

# RAISED TO LIFE

BAPTISM SUNDAY

We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. Romans 6:4

# *Centennial Evangelical Lutheran | Milwaukee, WI*

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*September 13, 2020*

## **TO OUR HONORED GUESTS**

We welcome you and thank you for coming to worship with us today. We are very happy that you are here and we want you to feel like a part of our family. Because you are very special to us, we have provided some things to make you feel at home:

- **Activity Bags are available:** These can be picked up and used during the service to occupy young children. Please take only one per child. Do not swap them. Please return them after the service. Please see an usher if interested.
- **Bathrooms Located Inside the School Entrance:** Both bathrooms are available for your use. Enter in the school entrance by our parking lot. They are on the left side of the hallway.

If you need help with any of these items, an usher is always ready to give you assistance.

## **SILENT PRAYER IN REMEMBRANCE OF HOLY BAPTISM**

Dear Father in heaven, You have adopted me as your very own and given me Your name in the waters of my Holy Baptism. You have generously poured out upon me Your Holy Spirit through Your Son, my only Savior, Jesus Christ. By the washing of the water with Your Word, I have been united with Him in His death. Just as surely do I have a share in His resurrection and His never-ending life. For His sake You have called me a beloved child and declared me to be well-pleasing in Your sight. For all of this I thank and praise You.

Yet my old Adam remains, with all my sinful desires while the devil and the world seek to entice me away from You. Only You can help me and save me. Be gracious to me; guard and protect me from all evil. Surround me with Your holy angels, keep the devil at bay, and all his works and all his ways far from me. Return me always to the saving waters of my Holy Baptism, and thereby drown and destroy the old Adam within me. By Your Word and Holy Spirit, bring me daily to contrition and repentance, and by Your free and full forgiveness of my sins, strengthen and sustain my faith and lift me up with Your dear Son to that new life that shows forth Your name, through the same Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

## **OUR THEME TODAY**

Today is a big day. For a few people, today is their baptism day. What does baptism mean? That usually is the question on Baptism Sunday. Baptism means a lot of different things. It means sins forgiven. It means becoming a child of God. It means the name of the one being baptized is written in the book of Life. What do all those things mean? That no matter where life takes us, because of Jesus and his baptism for us...we will see each other again one day in heaven! Baptism is a big deal. It means we get heaven!

# CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE

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## OPENING SONG

## Trust In You

### Verse 1

Letting go of every single dream  
I lay each one down at Your feet  
Every moment of my wondering  
Never changes what You see

### Verse 2

I've tried to win this war I confess  
My hands are weary I need Your rest  
Mighty Warrior King of the fight  
No matter what I face You're by my side

### Chorus

When You don't move the mountains  
I'm needing You to move  
When You don't part the waters  
I wish I could walk through  
When You don't give the answers  
As I cry out to You  
I will trust, I will trust  
I will trust in You

### Verse 3

Truth is You know what tomorrow brings  
There's not a day ahead You have not seen  
So in all things be my life and breath  
I want what You want Lord and nothing less

### Chorus

When You don't move the mountains  
I'm needing You to move  
When You don't part the waters  
I wish I could walk through  
When You don't give the answers  
As I cry out to You  
I will trust, I will trust  
I will trust in You

### Refrain

You are my strength and comfort  
You are my steady hand  
You are my firm foundation  
The Rock on which I stand  
Your ways are always higher  
Your plans are always good  
There's not a place where I'll go  
You've not already stood

### Chorus

When You don't move the mountains  
I'm needing You to move  
When You don't part the waters  
I wish I could walk through  
When You don't give the answers  
As I cry out to You  
I will trust, I will trust  
I will trust in You

### Repeat Chorus

## GREETING & INTRODUCTIONS

## SONG

## Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

### Verse 1

Lord I lift Your name on high  
Lord I love to sing Your praises  
I'm so glad You're in my life  
I'm so glad You came to save us

### Chorus 1

You came from heaven to earth  
To show the way  
From the earth to the cross  
My debt to pay  
From the cross to the grave  
From the grave to the sky  
Lord I lift Your name on high On High!

(Repeat all)

## CONFESSION OF SINS

P: Confess with me.

