

SURE FOUNDATION LUTHERAN | *Brandon, South Dakota*

April 14, 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 and he is worthy of worship. It is the goal of Sure Foundation to worship Jesus and make him known in Brandon and beyond. 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.

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.

Offering – envelopes are included in this worship folder. This is one of several ways to give at Sure Foundation. Feel free to include cash or check in the envelope. The information you provide helps us help you receive the tax documents that you need. If you desire to give online, visit surechurch.com/give and follow the self-guided set-up.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Pastor Craig Wilke
Keyboardist Lauren Hansen

WE HAVE A MEANINGFUL MESSAGE TO SHARE

The resurrection gives believers the ability to offer more than platitudes. We have a meaningful message to share—of repentance, of forgiveness, of peace, of power. The reality is we have something important to say to every single person that God brings into our sphere of influence. And our risen Savior gives us the courage and power to share that meaningful message.

OPENING HYMN

The First Song of Isaiah | 810



Sure - ly, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and



not be a - fraid. For the Lord is my strong-hold and my



sure de-fense, and he will be my Sav - ior.



1 There - fore you shall draw wa - ter with re - joic - ing



from the springs of sal - va - tion. And on that day you shall say, "Give



thanks to the Lord and call up - on his name."




2 Make his deeds known a-mong the peo - ples; see that they re -




mem-ber that his name is ex-alt - ed. Sing the prais-es of the Lord for

Refrain




he has done great things and this is known in all the world.

Verse



3 Cry a - loud, in-hab-it-ants of Zi-on, ring out your joy, for the

Refrain




great one in the midst of you is the Ho - ly One of Is - rael.


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M: In the name of the Father and of the \neq Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.


RESPONSIVE SINGING



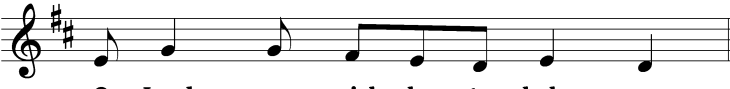
O Lord, o - pen my lips,



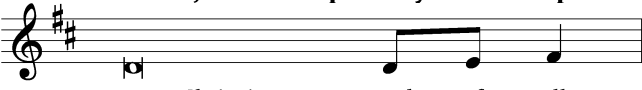
and my mouth shall de - clare your praise.




Has - ten to save me, O God;



O Lord, come quick - ly to help me.

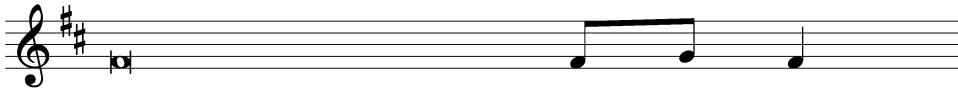


General Jesus Christ is Lord of all:

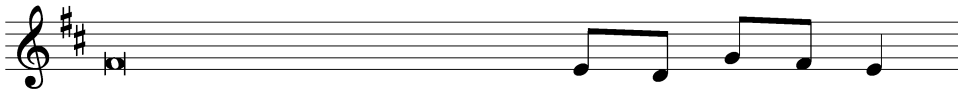


praise and thanks to God!

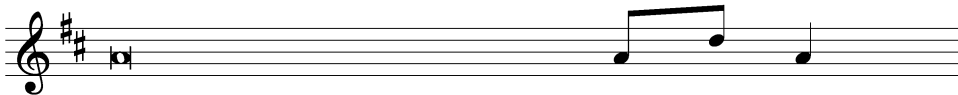
O COME, LET US SING TO THE LORD



- 1 O come, let us sing to the Lord,
- 2 For the Lord is a great God
- 3 The sea is his, for he made it,



- 1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal - va - tion.
- 2 and a great king a - bove all gods.
- 3 and his hand formed the dry land.



- 1 Let us come into his presence with thanks - giv - ing,
- 2 The deep places of the earth are in his hand;
- 3 O come, let us worship and bow down,
- 4 For he is our God,



- 1 let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise.
- 2 the heights of the hills are al - so his.
- 3 let us kneel before the Lord our mak - er.
- 4 and we are the people of his
pasture and the sheep of his hand.



