

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 19, 2023

The 4th Sunday in Lent

8:00 AM and 10:45 AM Worship Service in person and live streamed  
Divine Service, Setting 1, LSB 151

Preservice Music	Jesus, I Will Ponder Now
Welcome & Opening Announcements	
Opening Hymn	Amazing Grace LSB 744 sts. 1-5
Invocation	
Confession & Absolution	LSB 151
Service of the Word	
Introit	Psalm 27:4-6; antiphon: Psalm 25:15
Scripture Readings	Isaiah 42:14-21 Ephesians 5:8-14
Special Music-Amy Maurer	Just As I Am John 9:1-7, 13-17, 34-39
Nicene Creed	
Children's Message	DCE Tony Dixon
Hymn of the Day	God Love The World So That He Gave LSB 571
Message	Who Sinned? Rev. Matt Hall
Offering-Rob Milbrath	Jesus, Refuge of the Weary
Prayer of the Church	
Service of the Sacrament	LSB 160
Lord's Prayer	LSB 162
Distribution Hymn	Praise The One Who Breaks The Darkness LSB 849
Solo-Rob Milbrath	My Song Is Love Unknown
Benediction	LSB 166
Hymn to Depart	The God Of Abraham Praise LSB 798 sts. 1-3, 8-9
Closing Announcements	
Musicians: Peggy Liske, keyboard   Amy Maurer, Rob Milbrath, John Lensch, vocals	



Christ in the Passover

"And He took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, 'This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me.' In the same way, after the supper He took the cup, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you.'" Luke 22:19-20

We hear these words every time we go to Holy Communion. What do they mean? Why did Jesus take bread and break it instead of just passing around a loaf of bread? Why did He take a cup after supper? Why not before supper? Why bread and wine in the first place? Why is one of Jesus' names "The Lamb of God"? Yes a sacrifice but why not some other stronger, more prestigious animal like a bull? Why do we make such a big deal about Confirmation and Communion?

Sooo many questions. Yet, there are answers.

Palm Sunday, April 2nd 9:30am, in the sanctuary, hear answers to those questions from the Passover presentation, "Christ in the Passover".

The whole congregation is welcome. The youth have a role in this too. Also, please, bring a friend. "There's a gift in it for you."

THIS WEEK AT KING OF KINGS

Sun, Mar 19	8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Worship w/Communion Christian Education Hour Worship w/Communion African Worship Hiawatha Care Center Gospel Mime Practice
Mon, Mar 20	10:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	GriefShare MMOC Community Choir Women's Bible Study
Tue, Mar 21	8:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Moms in Prayer International Pastor Led Bible Study Staff Meeting Praise Band Practice Elder Meeting Choir Practice
Wed, Mar 22	5:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Lenten Dinner and Family Activity Worship
Thu, Mar 23	6:30 p.m.	Celebrate Recovery
Fri, Mar 24	6:30 p.m.	Book of Isaiah Bible Study
Sun, Mar 26	8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Worship Christian Education Hour Worship African Worship Gospel Mime practice

Attendance  
Sunday Worship 3/12: 8:00 AM: 127 10:45 AM: 99 Total: 226  
Wednesday Night 3/15: 84  
Sunday School Attendance: 44

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

THIS WEEK NEXT WEEK	03/19 8:00 AM 03/26 8:00 AM		03/19 10:45 AM 03/26 10:45 AM
Elder 03/19 Elder 03/26	Shane Hartzler David Hoffman		Mike Frerking Tom Sandersfeld
Ushers 03/19 Usher 03/26	OPEN Steve Schroeder		Jon Bartleson, Deanna Glass, Dave Treptow Colin McCarthy, David Eddy, Jason Silcox
Acolyte 03/19 Acolyte 03/26	Haley Sojka Charlie Williams		Juliet Wadsley Izzy Mueller
Lay Reader 03/19 Lay Reader 03/26	Scott Nelson Denny Wangeman		Keith Colton Tom Sandersfeld
Sound 03/19 Sound 03/26	Brian Carlson OPEN		OPEN Joel Silcox
Media 03/19 Media 03/26	Holly Sojka Sandy Germaine		Greg Glass Dan Henry
Video 03/19 Video 03/26	Jason Sojka Dave Lempia		Chris Dvorak OPEN
Greeters 03/19 Greeters 03/26	Holly Sojka Jason Sojka Kay Nelson		Dennis Bruster Virginia Bruster Sharon Meyer

King of Kings  
LUTHERAN CHURCH  
March 19, 2023—March 25, 2023



Sermon Notes

I  
was  
blind.  
Now  
I  
see  
JOHN 9:25



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Prayer of the Church –March 19, 2023

