

April 21, 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.

Connect Cards – this is a way for you to connect with Sure Foundation. Please 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 as it goes around.

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.

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

Preacher.....Dave Maertz
Presiding Minister Craig Wilke
Keyboardist..... Rachel Pierson

GPL SUNDAY

Scripture frequently pictures spiritual care in terms of a shepherd watching over sheep. Even folks unfamiliar with shepherding are able to grasp the meaning. Sheep are helpless animals—an easy meal for predators. For sheep to survive they needed a shepherd who not only leads them to sources of food, but who also is willing to tangle with a pack of wolves. Jesus is such a shepherd. He proved he is willing to lay down his life for his sheep.

OPENING HYMN

Jesus, Shepherd of the Sheep | 551



1 Je - sus, shep - herd of the sheep, who your
2 In your prom - ise firm we stand, none can
3 By your blood our souls were bought, by your
4 Fa - ther, draw us to your Son; we with
5 We, in robes of glo - ry dressed, join th'as -



Fa - ther's flock does keep, safe we wake and
take us from your hand; speak— we hear— at
life sal - va - tion wrought; by your light our
joy will fol - low on till the work of
sem - bly of the blest, gath - ered to e -



safe we sleep, guard - ed still by you.
your com - mand, we will fol - low you.
feet are taught, Lord, to fol - low you.
grace is done, there to live with you.
ter - nal rest in the fold with you.

Text: Henry Cook, 1788–1868, alt.
Tune: Friedrich Filitz, 1804–1876
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INVOCATION

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

CONFESSION

M: Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.
C: **Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.**

M: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**C: Almighty and merciful Father,
we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.
We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts.
We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.
We have done those things that we should not have done,
and we have not done those things that we should have done.
Have mercy on us, Lord!
Spare us, forgive us, and restore us,
according to your promises in Christ Jesus.**

Silence for meditation and reflection

M: God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

C: Amen.

LORD HAVE MERCY

Kyrie

M: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his



peo - ple on earth. Lord God,



heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we



wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your



glo - ry. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and



peace to his peo - ple on earth.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. You are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his



peo - ple on earth. For you a -



lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ,



with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the glo - ry of



God the Fa - ther. A - men. A - men.



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his



peo - ple on earth.

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M: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have committed to your church the task of making disciples of all nations. Enlighten with your wisdom those who teach and those who learn, that, rejoicing in the knowledge of your truth, they may worship and serve you from generation to generation; 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

Romans 8:31-39

³¹What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³²He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? ³³Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. ³⁵Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? ³⁶As it is written:

“For your sake we face death all day long;
we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.”

³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, ³⁹neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**



1 Let chil - dren hear the might - y deeds which God per -
 2 Make un - to them his glo - ries known, his works of
 3 Our sons and daugh - ters we shall tell and they will
 4 O teach them with all dil - i - gence the truths of
 5 To learn that in our God a - lone their hope se -



formed of old, which in our young - er
 pow'r and grace, and we'll con - vey his
 then tell theirs, that gen - er - a - tions
 God's own Word, to place in him their
 cure - ly stands, that they may ne'er for -



years we saw, and which our par - ents told.
 won - ders down through ev - 'ry ris - ing race.
 yet un - born may teach them to their heirs.
 con - fi - dence, to fear and trust their Lord,
 get his works, but walk in his com - mands.

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SECOND READING

2 Timothy 1:1-14

¹Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, in keeping with the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

²To Timothy, my dear son:

Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

³I thank God, whom I serve, as my ancestors did, with a clear conscience, as night and day I constantly remember you in my prayers. ⁴Recalling your tears, I long to see you, so that I may be filled with joy. ⁵I am reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also.

⁶For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. ⁷For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline. ⁸So do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner. Rather, join with me in suffering for the gospel, by the power of God. ⁹He has saved us and called us to a holy life—not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time, ¹⁰but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. ¹¹And of this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher. ¹²That is why I am suffering as I am. Yet this is no cause for shame, because I know whom I have believed, and am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him until that day.

¹³What you heard from me, keep as the pattern of sound teaching, with faith and love in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴Guard the good deposit that was entrusted to you—guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL READING

John 20:19-31

¹⁹On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

²¹Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you."

²²And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

²⁴Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!"

But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

²⁶A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."

²⁸Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

²⁹Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

³⁰Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. ³¹But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

M: The Gospel of the Lord.