FIRST READING


Acts 3:11-20

¹¹While the man held on to Peter and John, all the people were astonished and came running to them in the place called Solomon's Colonnade. ¹²When Peter saw this, he said to them: "Fellow Israelites, why does this surprise you? Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk? ¹³The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus. You handed him over to be killed, and you disowned him before Pilate, though he had decided to let him go. ¹⁴You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. ¹⁵You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this. ¹⁶By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus' name and the faith that comes through him that has completely healed him, as you can all see.


¹⁷"Now, fellow Israelites, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did your leaders. ¹⁸But this is how God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, saying that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord, ²⁰and that he may send the Messiah, who has been appointed for you—even Jesus.

M: The Word of the Lord.


C: **Thanks be to God.**



1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to
 2 I want to see the bright-ness of God. I want to
 3 I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ. I want to



fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give
 look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of Right - eous - ness,
 be with Je - sus. When we have run with




light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.
 shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.
 pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain


In him there is no dark - ness at all. The night and the



day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the



cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

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SECOND READING

1 John 1:5-2:2

⁵This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. ⁶If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. ⁷But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

⁸If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us.

¹My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. ²He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

At this time, any children who would like to may come up front for a short children's message.



1 Christ the Lord is ris'n a - gain; Christ has bro - ken
 2 He who gave for us his life, who for us en -
 3 He who bore all pain and loss com - fort - less up -
 4 He whose path no rec - ords tell has de - scend - ed



death's strong chain. Hark, the an - gels shout for joy,
 dured the strife, is our Pas - chal Lamb to - day.
 on the cross lives in glo - ry now on high,
 in - to hell; he the strong man armed has bound



sing - ing ev - er - more on high: Hal - le - lu - jah!
 We too sing for joy and say: Hal - le - lu - jah!
 pleads for us, and hears our cry: Hal - le - lu - jah!
 and in high - est heav'n is crowned. Hal - le - lu - jah!

5 He who slumbered in the grave
 is exalted now to save;
 now through Christendom it rings
 that the Lamb is King of kings.
 Hallelujah!

6 Now he bids us tell abroad
 how the lost may be restored,
 how the penitent forgiv'n,
 how we, too, may enter heav'n.
 Hallelujah!

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³⁶While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you."

³⁷They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? ³⁹Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have."

⁴⁰When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. ⁴¹And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, "Do you have anything here to eat?" ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate it in their presence.

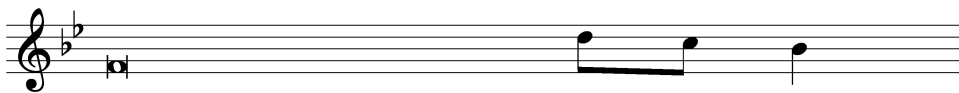
⁴⁴He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms."

⁴⁵Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. ⁴⁶He told them, "This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

SERMON NOTES

1. Can you think of a time when you wanted to comfort someone, but you couldn't think of the words to say?
2. What are two ways that you categorize your thoughts as you think about the comfort that you want to share with someone else?
3. Why is it a good thing to feel inadequacy when you want to share comfort with others?
4. How is the Resurrection of Jesus the answer for making a real impact with comfort?
5. What does it mean that Jesus gave us "shalom?"

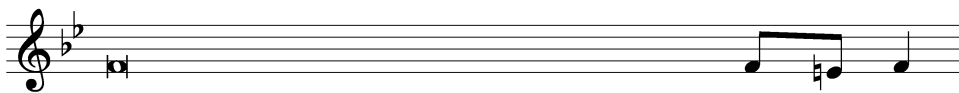
WE PRAISE YOU, O GOD



- 1 We praise you, O God, we acclaim you as Lord;
 2 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of heav'n - ly hosts,
 3 The white-robed army of martyrs praise — you.



- 1 all creation worships you, Fa - ther ev - er - last - ing.
 2 heaven and earth are full — of your glo - ry.
 3 Throughout the world the ho - ly Church ac - claims you:



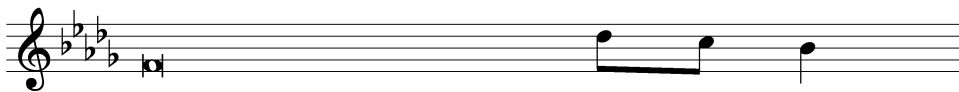
- 1 To you all angels, all the pow'rs of heav'n,
 2 The glorious company of apostles praise — you.
 3 Father of majesty unbounded; your glorious, true, and on - ly Son;



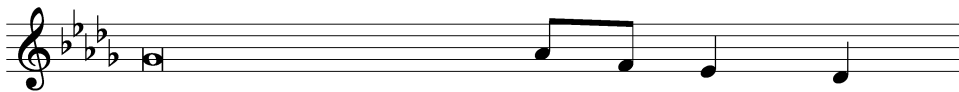
- 1 cherubim and seraphim, sing in end - less praise:
 2 The noble fellowship of proph - ets praise — you.
 3 and the Holy Spirit, ad - vo - cate and guide.



