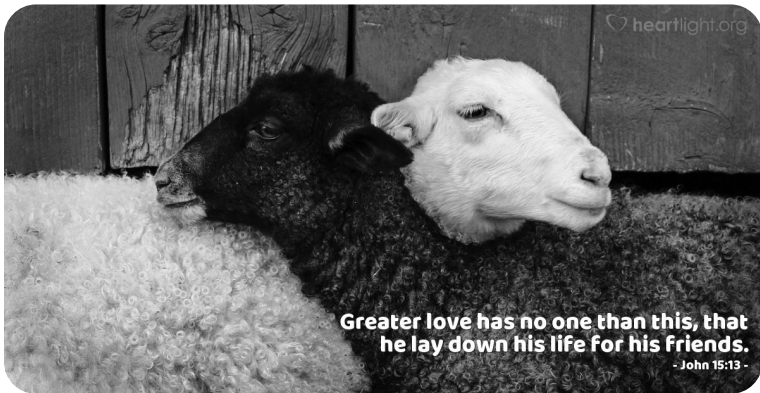




Sunday, May 5, 2024
The Sixth Sunday of Easter
10:00 a.m.



“The Command That is Not a Command”

Pastor Steve Albertin

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 1st 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

Sermon "The Command That is Not a Command" 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.

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.

Distribution Music

"In green pastures"

Harold Darke

Benediction

* Sending Song

They'll Know We Are Christians

P: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Fugue in C major

J. S. Bach

Please plan now to join us for
Pentecost and Confirmation Sunday, May 19!

Wear red to celebrate Pentecost and
Adreena, Jensen, Linus & Vance!
They will share their Faith Statements during worship
with refreshments following in Fellowship Hall.