



Salem Lutheran Church
401 S. Lake St. Lake Mills IA 50450

Welcome to the House of the Lord

Seventh Sunday of Easter
Affirmation of Baptism
May 16, 2021 – 9:00am



OUR MISSION: We are God forgiven and mission driven.

OUR VISION: To be that Lake Mills place where belonging, healing, growing, serving and believing are open to all, regardless of background, experience or aptitude. Central to this is that we are a -forgiving, mission-driven community, which means we all want to have an impact, shaped by the love of Christ to serve all others.

Saturday--5:30pm Worship Service
Preaching: Pastor Joel Guttormson
Organist: Ruth Sheldon
Reader: Becky Helgeson
Liturgical Choir: open
Sound: Shannon Bruhns
Acolytes: Shannon Bruhns
Ushers: Shannon Bruhns
Communion Servers:
Altar Guild for May:
Sharon Johnson & Doris Tweed

Sunday--9:00am Worship Service
Preaching: Pastor Joel Guttormson
Organist: Ruth Sheldon
Reader: Cindy Haugsdal
Liturgical Choir: Bruce Adams, Willie Skellenger, Al Skellenger, Nancy Guttormson
Special Music: Brady Kurtz
Sound: Chike Ikefuama
Live Stream: Brad Evenson
Video: Chike Ikefuama
Acolytes: Lyle Thomson
Ushers: Lyle and Orloue Thomson
Communion Servers:
Altar Guild for May: Sharon Johnson & Doris Tweed

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INTRODUCTION

The gospel for Easter's seventh Sunday is always taken from the long prayer Jesus prays for his followers in John's gospel on the night before his death, and always includes Jesus' desire that his followers will be one as he and the Father are one. This oneness is not mere doctrinal agreement or institutional unity, but mutual abiding, interpenetrating life, mutual love, and joy. This oneness is the work of the Spirit whom we have received but also await. Come, Holy Spirit!

GATHERING

PRELUDE

BELLS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

All may remain seated and may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ, let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.

We thank you, risen Christ, for these waters where you make us new, leading us from death to life, from tears to joy. We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us in the grace-filled waters of rebirth, like rains to our thirsting earth, like streams that revive our souls, like cups of cool water shared with strangers.

Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear. Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness. Send us companions on our journey as we share your life. Make us one, risen Christ. Cleanse our hearts. Shower us with life.

To you be given all praise, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God, now and forever.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

Baptized and Set Free

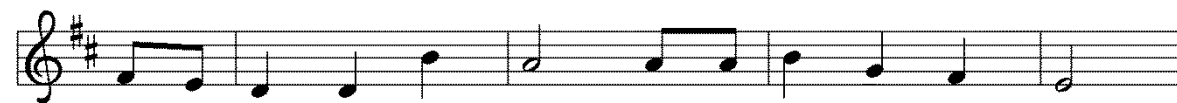
ELW #453



1 We are peo - ple cre - at - ed, cho - sen by God.
2 We are fed and we're nour - ished, filled and re - freshed.
3 We are nour - ished by wa - ter, all liv - ing things,
4 Now with praise and thanks - giv - ing, we join the song.



Then we're washed, ev - er gent - ly, in mer - cy and love.
Then our hun - ger re - turns and a - gain we are blessed.
and by life that the Spir - it a - bun - dant - ly brings.
All are wel - come! We gath - er to sing loud and strong.



Sin has pow - er no more. Je - sus o - pened the door
For what - ev - er the need, God is great - er in - deed:
As we jour - ney toward home, may your pres - ence be known:
Not en - slaved, but set free! From now on, all will be



to a foun - tain bring - ing heal - ing, and whole - ness and more.
end - less o - cean, al - ways deep - er than all of our need.
pre - cious riv - er, ev - er - flow - ing, now car - ry us home.
one in Je - sus, one in wa - ter, bap - tized and set free!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Gracious and glorious God, you have chosen us as your own, and by the powerful name of Christ you protect us from evil. By your Spirit transform us and your beloved world, that we may find our joy in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD