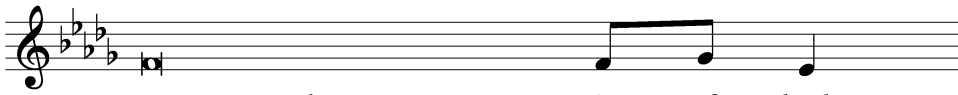
- 4 You, Christ, are the King of glo - ry, the eternal Son of the Fa - ther.



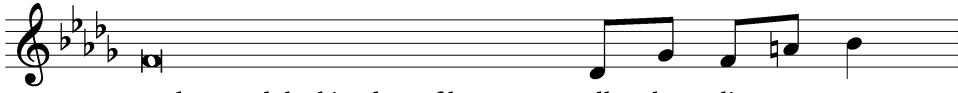
- 5 When you became man to set us free,
 6 You sit at the right hand of God



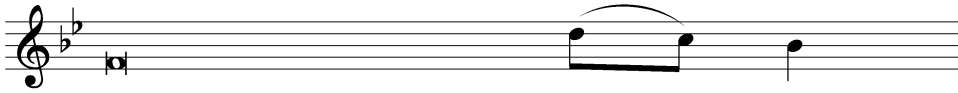
- 5 you humbled yourself to be born of a vir - gin.
 6 in the glory of the Fa - ther.



5 You overcame the sting of death
 6 We believe that you will come



5 and opened the kingdom of heaven to all be - liev - ers.
 6 to be our judge.



7 Come then, Lord, and help your peo - ple,



7 bought with the price of your own blood,



7 and bring us with your saints to glory ev - er - last - ing.

OFFERING

Moved by God's love in Christ, we offer him our first and best gifts, purely out of thanks to him. If you'd like to automate giving and make it a recurring gift, visit surechurch.com/give and follow the self-guided set-up.

LORD, HAVE MERCY



Hear my voice when I call, O Lord; be merciful and answer me.



Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

PRAAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

O God, by the humiliation of your Son, you lifted up this fallen world from the despair of death. By his resurrection to life, grant your faithful people gladness of heart and the hope of eternal joys; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Special prayers may be included here.

M: O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with your mighty power, and grant that this day we neither fall into sin nor run into any kind of danger. And in all we do, direct us to what is right in your sight; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done

On earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those

who trespass against us.

and lead us not into temptation,

But deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power,

And the glory forever and ever. Amen.



Let us praise the Lord.



Thanks be to God.



The grace of our Lord + Je - sus Christ and the love of God



and the fellowship of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.



A - men.



1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,
 2 O won - der - ful re - demp - tion! The price for sin is paid,
 2 The Sav - ior of all peo - ple has brought his peace to you;



of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.
 sal - va - tion is ac - com - plished, my heart is un - a - fraid,
 now go and tell the sto - ry, for oth - ers need it too.



I love to tell the sto - ry be - cause I know it's true;
 for God has raised Christ Je - sus to show the work was done;
 To ev - 'ry land and na - tion ring out the gos - pel call;



it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else can do.
 his glo - rious res - ur - rec - tion de - clared the vic - t'ry won!
 pro - claim that Christ is ris - en and grants his peace to all.



I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry



to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

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Sure Foundation News

LAYING THE FOUNDATION – THE FINAL DAY

Today is the last day to submit as pledge for the Laying the Foundation Campaign. Please consider taking the step to fill out a pledge card. As a congregation, we'd love to have a really high pledge participation because we are all in this together and certainly this building will be a blessing to us all. Thank you!

BUILDING PROGRESS INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Join us for a brief time **after the worship service TODAY** for an update on the building progress. There will be some time to address any questions that may arise. Hope that you'll stick around to hear the latest!

ARE YOU ABLE TO HELP?

The Building Committee has entered the phase of determining Time & Talent opportunities. If you have the ability and willingness to help in specific capacities throughout the building process, please shoot a message to Pastor Wilke (pastor@surechurch.com) and make him aware of your ability/willingness. Additionally, if you have recommendations for sub-contractors, send those our way as well. Thank you!

