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(414) 534-7279 (863) 967-5145 ¹ O LORD, how many are my foes! Many are rising against me; ² many are saying of my soul, "There is no salvation for him in God." Selah ³ But you, O LORD, are a shield about me, my glory, and the lifter of my head. ⁴ I cried aloud to the LORD, and he answered me from his holy hill. Selah ⁵ I lay down and slept; I woke again, for the LORD sustained me. ⁶ I will not be afraid of many thousands of people who have set themselves against me all around. ⁷ Arise, O LORD! Save me, O my God! For you strike all my enemies on the cheek; you break the teeth of the wicked. ⁸ Salvation belongs to the LORD; your blessing be on your people!

4 Order of Divine Worship 4

OPENING PRAYER

P Pastor
C Congregation

HYMN: TLH #391

"Blessed Are the Sons of God"

- 1. Blessed are the sons of God, They are bought with Christ's own blood; They are ransomed from the grave, Life eternal they shall have: With them numbered may we be Here and in eternity!
- 2. They are justified by grace, They enjoy the Savior's peace; All their sins are washed away, They shall stand in God's great Day: With them numbered may we be Here and in eternity!
- 3. They are lights upon the earth, Children of a heavenly birth; One with God, with Jesus one; Glory is in them begun: With them numbered may we be Here and in eternity!
- P In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:

We come before God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness.

- P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord.
- **Q** ✓ Who made heaven and earth.
- P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.
- And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.
- P Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee

Plans Moving Forward — Neil volunteered to lead the services next weekend. There will be a 9 am "masks-on" service, as well as the regular 10:15 service. Pastor will return for the service on July 26th.

Shut-in/Encouragement List Emily Kuehne suffers from total blindness and severe knee pain. Patti Meno continues to receive regular dialysis and is awaiting a kidney transplant. Bill Issitt III remains mostly housebound due to poor health. Johanna Jaehnigen remains mostly housebound. Crystal Shaw recently had a heart operation recently and is recovering. Bill Hartmann's health is deteriorating quickly. Bob Doriot recently underwent hip replacement and is awaiting another hip surgery. Paulette Galstad is suffering through bad back pain. Mark Moorehead is recovering from surgery. Mr. Beymer is still quarantined at Southern Gardens. Belinda King is struggling through a prolonged respiratory illness that has greatly affected her ability to continue working as a nurse. Loye Issitt is continuing to receive regular dialysis. David Kleinschmidt is suffering through debilitating back pain after a recent fall.

Last Week (7/5) WH – 41

General = \$1325.50 | KINSHIP = \$600 | Spokesman = \$14

Total Offering = \$1,939.50

July Usher: Goodwin | Cleaning (7/18): Bernthal

| **Acolyte (7/19):** Mason K.

"Does baptism really do anything for us? Isn't it my commitment to live a life for Christ?"

The Bible certainly speaks of baptism in terms which indicate that it is much more than just something that we are doing out of love for God. Peter commanded the people during his Pentecost sermon, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." (Acts 2:38) The little preposition "for" relates the remission of sins directly to baptism. Peter does not say to those poor guilt-ridden sinners on Pentecost that Baptism "pictures" or "symbolizes" the remission of their sins. He tells them to "be baptized ... for the forgiveness of your sins." He also states that the Holy Spirit works through baptism! Similarly Paul tells Ananias, "Arise, and be baptized and wash away your sins." (Acts 22:16)

See also: Gal. 3:26-27; Rom 6:3-4; Titus 3:5; Eph 5:25-27; 1 Pet. 3:21.

- for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- O most merciful God, who hast given Thine only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Thy Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of Thee and of Thy will and true obedience to Thy Word, to the end that by Thy grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
- P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in His name He gives power to become the sons of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

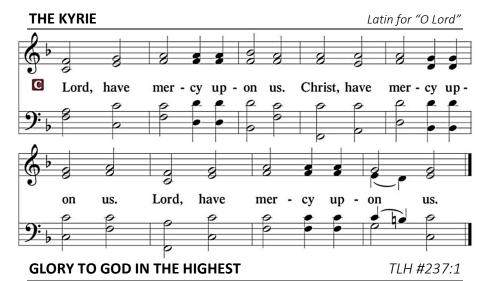
INTROIT Ps. 25:1ff

- P Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted.
- Consider my affliction and my trouble, and forgive all my sins.
- P To You, O LORD, I lift up my soul. O my God, in You I trust; let me not be put to shame.
- **Q** You are the God of my salvation; for You I wait all the day long.
- P My eyes are ever toward the LORD, for He will pluck my feet out of the net.
- Oh, guard my soul, and deliver me! Let me not be put to shame, for I take refuge in you.



