

SURE FOUNDATION LUTHERAN | *Brandon, South Dakota*

March 17, 2024

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

God’s grace welcomes you, no matter who you are or where you’re from—and so do we. We believe that Jesus Christ is the Savior of the world. By his perfect life and innocent death, he saved everyone from the ravages of sin and victoriously rose again to give eternal life to all. Jesus makes us special people, right with God and ready for life! We learn this from the Bible, God’s authentic message of grace and guidance. Whether you are a long-time Christian or a curious observer with little religious background, we are delighted to share the message of God’s grace with you. Please join our worship again.

SERVICE NOTES FOR THIS SUNDAY

Restrooms – are located down the entry hallway.

Connect Cards – this is a way for you to connect with Sure Foundation. Feel free to leave contact info, general comments, and/or prayer requests on the card. When you have finished filling it out, you may put the card in the offering plate in the back of the worship space.

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Communion – Sure Foundation practices what is called “member communion.” We do this because from Scripture we are convinced that in communion we express unity of faith and doctrine. Not wanted to force a confession on anyone, we would ask that if you are not a member of a WELS/ELS church, that you would refrain from communion this morning.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Pastor Craig Wilke
Keyboardist Amy Schnitzler
Violin Chrissy Wilke

RETHINKING DEVOTED COMMITMENT

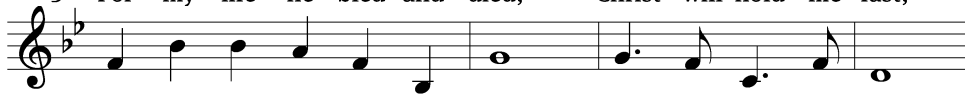
How devoted are you? When you answer that question there may be different metrics that you cite – what you’ve done, what you’ve suffered – that sort of thing. However with Jesus, it is better to focus on his devotion and commitment to you, who gave himself for you!

OPENING HYMN

He Will Hold Me Fast | 813



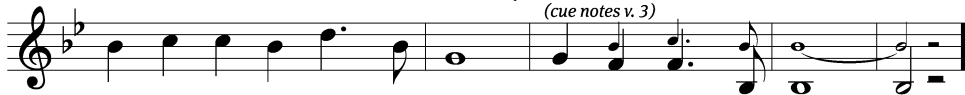
1 When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
2 Those he saves are his de - light; Christ will hold me fast;
3 For my life he bled and died; Christ will hold me fast;



when the tempt - er would pre - vail, he will hold me fast.
pre-cious in his ho - ly sight, he will hold me fast.
jus - tice has been sat - is - fied; he will hold me fast.

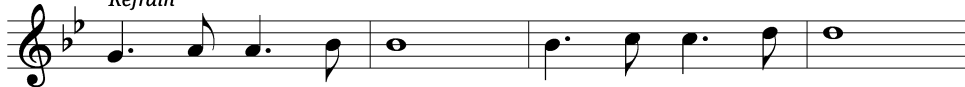


I could nev - er keep my hold thro' life's fear - ful path,
He'll not let my soul be lost; his prom - is - es shall last;
Raised with him to end - less life, he will hold me fast

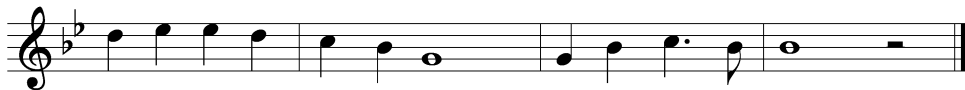


for my love is of - ten cold— he must hold me fast.
bought by him at such a cost, he will hold me fast.
till our faith is turned to sight when he comes at last! (Refrain 2X)

Refrain



He will hold me fast; he will hold me fast;



for my Sav-ior loves me so, he will hold me fast.

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INVOCATION¹

M: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

CONFESSION OF SINS²

M: If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

C: **If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

M: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

C: **Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I deserve your punishment both now and forever. But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death. Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

Silence for meditation and reflection

M: Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.³

C: Amen

¹ You bear the name of the Triune God in your Baptism – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. That is who you are – never forget it!

