

Sunday, May 5, 2024 The Sixth Sunday of Easter

10:00 a.m.



"The Command That is Not a Command"

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

* (indicates please stand)

Prelude	"Prelude in C major"	J.S. Bach		
Call to Worship	By Faith			
Announcements				
* Greeting & Passing of Peace				
Song	Now the Feast and Celebration	ELW 167		
Prayer of the Day				
Song	When I Look Into Your Holiness			
please be seated Lesson	1 st John 5: 1-6	Pew Bible pg 1112		
Anthem	"Be Thou My Vision"	Hal Hopson		
Gospel	John 15:9-17	Pew Bible pg 983		
P: Word of God.C: Word of Life.				
Children's Message	Pastor Steve Albertin			

- Love cannot be commanded, yet Jesus commands it.
- Jesus' command has no conditions, threats or rewards. It is not a command but an invitation to put to use what Jesus has given us.
- Jesus gave this command on the night of his betrayal. The disciples were afraid. Fear prevents us from loving.
- Jesus promises to never abandon his frightened disciples. He will even give his life for them ... and us. When he is raised from the dead, God declares that nothing can keep Gods love from us. Therefore, we no longer need to be afraid ... to love.
- These commands are not commands but "GET TO's," what we joyfully want to do because of what Jesus has done for us.

- This love is so special that the New Testament invents a new word for it: agape
- An example: the love of Elizabeth for Henry.

* Hymn	Lord I Need You	
please be seated The Offering		
* Offertory	We Are an Offering	ELW 692
* Nicene Creed		ELW pg 104
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Prayers of the Church : (the congregation joins in speaking the first names of those for whom we pray.)

Members: Lee & Wes, Ruth, Carole, Vickie, John, Bill

Family & Friends

Addison, Ann, Mark, Bob, Eli, Carol, Chris, Susan, Gene & Sylvia, Tracy, Ken, Linda, David, Jeannie, Joyce, Jackie, Randall & Mary, Ross

Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

- P: The Lord be with you.
- C: And also with you.
- P: Lift up your hearts.
- C: We lift them to the Lord.
- P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.
- P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

C: Holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The Lord's Prayer

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the Kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours, now and forever. Amen!

please be seated

Distribution

All baptized Christians who seek the blessings of Christ's true body and blood in the bread and wine of Holy Communion are welcome at his table. There, they receive him and the new life he offers. Those who eat and drink at his table commit themselves to the care and redemption of all that God has made. If you are not baptized, contact Pastor Albertin to learn how you can receive the great gift God has for you in baptism. Today, you are welcome to join us at Christ's table.

Dist	ribution Music	"In green pastures"	Harold Darke
Ben	ediction		
* Se	nding Song	They'll Know We Are Christians	
Р: С:	Go in Peace. Serv Thanks be to Goo		
Post	tlude	Fugue in C major	I S Bach

Fugue in C major

I. S. Bach