VERSE OF THE DAYLuke 8:39a

P Alleluia. Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you. Alleluia.



- All glory be to God on high, Who hath our race befriended! To us no harm shall now come nigh, The strife at last is ended. God showeth His good will to men, And peace shall reign on earth again; O thank Him for His goodness!
- **P** Let us pray. . . . and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

OLD TESTAMENT READING – Isaiah 65:1-9 I was ready to be sought by those who did not ask for me; I was ready to be found by those who did not seek me. I said, "Here I am, here I am," to a nation that was not called by my name. ² I spread out my hands all the day to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good, following their own devices; ³ a people who provoke me to my face continually, sacrificing in gardens and making offerings on bricks; ⁴ who sit in tombs, and spend the night in secret places; who eat pig's flesh, and broth of tainted meat is in their vessels; ⁵ who say, "Keep to yourself, do not come near me, for I am too holy for you." These are a smoke in my nostrils, a fire that burns all the day. ⁶ Behold, it is written before me: "I will not keep silent, but I will repay; I will indeed repay into their lap ⁷ both your iniquities and your fathers' iniquities together, says the LORD; because they made offerings on the mountains and insulted me on the hills, I will measure into their lap

+ Announcements +

Welcome into God's family, Katelyn Goodwin! What a privilege we all shared in witnessing her baptism of rebirth and renewal through the Holy

Looking Ahead...

- 🕆 July 19: Mask-On Service 9 am
- 🕆 July 26: Orlando Service 8 am
- ₱ July 13-24: Pastor Vacation

Spirit. Please continue to remember Katelyn in your prayers, asking that the Lord would continue to graciously provide for her all her days just as He has done today!

Saint Called Home — As we rejoice today over the new life given to Katelyn Goodwin, we are also reminded of the curse of sin at the passing of our sister-in-Christ, Jo Ann Sedberry. And yet, this too is a cause for rejoicing. Many years ago, Jo Ann was welcomed into God's family through the waters of baptism and on her deathbed still held the joy of knowing her sins were forgiven simply by the grace of Jesus Christ her Lord! Her death was just her entrance to eternal life! Praise be to God!

Born a single child "Baby to the Jones" Cudie and Charles Jones of Mt. Pleasant Texas on July 19, 1933. Jo Ann graduated valedictorian of her high school class and attended Prairie View A&M College where she met her husband Edward C. Sedberry, Sr. They were married in 1953, after their graduations from the College of Education.

Jo Ann spent the next 20 years supporting her commissioned husband and family, as an Army wife. As part of Edward's duties, she traveled and homesteaded in Frankfurt, Germany; Mt. Pleasant, Texas; Colorado Springs, Colorado; Livorno, Italy; Kenosha, Wisconsin; Monterey, California; and Killeen, Texas. Her family joined the Lutheran Church while stationed at Fort Sheridan, Illinois and living in Kenosha, Wisconsin. She remained a faithful Lutheran until her passing. She is survived by her daughter, Gail Yvonne, with whom she lived for two years prior to her death, in Auburndale Florida, and by her adopted granddaughter Britney Shauntae of Killeen, Texas.

Jo Ann was preceded in death by her husband and her parents, her three sons: Edward Clifton, Jr., Eric Lynn, and Emmeri Todd, and one infant daughter Madelon Helice, who lived just over 13 hours.

We rejoice to have known Jo Ann, even for a short time. Her ever-present smile, joyful demeanor, and unwavering faith were testaments to the grace of God poured out on her heart and life. We thank the Lord for continuing with her so that we can now say, "She fought the good fight, she finished the race, she kept the faith!" Please keep her family in your prayers.

