

# Melchizedek

Hebrews 7:11-28



Abraham and Melchizedek  
(Genesis 14)

Melchizedek and Jesus

**TODAY:** Fourth Sunday of Lent: What is the 'order of Melchizedek' and why is that so important for the author of Hebrews to connect Melchizedek to Jesus?

**NEXT WEEK:** Fifth Sunday of Lent: Hebrews connects Jesus to the Old Testament tabernacle; how does it help us that the cross of Jesus enters into that ancient tabernacle?

## DEACONS REPORT

Thanks to the congregation for the gifts received on March 20:

Received for General Ministries:	\$5,989.00
Avg. weekly collection should be:	\$6,445.00
Received for Christian Education:	\$255.00
Avg. weekly collection should be:	\$629.20

### **Community Offering:**

LOVE Your Neighbor (LOVE Inc)	\$173.51
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### Upcoming Community Offerings

#### **TODAY: Roosevelt Park Ministries**

The mission of Roosevelt Park Ministries is to provide Christ-centered, holistic support to individuals, families, and youth living in and near the Roosevelt Park Community. They provide many support services from tax preparation to translation services to an annual coat drive.

**April 3:** Resonate Global Missions – Rodriguez

**April 10:** World Renew

**April 17:** 70 x 7

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### THIS WEEK

**Monday, Mar 28**

**Tuesday, Mar 29**

9:15am Tuesday Morning Small Group  
6pm Life Skills

**Wednesday, Mar 30**

**Thursday, Mar 31**

**Friday, Apr 1**

**Saturday, Apr 2**

**Sunday, Apr 3**

9:30am Worship  
11am Adult Bible Study

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### COMING UP

**PALM SUNDAY,** April 10

**YOUTH GROUP,** April 10

**ADMIN,** April 12

**MAUNDY THURSDAY,** April 14

**EASTER SUNDAY,** April 17

### STAFF

Tom Vanderploeg (Pastor)

Barb Sanders (Pastor)

Andrew Lenhart (Worship)

Laura Williams (Admin Assistant)

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# March 27, 2022



## Welcome!

## We are glad you are here!

### **CHILDREN ARE WELCOME in our service**

Also available during worship

- Nursery for infants & toddlers
- "Busy Bags" with kid's bulletin & activities
- Puzzle & sermon notes written by Pastor Tom for students Grades 3 & up (found by weekly bulletins)

### **LARGE PRINT BULLETINS & SONGSHEETS**

are available at the sound booth

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### Call to Worship

*The Reason  
Everlasting God  
Glorious Day (Living He Loved Me)*

### Prayers of the People

**Scripture** *Hebrews 7:11-28*

#### Jesus Like Melchizedek

<sup>11</sup> If perfection could have been attained through the Levitical priesthood—and indeed the law given to the people established that priesthood—why was there still need for another priest to come, one in the order of Melchizedek, not in the order of Aaron? <sup>12</sup> For when the priesthood is changed, the law must be changed also. <sup>13</sup> He of whom these things are said belonged to a different tribe, and no one from that tribe has ever served at the altar. <sup>14</sup> For it is clear that our Lord descended from Judah, and in regard to that tribe Moses said nothing about priests. <sup>15</sup> And what we have said is even more clear if another priest like Melchizedek appears, <sup>16</sup> one who has become a priest not on the basis of a regulation as to his ancestry but on the basis of the power of an indestructible life. <sup>17</sup> For it is declared:

“You are a priest forever,  
in the order of Melchizedek.”

<sup>18</sup> The former regulation is set aside because it was weak and useless <sup>19</sup> (for the law made nothing perfect), and a better hope is introduced, by which we draw near to God.

<sup>20</sup> And it was not without an oath! Others became priests without any oath, <sup>21</sup> but he became a priest with an oath when God said to him:

“The Lord has sworn  
and will not change his mind:  
‘You are a priest forever.’”

<sup>22</sup> Because of this oath, Jesus has become the guarantor of a better covenant.

