



He  
is not here;  
he has risen!

Luke 24:6



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## The Resurrection of Our Lord

### Resurrection Harmony

*Part 1: Near the Tomb*

*There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men.*

*While it was still dark, Mary of Magdala went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved (John), and said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!"*

*Just after sunrise, the women took the spices they had prepared and went on their way to the tomb and they asked each other, "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?" But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. As they entered the tomb, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Do not be afraid. You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; He has risen! Remember how He told you, while He was still with you in Galilee:*

*'The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.' Come and see the place where they laid him. Then go quickly and tell his disciples: and Peter, 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee.' There you will see him, just as he told you. Now I have told you." Then they remember his words. Trembling*

*and bewildered, the women went out and hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.*

## First Hymn

*WS 732 Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds*

## Invocation

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** (spoken) Amen.

## Resurrection Greeting

**P** He is risen!

**C** He is risen, indeed!

## Introit

*Psalm 118:13-14, 17-18, 29*

**P** I shall not die, but I shall live.

**C** And recount the deeds of the LORD.

**P** I was pushed hard, so that I was falling,

**C** But the LORD helped me.

**P** The LORD is my strength and my song

**C** He has become my salvation

**P** I shall not die, but I shall live.

**C** And recount the deeds of the LORD.

**P** The Lord has disciplined me severely,

**C** But He has not given me over to death.

**P** Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good,

**C** For His steadfast love endures forever!

**P** Glory be to the Father and to the Son

**C** And to the Holy Spirit;

**P** As it was in the beginning,

**C** Is now, and will be forever. Amen.

**P** I shall not die, but I shall live.

**C** And recount the deeds of the LORD.

## Collect of the Day

**P** Almighty God the Father, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## **Resurrection Harmony**

*Part 2: Jesus Appears to the Women*

*Meanwhile, Peter and John started for the tomb. Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. Then Simon Peter, who was behind him, arrived and went into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, as well as the burial cloth that had been around Jesus' head. The cloth was folded up by itself, separate from the linen. Finally, John, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. (They still did not understand from scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead). Then the disciples went back to their homes, wondering what had happened.*

*Soon after, Mary returned and stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot. 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."*

*At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus. "Woman," he said, "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." Jesus said to her, "Mary."*

*She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet returned to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am returning to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" While the other women were on their way to tell the disciples about the angels' message, Jesus suddenly met them. "Greetings," he said. They came to him, clasped his feet, and worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."*

*When they came back from the tomb, Mary of Magdala went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!" And she told them that he had said these things to her. The women all told these things to the Eleven and to all the others who had followed him and who were mourning and weeping. It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told this to the apostles. But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense.*

*Meanwhile, while all the women were on their way to tell the disciples, some of the guards went into the city and reported to the chief priests everything that had happened. When the chief priests had met with the elders and*

*devised a plan, they gave the soldiers a large sum of money, telling them, "You are to say, 'His disciples came during the night and stole him away while we were asleep.' If this report gets to the governor, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble." So the soldiers took the money and did as they were instructed. And this story has been widely circulated among the Jews to this very day.*

## **Easter Solo**

*Kathy Conway*

### **Resurrection Harmony**

*Part 3: The Road to Emmaus*

*Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; but they were kept from recognizing him. He asked them, "What are you discussing together as you walk along?" They stood still, their faces downcast. One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, "Are you only a visitor to Jerusalem and do not know the things that have happened there in these days?" "What things?" he asked.*

*"About Jesus of Nazareth," they replied. "He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see."*

*He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Did not the Christ have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?" And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.*

*As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus acted as if he were going farther. But they urged him strongly, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?"*

*They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together and saying, "It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon." Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.*

## **Apostles' Creed**

**☩ I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And 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 sits 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.**

## **Resurrection Harmony**

*Part 4: Jesus Appears to His Disciples*

*On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were still talking about this, with the doors locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus himself stood among them as they were eating; and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? Look 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."*

*When he had said this, he rebuked them for their lack of faith and their stubborn refusal to believe those who had seen him after he had risen. After he said this, he showed them his hands and feet and side. And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, "Do you have anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate it in their presence. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the*

*Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."*

*Now Thomas (called Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. When the other disciples told him that they had seen the Lord, he declared, "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 it."*

*A 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!" Then 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." Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."*

## **Hymn of the Day**

*TLH 201 Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won*

## **Sermon**

*Job 19:23-27*

"Oh, that my words were written!  
Oh, that they were inscribed in a book!  
24 That they were engraved on a rock  
With an iron pen and lead, forever!  
25 For I know that my Redeemer lives,  
And He shall stand at last on the earth;  
26 And after my skin is destroyed, this I know,  
That in my flesh I shall see God,  
27 Whom I shall see for myself,  
And my eyes shall behold, and not another.  
How my heart yearns within me!"

