

# PEOPLE OF THE PASSION



**St. Peter's Lutheran Church**  
March 23, 2022

## **People of the Passion** **Peter, the Born Leader** March 23, 2022

**Bells**

**Order of Service**

*Evening Prayer* | 215

**Psalm**

*Out of the Depths* | 130

*Pastor will introduce the refrain; the congregation will join in repeating the refrain. Pastor will sing the verses, & the congregation is asked to join in singing the refrains.*

**Psalm Prayer:** God our Father, you are rich in mercy, and there is forgiveness with you that you may be feared. Do not remember our sins, but blot them out for the sake of Jesus, who has redeemed us by his precious blood and his innocent suffering and death. Lead us to put our hope in you, for with you is unfailing love. Amen.

**The Passion History**

**He Suffered Under Pontius Pilate**

To avoid ceremonial uncleanness the Jews did not enter the palace; they wanted to be able to eat the Passover. So, Pilate came out to them and asked, "What charges are you bringing against this man?" "If he were not a criminal," they replied, "we would not have handed him over to you." Pilate said, "Take him yourselves and judge him by your own law." "But we have no right to execute anyone," the Jews objected. This happened so that the words Jesus had spoken indicating the kind of death he was going to die would be fulfilled. And they began to accuse him, saying, "We have found this man subverting our nation. He opposes payment of taxes to Caesar and claims to be Christ, a king." Pilate then went back inside the palace, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" "Is that your idea," Jesus asked, "or did others talk to you about me?" "Do you think that I am a Jew?" Pilate replied. "It was your people and your chief priests who handed you over to me. What is it you have done?" Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jews. But now my kingdom is from another place." "You are a king, then!" said Pilate. Jesus answered, "You are right in saying I am a king. In fact, for this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me." "What is truth?" Pilate asked. With this he went out again to the Jews and said, "I find no basis for a charge against him."

When Jesus was accused by the chief priests and the elders, he gave no answer. Then Pilate asked him, “Don’t you hear how many things they are accusing you of?” But Jesus made no reply, not even to a single charge. The chief priests accused him of many things. So again, Pilate asked him, “Aren’t you going to answer?” But Jesus still made no reply, and Pilate was amazed. But the chief priests insisted, “He stirs up the people all over Judea by his teaching. He started in Galilee and has come all the way here.” On hearing this, Pilate asked if the man was a Galilean. When he learned that Jesus was under Herod’s jurisdiction, he sent him to Herod, who was also in Jerusalem at that time. When Herod saw Jesus, he was greatly pleased, because for a long time he had been wanting to see him. From what he had heard about him, he hoped to see him perform some miracle. He plied him with many questions, but Jesus gave him no answer. The chief priests and teachers of the law were standing there, vehemently accusing him. Then Herod and his soldiers ridiculed and mocked him. Dressing him in an elegant robe, they sent him back to Pilate. That day Herod and Pilate became friends – before this they had been enemies. Pilate called together the chief priests, the rulers and the people, and said to them, “You brought me this man as one who was inciting the people to rebellion. I have examined him in your presence and have found no basis for your charges against him. Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us; as you can see, he has done nothing to deserve death. Therefore, I will punish him and release him.” Now it was the governor’s custom at the Feast to release a prisoner chosen by the crowd. At that time, they had a notorious prisoner, called Barabbas. So, when the crowd had gathered, Pilate asked them, “Which one do you want me to release to you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?” For he knew it was out of envy that they had handed Jesus over to him. While Pilate was sitting on the judge’s seat, his wife sent him this message: “Don’t have anything to do with that innocent man, because I have suffered a great deal today in a dream on account of him.” But the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus executed.

**Grade 3 in 3:30 SERVICE & CHOIR IN 6:30 SERVICE**      *The Power of the Cross | 423*  
*Choir will sing verses 1-2 and the congregation will join in for verses 3-4.*

### Sermon Text

Luke 22:31,32,61,62; John 21:17

<sup>31</sup>The Lord said, “Simon, Simon, pay attention: Satan has asked to have you all, so that he may sift you as wheat. <sup>32</sup>But I prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have returned to me, strengthen your brothers.” <sup>61</sup>The Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the Lord’s word, how he had said to him,

“Before the rooster crows today you will deny me three times.” <sup>62</sup>He went outside and wept bitterly. <sup>17</sup>He asked him the third time, “Simon, son of John, do you care about me?”

<sup>21:17</sup>Peter was grieved because Jesus asked him the third time, “Do you care about me?” He answered, “Lord, you know all things. You know that I care about you.” “Feed my sheep,” Jesus said.

### “Peter, the Born Leader”

*Pastor Zuberbier*

### Closing Hymn

*Before the Ending of the Day | 790*

