



# SURE FOUNDATION LUTHERAN | *Brandon, South Dakota*

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*March 31, 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.

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## SERVING IN WORSHIP

**Pastor** ..... Craig Wilke  
**Keyboardist** ..... Christina Wilke, Rachel Pierson  
**Vocalist** ..... Lauren Hansen  
**Brass** ..... Jeff Cook, Sean Fenenga, Rachel Pierson

# HE LIVES!

## OPENING HYMN

*Jesus Christ Is Risen Today* | 438



1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!  
3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!  
4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!  
our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!  
praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!



who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!  
who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!  
now a - bove the sky he's King, Al - le - lu - ia!  
praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!



suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!  
sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!  
where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

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## EASTER DIALOGUE

M: Christ is risen!

C: **He is risen indeed!**

M: He is not here

C: **Come see the place where they laid him**

M: He was pierced for our transgressions

C: **He was crushed for our iniquities**

M: The punishment that brought us peace was upon him

C: **By his wounds we are healed**

M: He was delivered over to death for our sins

C: **And was raised to life for our justification**

M: Oh that my words were recorded, that they were inscribed with an iron tool on lead or engraved in rock forever!

C: **I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand upon the earth.**

M: And after my skin has been destroyed

C: **Yet in my flesh I will see God**

M: I myself will see him with my own eyes – I and not another

C: **How my heart yearns within me!**



## CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

M: Our Savior Jesus Christ commanded Baptism when he said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

All of us are born into this world with a deep need for Baptism. From our parents we inherit a sinful nature; we are without true fear of God and true faith in God and are condemned to eternal death. But while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. He took away our sin by giving his life on the cross. In Baptism, he clothes us with the robe of his righteousness and gives us a new life. We recall what Baptism means for our daily lives:

**C: Baptism means that the sinful nature in us  
should be drowned by daily sorrow and repentance,  
and that all its evil deeds and desires be put to death.  
It also means that a new person should daily arise  
to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.**

M: As baptized children of God, we confess our sins:

**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.**

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

*Beckett David Hansen*

M: The Apostle Paul describes what is happening in Baptism as a death and a resurrection. He says, “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.”

Our baptism connects us to Christ and his work – it saves us. Paul wrote, “He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit.” Peter wrote, “[Baptism] saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at God’s right hand.”

To the human eye, what happens at the font seems ordinary, but in this sacrament God claims Beckett as his own – he forgives his sins, washing him clean; he gives him the gift of the Holy Spirit; and he makes him an heir of eternal life. This is far from ordinary.



M: Beckett David Hansen, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
Receive the sign of the cross on the head and heart to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified.

The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has given you the new birth of water and the Spirit and has forgiven all your sins. May he strengthen you with his grace all the days of your life. Peace be with you.

*[Exhortations are spoken]*

M: Let us pray.

We give thanks, most merciful Father, that you have received [*name(s)*] as your own *child* and made *him* a member of Christ’s body, the church. Now, we pray, grant to *him* and to all your church on earth that, being dead to sin, we may live to righteousness and, being buried with Christ into his death, we may also share in his resurrection, so that, with all your saints, we may inherit eternal life; through Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

- 1    Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
- 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
- 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
- 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
- 5 For the Lamb \_\_\_\_\_ who was slain has be -

blood set us free \_\_\_\_\_ to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*  
 hon - or, \_\_\_\_\_ bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. *Refrain*  
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *v. 4*  
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*  
 gun his \_\_\_\_\_ reign. Al - le - lu - ia! *Final Refrain*

*Final Refrain*

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Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**M:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** **And also with you.**

**M:** Let us pray.

Almighty God, through your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, you overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life. We humbly pray that we may live before you in righteousness and purity forever; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** **Amen**



## FIRST READING

*Isaiah 25:6-9*

<sup>6</sup>On this mountain the LORD Almighty will prepare  
a feast of rich food for all peoples,  
a banquet of aged wine—  
the best of meats and the finest of wines.

<sup>7</sup>On this mountain he will destroy  
the shroud that enfolds all peoples,  
the sheet that covers all nations;

<sup>8</sup>he will swallow up death forever.

