

SURE FOUNDATION LUTHERAN | *Brandon, South Dakota*

March 28, 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 in the entry hallway.

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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

HOLY THURSDAY

The Thursday of Holy Week was when Jesus met with his disciples in the Upper Room and instituted the Lord's Supper. It is fitting for us to take some time to focus on this blessed meal through which God desires to richly bless us.

OPENING HYMN

When You Woke That Thursday Morning | 416



1 When you woke that Thurs - day morn - ing, Sav - ior, teach - er,
2 Nev - er so a - lone and lone - ly, long - ing with tor -
3 What was there that you could give them that would nev - er
5 One day all the Church will cap - ture that bright vi - sion

faith - ful friend, thoughts of self and safe - ty scorn - ing, know - ing
ment - ed heart, to be with your dear ones on - ly for a
be out - spent, what great gift that would out - live them, what last
glo - ri - ous, and your saints will know the rap - ture that your

how the day would end; Lamb of God, fore - told for
qui - et hour a - part: sin - less Lamb and fall - en
will and tes - ta - ment? "Show me and the world you
heart de - sired for us, when the longed - for peace and

a - ges, now at last the hour had come when but One could
crea - ture, one last pas - chal meal to eat, one last les - son
love me, know me as the Lamb of God: do this in re -
un - ion of the great - est and the least meet in joy - ous,

pay sin's wa - ges: you as - sumed their dread - ful sum.
as their teach - er, wash - ing your dis - ci - ples' feet.
mem - brance of me, eat this bod - y, drink this blood."
blest com - mun - ion in your nev - er - end - ing feast.

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CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Brothers and sisters in Christ, in this Lenten season we have heard again how our Lord walked the path of suffering which led him to the cross for our salvation. We have also heard our Lord's call to intensify our struggle against sin, death, and the devil—all that keeps us from loving God and one another. This is the struggle to which we were committed at Baptism; God's forgiveness and the power of his Spirit to amend our lives continue with us because of his love for us in Jesus our Savior.

Within the family of the Church, God never wearies of giving peace and new life. In the absolution, we receive forgiveness as from God himself. We should not doubt this absolution but firmly believe that our sins are thus forgiven before God in heaven, for it comes to us in the name and by the command of our Lord.

We who receive God's love in Jesus Christ are called to love one another, to be servants to each other, as Jesus became our servant.

In Holy Communion, first instituted on this night, the members of Christ's body participate most intimately in his love. Remembering our Lord's Last Supper with his disciples, we eat the bread and drink the cup of this meal. Together we receive the Lord's gift of his body and blood for forgiveness and participate in that new covenant that makes us one with him and one another. The Lord's Supper is the promise of the great banquet we will share with all the faithful when our Lord returns, the joyous culmination of our reconciliation with God and each other.

As we begin the solemn celebration of our Lord's passion, let us confess our sins to him, receive his absolution, and be reconciled to God and each other in Christian love.

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.

C: Amen.

HYMN

If God Himself Be for Me | 819



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 - stroy's 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: Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, in the Sacrament of Holy Communion, you give us your true body and blood as a remembrance of your suffering and death on a cross. Grant us so firmly to believe your words and promise that we may always partake of this sacrament to our eternal good; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen**

EPISTLE READING

1 Corinthians 10:16-17

¹⁶Is not the cup of thanksgiving for which we give thanks a participation in the blood of Christ? And is not the bread that we break a participation in the body of Christ? ¹⁷Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all share the one loaf.

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**



1 Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence and with fear and
 2 King of kings, yet born of Mar - y, as of old on
 3 Rank on rank the host of heav - en spreads its van-guard
 4 At his feet the six - winged ser - aph, cher - u - bim with



trem - bling stand; pon - der noth - ing earth - ly - mind - ed,
 earth he stood, Lord of lords in hu - man like - ness,
 on the way as the Light from Light, de - scend - ing
 sleep - less eye, veil their fac - es to the pres - ence



for with bless - ing in his hand Christ, our God, to earth de -
 in the bod - y and the blood he will give to all the
 from the realms of end - less day, comes the pow'rs of hell to
 as with cease-less voice they cry: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -



scend - ing, comes our hom - age to com - mand.
 faith - ful his own self for heav'n - ly food.
 van - quish as the dark-ness clears a - way.
 lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

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GOSPEL READING

Mark 14:12-26

¹²On the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread, when it was customary to sacrifice the Passover lamb, Jesus' disciples asked him, "Where do you want us to go and make preparations for you to eat the Passover?"