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

Great Physician, enlighten our eyes by Your blessed Gospel, and hide us in Your shelter in the day of trouble. Provide a home in Your Church for those cast out by this world, and unite them with us in the pure confession of Your name. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord of hosts, Your Son abides among His saints in the temple of His Church. Shelter all those who seek refuge under the cover of His tent, and raise up pastors in every age to serve them in Your name. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Father, through Holy Baptism You have brought us into the light of Christ. Guide us always in Your ways and teach us to know Your will, that we would do what is good and right and true. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, those who wait for Your salvation have the promise that You will not forsake them. Lead those who wander in darkness through rough places, that they would find the way of righteousness and not be put to shame. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious Father, You have promised that what we suffer does not condemn us, but instead displays Your glory. Sustain the afflicted in body or soul, *[especially \_\_\_\_\_]*, that they would take heart, trust You for healing and find You even in the midst of their trials. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, everyone who believes in Jesus as Lord will not be put to shame. Unite Your people in a right confession of Your Word, and free them from disagreement over Your truth. Bring us with penitent hearts to receive the great riches of Your Son's body and blood. 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:

3/19– Ann Knupp  
3/20– Ruth Goshon, Kurt Hexum, Gavin Mishler  
3/21-Tiffany Jaconsen  
3/22-Scott Nelson. Allison Varian  
3/23-Janet Proffitt, Garrett Zieser  
3/24-Flynn Behn  
3/25-Norma Filmore, Cole Nuehring

Don & Kathryn Church 3/19/1983  
Denny & Ruth Goshon 3/21/1987  
Mitchell & Jana Mahmens 3/25/2017  
Henry & Kris Ruprecht 3/25/1972

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

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

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 16<sup>th</sup>, 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

Coming Monday, March 20

If you have experienced the loss of a spouse, child, parent or friend, you are invited to consider attending GriefShare sessions. The next sessions start on Mondays, March 20 at 10:00 at King of Kings Lutheran Church in the Fireside Room. This Support Group uses the worldwide Christian based curriculum that consists of 10 weekly lessons that meet for 2 hours. Each week there will be a 40 minute video with the presenters being pastors, counselors, psychologists and lay people that have experienced death of a spouse, child, parent or friend. They give advice on how to deal with grief and how to manage your life and feelings after your loss. GriefShare is a Bible based Support Group the gives emotional and spiritual guidance as you walk through your life without your loved one. Grief is difficult for everyone impacted by a death of a loved one. Plan to attend this helpful Support Group of GriefShare, invite a friend or neighbor that is struggling and needs support. GriefShare is open to members and non-members. Contact Darlene Wood with questions or for more information, 319-270-1276, darlenewood42@gmail.com.

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.

Vacation Bible School – Save the Date

VBS at King of Kings WILL BE OUT OF THIS WORLD the week of **June 12-16, 2023!** Keep an eye out for updates in the future.

*Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by Galen and Sherrie Brendes in honor of their daughter Melissa Ann's 26th Birthday on March 20.*

Pastor's Bible Study Today

Join guest preacher Rev. Matt Hall at 9:30 AM in the Worship Center for his bible study , the topic is "Grief and Compassionate Care".

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 Men's Ministry for serving last Wednesday. Next week, March 22, the Stephen Ministry and Music Ministry groups will be serving ham, green beans, rolls and dessert.

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.

Sunday School Service Project

Children and Youth be sure to join us this Sunday morning, March 19<sup>th</sup> during our education hour as we make special treats and cards that will be delivered to local first responders as a "thank you" for all that they do to help us!

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.

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](http://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  
⇒ Direct Choice Dollars  
⇒ Thrivent Choice  
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](mailto:jofft@kingofkingscr.org))

Building Update:

Building plans are still progressing for King of Kings after a brief winter break. Inside, the safety team is setting up a "command" center if you will, in the room next to Tony Dixon's office. Next on the agenda are modifications to the room/area that will house the music room, music rehearsal space and Media Studio. The goal is to repurpose doors and as much material as possible to keep costs down. After that, work we will begin dismantling the former children's check-in counter and turning that area into a living room/ meeting space. Other areas getting minor updates will be the church office and Gordon's current office after his new space is finished.

Outside, a playground for ages 2-5 for the Childhood Education Center has been ordered and work will begin to prepare the surface and play area inside the fenced area as soon as the ground warms up and it dries up a little. A playground for the older kids (ages 5-12) is being donated to King of Kings from St. Ludimilla's parish. We will be recruiting some help to get that one dug up and moved in early to mid part of April. All of this work, like the Children and Youth Ministry addition, will involve significant labor from fellow members, so please feel free to get involved. Watch for more info to come in the near future.

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](mailto:info@marionministry.org) or call 319-350-3276 for additional 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 next Sunday, March 26.



No Midweek Youth/Confirmation During Lent

Confirmation classes and High School youth group do not meet during the season of Lent. On Wednesdays, all congregation members are encouraged to join us for a meal together at 5:30pm followed by Worship at 7pm. We will begin our regular midweek programs again on April 12.

Gospel Mime Upcoming Rehearsal Dates:

Sunday, 3/19: 6-9pm  
Sunday, 3/26: 6-9pm  
Sunday, 4/2: 6-9pm

Gospel Mime Presentation Dates:

Wednesday, 4/5 at 7pm  
and Saturday, 4/8 at 6pm