The Sovereign LORD will wipe away the tears  
from all faces;

he will remove his people's disgrace  
from all the earth.

The LORD has spoken.

<sup>9</sup>In that day they will say,

“Surely this is our God;  
we trusted in him, and he saved us.

This is the LORD, we trusted in him;  
let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation.”

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## CHILDREN SING

*At this time, any of the children who are singing may come forward to sing their song.*

## SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 15:12-20

<sup>12</sup>But if it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? <sup>13</sup>If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. <sup>14</sup>And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith. <sup>15</sup>More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God, for we have testified about God that he raised Christ from the dead. But he did not raise him if in fact the dead are not raised. <sup>16</sup>For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either. <sup>17</sup>And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. <sup>18</sup>Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. <sup>19</sup>If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

<sup>20</sup>But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

## ALLELUIA



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

<sup>1</sup>Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. <sup>2</sup>So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!"

<sup>3</sup>So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. <sup>4</sup>Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. <sup>5</sup>He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. <sup>6</sup>Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, <sup>7</sup>as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus' head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. <sup>8</sup>Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. <sup>9</sup>(They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) <sup>10</sup>Then the disciples went back to where they were staying.

<sup>11</sup>Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb <sup>12</sup>and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot.

<sup>13</sup>They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?"

"They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him."

<sup>14</sup>At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus.

<sup>15</sup>He asked her, "Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?"

Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him."

<sup>16</sup>Jesus said to her, "Mary."

She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means "Teacher").

<sup>17</sup>Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.' "

<sup>18</sup>Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!" And she told them that he had said these things to her.

M: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise be to you, O Christ!**



1 Christ Je - sus lay in death's strong bands for our of -  
 2 No son of man could con - quer death, such ru - in  
 3 Christ Je - sus, God's own Son, came down, his peo - ple  
 4 It was a strange and dread - ful strife when life and  
 6 So let us keep the fes - ti - val to which the



fens - es giv - en; but now at God's right hand he  
 sin had wrought us. No in - no - cence was found on  
 to de - liv - er; de - stroy - ing sin, he took the  
 death con - tend - ed. The vic - to - ry re - mained with  
 Lord in - vites us; Christ is him - self the joy of



stands and brings us life from heav - en.  
 earth, and there - fore death had brought us  
 crown from death's pale brow for - ev - er.  
 life, the reign of death was end - ed.  
 all, the sun that warms and lights us.



There - fore let us joy - ful be and sing to  
 in - to bond - age from of old and ev - er  
 Stripped of pow'r, no more it reigns; an emp - ty  
 Ho - ly Scrip - ture plain - ly saith that death is  
 Now his grace to us im - parts e - ter - nal



God right thank - ful - ly loud songs of  
 grew more strong and bold and held us  
 form a - lone re - mains; its sting is  
 swal - lowed up by death; dis - graced, it  
 sun - shine to our hearts; the night of



## APOSTLES' CREED

**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.**

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*Brief intercessory prayers may be added in a fitting place.*

**M:** Lord of life, fill our hearts with joy this Easter Day, for you have risen and conquered the grave. Imprint the message of victory on our hearts and implant it in our minds. Through the good news of your resurrection renew our hope and revive our faith. Lord, in your mercy,

**C:** **Hear our prayer.**

**M:** By baptizing us into your name, you have connected us to your death and rising. You have put our sin to death and have given us a new life. Enable us each day to think of ourselves

as dead to sin and alive to you, so that we may walk in newness of life in all we do. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

M: In this fallen world, death and sorrow surround us. Touch the hearts of those who grieve the loss of a Christian they love. Direct their eyes to your empty tomb and ease their pain by reminding them that their loved ones will one day rise again. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

M: Lord, many people grieve without hope. Let the message of resurrection reach them and awaken faith in their hearts. Use us as your instruments to bring the word of life to their souls and the message of hope to their hearts. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

M: Stay by the side of all who are suffering. In your wise mercy, heal those who are sick, receiving treatment for illness, recovering from illness or surgery, or hurting in body or mind. [We pray especially for...*here name the person and the cause of the petition.*] Remind them that your victory over death is a fact, and comfort them with your promise to raise them and give them and all believers new, glorified bodies like yours. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

M: Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

*Silent prayer*

M: Risen Savior, feed our faith with the message of your resurrection. Come to us in your Word and in the feast of your Sacrament to sustain and strengthen us until we feast with you in eternal glory.

