

CHILD OF GOD

WEEKLY E-NEWS

MARCH 12, 2024

Week at a Glance

WEDNESDAY

March 13 Dinner 6:00 PM

Worship 6:30 PM

Sunday

March 20, 2024

8 am Worship

10 am Worship

9 am Sunday School
and Bible Study

Women's Bible Study
Resumes in April 3

Men's Bible Study
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Child of God:
A Making and
Shaping Community

THE FOREVER KING OF RIGHTEOUSNESS AND PEACE

11 Now if perfection had been attainable through the Levitical priesthood (for under it the people received the law), what further need would there have been for another priest to arise after the order of Melchizedek, rather than one named after the order of Aaron? 12 For when there is a change in the priesthood, there is necessarily a change in the law as well. 13 For the one of whom these things are spoken belonged to another tribe, from which no one has ever served at the altar. 14 For it is evident that our Lord was descended from Judah, and in connection with that tribe Moses said nothing about priests. 15 This becomes even more evident when another priest arises in the likeness of Melchizedek, 16 who has become a priest, not on the basis of a legal requirement concerning bodily descent, but by the power of an indestructible life. 17 For it is witnessed of him, "You are a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek." Hebrews 7

There is an unusual figure who appears in the sojourning of Abraham. This figure's name is Melchizedek and makes their brief appearance in Genesis 14. It's not until we get to the letter of Hebrews that the person is clearly declared as the Messiah, Jesus.

I'm going to be a little teachy in the theological sense here. It is an event that is called a Theophany. Moments when there is a mysterious figure who arrives on the scene in the Biblical story before the actual human birth of Jesus. Often he is called the Angel of the Lord, or appears as a man, but here it is Melchizedek.

17 After his (Abraham's) return from the defeat of Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him, the king of Sodom went out to meet him at the Valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley). 18 And Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine. (He was priest of God Most High.) 19 And he blessed him and said, "Blessed be Abram by God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth; 20 and blessed be God Most High, who has delivered your enemies into your hand!" Gen. 14

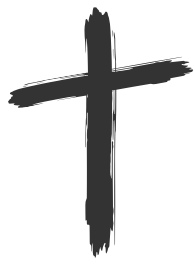
Jesus is not bound by time or space and so He has been intimately involved with humanity. He is always revealing Himself for life and the plan of salvation and calling sinners to His divine intentions and making them His witnesses.

7 For this Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of the Most High God, met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him, 2 and to him Abraham apportioned a tenth part of everything. He is first, by translation of his name, king of righteousness, and then he is also king of Salem, that is, king of peace. 3 He is without father or mother or genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but resembling the Son of God he continues a priest forever. Hebrews 7

Jesus, for our sake, is forever our perfect priest and righteousness.

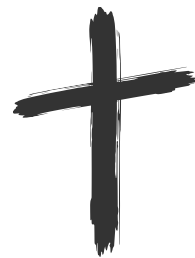
In Jesus, our King of Peace,

Pastor Gorline



LENT/ EASTER SERVICE SCHEDULE

*all service times are 6:30pm



“The Objects of the Passion”

March 13: “Water Basin” (dinner at 6pm)

March 20: “Thorns” (dinner at 6pm)

March 28: Maundy Thursday (with Holy Communion): “Bread and Wine”
(no dinner served)

March 29: Good Friday: “Cross” (no dinner served)

March 31: Easter Celebration Service (with Holy Communion) 9:00am

Potluck brunch and children’s activities following the service

Please Use Sign-Up Sheet on information table to bring items for breakfast and activities.

Women’s Bible Study and Men’s Bible Study both resume in April.

Lenten Bible Study: The Mission of Jesus: All invited to attend.

February 20th-March 18; 1:00-2:00pm in the Music Room at COGLCS. Ray Vander-Lean guides us through the land of the Bible. Filmed on location at the Biblical sites. The study enriches understanding of God and his plan for us.

UNFORTUNATELY THE LEGACY WORKSHOP AND BIBLE STUDY PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 10 WAS POSTPONED. A new date has not been scheduled. That information will be posted as soon as that is known.

LEEF (Lutheran Education Endowment Fund) This fund, established in 2023, is designed to award tuition support for qualifying families at Child of God who could otherwise not afford a Christian education and will sponsor new students as it increases. For more information or interested in contributing, please contact Heather Richter by calling the school office or email(buisnessoffice@coglcs.com).

MO SCHOLARS (Lutheran School Scholarship Program) As we enter the 2024 calendar year, now is the ideal time to participate in the MO Scholars program. If you have questions, please contact Leah at 314-590-6211 or visit mo.lcms.org/mo-scholars for information on how to participate. Support Lutheran education at COGLCS!

Designate your 2023 Thrivent Choice dollars to Child of God. The deadline is March 31, 2024. Email Sue Ebert at businessmanager@coglcs.com with your questions or interest in designating those dollars. Thank you.



COMMUNITY MUSIC EVENTS

Sunday, March 17th, 4:00PM @ Zion Lutheran, Harvester, MO; Concordia University St. Paul Christus Chorus Concert.

GREAT SONGWRITERS OF CHRISTIANITY

As we look forward to the Easter season, let's take a look at a couple of the hymns that we typically sing on Easter Sunday and even during the Easter season.

A favorite of mine is "Jesus Christ is Risen Today".
(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=koM6WIM6u6Q>)

The author of the text is unknown but early manuscripts show it was written in Germany around the 14th century and first published in 1708. The tune, aptly named "Easter Hymn", was written by William Henry Monk who also wrote the tune to "Abide with Me". The text of "Jesus Christ is Risen Today" is a perfect bridge between the events on Good Friday ('who did once upon the cross suffer to redeem our loss') and Easter Sunday ('but the pains which he endured our salvation have procured'). And of course, each line ending with a joyous "alleluia"!

Another popular Easter hymn is "I Know That My Redeemer Lives".
(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BSubS2n7oHw>)

Samuel Medley wrote the lyrics in 1759. He had spent most of his adult life renouncing the faith in which he was brought up. He wrote the lyrics after being in fervent prayer, and ultimately being spared amputation following a battle while serving in the British Navy. Even in his torment, Job wrote "For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will stand upon the earth. And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another." (Job 19:25-27)

What a time of praise we'll have when the pains of death are overthrown and we are gazing face to face with our one true Savior!

<https://www.thetabernaclechoir.org/articles>

All for HIM, Stephanie McSwain