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Next Parish Council Meeting

Oct. 27, 6:30 p.m.



In Words – One Eternal High Priest

This week's Hebrews passage continues the discussion about Aaronic priests under Mosaic Law and the eternal priesthood of Jesus. Unlike Jesus, the human priests were unable to continue in their office because they kept dying.

Furthermore, the former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; ²⁴ but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. ²⁵ Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them. —Hebrews 7:23–25 (NRSV)

Another drawback to the human priesthood that Aaron's descendants embodied is that they were sinful creatures who needed atonement themselves before they could offer any sacrifices on behalf of the Israelites.

For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. ²⁷ Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. ²⁸ For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever. — Hebrews 7:26–28

That last line seems confusing though. If the promise given in the New Testament (the word of the oath) came after the Law given to Moses, how can it represent something from before it?

In biblical times, many religious leaders and philosophers believed that only the things that are eternal are perfect. Hebrews 7:17 restates God's declaration through King David in Psalm 110 that he has the eternal characteristics that represent the priesthood like Melchizedek.

The Lord has sworn and will not change his mind, "You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek." – Psalm 110:4

David lived around 1000 BC, centuries after Moses. The author of Hebrews sets up his case for Jesus as our Great High Priest like a lawyer presenting evidence to a jury. And in law, old statutes are superseded by new ones. So, David's pronouncement, coming after Mosaic Law, reinforces what was already indicated in the Genesis account of Melchizedek.

The Apostle Paul takes a different approach in Galatians 3, by affirming Jesus as the recipient of God's promise to Abraham and the permanence of God's word beyond the temporary application of Mosaic Law.

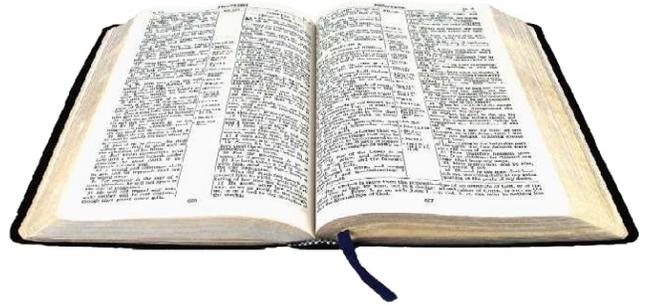
Now the promises were made to Abraham and to his offspring; it does not say, "And to offsprings," as of many; but it says, "And to your offspring," that is, to one person, who is Christ. ¹⁷ My point is this: the law, which came four hundred thirty years later, does not annul a covenant previously ratified by God, so as to nullify the promise. – Galatians 3:16-17

The eternal durability of God's promise is emphasized by this week's passage from Hebrews, as the author demonstrates that it is not a new teaching created after the resurrection of Christ, but rather a reminder of the promise made long before to Abraham, and attested to by King David, that the sacrifice made by Jesus on our behalf is the only one that has the power to absolve us of the penalty of our sins.

Salvation is of Christ alone.

Your Brother in Christ,

Fr. Austin



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Season after Pentecost Sunday's Lessons

1st Reading: Jeremiah 31:7-9
Psalm: 126

2nd Reading: Hebrews 7:23-28
Gospel: Mark 10:46-52



Please note:
The deadline for newsletter submission is 9 a.m. Wednesday. Thank you.

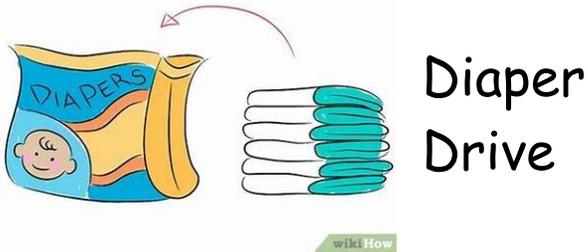


Lord, we ask you to comfort and sustain all who in this transitory life are in sickness, or any other adversity. Open their hearts to know your love and feel your presence.