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



1 Gra - cious Sav - ior, gen - tle Shep - herd, chil - dren all are
 2 Ten - der Shep - herd, nev - er leave them, nev - er let them
 3 By your ho - ly Word in - struct them, fill their minds with
 4 Taught to love the ho - ly prais - es which on earth your



dear to you; may your lov - ing arms en - fold them
 go a - stray; by your warn - ing love di - rect - ed,
 heav'n - ly light; by your pow'r - ful grace con - vince them
 chil - dren sing, with their lips and hearts, sin - cere - ly,



in your care their whole life through. By your tend - ing
 may they walk the nar - row way. Thus di - rect them,
 al - ways to ap - prove what's right. Let them feel your
 glad thank - of - f'rings may they bring, then with all the



and pro - tect - ing keep them safe in all they do.
 thus de - fend them lest they fall an eas - y prey.
 yoke is eas - y, let them find your bur - den light.
 saints in glo - ry join to praise their Lord and King.

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 Tune: Geistreiches Gesang-Buch, Darmstadt, 1698
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¹⁰You, however, know all about my teaching, my way of life, my purpose, faith, patience, love, endurance, ¹¹persecutions, sufferings— what kinds of things happened to me in Antioch, Iconium and Lystra, the persecutions I endured. Yet the Lord rescued me from all of them. ¹²In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, ¹³while evildoers and impostors will go from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived. ¹⁴But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, ¹⁵and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, ¹⁷so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

SERMON NOTES**Continue in the Things You Have Learned**

1. Persecution Comes
2. Scripture Overcomes

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

- M: Lord Jesus, we give thanks for the opportunities you give us each day to grow in your Holy Word, where we find assurance of forgiveness and your constant presence. In a world which often opposes your word and will, strengthen the faith of your people, that we may courageously rise to every challenge and stand with you, convinced that you are the Rock of our salvation.
- C: Teach us to believe your promises and to obey your will, so that our lives may reflect the beauty of your teaching.**
- M: Ascended Savior, you have commanded us to instruct the young in your saving truth. Bless the schools of our church and all other agencies through which we work together to carry out that vital task. Give wisdom to those who teach and attentive ears and eager hearts to those who learn. Empower our missionaries to speak the truth boldly, and lead us to support their work with prayers and offerings.
- C: Grant that your Word may be passed down from one generation to the next, until all your lambs are safely gathered into your eternal fold.**
- M: Lord Jesus, it is your will that believers continue to grow in grace and knowledge throughout their lives. Fill the members of this congregation with a deep love for your Word and a desire to hear and learn it. Use our worship and Bible classes, together with every opportunity to study the Scriptures, as workshops of your Spirit.
- C: Nourish and strengthen our faith, that we may grow together toward spiritual maturity.**
- M: Dear Savior, we implore you to turn the hearts of those who have wandered from the faith, and to strengthen those in doubt. Mercifully touch their hearts and restore them, that they may once again take pleasure in your Word, which alone can make them wise for salvation. Cause the gospel of salvation to revive and refresh all nations. Let your good news be proclaimed to every people and language, that they may be gathered into your kingdom and confess you as Lord.
- C: In all these things, hear us for your mercy's sake. Amen.**

OFFERING

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 by his willing sacrifice on the cross took away the sins of the world and by his glorious resurrection restored everlasting life. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er,



God of might. Heav-en and earth are full of your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the



Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho -



san - na in the high - est!

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

M: Lord God, you are worthy to receive thanks and praise from all people. You created the world and all who live in it, and in your mercy you saved us. We give thanks to you for the grace of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Though in very nature God, he took the nature of a servant and became obedient to death, even death on a cross. He offered himself as a sacrifice for sin and redeemed us from its curse and penalty. He rescued us from the terrors of death and restored eternal life with you. He conquered our enemies and gained for us the kingdom of grace and glory.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood, and lead us to remember his suffering, death, and resurrection. Forgive our sins and fill us with the hope of new life in heaven. Hear our praise and receive our thanks as we worship you—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

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.**

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.

JESUS, LAMB OF GOD

Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us your peace.

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DISTRIBUTION

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

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want! 555



1 The Lord's my shep - herd, I'll not want; he
2 My soul he doth re - store a - gain and
3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet
4 My ta - ble thou hast fur - nish - ed in
5 Good - ness and mer - cy all my life shall



makes me down to lie in pas - tures green; he
me to walk doth make with - in the paths of
will I fear no ill; for thou art with me,
pres - ence of my foes; my head thou dost with
sure - ly fol - low me, and in God's house for -



lead - eth me the qui - et wa - ters by,
right - eous - ness, e'en for his own name's sake.
and thy rod and staff me com - fort still.
oil a - noint, and my cup o - ver - flows.
ev - er - more my dwell - ing - place shall be.

Text: The Psalms of David in Meeter, Edinburgh, 1650
Tune: William Gardiner, 1770–1853
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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.