² We come to the Lord with sorrow and contrition, but we come to the Lord knowing exactly who he is – he is the God who gave himself up for us, for our forgiveness. Therefore, we confess with a solemn heart, but we have confidence in God's promises.

³ A Christian congregation with its called servant of Christ uses the keys in accordance with Christ's command by forgiving those who repent of their sin and are willing to amend...when this is done, it is valid and certain in heaven also, as if Christ, our dear Lord, dealt with us himself. (Luther's Small Catechism)



1 If God him - self be for me, I may a host de - fy;
 4 He can - celed my of - fens - es, de - liv - ered me from death;
 5 Now no one can con - demn me or set my hope a - side;



for when I pray, be - fore me my foes, con - found - ed, fly.
 he is the Lord who cleans - es my soul from sin through faith.
 now hell no more can claim me, its fu - ry I de - ride.



If Christ, my head and mas - ter, be - friend me from a - bove,
 In him I can be cheer - ful, cou - ra - geous on my way;
 No sen - tence now re - proves me, no guilt de - stroys my peace,



what foe or what dis - as - ter can drive me from his love?
 in him I am not fear - ful of God's great Judg - ment Day.
 for Christ, my Sav - ior, loves me and shields me with his grace.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

M: Let us pray.

Eternal God and Father, help us to remember Jesus, who obeyed your will and bore the cross for our salvation, that through his anguish, pain, and death we may receive the forgiveness of sins, victory over the grave, and finally inherit eternal life; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen**

The Word

FIRST READING⁴

Isaiah 43:1-7

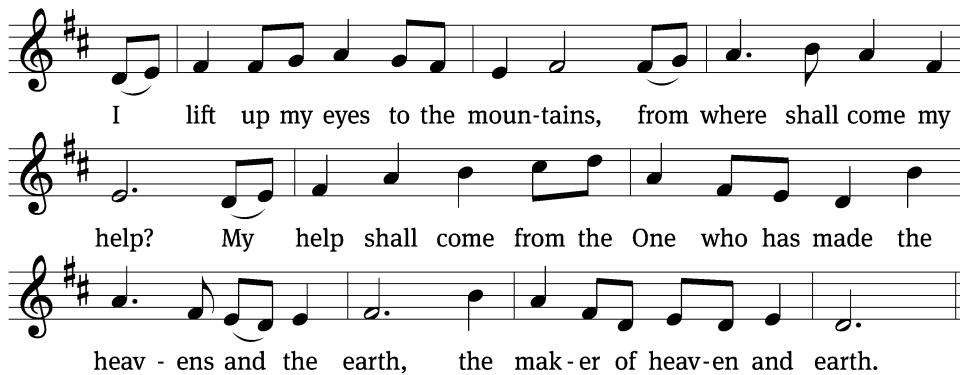
¹But now, this is what the LORD says—
he who created you, Jacob,
he who formed you, Israel:
“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have summoned you by name; you are mine.
²When you pass through the waters,
I will be with you;
and when you pass through the rivers,
they will not sweep over you.
When you walk through the fire,
you will not be burned;
the flames will not set you ablaze.
³For I am the LORD your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior;
I give Egypt for your ransom,
Cush and Seba in your stead.
⁴Since you are precious and honored in my sight,
and because I love you,
I will give people in exchange for you,
nations in exchange for your life.
⁵Do not be afraid, for I am with you;
I will bring your children from the east
and gather you from the west.
⁶I will say to the north, ‘Give them up!’
and to the south, ‘Do not hold them back.’
Bring my sons from afar
and my daughters from the ends of the earth—
⁷everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made.”

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

⁴ The First Reading is typically taken from the Old Testament. During the season of Easter, the First Reading comes from the Book of Acts.

Refrain



I lift up my eyes to the moun-tains, from where shall come my
 help? My help shall come from the One who has made the
 heav-ens and the earth, the mak-er of heav-en and earth.

