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**Hebrews 9:14**

## **FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

**March 16, 2024**

## ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod  
Fifth Sunday in Lent  
March 16, 2024

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**WELCOME** to all who are worshiping with us. If you are a guest, please sign the guest book, including your home address and congregation. We welcome to our altar all those who share our confession of faith within the fellowship of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod.



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**The offering plate** is on the table in the narthex. Thank you for your continued contributions.

**IN OUR PRAYERS**, we remember Starr Barke, Kristin Bosteels, Vic Bosteels, Katie Jones, Rick Salz, Bill Simmons, Andy Volker, Cindy Volker, and Ken Welch.

**THIS WEEK AT ZION AND ST. PAUL'S:**

TODAY (SATURDAY)	Zion Sunday School	3:45PM
	Zion Service with Holy Communion	5:00PM
MONDAY	Zion Bible class	9:00AM
WEDNESDAY	Zion Ladies Aid Meeting	10:30AM
	Zion Lent Midweek Service	12:00PM
SATURDAY	Zion Sunday School	3:45PM
	Zion Service with Holy Communion	5:00PM

**ATTENDANCE** last week: 21      Holy Communion: 19      Offering: \$518  
    Sunday School: 5      Bible class: 6  
    Lent Midweek: 12      Offering: \$202  
(Zion needs about \$1,157 in weekly offerings to cover expenses)

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**The Ladies Aid** will meet this Wednesday, March 20, at 10:30AM. All women of the congregation are invited to attend.

**We will be getting lilies** to adorn the church for Easter. If you wish to help by donating one or more, please sign up in the narthex. The cost is \$7 per plant; please pay Ladies Aid treasurer Jan Hoge. If you pay by check, make it payable to Zion Lutheran Church.

**Lent Midweek Service** will be held again this Wednesday, March 20, at 12pm here at Zion.

**The Ladies Aid will hold a garage sale** and food stand at Zion during the Wenona spring garage sales on May 3-4. If you have items that you could donate for the sale, please bring them to church any time after April 6.

**Attention Thrivent members:** Just a reminder that you have until March 31 to direct your 2023 Choice Dollars. Choice Dollars can be directed on-line ([www.thrivent.com](http://www.thrivent.com)) or by phone (800-847-4836, saying "Thrivent Choice" when prompted). You can direct these to many different charitable organizations including Zion!

**Holy Week & Easter at Zion** Here is the planned schedule of services for Holy Week:

2024 Theme: ***"To the Testimony!"*** (Isaiah 8:20)

3/28 Maundy Thursday: 12pm Divine Service *"To the Testimony of the Blood of the New Testament"*

3/29 Good Friday: 12pm Tenebrae Service *"To the Testimony of the Water of Baptism"*

3/30 Easter Saturday: 5pm Vigil and Festival Service *"To the Testimony of the Preaching of the Word"*

## Genesis 22:1-19

<sup>1</sup>[In those days:] God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here am I." <sup>2</sup>He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you." <sup>3</sup>So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. <sup>4</sup>On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. <sup>5</sup>Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you." <sup>6</sup>And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. <sup>7</sup>And Isaac said to his father Abraham, "My father!" And he said, "Here am I, my son." He said, "Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" <sup>8</sup>Abraham said, "God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So they went both of them together.

<sup>9</sup>When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. <sup>10</sup>Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. <sup>11</sup>But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here am I." <sup>12</sup>He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." <sup>13</sup>And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. <sup>14</sup>So Abraham called the name of that place, "The LORD will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided."

<sup>15</sup> And the angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time from heaven <sup>16</sup> and said, "By myself I have sworn, declares the Lord, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, <sup>17</sup> I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, <sup>18</sup> and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice." <sup>19</sup> So Abraham returned to his young men, and they arose and went together to Beersheba. And Abraham lived at Beersheba.

## Hebrews 9:11-15

<sup>11</sup>[Brethren:] When Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) <sup>12</sup>he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. <sup>13</sup>For if the sprinkling of defiled persons with the blood of goats and bulls and with the ashes of a heifer sanctifies for the purification of the flesh, <sup>14</sup>how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

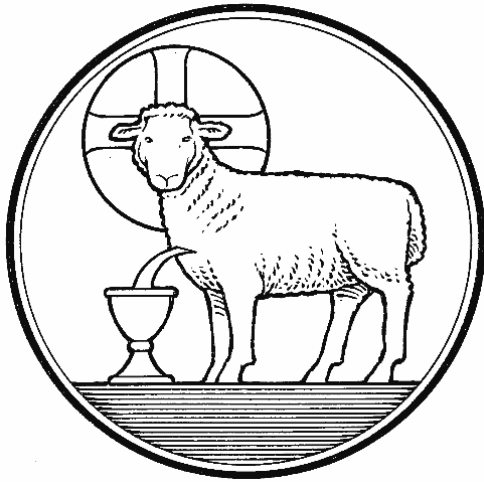
<sup>15</sup>Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant.

## John 8:46-59a

<sup>46</sup>[At that time:] Jesus said to the multitude of the Jews and the chief priests, "Which one of you convicts me of sin? If I tell the truth, why do you not believe me? <sup>47</sup>Whoever is of God hears the words of God. The reason why you do not hear them is that you are not of God."

<sup>48</sup>The Jews answered him, "Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?" <sup>49</sup>Jesus answered, "I do not have a demon, but I honor my Father, and you dishonor me. <sup>50</sup>Yet I do not seek my own glory; there is One who seeks it, and he is the judge. <sup>51</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death." <sup>52</sup>The Jews said to him, "Now we know that you have a demon! Abraham died, as did the prophets, yet you say, 'If anyone keeps my word, he will never taste death.' <sup>53</sup>Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do you make yourself out to be?" <sup>54</sup>Jesus answered, "If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say, 'He is our God.' <sup>55</sup>But you have not known him. I know him. If I were to say that I do not know him, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and I keep his word. <sup>56</sup>Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad." <sup>57</sup>So the Jews said to him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?" <sup>58</sup>Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am." <sup>59</sup>So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.

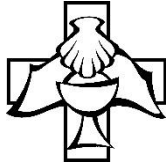
## SERMON ON HEBREWS 9:11-15



# “THE BLOOD OF CHRIST FOR OUR REDEMPTION”

### Sermon Outline

1. Forgiveness and redemption are serious and costly business. Consider the following words from Hebrews 9 showing the greatness of your Savior Jesus.
  - a. **Mediator** (“Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant”)
  - b. **High Priest** (“Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come”)
  - c. **Blood** (“he entered by means of his own blood”)
  - d. **Eternal Redemption** (“thus securing an eternal redemption”)
    - i. Also *Eternal Inheritance* (v. 15)
  - e. **Conscience** (“how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God”)
  - f. **New Covenant** (Lord’s Supper)



**INTROIT** - *Ps. 43: 3-5; antiphon: Ps. 43:1-2a*

- A** Vindicate me, O God,  
and defend my cause against an ungodly people,  
**C** **from the deceitful and unjust man deliver me!**  
**For you are the God in whom I take refuge.**
- A** Send out your light and your truth; let them lead me;  
let them bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling!  
**C** **Then I will go to the altar of God,**  
**to God my exceeding joy,**  
**and I will praise you with the lyre, O God, my God.**
- A** Why are you cast down, O my soul,  
and why are you in turmoil within me?  
**C** **Hope in God; for I shall again praise him,**  
**my salvation and my God.**

*(No Gloria Patri during Passiontide, the two weeks before Easter.)*

## **COLLECT OF THE DAY**

Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.