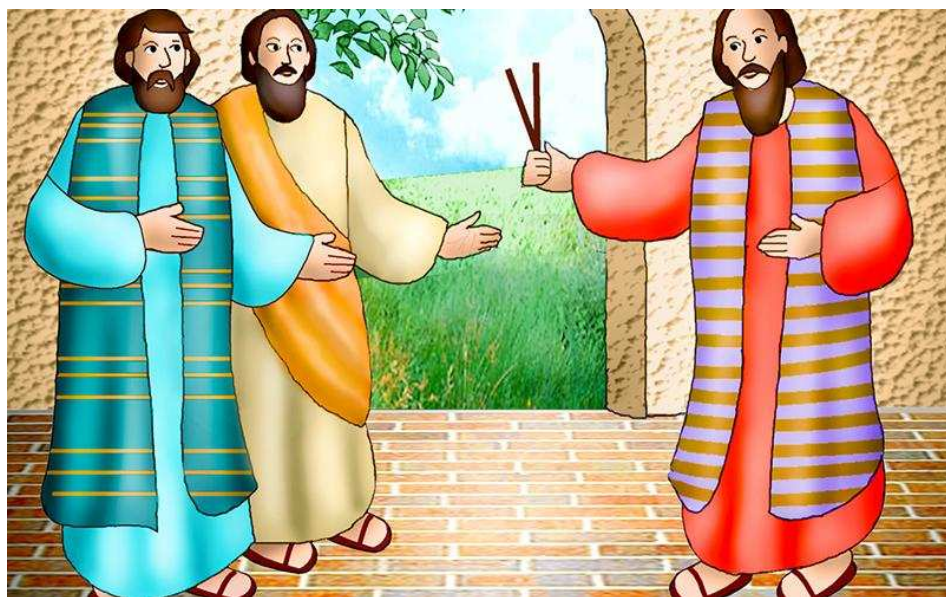
FIRST READING

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

¹⁵In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, ¹⁶“Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus—¹⁷for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.” ²¹So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²²beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.” ²³So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴Then they prayed and said, “Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” ²⁶And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.



All may remain seated for the scripture hymn.

SCRIPTURE HYMN

Will You Come and Follow Me

ELW #798

1 “Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
 2 “Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
 3 “Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
 4 “Will you love the you you hide if I but call
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call

your name? Will you go where you don't
 your name? Will you care for cruel and
 your name? Will you set the pris - ners in -
 my name? Will you quell the fear in -
 Let me turn and fol - low

know and nev - er be the same?
 kind and nev - er be the same?
 free and nev - er be the same?
 side and nev - er be the same?
 you and nev - er be the same.

Will you let my love be shown, will you let my
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and

name be known, will you let my life be
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and

grown in you and you in me?"
 pray'r in you and you in me?"
 mean in you and you in me?"
 sound in you and you in me?"
 grow in you and you in me.

SECOND READING

1 John 5:9-13

⁹If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. ¹⁰Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. ¹¹And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹²Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

¹³I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

We stand for the hearing of the gospel.

Christ has risen!

He has risen indeed! Amen!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!* (Refrain) ELW #382

Refrain

Christ is ris - en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic - to - rious head!

Sing his prais-es! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead!

GOSPEL

John 17:6-19

The Holy Gospel according to John

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus prayed:] ⁶“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. ¹²While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. ¹⁴I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁵I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁷Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

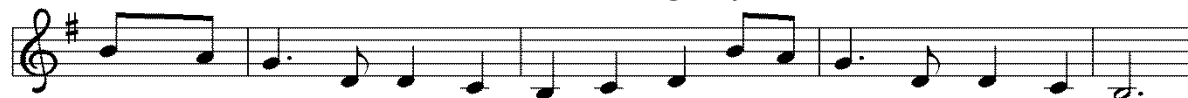
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

Borning Cry

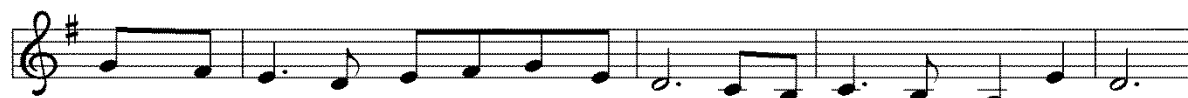
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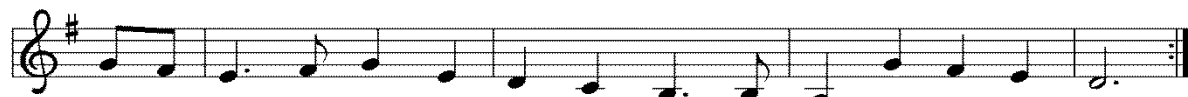
1 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.
 2 "When you heard the won-der of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
 3 "In the mid-dle a-ges of your life, not too old, no lon-ger young,



I re-joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un-fold.
 you were raised to praise the liv-ing Lord, to whom you now be-long.
 I'll be there to guide you through the night, com-plete what I've be-gun.