Tone



I lift up my eyes to the / mountains—
 where does my help / come from?
 My help comes / from the LORD,
 the maker of / heaven and earth.
 He will not let your / foot slip—
 he who watches over you will not / slumber;
 indeed, he who watches over / Israel
 will neither / slumber nor sleep. *Refrain*

The LORD watches / over you—
 the LORD is your shade / at your right hand.
 The LORD will keep you / from all harm—
 he will watch / over your life;
 the LORD will watch over your coming and / going
 both now and for- / evermore.
Glory be to the Father and / to the Son
and to the Holy / Spirit,
as it was in the be- / ginning,
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain*

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⁷During the days of Jesus' life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with fervent cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered ⁹and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

HYMN

O God, O Lord of Heaven and Earth | 571



1 O God, O Lord of heav'n and earth, your liv - ing
 2 In blind re - volt we would not see that reb - el
 3 You came in - to our hall of death, O Christ, to
 4 O Spir - it, who did once re - store the church that



fin - ger nev - er wrote that life should be an aim - less
 wills wrought death and night. We seized and used in fear and
 breathe our poi - soned air, to drink for us the deep de -
 it might yet re - call the one who brings good news to



mote, a death - ward drift from fu - tile birth.
 spite your won - drous gift of lib - er - ty.
 spair that stran - gled our re - luc - tant breath.
 all: breathe on your clo - ven church once more

⁵ The Second Reading is typically taken from the Epistles (or "Letters") of Paul, Peter, John, James, Jude, or Hebrews.



Your Word meant life tri - um - phant hurled in splen - dor
 We walled us in this house of doom, where death had
 How beau - ti - ful the feet that trod the road to
 that in these gray and lat - ter days there may be



through your bro - ken world; ere light a - woke and life be -
 roy - al scope and room, un - til your ser - vant, Prince of
 bring good news from God! How beau - ti - ful the feet that
 those whose life is praise, each life a high dox - ol - o -



gan, you made for us a ho - ly plan.
 Peace, broke down its walls for our re - lease.
 bring good ti - dings of our sav - ing King!
 gy un - to the ho - ly Trin - i - ty.

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SERMON

John 12:20-33

²⁰Now there were some Greeks among those who went up to worship at the festival. ²¹They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, with a request. "Sir," they said, "we would like to see Jesus." ²²Philip went to tell Andrew; Andrew and Philip in turn told Jesus.

²³Jesus replied, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. ²⁵Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me.

²⁷"Now my soul is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify your name!"

Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and will glorify it again." ²⁹The crowd that was there and heard it said it had thundered; others said an angel had spoken to him.

³⁰Jesus said, "This voice was for your benefit, not mine. ³¹Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out. ³²And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." ³³He said this to show the kind of death he was going to die.

SERMON NOTES

Fallacy #1 – You must be _____ to become a follower of Jesus.

How does God's promise to Abraham speak against this fallacy?

What is the heart that underlies this fallacy?

Fallacy #2 – You must _____ up everything...

Why is it that we latch onto "to-do's" when it comes to God?

What does Jesus mean by "loving the world" or "hating their life?"

To be a follower of Jesus, you **must** _____ and _____.

How does this happen?

NICENE CREED⁶

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and became truly human.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

⁶ If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. As Scripture says, "Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame." (Romans 10:9-10)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Brief intercessory prayers may be added in a fitting place.

M: Heavenly Father, you loved the world and gave your Son to free us from sin and death by his obedient death on the cross.

C: **We confess that without your love we are lost.**

M: Lord of the Church, we thank you for the treasure of the gospel. By your Spirit, keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

C: **Strengthen our determination to do what pleases you, no matter what the danger or the cost.**

M: Guard and guide those who carry a cross in the name of Christ and face ridicule and persecution for the sake of the kingdom: missionaries and chaplains, young people who stand up for what is right in the face of pressure to do what is wrong, and all who pay a high price for their faith and values as Christians.

C: **By your Spirit, O Lord, grant them patience and endurance.**

M: Keep in your care those who carry heavy burdens in life: the sick and the chronically ill, the depressed and the lonely, those torn by conflict in personal relationships, and those victimized by war and injustice. [We pray especially for...*here name the person and the cause of the petition.*] Comfort all who face the terrors of life with a heavy heart.

C: **Grant them peace, O Lord, and in your mercy, be their guardian and friend, their comfort and hope.**

M: Watch over those who care for others: pastors and counselors; physicians and nurses; social workers and caring friends; all who feed the hungry, comfort the hurting, and stand beside the dying.