GPL SUNDAY

Next Sunday will be our GPL Sunday, where Pastor Maertz will be joining us to preach and to share a little information about Great Plains Lutheran High School. There will be a free-will offering following the service in support of GPL and their mission.

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

Mark your calendars for Confirmation Sunday on **April 28th**. This is a great day to see a fellow believer give their public testimony of their faith and remember the promises that you made at your confirmation.

CHILDREN'S BULLETINS

Check out our new children's bulletins! They provide coloring pages and activities that match up with the message of the service. Grab one as well as some crayons for your kiddo by the door.

NEXT WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Women's Bible Study will pick up with a new study of the book "Unoffendable" starting on **April 18th 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 **April 18th** 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.

RESULTS OF THE LENTEN FOOD DRIVE

Thank you for everyone who donated items for our Lenten Food Drive! We were able to donate 267 lbs of food to the Brandon Food Pantry. Thank you for blessing people who are in a time of need. Let's beat that number next year!

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 14th – Setup and Takedown
April 21st – Setup and Takedown
April 28th – 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:

- Jesus, Shepherd of the Sheep (CW 551)
- Let Children Hear the Mighty Deeds (CW 758)
- Gracious Savior, Gentle Shepherd (CW 757)
- The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want (CW 555)
- Lord, Bless Your Word to All the Young (CW 762)

SURE FOUNDATION STATS

Attendance – 75

Offerings - \$1,397.74 (General); \$22,860.22 (Laying the Foundation)

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Setting Two from Christian Worship

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Laying the Foundation Update

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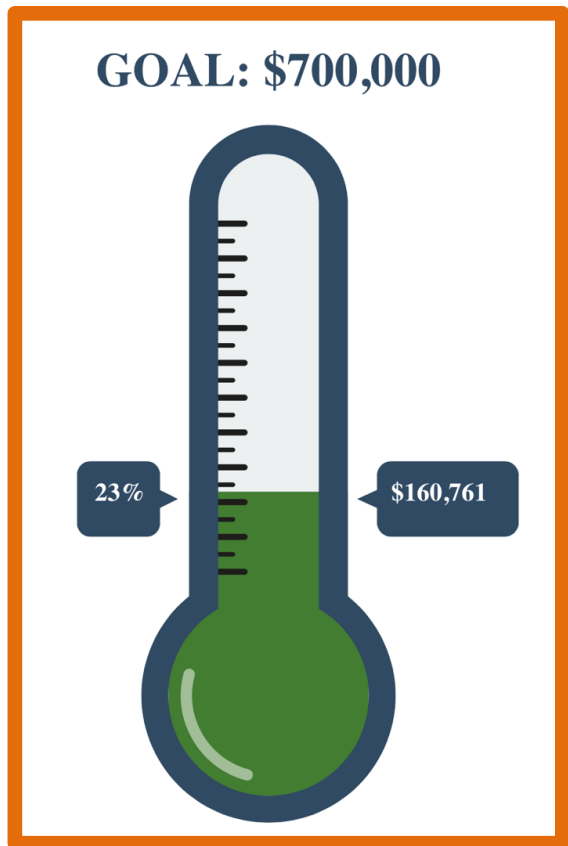
Today is the last day of the public portion of the Laying the Foundation campaign. The response of faith is so encouraging. One-time gifts have been given to utilize the kickoff match fully – all \$80,000. This campaign has been a great opportunity to rally together toward something that will assuredly be a blessing to all of us at Sure Foundation. May the Lord's love continue to compel you. – Pastor Wilke –

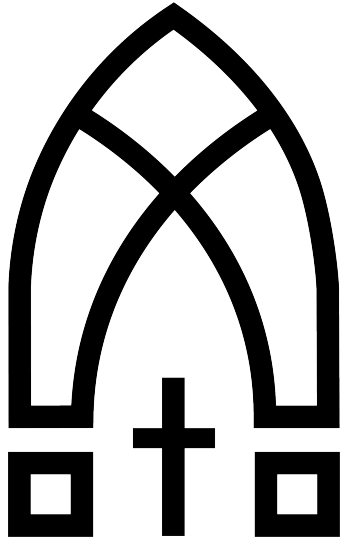
Progress

Pledges - \$392,916.59

Pledge Participation - 59%

Gifts Received - \$160,761.74





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