<sup>23</sup> Now there have been many of those priests, since death prevented them from continuing in office; <sup>24</sup> but because Jesus lives forever, he has a permanent priesthood. <sup>25</sup> Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them.

<sup>26</sup> Such a high priest truly meets our need—one who is holy, blameless, pure, set apart from sinners, exalted above the heavens. <sup>27</sup> Unlike the other high priests, he does not need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for the sins of the people. He sacrificed for their sins once for all when he offered himself. <sup>28</sup> For the law appoints as high priests men in all their weakness; but the oath, which came after the law, appointed the Son, who has been made perfect forever.

### Message “Melchizedek”

*Jesus Paid it All  
Stronger*

### God’s Parting Blessing

## CHURCH LIFE

**The wooden crosses on the stage come from the Cholla Cactus plant. The ‘arms down’ formation of the crosses for Lent are symbolic of our call during Lent to be repentant and humble before God.**

### SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY

There will be NO Adult Bible Study today due to the Passover Seder Event. Next Sunday, all are invited to join - Sundays at 11am in room 10. Questions? Contact **Mike Philo** (lmp hilo@aol.com) or **Dave Cook** (dcook@calvin.edu).

### LIFE SKILLS

Volunteers needed to prepare and serve the Life Skills meal March 29. Contact **Laura Vanderploeg** today to sign up.

### EASTER ORCHESTRA

Everyone who has played a string or band instrument for at least a year is invited to participate. Rehearsals will be Sunday, April 10 from 10:45am-12pm and Wednesday, April 13 from 7-8:30pm. Please let **Andrew Lenhart** know soon if you are going to participate (al lenhart@fellowshipcrc.com or 734-277-9867).

### SOCIAL GATHERING

A monthly social gathering is being planned for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month. The April gathering is scheduled for April 12 from 1-3pm at Fellowship. Those able to attend at this time are welcome!

### LAWN HELP

The Building & Grounds Lawn Care Group is looking for some volunteers to join them with the church’s lawn care this summer. Each team of two volunteers is assigned one week per month to mow the grass and edge the sidewalks. The time commitment required is only two hours per month and we would work around vacations. Past mowers would be welcomed back, and high school students will be considered (this would qualify for volunteer hours needed for school). We currently need 2 more volunteers. If you would like more information, check the midweek, or contact **Jack Emelander**.

### TODAY:

9:30am Worship  
11am Passover Seder Presentation

## PRAYER FOCUS

- Continue to pray for **Tom and Elaine Vlietstra**. Tom continues to have problems with sciatica nerve pain and is scheduled to have back surgery on April 4.
- For **Roosevelt Park Ministries** as they provide a Christ-centered, holistic support to individuals and families in the Roosevelt Park area.
- For the **LOVE Food Pantry** and the families that receive support through this ministry.
- Remember in prayer those who are not able to worship with us on Sundays: **Gloria DeWitte, Lois Oom, and Rachel Tjoelker**.
- Remember in your prayers those who have ongoing health needs and concerns: **Rick Carter, Valerie Fleming, Sherri Funk, Len Koetje, Gary Roode, Bob Agents and Mary Wood-Agents**.

## OUTREACH/VOLUNTEER

### FOOD PANTRY

A huge THANK YOU from the Food Pantry staff for helping us reach our goal of \$150,000 in Family Fare receipts. We have received a check for \$1,000 as a reward to use for our grocery outreach ministries. We will continue to collect receipts toward our next goal. Thanks again!!

### BACKPACK BUDDIES

If you would like to donate to the Backpack Buddies ministry, our food requests for the next month include:

- Easter candy for treat bags
- canned pasts (i.e. Chef Boyardee type meals)
- canned chunky style soups - Beef or Chicken
- TUNA helper type side dishes
- granola bars and other snack items
- Cash donations or gift cards to Meijer, Aldi & Costco can be given through the deacons.

Please place items in the wooden box in the lobby. Thank you for showing Christ's love to our neighbors through your support of this ministry. - **Sandy Campo** 616-889-3134.