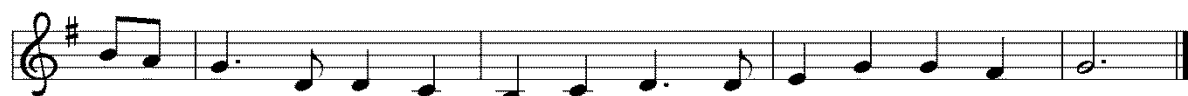
I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;
 If you find some-one to share your time and you join your hearts as one,
 When the eve-ning gent-ly clos-es in and you shut your wea-ry eyes,



in a blaze of light you wan-dered off to find where de-mons dwell."
 I'll be there to make your vers-es rhyme from dusk till ris-ing sun."
 I'll be there as I have al-ways been, with just one more sur-prise."



4 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.



I re-joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un-fold."

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM:

Cody Cox, Kendall Dalhe, Joa Gilbertson, Carter Helgeson, Chike Ikefuama, Kane Koch, Claire Levine, Maddie Mannes, Kaleb Rogstad, Katelyn Rogstad, Annaston Stene, Austin Stene, Hannah Sterrenberg, and Keaton Wempen

PRESENTATION

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for these young women and men who are now making public affirmation of their baptism, to be one with us in the body of Christ, and workers with us in the kingdom of God.

Those making affirmation are presented by parents and/or sponsor. Each in turn will stand and present their confirmand saying the following,

I/we present, Cody, Kendall, Joa, Carter, Chike, Kane, Clarie, Maddie, Kaleb, Katlyn, Annaston, Austin, Hannah, Keaton who *desires* to make public affirmation of *his/her* baptism.

The presiding minister continues with prayer.

Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you for *these sisters and brothers*, Cody, Kendall, Joa, Carter, Chike, Kane, Clarie, Maddie, Kaleb, Katlyn, Annaston, Austin, Hannah and Keaton whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called *them* to yourself, enlightened *them* with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished *them* in the community of faith. Uphold your *servants* in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.

Amen.



PROFESSION OF FAITH

Parents and sponsors may be seated as those making public affirmation of baptism continue to stand..

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Response:

I renounce them.

The presiding minister addresses the candidates and the assembly. All are invited to join in the responses

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.



AFFIRMATION IN THE PRESENCE OF THE ASSEMBLY

The presiding minister addresses those making public affirmation of baptism.

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Each person responds as they are called upon.

I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

The minister addresses the assembly.

People of God, do you promise to support *these sisters and brothers* and pray for *them* in their life in Christ?

We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

The presiding minister prays for God's blessing.

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

Each one affirming their baptism will be called to the font to remember (by dipping their finger in the font and making the sign of the cross and keeling on the step for the laying on of hands by family and sponsors.

Stir up in, Cody, Kendall, Joa, Carter, Chike, Kane, Clarie, Maddie, Kaleb, Katlyn, Annaston, Austin, Hannah and Keaton the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

Amen.

Those making public affirmation stand and face the assembly. A representative of the congregation addresses the assembly.

Let us rejoice with these sisters and brothers in Christ.

We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

All may greet each other with a sign of peace

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

A brief silence.

God of all fruitfulness, you abide in your church and your church abides in you. Cleanse us by your word and give yourself to the whole church on earth so that it bears fruit and witnesses to your love. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You have created the heavens and the earth. As we wonder at the beauty of creation, may we seek vital connections among all that depends on the earth for life. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You rule the nations with justice and love. Give the leaders of the earth assurance of your abiding presence, that they lead not by fear but with love for those they are called to serve. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You have loved us so that we can love others. We pray for all in need of your love: those who are poor, lowly, outcast, weak, or fearful. Provide for the needs of all we love and care for and name before you now (*pause*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You gather us with all the saints by the power of your Spirit. With them, may our hearts live forever in your keeping. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

Bountiful God, you fill the poor with good things and cause the hungry to be satisfied. May these gifts be instruments of your grace and may our very lives be the means of spreading your blessings. Make these gifts be for the world a sign of your boundless love and your overflowing abundance.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever.

Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus. The God of life, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

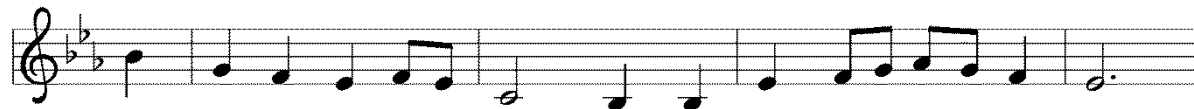
Amen.

SENDING HYMN*We All Are One in Mission*

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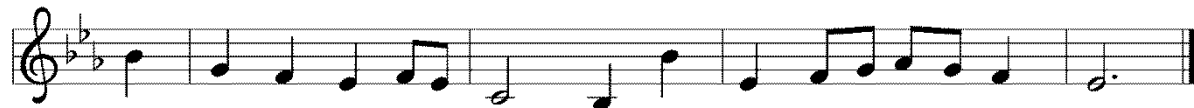
1 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,
 2 We all are called for ser - vice, to wit - ness in God's name.
 3 Now let us be u - nit - ed, and let our song be heard.



our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.
 Our min - is - tries are dif - f'rent; our pur - pose is the same:
 Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing Word.



