

*we are speaking and this is what WE think! But Jesus is the one who descended for our salvation. Jesus is the one who went back to the right hand of the Father to rule all things in heaven and on earth. Jesus is the one who will return to judge all mankind. Do you really think your opinion matters or that it is more likely to be on the mark than his? What folly! But still many came and then went away. How many times in your life have you been tempted to go away to what your own wisdom preferred? How many times have you actually done it? But today, hear his voice and answer: Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We believe and know that you are the Holy One of God!*

<sup>60</sup> On hearing it, many of his disciples said, “This is a hard teaching. Who can accept it?” <sup>61</sup> Aware that his disciples were grumbling about this, Jesus said to them, “Does this offend you? <sup>62</sup> What if you see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before! <sup>63</sup> The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life. <sup>64</sup> 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. <sup>65</sup> He went on to say, “This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless the Father has enabled him.”

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

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

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

**Sermon Hymn:** 358 How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

**Sermon:** Just Like Christ

**Offering:** *(Please remember to sign the Friendship Register.)*

**3rd Hymn:** 310 I Come, O Savior, To Your Table

**Benediction:**

**Closing Hymn:** 768 How Firm a Foundation

**Ushers:** This Week – Tanner Latsch & Justin Cusack  
Next Week – Zack Vogel & Alex Vogel

**Greeters:** This Week – Frank & Sue Kramer  
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## ***St. Peter's Ev. Lutheran Church***

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## We Welcome You!

**Order of Worship:** Common Service pg. 15

**Opening Hymn:** 355 Take the World, but Give Me Jesus

### Prayer of the Day:

**M:** 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.

**C: Amen.**

### First Lesson - Joshua 24:1,2a, 14-18

*We want to answer with Peter in the gospel lesson. We want to answer as well with Joshua and with the children of Israel at Joshua's farewell. Those answers were right answers. But both the history of Peter and the history of Israel demonstrate that such an answer once given isn't necessarily an answer given once and for all. Peter forgot the answer and denied his Lord. Many of the children of Israel soon turned their back on the Lord and forgot his grace in favor of the gods of this world. What is your answer today? May you repeat it each day this week. May you fix it firmly in your mind as you turn to the business and pleasures of the day, lest you forget, and you also go away.*

<sup>1</sup>Then Joshua assembled all the tribes of Israel at Shechem. He summoned the elders, leaders, judges and officials of Israel, and they presented themselves before God.

<sup>2</sup>Joshua said to all the people, <sup>14</sup>“Now fear the LORD and serve him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your forefathers worshiped beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. <sup>15</sup>But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your forefathers served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.”

<sup>16</sup>Then the people answered, “Far be it from us to forsake the LORD to serve other gods! <sup>17</sup>It was the LORD our God himself who brought us and our fathers up out of Egypt, from that land of slavery, and performed those great signs before our eyes. He protected us on our entire journey and among all the nations through which we traveled. <sup>18</sup>And the LORD drove out before us all the nations, including the Amorites, who lived in the land. We too will serve the LORD, because he is our God.”

**Psalm of the Day - Psalm 71 p. 92**

### Second Lesson - Ephesians 5:21-31

*Here is a doctrine that moves many in our day to forget the goodness and grace of the Lord and to go away. But notice the context in which the distinction in the roles of husband and wife is placed; it is rooted in a far greater mystery and doctrine, the doctrine of the mystical body of Christ. If the Spirit in the Word performs the miracle of faith in that doctrine, then acceptance of the proper roles of husband and wife should be an easy thing. And if it isn't so easy, well then, to whom shall you go if you decide to be the head of Christ's body instead of letting him be the head? No, we will not go away! Let the world and our own opinions rage as they will. Christ is the head; he gave himself so that by the wisdom of his Word he might become my head and take me to be where he has gone. I will not depart from a single word that the mouth of Christ, my head, will speak, no matter what my inclinations may say, no matter what fallen reason may proclaim, no matter what delusions our decedent culture may cherish! In living out the proper distinctions and roles for man and woman I will remember that such a life should reflect the distinctive roles of Christ the head and myself as his member in union with others striving to live that same reflection.*

<sup>21</sup> Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

<sup>22</sup> Wives, submit to your husbands as to the Lord. <sup>23</sup> For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior. <sup>24</sup> Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything.

<sup>25</sup> Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her <sup>26</sup> to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, <sup>27</sup> and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. <sup>28</sup> In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. <sup>29</sup> After all, no one ever hated his own body, but he feeds and cares for it, just as Christ does the church - <sup>30</sup> for we are members of his body. <sup>31</sup> “For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.”

**Verse of the Day:** *Alleluia. Jesus Christ has destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. Alleluia. (1 Timothy 1:10b cf. NIV)*

### Gospel - John 6:60-69

The stumbling block thrown in his path by the rationalism of many in the crowd does not move Jesus to soften the message. Instead he repeats it with emphasis. Through their own fault many of the hearers, yes, even one of the Twelve, refuse to bend their thinking to his Word. Instead of the attitude of Samuel, Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening, their response is, Listen,