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, Bless Your Word to All the Young! 762

1 Lord, bless your Word to all the young; let them, your truth pos-
2 When faced with pres-sure, grief or pain, when Sa - tan comes al-
sess - ing, de - declare your praise with heart and tongue, their faith in
lur - ing, may their bap - tis - mal grace re - main a ref - uge
Christ con - fess - ing. From birth your firm em-brace has held them
re - as - sur - ing. God's prom - is - es are sure; his mer - cy
in your grace. Bap-tized in - to your name, re-deemed and
will en - dure. They shall not be un - done who trust in
free from blame, as your dear chil - dren keep them.
Christ a - lone; God is their might - y Fa - ther!

Text: Johan N. Brun, 1745–1816, abr.; (st. 1): tr. Carl Döving, 1867–1937, alt.; (st. 2): tr. George A. T. Rygh, 1860–1942, alt.
Tune: Friedrich Ö. Reuter, 1863–1924
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Sure Foundation News

THANK YOU

A big thank you to Pastor David Maertz from Great Plains Lutheran High School for sharing God's Word with us today! Be sure to ask him about GPLHS and all the exciting work going on in Watertown.

FREE WILL OFFERING FOR GPLHS

We will collect a free will offering after the service that will go to Great Plains Lutheran High School and their ministry. This offering can be given in the baskets by the door. Thank you for your support!

LAYING THE FOUNDATION – THANK YOU

Thank you so much for your participation in our Capital Campaign. What a blessing it is to see the generosity that the gospel has produced within our congregation! Check out the final results of the pledge portion of the campaign in the back of the bulletin. And stay tuned for quarterly updates on the progress.

BUILDING UPDATES

Last week, we presented a few design changes that were made for various reasons. Below are a few of the highlights:

- There was a square footage reduction in the worship space to ensure an all-wood construction. We were able to maintain the same seating capacity.
- There was a reduction in windows in the dormer of the worship space from 3 windows to 2 windows. This was also to ensure an all-wood construction.
- A third set of doors was added to the back of the worship space.

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!

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.

4th ANNUAL CHURCH CAMPOUT

All area WELS/ELS churches are invited to join Sure Foundation for the 4th Annual Church Campout at the Big Sioux Recreation Area in Brandon, SD August 9-11th! Reservations can be made 90 days in advance from arrival day, meaning that you can start reserving on **Saturday, May 11th** to ensure availability. Reservations can be made online or by calling 800-710-2267. To RSVP and to receive updated information as the event gets closer, please text your first and last name to 605-205-7615 whether you plan to camp or just visit for the day/evening.

NEXT WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Women's Bible Study will pick up with a new study of the book "Unoffendable" starting on **May 2nd 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 **May 2nd 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.

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 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:

- There Is a Redeemer (CW 519)
- My Soul Finds Rest in God Alone (CW 818)
- Christ Be My Leader (CW 518)

SURE FOUNDATION STATS

Attendance – 74

Offerings - \$2,483.29 (General); \$1,903.63 (Laying the Foundation)

Laying the Foundation Update

April 21st, 2024

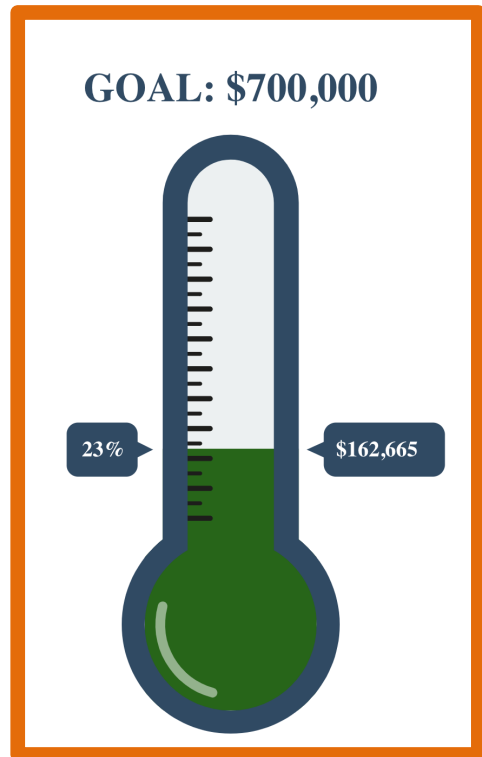
We have wrapped up the pledge submission portion of the Laying the Foundation campaign. The response of faith was so encouraging. One-time gifts have been given to utilize the kickoff match fully – all \$80,000. This campaign has been a great opportunity to rally together toward something that will assuredly be a blessing to all of us at Sure Foundation. – Pastor Wilke –

Progress

Pledges - \$419,516.59

Pledge Participation - 80%

Gifts Received - \$162,665.37



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).