

St. Peter's Lutheran Church

Fond du Lac, Wisconsin

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GOD ON TRIAL : Misconceptions

Jesus Christ is the light of the world,
the light no darkness can overcome.

Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening,
and the day is almost over.

Be our light and scatter the darkness,
and hear our evening prayer and praise.

Hymn 595

Fruitful Trees, the Spirit's Sowing

Passion History

He Suffered Under Pontius Pilate

Psalm 2

You Are My Son

Psalm Prayer

Lord, keep us safe in the refuge of your anointed Son, so that when the nations rage against him, we are not terrified. You have begotten him from eternity and have seated him on your throne in heaven. Let us see him as he truly is, the One who lives and rules with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Sermon Text

Luke 23:1-12

The whole group of them got up and brought him before Pilate. They began to accuse him, saying, "We found this fellow misleading our nation, forbidding the payment of taxes to Caesar, and saying that he himself is Christ, a king." Pilate asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus replied, "It is as you say." Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, "I find no basis for a charge against this man." But they kept insisting, "He stirs up the people, teaching all through Judea, beginning from Galilee all the way here." When Pilate heard this, he asked if the man was a Galilean. When he learned that he was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him to Herod, who was also in Jerusalem during those days. When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad. For a long time, he had wanted to see him, because he had heard many things about him. He hoped to see some miracle performed by him. He questioned him with many words, but Jesus gave him no answer. The chief priests and the experts in the law stood there, vehemently accusing him. Herod, along with his soldiers, treated him with contempt and ridiculed him. Dressing him in bright clothing, he sent him back to Pilate. Herod and Pilate became friends with each other on that day. Before this they had been enemies of each other.

+ The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to You, O Christ!

Hymn 409

Jesus, Refuge of the Weary

Sermon

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Rev. Dan Schmidt

Gathering of Our Offerings to the Lord

Prayers

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For favorable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord God, all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works come from you. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments. Defend us also from the fear of our enemies, that we may live in peace and quietness, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your
 name, your king - dom come, your will be done on
 earth as in heav - en. Give us to - day our
 dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins, as

we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.
 Lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de -
 liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the
 pow - er, and the glo - ry are yours
 now and for - ev - er. A - men.

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Let us praise the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The grace of our Lord + Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Amen.

Closing Hymn 783 v 1-2, 7

Abide with Me

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