**C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

## SONG

You Say

### Verse 1:

I keep fighting voices in my mind that say I'm not enough  
Every single lie that tells me I will never measure up  
Am I more than just the sum of every high and every low?  
Remind me once again just who I am, because I need to  
know (ooh oh)

### Chorus:

You say I am loved when I can't feel a thing  
You say I am strong when I think I am weak  
You say I am held when I am falling short  
When I don't belong, oh You say that I am Yours  
And I believe, oh I believe  
What You say of me  
I believe

### Verse 2:

The only thing that matters now is everything  
You think of me  
In You I find my worth, in You I find my identity,

### Chorus:

You say I am loved when I can't feel a thing  
You say I am strong when I think I am weak  
And You say I am held when I am falling short  
When I don't belong, oh You say that I am Yours  
And I believe, oh I believe  
What You say of me  
Oh, I believe

### Bridge:

Taking all I have and now I'm laying it at Your feet  
You have every failure God, and You'll have every victory,

### Chorus:

You say I am loved when I can't feel a thing  
You say I am strong when I think I am weak  
You say I am held when I am falling short  
When I don't belong, oh You say that I am Yours  
And I believe, oh I believe  
What You say of me  
I believe  
Oh I believe, yes I believe  
What You say of me  
Oh I believe

## ABSOLUTION

## SONG

We Believe

### Verse 1

In this time of desperation  
When all we know is doubt and fear  
There is only one foundation  
We believe, we believe

### Verse 2

In this broken generation  
When all is dark, You help us see  
There is only one salvation  
We believe, we believe

### **Chorus**

We believe in God the Father!  
We believe in Jesus Christ!  
We believe in the Holy Spirit!  
And He's given us new life!  
We believe in the crucifixion!  
We believe that He conquered death!  
We believe in the resurrection!  
And He's comin' back again!

### **Verse 3**

So, let our faith be more than anthems  
Greater than the songs we sing  
And in our weakness and temptations  
We believe, we believe!

### **Bridge**

Let the lost be found and the dead be raised!  
In the here and now, let love invade!  
Let the church live loud our God we'll say  
We believe, we believe!  
And the gates of hell will not prevail!  
For the power of God, has torn the veil!  
Now we know Your love will never fail!  
We believe, we believe!

### **Repeat Chorus 2 x**

## **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

*The Rite of Baptism continues in the front by the baptismal font.*

## **EXHORTATION**

P: Brothers and sisters in Christ:

Our Lord commands that we teach his precious truths to all who are baptized. Christian love therefore urges all of us, especially parents and sponsors, to assist in whatever manner possible so these children may remain children of God until death. If you are willing to carry out this responsibility, then answer: Yes, as God gives me strength.

**C: Yes, as God gives me strength.**

P: Let us pray:

Merciful Father in heaven, we thank you for the blessing of baptism by which you offer and grant the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. Help us to regard our baptism as the robe of righteousness we are to wear all the days of our life. Look with special favor on these children and grant them a rich measure of your Spirit that he may grow in faith and godly living. Make us willing to carry out our responsibilities to those who have been baptized, so that all of us may finally come to the blessed joys of heaven, through Jesus our Lord.

**C: Amen.**



# THE WORD

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## FIRST LESSON

Acts 16:29-31 (Pew Bible pg. 1722)

*The jailer called for lights, rushed in and fell trembling before Paul and Silas. He then brought them out and asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"*

*They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household." (NIV)*

## SECOND LESSON

Galatians 3:23-29 (Pew Bible pg. 1813)

*Before the coming of this faith, we were held in custody under the law, locked up until the faith that was to come would be revealed. So the law was our guardian until Christ came that we might be justified by faith. Now that this faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian.*

*So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise. (NIV)*

## GOSPEL LESSON

John 1:1-4, 29-34 (Pew Bible pg. 1645)

*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind.*

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*The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! This is the one I meant when I said, 'A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him, but the reason I came baptizing with water was that he might be revealed to Israel."*

*Then John gave this testimony: "I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him. And I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.' I have seen and I testify that this is God's Chosen One." (NIV)*

## APOSTLES' CREED

**C: 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.**

**Verse 1**

There's a peace I've come to know  
 Though my heart and flesh may fail  
 There's an anchor for my soul  
 I can say "It is well"

**Pre-Chorus**

Jesus has overcome  
 And the grave is overwhelmed  
 The victory is won  
 He is risen from the dead

**Chorus**

And I will rise when He calls my name  
 No more sorrow, no more pain  
 I will rise on eagles' wings  
 Before my God fall on my knees  
 And rise  
 I will rise

**Verse 2**

There's a day that's drawing near  
 When this darkness breaks to light  
 And the shadows disappear  
 And my faith shall be my eyes

**Pre - Chorus & Chorus****Bridge**

And I hear the voice of many angels sing,  
 "Worthy is the Lamb"  
 And I hear the cry of every longing heart,  
 "Worthy is the Lamb"  
 And I hear the voice of many angels sing,  
 "Worthy is the Lamb"  
 And I hear the cry of every longing heart,  
 "Worthy is the Lamb"

**Chorus**

## SERMON

Acts 16:29-31 (Pew Bible pg. 1722)

