Jerry Green  
Richard Luth, Sr.  
Kathy Saveraid  
Julie Gentry, (cousin of Deb Hoffman & Norma Colton)  
Jack (grandson of Bob and Pat Harris)



**A Caring Community Bringing Christ to Children and Families.**

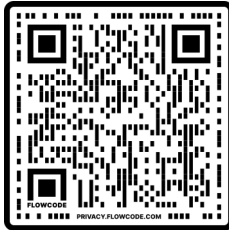
The Childhood Education Center is continuing to make great progress. Families are continuing to tour and enroll. We are excited to help fill the need for quality child care in the community. We hope to open on August 23<sup>rd</sup> for Before/After school care for Alburnett students and September 6<sup>th</sup> for full day child care.

Our furniture orders have started arriving and we are excited to begin filling the classrooms. We want to ensure teachers have high quality materials for children to engage in play-based learning. Please consider donating to help us fill this need. We are accepting items from a specific list that meets DHS and Iowa Early Learning Standards. You can access the list by scanning the QR code below.

We are continuing to search for quality loving candidates to fill our teaching positions. We are still actively seeking the right individuals for a few specific positions, including an Infant Lead Teacher. The Infant Lead Teacher lovingly, patiently, and efficiently responds to each child's needs, and creates a nurturing environment. We are also looking for assistants to work in this classroom. If you know someone who might be a good fit, please reach out to CEC Director Dani Stromert - [dstromert@kingofkingscr.org](mailto:dstromert@kingofkingscr.org)

We continue to receive inquiries from the community about enrolling their children at the Childhood Education Center, and have reached out to those families. If you know someone interested in receiving more information for enrollment, have them use the KOK website, **KOK CEC** or by calling 319-536-0406.

**Dedication for the Childhood Education Center and Open House will be on Sunday, August 28th.**



**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!

**Voters' Meeting - Senior Pastor Call**

Please mark your calendars. We are holding a Voters' Meeting on Sunday, Aug 7, at 12:00 PM to prayerfully consider extending a Divine Call for our next Senior Pastor. Here are the three candidates the Call Committee is recommending for consideration at the Aug 7 Voters' Meeting for a Call to our new Senior Pastor:

- Rev. Ron Millard, Peace Lutheran, O'Fallon, MO
- Rev. Andrew Ratcliffe, St Paul's, Perham, MN
- Rev. James Uglum, Chapel of the Cross, St Charles, MO

If any member has concerns about any of the candidates, please contact Dan Henry at 319-693-3636 prior to the Voters' Meeting. Please pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance as we seek to do God's will at King of Kings.

**QUARTERLY GIVING STATEMENTS**

are available in your church mailboxes. A reminder of the various ways that you can give to the ministries here at King of Kings (offering plate, text giving, online giving, etc.) is listed on our website – [www.kingofkingscr.org](http://www.kingofkingscr.org) – under the "Give" tab. We have seen a growth in online giving – this is most likely due to the ease and consistency of giving. If you should have any questions about giving or your statements, please contact church administrator Jonathan Offt ([jofft@kingofkingscr.org](mailto:jofft@kingofkingscr.org) or 319-393-2438). Thank you for your faithful stewardship of the Lord's gifts!

**Altar Flowers Given to the Glory of God by Doug and Sandy Thurm in honor of their 30th Anniversary August 1.**

**Summer in the Sun**

Summer fun and fellowship has returned! Join us each Sunday during the 9:30 AM hour for something new and exciting every week. Next week, Life Group Sign-Ups begin!

**Is It A Fruit?**

Come to the Epley's farm to learn everything you need to know about growing tomatoes.

- Determinate and indeterminate varieties
- Growing heirlooms
- Controlling wilt and other diseases
- Growing in containers
- Starting your own seeds indoors

Get free samples of Container Choice tomato seeds to grow next year. Check out the lambs and chickens on the farm. Pick some early apples.

Coming Sunday August 14<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM at the Epley farm at 1419 East Bertram Rd., Cedar Rapids. Sign up at the church Welcome Center or call the church office to let the Epleys know you are planning to attend.

**R U Interested?**

Rev. Konrad is willing to facilitate an Adult Bible Study and would like to get an idea as to who is interested in such an hour of study and also what studies would be of interest to the group. So he is calling for an August 7 (Sunday) gathering in the Church Sanctuary at 9:30 AM. It will be a time for gathering information from those attending. This will help him develop Bible studies for the Sunday 9:30 AM Adult Bible Study he, Lord-willing, would be conducting from September 2022 to May 2023.

**GriefShare**

GriefShare will meet Monday, August 1 at 10:00 a.m. in the Heartland Room. We are on Lesson 12, "Heaven" We will study teachings we have about heaven and the funeral process that we encountered when we lost our loved one. See you all there.



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**What is a Life Group?**

A Life Group consists of 4 to 20 people gathering in a Life Group leader's home or a room at the church building, either weekly or bi-weekly to share food, fellowship, Bible study, and prayer. Life Groups exist to accomplish certain key goals of the Kingdom. The main goal is to edify believers by connecting them on a more intimate level and helping them to become

more like Jesus Christ. Another goal is to evangelize by offering another venue, besides that of the regular Sunday church service, that may be initially less intimidating to seekers, newcomers, and those interested in finding out more about God and Jesus.

**Why should I join a Life Group?**

At their core, Life Groups are small Christian communities. Evangelism and discipleship are most effective when they are interwoven into personal relationships. Life Groups can provide an environment where these types of relationships are fostered. In Life Groups, people may come to know God more fully and experience His presence in their lives through the Christian community and fellowship. Individuals are nurtured, equipped, and released to be used by God to accomplish the work that He has called them to. They provide an opportunity for intimacy, mutual sharing and support, practical love and service, greater devotion to God and others, prayer, spiritual growth, and real-life examples of how God is working in our midst. They are led by trained Life Group leaders from the congregation who are given ongoing support.

**How do I sign up for a Life Group?**

If you are interested in joining a Life Group or just want more information, please contact Ann Mueller, 319-393-2438 or [office@kingofkingscr.org](mailto:office@kingofkingscr.org), or check out the sign-up board next Sunday!

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