¹³So he sent two of his disciples, telling them, "Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him. ¹⁴Say to the owner of the house he enters, 'The Teacher asks: Where is my guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' ¹⁵He will show you a large room upstairs, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there."

¹⁶The disciples left, went into the city and found things just as Jesus had told them. So they prepared the Passover.

¹⁷When evening came, Jesus arrived with the Twelve. ¹⁸While they were reclining at the table eating, he said, "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me—one who is eating with me."

¹⁹They were saddened, and one by one they said to him, "Surely you don't mean me?"

²⁰"It is one of the Twelve," he replied, "one who dips bread into the bowl with me. ²¹The Son of Man will go just as it is written about him. But woe to that man who betrays the Son of Man! It would be better for him if he had not been born."

²²While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take it; this is my body."

²³Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and they all drank from it.

²⁴"This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many," he said to them.

²⁵"Truly I tell you, I will not drink again from the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."

²⁶When they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

M: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!



1 Je - sus Christ, our bless - ed Sav - ior, turned a - way God's
 2 As his pledge of love un - dy - ing, he, this pre - cious
 7 Praise the Fa - ther, who from heav - en un - to us such
 8 If your heart this truth pro - fess - es and your mouth your



wrath for - ev - er; by his bit - ter grief and woe
 food sup - ply - ing, gives his bod - y with the bread
 food has giv - en and, to mend what we have done,
 sin con - fess - es, sure - ly you will be his guest



he saved us from the e - vil foe.
 and with the wine the blood he shed.
 gave in - to death his on - ly Son.
 and at his ban - quet ev - er blest.

Text: tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941; German version, Martin Luther, 1483–1546, abr.; John Hus, c. 1369–1415
 Tune: Geistliche Lieder aufs new gebessert, Wittenberg, 1533, ed. Joseph Klug, alt.
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²¹Then Moses summoned all the elders of Israel and said to them, “Go at once and select the animals for your families and slaughter the Passover lamb. ²²Take a bunch of hyssop, dip it into the blood in the basin and put some of the blood on the top and on both sides of the doorframe. None of you shall go out of the door of your house until morning. ²³When the LORD goes through the land to strike down the Egyptians, he will see the blood on the top and sides of the doorframe and will pass over that doorway, and he will not permit the destroyer to enter your houses and strike you down.

²⁴“Obey these instructions as a lasting ordinance for you and your descendants. ²⁵When you enter the land that the LORD will give you as he promised, observe this ceremony. ²⁶And when your children ask you, ‘What does this ceremony mean to you?’ ²⁷then tell them, ‘It is the Passover sacrifice to the LORD, who passed over the houses of the Israelites in Egypt and spared our homes when he struck down the Egyptians.’ ” Then the people bowed down and worshiped. ²⁸The Israelites did just what the LORD commanded Moses and Aaron.

²⁹At midnight the LORD struck down all the firstborn in Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh, who sat on the throne, to the firstborn of the prisoner, who was in the dungeon, and the firstborn of all the livestock as well. ³⁰Pharaoh and all his officials and all the Egyptians got up during the night, and there was loud wailing in Egypt, for there was not a house without someone dead.

SERMON NOTES

1. In this sermon, I learned (or remembered) what about the Passover?
2. In this sermon, I learned (or remembered) what about the Lord’s Supper?
3. In this sermon, I grew in my appreciation of...

NICENE CREED

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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor will say a prayer for our world, our church, and (if applicable) will include special intercessions.

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Offering will be taken at this point. 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, HOLY

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.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

C: Amen.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

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:
cleans 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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Please follow the direction of the ushers. If you are not communing with us today, please use this time for prayer and reflection.