## Baptism Means...We Will See Each Other Again!

## SONG

## Awesome God

**Verse 1**

When He rolls up His sleeves  
 He ain't just puttin' on the ritz  
 Our God is an awesome God  
 There is thunder in His footsteps  
 And lightning in His fists  
 Our God is an awesome God  
 The Lord wasn't joking  
 When He kicked 'em out of Eden  
 It wasn't for no reason  
 That He shed His blood  
 His return is very close  
 And so you'd better be believin'  
 That our God is an awesome God

**Chorus**

Our God is an awesome God  
 He reigns from heaven above  
 With wisdom pow'r and love  
 Our God is an awesome God

**Verse 2**

When the sky was starless  
 In the void of the night  
 Our God is an awesome God  
 He spoke into the darkness  
 And created the light  
 Our God is an awesome God  
 Judgment and wrath  
 He poured out on Sodom  
 Mercy and grace  
 He gave us at the cross  
 I hope that we have not  
 Too quickly forgotten  
 That our God is an awesome God

**Chorus**

Our God is an awesome God  
 He reigns from heaven above  
 With wisdom pow'r and love  
 Our God is an awesome God

**Verse 1 (repeat)**

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He ain't just puttin' on the ritz  
Our God is an awesome God  
There is thunder in His footsteps  
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**INSTALLATION OF TEACHERS**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH & PRAYER REQUESTS** (Please raise your hand and the Pastor will call on you.)

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**C: 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.**

**BLESSING**

**M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.  
The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.**

**C: Amen.**

**CLOSING SONG**

**It Is Well (see the next page for lyrics)**

### Verse 1

Grander earth has quaked before  
Moved by the sound of His voice  
Seas that are shaken and stirred  
Can be calmed and broken for my regard

### Chorus

Through it all, through it all  
My eyes are on You  
Through it all, through it all  
It is well  
Through it all, through it all  
My eyes are on You  
It is well with me

### Verse 2

Far be it from me to not believe  
Even when my eyes can't see  
And this mountain that's in front of me  
Will be thrown into the midst of the sea

### Chorus

Through it all, through it all  
My eyes are on You  
Through it all, through it all  
It is well  
Through it all, through it all  
My eyes are on You  
It is well, it is well

### Bridge

So let go my soul and trust in Him  
The waves and wind still know His name  
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The waves and wind still know His name  
So let go my soul and trust in Him  
The waves and wind still know His name  
The waves and wind still know His name

It is well with my soul  
It is well with my soul  
It is well with my soul  
It is well, it is well, with my soul

### Chorus

Through it all, through it all  
My eyes are on You  
Through it all, through it all  
It is well  
Through it all, through it all  
My eyes are on You  
And it is well with me

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## EXIT MUSIC - REPRISE - How Good It Is & How Great Thou Art by His Way Band

### THANK YOU

We thank His Way Band for their beautiful music today. We also thank our members who used their talents to enhance our service today.

**Do you have a Facebook account?** If so, please feel free to check in at Centennial to let your family and friends know you are worshipping with us today!

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**Sunday Mornings 10:00 am**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## **VOTERS MEETING AFTER SERVICE TODAY**

We are having a voters meeting to call a vacancy Pastor to serve Centennial. Please come and be a part of this important vote.

## **PASTOR PUFAHL'S INSTALLATION SERVICE**

Please join Faith Lutheran in installing Pastor Pufahl to serve their congregation on Sunday, October 4th at 2:00 pm. Faith Lutheran is located at 55 Prairie Road in Fond Du Lac, WI. Everyone is welcome to attend this special service.

## **FALL BIBLE STUDY TO START**

Our fall bible study, "Politics is Driving Me Crazy!" started today, but its not too late to be a part of this study. This study offers a note of calm and a return to sanity as it leads us to listen to God, who rules over all things. This four part Bible study will help students understand and appreciate the separation of church and state and how we as Christians can best serve our neighbors.

## **CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS**

We are on the search for people that are willing to assist running worship slides and streaming for our services. There are many who utilize our streams and screens. Please consider assisting us to help others to take part in our services. This is a great way to help Centennial to be a beacon in our community.

Coming Up This Week At Centennial	
Sunday <b>13</b>	9:00 am Adult/Teen Study & Kids Club 10:00 am Baptism Sunday / Outdoor Service with His Way Band 11:15 am Emergency Voters Meeting 12:00 pm Farewell Meal for Pastor Pufahl
Monday <b>14</b>	
Tuesday <b>15</b>	
Wednesday <b>16</b>	
Thursday <b>17</b>	
Friday <b>18</b>	
Saturday <b>19</b>	
Sunday <b>20</b>	9:00 am Adult/Teen Study & Kids Club 10:00 am Worship Service w/ Communion