We pray for Carrie Ruse, Al Manning, Dale, Scotty Haskell, Julie Corral, Bill and Judy Fletcher, Zachary Kircher, Katy Mize, Lina, Bruno Hildebrandt, Kara, Eric, Ella & Timothy, Gerry Pyper, Sandra Pyper, Steven Fischer, Ann Traverso, Neil, Pat Galloway, Dorothy Green, Denise, Connie, Sue, Bishop Keith, Abbie Bundy, Betty (Bo Peep) Penny, Donna, Dcn. Linda, Lorraine Chavez, Steve Chacon, Merle Shyne, Laura, Darlene O., Maddy, Steven, Elena, Officer Shay K. Mikalonis, Niki, Roni, Bob, Carol, Kim Henehan, Kathy Watson, Jim and Wendy Music, Maureen Light, Tim Harris, Jim

and Mary Lou Slater, Dorothy Warner, Stan Watowich, Lety, and Linda, and Maureen Light.

To submit or update prayer requests for this newsletter, please contact the church office at 928-343-9551, or ctryuma@gmail.com.



We are collecting diapers all this month to help moms and babies in these difficult economic times through New Life Ministries. The biggest need is for sizes 4, 5, and 6. You can bring them to church on Sunday. For more information call Ann Traverso at 928-287-7668.

CTR Prayer Project

CTR Prayer Project-Week 456 (October 31, 2021)

Hebrews 11:1-Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

By faith, Abel....By faith, Enoch....By faith, Noah....By faith, Abraham.... In the Book of Hebrews (author unknown), we read about the “pillars of faith”---men of old who considered themselves children of God, and as such, never considered themselves to be victims of their circumstances. Most of them died in faith, without having received the promises revealed to them by God. Verse 6 tells us that “without faith, it is impossible to please Him [God], for he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him.” We say that we believe He exists, but do our actions attest to that belief? God says He is almighty---more powerful than anything or anyone in existence---but do we think He is more powerful than the Coronavirus? God reveals to us that He is omniscient---that He knows everything about all things---but do we believe He knows more than the scientists at the Wuhan Lab, at the National Institute of Health, at the CDC, the FDA, or the WHO? God has shown us in His Word that He is all-seeing---that nothing is hidden from Him---but do we believe He sees the bottom of “the swamp” and all that lies down there? We don’t know everything there is to know about the Coronavirus. We don’t know all that goes on in the minds of each and every scientist. And we have little or no idea what the swamp is, much less what lies at the bottom of it. But true faith is the conviction of things not seen, and it is

the assurance of things hoped for. What do we hope for? We hope for the republic of the USA to be saved. We hope for our government to go back to caring for and about “We the People”. We hope for the truth to be revealed and for all mankind to recognize it when it is revealed. We are not victims of our circumstances. Not at all! We are sons and daughters of the Sovereign Ruler of the Universe! We simply must stop feeling sorry for ourselves.

Praying in One Accord-During times of adversity, praying in one accord with our Risen Lord is all about trusting that He is in complete control of all that is going on. And that is not easy.

Accord Prayer-Lord Christ, our brains tell us You are omnipotent, omniscient, and all-seeing; but our hearts doubt that You have everything under control, especially when it appears things are crumbling around us. Help us build our faith based upon all You have done and shown us in the past. In Your Name we pray. Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving-Heavenly Father, your ability to see into the future enables You to allow things to happen that we can’t fully understand. Thank You for helping us trust in Your faithfulness as You work things out for our benefit. Amen.

Mark Your
CALENDAR

Sunday, Oct 24

11:30 a.m. Worship Service

Tuesday, Oct 26

6:30 a.m. Bible Study (Matthew)

6:30 p.m. Grief Share

Wednesday, Oct 27

2 p.m. Bible Study (1 John)

5:30 p.m. Worship Service

Sunday, November 1

11:30 a.m. Worship Service

**A Request by James and John
(Mark 10:35-45)**