

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Christian Supplement Worship - Series B

First Lesson: Exodus 7:8-13

⁸ The LORD said to Moses and Aaron,
⁹ “When Pharaoh says to you, ‘Perform a miracle,’ then say to Aaron, ‘Take your staff and throw it down before Pharaoh,’ and it will become a snake.”

¹⁰ So Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh and did just as the LORD commanded. Aaron threw his staff down in front of Pharaoh and his officials, and it became a snake. ¹¹ Pharaoh then summoned wise men and sorcerers, and the Egyptian magicians also did the same things by their secret arts: ¹² Each one threw down his staff and it became a snake. But Aaron’s staff swallowed up their staffs. ¹³ Yet Pharaoh’s heart became hard and he would not listen to them, just as the LORD had said.

Second Lesson: Hebrews 11:24-28

²⁴ By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh’s daughter. ²⁵ He chose to be mistreated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a short time. ²⁶ He regarded disgrace for the sake of Christ as of greater value than the treasures of Egypt, because he was looking ahead to his reward. ²⁷ By faith he left Egypt, not fearing the king’s anger; he persevered because he saw him who is invisible. ²⁸ By faith he kept the Passover and the sprinkling of blood, so that the destroyer of the firstborn would not touch the firstborn of Israel.

Gospel: John 6:60-69

⁶⁰ On hearing it, many of his disciples said, “This is a hard teaching. Who can accept it?”

⁶¹ Aware that his disciples were grumbling about this, Jesus said to them, “Does this offend you? ⁶² What if you see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before! ⁶³ The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life. ⁶⁴ Yet there are some of you who do not believe.” For Jesus had known from the beginning which of them did not believe and who would betray him. ⁶⁵ He went on to say, “This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless the Father has enabled him.”

⁶⁶ From this time many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him.

⁶⁷ “You do not want to leave too, do you?” Jesus asked the Twelve.

⁶⁸ Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹ We believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.”

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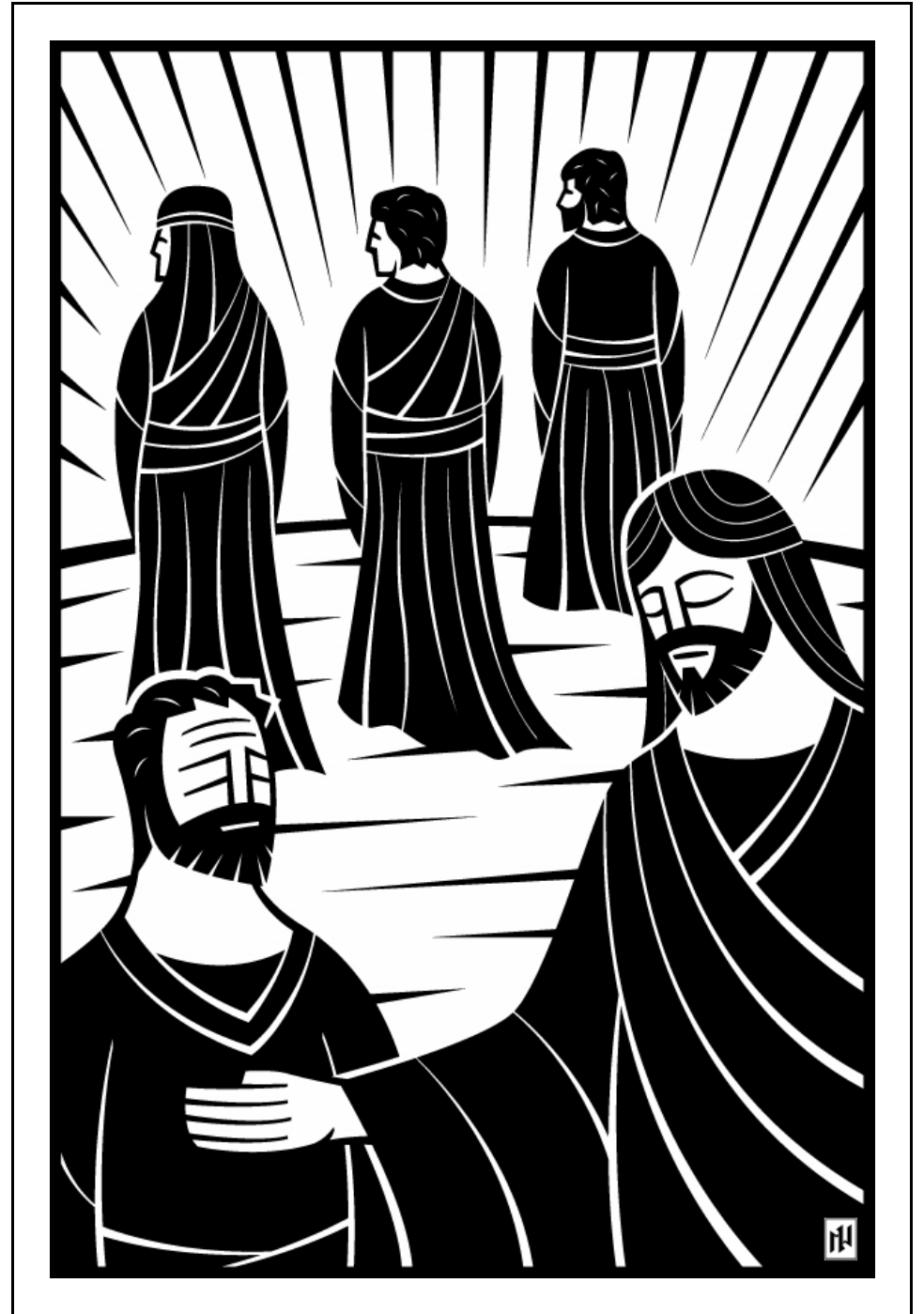
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Welcome
to
Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church