HYMN: TLH #298:1,2,4,6 "Baptized into Thy Name Most Holy"

- 1. Baptized into Thy name most holy, O Father, Son and Holy Ghost, I claim a place, though weak and lowly, Among Thy seed, Thy chosen host. Buried with Christ and dead to sin, Thy Spirit now shall live within.
- 2. My loving Father, Thou dost take me To be henceforth Thy child and heir; My faithful Savior, Thou dost make me
 The fruit of all Thy sorrows share; Thou, Holy Ghost, wilt comfort me When darkest clouds around I see.
- 4. My faithful God, Thou failest never, Thy covenant surely will abide; Oh, cast me not away forever Should I transgress it on my side! Though I have oft my soul defiled, Do Thou forgive, restore, Thy child.
- 6. And never let my purpose falter, O Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, But keep me faithful to Thine altar
 Till Thou shalt call me from my post, So unto Thee I live and die And praise Thee evermore on high.

- THE OFFERING PLATE IS IN THE AISLE -

PRAYER, LORD'S PRAYER, and BENEDICTION

- The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you His peace.
- C Amen, amen, a men.

HYMN: TLH #301 "He that Believes and is Baptized"

- He that believes and is baptized Shall see the Lord's salvation; Baptized into the death of Christ, He is a new creation. Through Christ's redemption he shall stand Among the glorious heavenly band Of every tribe and nation.
- 2. With one accord, O God, we pray: Grant us Thy Holy Spirit; Look Thou on our infirmity Through Jesus' blood and merit. Grant us to grow in grace each day That by this Sacrament we may Eternal life inherit. Amen.

payment for their former deeds." ⁸ Thus says the LORD: "As the new wine is found in the cluster, and they say, 'Do not destroy it, for there is a blessing in it,' so I will do for my servants' sake, and not destroy them all. ⁹ I will bring forth offspring from Jacob, and from Judah possessors of my mountains; my chosen shall possess it, and my servants shall dwell there.

GOSPEL READING - Luke 8:26-39 Then they sailed to the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. ²⁷ When Jesus had stepped out on land, there met him a man from the city who had demons. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he had not lived in a house but among the tombs. ²⁸ When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him and said with a loud voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me." ²⁹ For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many a time it had seized him. He was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the desert.) 30 Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion," for many demons had entered him. 31 And they begged him not to command them to depart into the abyss. ³² Now a large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside, and they begged him to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. ³³ Then the demons came out of the man and entered the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and drowned. ³⁴ When the herdsmen saw what had happened, they fled and told it in the city and in the country. ³⁵ Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind, and they were afraid. ³⁶ And those who had seen it told them how the demon-possessed man had been healed. ³⁷ Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked him to depart from them, for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. ³⁸ The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, 39 "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him.



The Baptism of

Katelyn Sue Goodwin



Sponsors: Caleb Moorehead and Stephanie Apple

The Apostles' Creed is a summary of Christian faith as taught by the Apostles.

- I believe in God the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
- I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.
- I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

HYMN: WS #751 "God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It"

- God's own child, I gladly say it: I am baptized into Christ!
 He, because I could not pay it, gave my full redemption price.
 Do I need earth's treasures many? I have one worth more than any That brought me salvation free, Lasting to eternity!
- 2. Sin, disturb my soul no longer: I am baptized into Christ!
 I have comfort even stronger: Jesus' cleansing sacrifice. Should a guilty conscience seize me, since my baptism did release me In a dear forgiving flood, sprinkling me with Jesus' blood?
- 3. Satan, hear this proclamation: I am baptized into Christ!
 Drop your ugly accusation; I am not so soon enticed. Now that to
 the font I've traveled, all your might has come unraveled, And,
 against your tyranny, God, my Lord, unites with me!
- 4. Death, you cannot end my gladness: I am baptized into Christ! When I die, I leave all sadness to inherit paradise! Though I lie in dust and ashes faith's assurance brightly flashes: Baptism has the strength divine to make life immortal mine.
- 5. There is nothing worth comparing to this lifelong comfort sure! Open-eyed my grave is staring: Even there I'll sleep secure. Though my flesh awaits its raising, still my soul continues praising: I am baptized into Christ; I'm a child of paradise!

SERMON – Galatians 3:23-4:7 Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. ²⁴ So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵ But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, ²⁶ for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. ²⁷ For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. ²⁸ There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise. 1 I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no different from a slave, though he is the owner of everything, 2 but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by his father. 3 In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world. ⁴ But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, 5 to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. ⁶ And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" 7 So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

Baptized into Christ = Put on Christ



OFFERTORY

In this prayer we OFFER God our hearts, asking Him for that best of all gifts, the Holy Spirit.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.