1 Your bod - y, giv'n for me, O Sav - ior, your blood, which
 2 With you, Lord, I am now u - nit - ed; I live in
 3 Who can con-demn me now? For sure - ly the Lord is
 4 Tho' death may threat - en with dis - as - ter, it can - not
 5 Thus ev - 'ry pain is dis - ap - pear - ing; one taste my



you for me have shed— these are my life and strength for -
 you and you in me. In you my soul will be de -
 near, who jus - ti - fies. No hell I fear, and thus se -
 rob me of my cheer, for he who is of death the
 heart has come to know— of Je - sus and his love en -



ev - er; by them my hun - gry soul is fed.
 light - ed, as joys in - crease and sor - rows flee.
 cure - ly with Je - sus I to heav - en rise.
 mas - ter with help and strength is al - ways near.
 dear - ing, the taste that sweet - ens ev - 'ry woe.

Refrain



O Je - sus, may your bod - y and your blood



be for my soul the high - est good.

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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 you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet you have given us in this Sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit, help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

PRAYER

INTRODUCTION TO THE STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

M: On that Thursday night, Jesus instituted what we have partaken in tonight – the Sacrament of Holy Communion. After the disciples had participated in this sacred meal, they sang a hymn and they headed out to the Mount of Olives, more specifically, the Garden of Gethsemane. In that garden, our Savior would experience deep emotional anguish while the disciples fell asleep. That was followed by the disciples fleeing while a mob came to arrest Jesus.

This stripping of the altar symbolizes the abandonment of Jesus by his disciples. But not only that, it symbolizes the humiliation that Jesus experienced as a consequence of our sin.

As we hear the words of Psalm 88 and observe the stripping of the altar, we remember our sin - our sin that put Jesus on cross. We also remember what that humiliation brought about for those who trust in Jesus – salvation.

PSALM 88A

1 Day and night I cry to you: free me from my
2 How the bur - den of your wrath leaves my soul in
3 E - ven those I called my friends now con - sid - er
gnaw - ing fear; I am anx - ious, drained of strength,
deep dis - may! Why, so of - ten through the years,
me un - known; driv - en from my fam - i - ly,
marked as one whose death is near— would I praise you
have you turned your face a - way? As a pris - 'ner
I must bear my grief a - lone. In the dark - ness,
from the grave? Show me, LORD, your pow'r to save.
of de - spair, am I ban - ished from your care?
ask - ing, "Why?" night and day to you I cry.

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HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

- ✓ Good Friday March 29th, 6:00pm
- ✓ Easter Breakfast March 31st, 8:00am
- ✓ Easter Festival Service March 31st, 9:30am

Service Notes & Communion Resource

Notes on the Stripping of the Altar

The tradition of stripping the altar on Maundy Thursday is representative of the abandonment of Jesus. Jesus was abandoned in the Garden of Gethsemane when he was arrested. All of his disciples ran away and deserted him. This also reminds us of when the soldiers cast lots for Jesus' clothing as he hung on the cross.

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.

Catechism – The Lord’s Supper

The Institution of the Lord’s Supper

FIRST: *What is the Sacrament of Holy Communion?*

It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ for us Christians to eat and to drink.

Where is this written?

The holy evangelists Matthew, Mark, Luke, and the apostle Paul tell us: 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 Blessings of the Lord’s Supper

SECOND: *What blessing do we receive through this eating and drinking?*

That is shown us by these words: “Given” and “poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins.” Through these words we receive forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation in this sacrament. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.

The Power of the Lord’s Supper

THIRD: *How can eating and drinking do such great things?*

It is certainly not the eating and drinking that does such things, but the words “Given” and “poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins.”

These words are the main thing in this sacrament, along with the eating and drinking. And whoever believes these words has what they plainly say, the forgiveness of sins.

The Reception of the Lord’s Supper

FOURTH: *Who, then, is properly prepared to receive this sacrament?*

Fasting and other outward preparations may serve a good purpose, but he is properly prepared who believes these words: “Given” and “poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins.”

But whoever does not believe these words or doubts them is not prepared, because the words “for you” require nothing but hearts that believe.

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).