C: **Strengthen them in their work, O Lord, and do not let them become weary in doing good.**

M: Help us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Keep us faithful even to the point of death, that we may receive the crown of life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

OFFERING

Offering will be taken during the service. If you'd like to give online, visit www.surechurch.com/give and follow the self-guided instructions.

The Sacrament

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who brought the gift of salvation to all people by his death on the tree of the cross so that the devil, who overcame us by a tree, would in turn by a tree be overcome. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY⁷

Tune: *MUNICH*



1 Sing, "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of hosts on high,
2 Ho - san - na in the high - est! How blest is Christ our King,



your ev - er - last - ing glo - ry fills earth and sea and sky."
who died as our Re - deem - er, e - ter - nal life to bring!



Our voic - es cry, "Ho - san - na!" Lord, hear our hum - ble plea:
How blest are you, Lord Je - sus, now com - ing in God's name!



in mer - cy, come and save us; in love, come set us free.
"Ho - san - na in the high - est!" our grate - ful hearts pro - claim.

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Tune: Neu-vermehrtes . . . Gesangbuch, 3rd ed., Meiningen, 1693

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⁷ The "Sanctus" has been a part of the celebration leading up to Holy Communion in worship since at least the fourth century. The opening words of the song come from Isaiah 6:3. Added to these words are the words from Matthew 21:9.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING⁸

M: We give thanks to you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be our Savior, our Redeemer, and the messenger of your grace. Through him you made all things; in him you are well pleased. He is the incarnate Word, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. To fulfill your promises, he stretched out his hands on the cross and released from eternal death all who believe in you.

As we remember Jesus' death and resurrection, we thank you that you have gathered us together to receive your Son's body and blood. Send us your Spirit, unite us as one, and strengthen our faith so that we may praise you in your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, we glorify and honor you, O God our Father, with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER⁹

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.**

⁸ From the accounts of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and 1 Corinthians, we understand that Jesus spoke a prayer of thanksgiving as he instituted the sacrament, in which he blessed or consecrated the bread and wine for the sacred purpose of giving us his true body and blood.

⁹ Matthew 6:9-13

WORDS OF INSTITUTION¹⁰

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is my † body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; this is my † blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD¹¹

Tune: WEM IN LEIDENSTAGEN



1 Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, Christ, who takes a - way
2 Je - sus, in your mer - cy, make us pure with - in;
3 Let your end - less mer - cy ev - er - more in - crease;



all the world's trans - gres - sions, lis - ten as we pray:
cleanse us by your per - fect sac - ri - fice for sin.
com - fort us with par - don, calm us with your peace.

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¹⁰ The Words of Institution are compiled from four sections of the New Testament: Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19,20; and 1 Corinthians 11:23-25.

¹¹ The “Agnus Dei” was added to worship in the Western Church around 700 AD. The song echoes John the Baptist’s words in John 1:29 – “Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.”



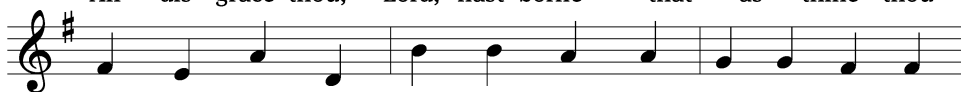
1 Christ, the life of all the liv - ing, Christ, the death of
 2 Thou, ah! Thou hast tak - en on thee bonds and stripes, a
 3 Thou hast borne the smit - ing on - ly that my wounds might
 4 Heart - less scof - fers did sur - round thee, treat - ing thee with



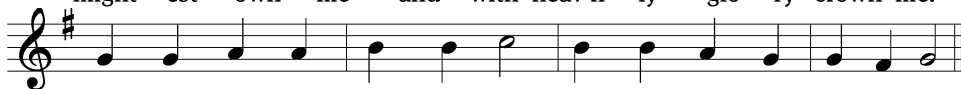
death, our foe, who, thy - self for me once giv - ing
 cru - el rod; pain and scorn were heaped up - on thee,
 all be whole; thou hast suf - fered, sad and lone - ly,
 cru - el scorn, and with pierc - ing thorns they crowned thee.



to the dark - est depths of woe: through thy suf - f'rings,
 O thou sin - less Son of God! Thus didst thou my
 rest to give my wea - ry soul; yea, the curse of
 All dis - grace thou, Lord, hast borne that as thine thou



death, and mer - it I e - ter - nal life in - her - it.
 soul de - liv - er from the bonds of sin for - ev - er.
 God en - dur - ing, bless - ing un - to me se - cur - ing.
 might - est own me and with heav'n - ly glo - ry crown me.



Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks shall be, dear - est Je - sus, un - to thee.
 Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks shall be, dear - est Je - sus, un - to thee.
 Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks shall be, dear - est Je - sus, un - to thee.
 Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks shall be, dear - est Je - sus, un - to thee.

5 Thou hast suffered men to bruise thee
 that from pain I might be free;
 falsely did thy foes accuse thee:
 thence I gain security.
 Comfortless thy soul did languish
 me to comfort in my anguish.
 Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
 dearest Jesus, unto thee.

6 Thou hast suffered great affliction
and hast borne it patiently,
even death by crucifixion,
fully to atone for me.
Thou didst choose to be tormented
that my doom should be prevented.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
dearest Jesus, unto thee.

7 Then, for all that wrought my pardon,
for thy sorrows deep and sore,
for thine anguish in the garden,
I will thank thee evermore,
thank thee for thy groaning, sighing,
for thy bleeding and thy dying,
for that last triumphant cry
and shall praise thee, Lord, on high.

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M: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
C: **his mercy endures forever.**

M: Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
C: **We proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

M: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

BLESSING

M: 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 HYMN

Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me | 849



1 Lord, take my hand and lead me up - on life's way;
2 Lord, when the tem - pest ra - ges, I need not fear;
3 Lord, when the shad - ows length - en and night has come,



di - rect, pro - tect, and feed me from day to day.
for you, the Rock of A - ges, are al - ways near.
I know that you will strength - en my steps toward home.



With - out your grace and fa - vor I go a - stray;
Close by your side a - bid - ing, I fear no foe,
Then noth - ing can im - pede me, O bless - ed Friend;



so take my hand, O Sav - ior, and lead the way.
for when your hand is guid - ing, in peace I go.
so take my hand and lead me un - to the end.

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Sure Foundation News

LAYING THE FOUNDATION

Two weeks ago we launched our Laying the Foundation Campaign! Here's a few to-do's for you:

- Grab a Laying the Foundation Booklet with a pledge card in the back if you have not received one.
- Turn in pledges in the offering plate or in the box in the back.
- Share a booklet with someone who loves Sure Foundation.
- Look of social media posts and share, share, share!
- Pray for this campaign.

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who participated and volunteered in our Easter for Kids program yesterday! It was a great opportunity for little hearts to focus on Jesus.

LENTEN FOOD DRIVE

Any Sunday in the Season of Lent bring non-perishable food items to donate to the Brandon Food Pantry! Thank you ahead of time for supporting this effort!

AREA MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES

There is one of these services left on **March 20**. Here are the locations and times:

- 5:30pm Good Shepherd Lutheran | 4800 S Southeastern Ave., Sioux Falls, SD
- 7:00pm Bethel Lutheran | 1801 Valley View Road, Sioux Falls, SD

EASTER BREAKFAST

Come and join us for our Easter Breakfast! We will start serving at 8:00am on March 31st. Bring your family and fill up before our Easter Festival Service at 9:30am.

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Start planning your Holy Week worship for 2024! We will have a full slate of worship services so we can focus are hearts on Jesus. Take a look at the services below:

Palm Sunday	March 24 th @ 9:30am
Maundy Thursday	March 28 th @ 6:00pm
Good Friday	March 29 th @ 6:00pm
Easter Sunday	March 31 st @ 9:30am

POLITICS IS DRIVING ME CRAZY!

Join us as we study the Doctrine of the Two Kingdoms through a study called “Politics is Driving Me Crazy.” This study will dive into how a Christian views the Church and the government in a godly way. Today will be the last day in the study.