A sin - gle great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove
 to touch the lives of oth - ers with God's sur - pris - ing grace,
 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,



to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.
 so ev - 'ry folk and na - tion may feel God's warm em - brace.
 our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

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Affirmation of Baptism

Cody Wallace Cox

Born 10-31-06

Date of Baptism: 12-10-06

Baptismal Sponsors: Jim & Candy Olsen

Parents: Tracy & Cory Cox

Verse: Joshua 1:9 “This is my command-Be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”

Kendall Nikohle Dahle

Born 9-1-07

Date of Baptism: 1-13-08

Baptismal Sponsors: Kim Thorson, Dustin & Tiffany Mark

Parents: Kelly Dahle & John Leegaard

Verse: Proverbs 31:25 “Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come.”

Joa Skye Gilbertson

Born 5-30-07

Date of Baptism: 7-15-07

Baptismal Sponsors: Jason Gilbertson, Joy & Chris Evens

Parents: Janelle & Jeremy Gilbertson

Verse: Isaiah 41:10 “So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.”

Carter Henry Helgeson

Born 12-26-06

Date of Baptism: 5-19-07

Baptismal Sponsors: Andy Gregor, Brad & Jolene Helgeson

Parents: Julie & Shawn Helgeson

Verse: Luke 2:52 “And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.”

Chike Addison Ikefuama

Born 5-26-06

Date of Baptism: 6-18-06

Baptismal Sponsors: Donavin & Christa Prescott

Parents: Marci Prescott & Fidelis Ikefuama

Verse: Jeremiah 29:11 “For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”

Kane Michael Koch

Born 8-4-06

Date of Baptism: 10-15-06

Baptismal Sponsors: Brooke Knudtson, Kali Wilkinsen, Amy & Greg Mahlstedt

Parents: Jennifer & Joel Koch

Verse: Philippians 4:13 “I can endure all things through the power of the one who gives me strength.”

Claire Lee Levine

Born 6-18-07

Date of Baptism: 10-17-07

Baptismal Sponsors:

Tiffany Seedorf, Tanner Seedorf, Jessica Anderson, Sarah David

Parents: Jennifer & Matthew Levine

Verse: John 16:33 “These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.”

Maddie Mae Mannes

Born 5-26-07

Date of Baptism: 8-12-07

Baptismal Sponsors: Randy Lawson, Ben Mannes, Aaron Mannes

Parents: Heather & Michael Mannes

Verse: Proverbs 3:5-6 “Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding; in all your ways, acknowledge Him, and he will make your paths straight.”

Kaleb Robert Rogstad

Born 4-14-06

Date of Baptism: 4-15-06

Baptismal Sponsors: Brad Rogstad & Darci Janssen

Parents: Karla Knudtson & Bob Rogstad

Verse: Joshua 1:9 “God is with you wherever you go.”

Katelyn Jo Rogstad

Born 4-14-06

Date of Baptism: 4-15-06

Baptismal Sponsors: Candy Olsen & Devan Helgeson

Parents: Karla Knudtson & Bob Rogstad

Verse: Romans 8:38-39 “For I am convinced that neither death nor life, angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Jesus Christ our Lord.”

Annaston Jo Stene

Born 7-6-06

Date of Baptism: 8-6-06

Baptismal Sponsors: Amber Pearson, Karla Knudtson, Kevin Knudtson

Parents: Kendra & Andrew Stene

Verse: Mark 5:36 “Overhearing what they said, Jesus told him, “Don’t be afraid, just believe.”

Austin Knudt Stene

Born 7-6-06

Date of Baptism: 8-6-06

Baptismal Sponsors: Erich Stene, Jon Stene, Ben Stene

Parents: Kendra & Andrew Stene

Verse: John 5:13 “I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you know that you have eternal life.”

Hannah Irene Sterrenberg

Born 2-14-07

Date of Baptism: 4-29-07

Baptismal Sponsors: Brad Hill, Misty Damm, Andrea & Darrell Anderson

Parents: Brian & Karen Sterrenberg

Verse: Proverbs 27:1 “Do not boast about tomorrow for you do not know what a day may bring.”

Keaton Andrew Wempen

Born 4-26-07

Date of Baptism: 7-22-07

Baptismal Sponsors: Ryan Wempen & Katie Modrell

Parents: Kristin & Bardley Wempen

Verse: James 1:2-4 “Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.”