To the friends who know us, we renew our welcome; to our first time guests we extend it most sincerely; and to those seeking a church home, we offer fellowship with the risen living Redeemer, membership in His Church, and citizenship in His eternal kingdom. Our message is as old as the Word of God to man and as new as the new life it brings: *Jesus Christ, crucified and risen to give eternal life to people everywhere.*

Christ's Love,
Our Calling.

Dear Visitors:

- **The bookmark** in this service folder will guide you through our service.
- If you **need assistance** in worship, ask an usher. We offer worship partners.
- Before you leave today, **please sign our guest book**. It is located in the Narthex.

Personal sound enhancement receivers are available to help the hearing impaired. An usher will be happy to assist you.

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We welcome all people to our services, those who are fully united with us in Christ's teachings as well as those who do not yet share our confession of the Faith. However, it is a sad consequence of the divisions in Christianity that we cannot extend a general invitation to all Christians to receive Communion with us. Our Lord teaches (1 Cor. 10:17 and elsewhere) that Communion is an action of the celebrating community that declares their oneness in the Faith, life, and worship. Communing with Christians not in fellowship with the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod [WELS] or our sister synod, the Evangelical Lutheran Synod [ELS], would imply a oneness that does not truly exist, but for which we pray. Our pastor will gladly talk with you about establishing communion fellowship here at Peace.

Suggestions for Pre-service meditation

Meditate on the readings (on the back of the bulletin cover) keeping in mind *Today's Theme* and the comments on the lessons written below. Then do the same with the words of the *Psalm of the Day* and the words of the *hymns*. Both are listed on the worship *bookmark*.

The Theme of Today's Service

Only Jesus has the words of eternal life. Apart from his word is death.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Lord speaks to us in his word:

The First Lesson: Exodus 7:8-13

Pharaoh shows us what Jesus meant when he said, "The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing." Pharaoh tried to deal with God using his own powers. He could not see the obvious. He wouldn't submit.

The Psalm: Psalm 71

Teach your children the joy of submitting to the LORD. Focus on his deeds. Trust him alone as your God.

The Second Lesson: Hebrews 11:24-28

By the faith - the new life - the Spirit produces, Moses saw what all men, who rely on human powers and wisdom, cannot see. Moses saw the invisible real and greater good visible only through God's promises.

The Verse of the Day: 1 Timothy 1:10b

Alleluia. Jesus Christ has destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. Alleluia.

The Gospel: John 6:60-69 *The last in a series of 5 readings from the Bread of Life chapter*

Jesus' hard teachings sort out those who trust his word and those who reserve the "right" to believe what makes sense to them. Flesh will never get it. His words are spirit and life from far above us..

The Sermon: John 6:60-69

Christian, keep asking yourself these 2 critical questions.

**Are you offended by Jesus and his words?
You do not want to leave Jesus too, do you?**