NEXT WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY

The Women’s Bible Study will pick up with a new study of the book “Unoffendable” starting on **March 21st at 7:30pm** via Zoom. If you would like more information please contact Pastor Wilke (pastor@surechurch.com) or Samantha Taylor (taylorinco@yahoo.com).

NEXT MEN’S BIBLE STUDY

Our Men’s Bible Study is digging into the Old Testament book of Joshua. The next study is on **March 21st** at 6:15am via Zoom. If you have a friend that would like to join the study, please let Pastor know (pastor@surechurch.com) and he’ll make sure to add him to the email list.

CHILDREN’S LESSONS

The Bible is important for all ages. Join us for children’s lessons as the Bible is taught in its truth and simplicity.

SETUP & TAKEDOWN SCHEDULE

Team #1 is up for March. Here’s a reminder of who’s on this team and the schedule for this month.

Miller, Taylor, Wrightsman, Bader

March 17th – No Setup, but Takedown

March 24th – Setup and Takedown (move to back)

March 31st – No Setup and Takedown

NEXT WEEKS HYMNS

One way to help your child get involved with our worship services is to teach them a song ahead of time. You can find most of our hymns on YouTube! Here are the hymns for next week:

- All Glory, Laud, and Honor (CW 412)
- Hosanna, Loud Hosanna (CW 413)
- It Was a Dark and Dismal Night (CW 417)
- The Garden of Gethsemane (CW 424)
- He Stood Before the Court (CW 408)
- Sweet the Moments, Rich in Blessing (CW 400)
- Were You There (CW 426)

SETUP TEAM #2 – PLAN AHEAD FOR APRIL

Schelske, Lendt, Tate, Cook

April 7th – Set-up and Takedown (put items in back)

April 14th – Set-up and Takedown

April 21st – Set-up and Takedown

April 28th – Set-up and Takedown

SURE FOUNDATION STATS

Last week's attendance: 76

Last week's offerings: \$2,445.71 - General Offering; \$6,887.69 – Laying the Foundation

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Prepare Your Heart

1 Corinthians 11:28 – *Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup.*

Examine Your Heart

1st Commandment – You shall have no other gods.

2nd Commandment – You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

3rd Commandment – Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

4th Commandment – Honor your father and mother, that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth.

5th Commandment – You shall not murder.

6th Commandment – You shall not commit adultery.

7th Commandment – You shall not steal.

8th Commandment – You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

9th & 10th Commandment – You shall not covet.

Prayer Before Communion

Lord, I am not worthy to be a guest at your holy table. But you are the friend of sinners, and you will not cast me out. This bread is your body, which bore my sins upon the tree. This wine is your blood, which purifies me from all guilt. At your invitation, I come rejoicing. Receive me, my Savior. Amen.

Prayer After Communion

O living Bread from heaven, how richly you have fed your guest!

The gifts you now have given have filled my heart with joy and rest.

Lord, grant me that thus strengthened with heavenly food, while here

My course on earth is lengthened, I serve with holy fear.

And when you call my spirit to leave this world below,

I enter through your merit where joys unmingled flow.

Lord's Supper Sunday

WHAT COMMUNION MEANS

In Communion, in, with, and under the bread and wine, we receive Christ's body and blood for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of faith. This is the most important thing in the Sacrament. In addition, when you commune with a group of Christians, you are saying you believe what they teach. If you believe what Christ says about His Supper and share the beliefs we have at Sure Foundation, you are welcome to join us for communion.

If you are not prepared to make this confession, please use this time for prayer and reflection upon God's Word. We then invite you to speak with our pastor about how you, too, can share in this wonderful gift.

IN PREPARING FOR COMMUNION

Before coming up for communion, all adults should ask themselves these questions:

1. Do you confess your sins and seek to turn away from the sins you confessed?
2. Do you recognize that Jesus' sacrifice on the cross is the only way sin is forgiven?
3. Do you recognize that in the Sacrament you receive Jesus true body and true blood along with the bread and the wine?
4. Do you believe that the Bible *IS* God's inspired Word and does not just contain some truths of God?
5. Do you believe that Sure Foundation Lutheran Church teaches only the truth of God based on His Inspired Word? (A summary of these teachings is taught in Faith Builders, a class that runs several times a year).