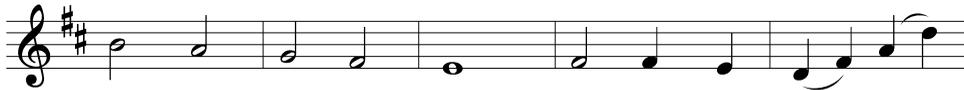
**C: Amen.**

## **OFFERING**

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



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What com - fort  
 2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; he lives e -  
 3 He lives to bless me with his love; he lives to  
 6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'n - ly friend; he lives and



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who  
 ter - nal - ly to save; he lives all - glo - rious  
 plead for me a - bove; he lives my hun - gry  
 loves me to the end; he lives, and while he



once was dead; he lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head!  
 in the sky; he lives ex - alt - ed there on high.  
 soul to feed; he lives to help in time of need.  
 lives, I'll sing; he lives, my Proph - et, Priest, and King.

7 He lives and grants me daily breath;  
 he lives, and I shall conquer death;  
 he lives my mansion to prepare;  
 he lives to bring me safely there.

8 He lives, all glory to his name!  
 He lives, my Jesus, still the same.  
 Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:  
 I know that my Redeemer lives!

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## PRAYER

**M:** Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart that, being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and 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.

## 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.



1 How can it be, the One who died has borne our  
 2 For joy a - wakes as dawn - ing light when Christ's dis -  
 3 Where doubt and dark - ness once had been, they saw him



sin through sac - ri - fice, to con - quer ev - 'ry  
 ci - ples lift their eyes. A - live he stands, their  
 and their hearts be - lieved. But blest are those who



sting of death? Sing, sing "Hal - le - lu - jah!" v. 2  
 friend and King; Christ, Christ, he is ris - en!  
 have not seen, yet sing "Hal - le - lu - jah!" v. 4



Christ is ris - en, he is ris - en in - deed! Oh, sing "Hal - le -



lu - jah!" Join the cho - rus, sing with the re - deemed:



"Christ is ris - en, he is ris - en in - deed." v. 3/v. 5

4 Once bound by fear, now bold in faith,  
 they preached the truth and pow'r of grace  
 and pouring out their lives they gained  
 life, life everlasting. (Refrain)

5 The pow'r that raised him from the grave  
now works in us to pow'rf'lly save.  
He frees our hearts to live his grace;  
go, tell of his goodness. (Refrain)

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## *Sure Foundation News*

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### **GRAB A GIFT**

Thank you for coming to worship today! As a token of our appreciation, please take a copy of the children's book "The Love Bridge." We hope that you will join us again!

### **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.

### **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!

### **NEXT WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

The Women's Bible Study will pick up with a new study of the book "Unoffendable" starting on **April 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm** via Zoom. If you would like more information please contact Pastor Wilke ([pastor@surechurch.com](mailto:pastor@surechurch.com)) or Samantha Taylor ([taylorinco@yahoo.com](mailto: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 **April 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:15am** via Zoom. If you have a friend that would like to join the study, please let Pastor know ([pastor@surechurch.com](mailto:pastor@surechurch.com)) and he'll make sure to add him to the email list.

## **SETUP & TAKEDOWN SCHEDULE**

Team #2 is up for April. Here's a reminder of who's on this team and the schedule for this month.

Schelske, Lendt, Tate, Cook

April 7<sup>th</sup> – Setup and Takedown (put in back)

April 14<sup>th</sup> – Setup and Takedown

April 21<sup>st</sup> – Setup and Takedown

April 28<sup>th</sup> – 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:

- Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain (CW 462)
- This Is the Feast of Victory (CW 938)
- He's Risen, He's Risen (CW 445)
- Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me (CW 839)
- O Sons and Daughters of the King (CW 456)
- Crown Him with Many Crowns (CW 511)