**Easter Sermon Theme:**

# **The Eternal Celebrations of Easter Sunday**

**I: The Words *were* written**

**II: The Savior *now* lives**

**III: The resurrected *shall* see God**


**P** The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Amen.

## Offertory

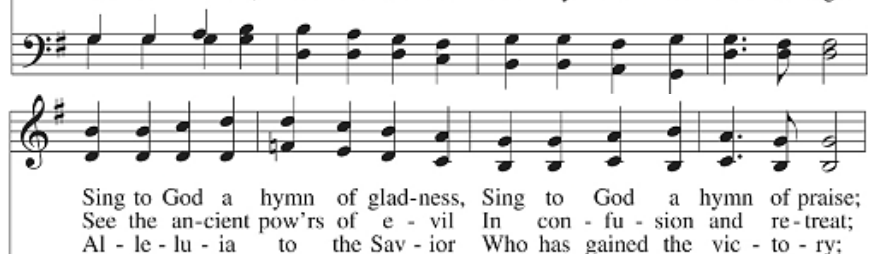
**C** ♪ Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
And renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Thy presence,  
and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation;  
and uphold me with Thy free spirit. ♪

## Hymn

*LSB 477 Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven*



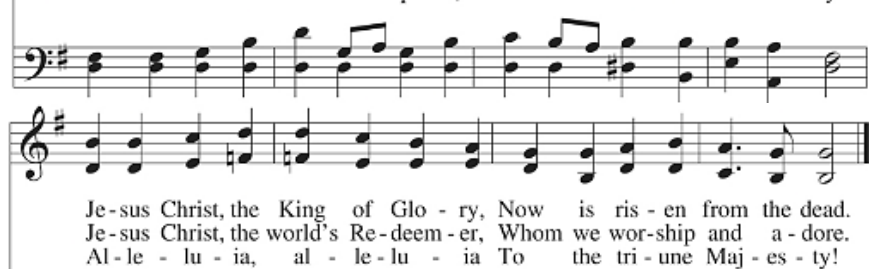
1 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Hearts to heav'n and voic - es raise:  
2 Al - le - lu - ia, Christ is ris - en! Death at last has met de - feat:  
△ 3 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry be to God on high:



Sing to God a hymn of glad-ness, Sing to God a hymn of praise;  
See the an-cient pow'rs of e - vil In con - fu - sion and re - treat;  
Al - le - lu - ia to the Sav - ior Who has gained the vic - to - ry;



He who on the cross a vic-tim For the world's sal - va-tion bled—  
Once He died, and once was bur-ied: Now He lives for - ev - er - more,  
Al - le - lu - ia to the Spir-it, Fount of love and sanc-ti - ty!



Je - sus Christ, the King of Glo - ry, Now is ris - en from the dead.  
Je - sus Christ, the world's Re - deem - er, Whom we wor - ship and a - dore.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia To the tri - une Maj - es - ty!



## Offering

### Prayer of the Church + The Lord's Prayer

**P** . . . in whose Name we also join to pray together:

**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**

### Benediction

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

**C** **Amen.**

### Hymn

*TLH 200 I Know that My Redeemer Lives (vv. 1-2, 5-8)*

### Silent Prayer

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# Welcome to Worship at Trinity!

**Please wait to be ushered** out of the sanctuary. Please do not leave any bulletins or other materials behind. **Offerings** may be left in the offering plate in the rear of the sanctuary or mailed to the church.

**Guest and Visitors**, we are delighted to have you here for worship with us this morning and are grateful for the opportunity to share the saving gospel message of Jesus Christ with you! Because He lives, we shall live also! We invite you to sign our guest book in the entryway. Please speak to the members and pastor if you wish to learn more about the Gospel ministry here at *Trinity*, and we hope to see you again!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Easter Blessings to you all!** – May the joy of our Savior’s triumphant resurrection and the sure hope of our own resurrection unto eternal life fill your hearts with joy today and always!

**No Midweek Bible Class** – A slight change in plans: our midweek bible class won’t resume this week. Instead, we will look to take up our studies again the following Tuesday (4/9) at 2pm.

**Property Committee Meeting** – Our property committee will be meeting this Thursday evening at 6:30pm. Those involved are welcome to attend in person at church or virtually. A meeting link will be sent out later in the week.

**Church Calendar** – Due to unforeseen events this week, I was unable to print out the April church calendar. That will be sent out electronically soon and hard copies will be available next Sunday. Thanks for your patience!

**Lawn Mowing** – We will be starting up our lawn mowing schedule once more this coming month. That schedule is listed at the end of the bulletin.

## PRAYERS REQUESTED

- **Hans Wolff** was taken to the hospital on Thursday for medical testing and evaluation. May God, who is our strength and comfort in every distress, continue to guide Hans’s path with grace and mercy.
- **Bertie Hein** has been making progress in her recovery from COVID-19 and pneumonia. May the Lord continue to be with Bertie, giving her strength of body according to His will and strength of heart through the Gospel!
- **Donna Zarling** continues to recover at home from the minor stroke she

suffered. May the Lord be with her and grant her strength and healing according to His will!

- **Pastor John Hein and his family** remains in our prayers as he continues treatment for his thymic carcinoma. For updates on his care, visit: <https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/pastorjohnhein>. Additionally, a GoFundMe has been set up to help offset medical and travel expenses: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/john-and-janelle-hein-family>.

**CALL NEWS**

- Pastor Nathanael Mayhew of Grace Ev. Lutheran in Sleepy Eye, MN. is still considering the call from Immanuel Lutheran Church and School, Mankato, MN.
- Caleb Noeldner has returned the call from Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, WI to be their 5th- 6th grade teacher and assistant principal.
- Teacher Josh Ohlmann Holy Trinity West Columbia, SC has accepted the call to teach at Gethsemane in Saginaw MI.
- Teacher Ross Kok of Holy Cross Lutheran in Phoenix, AZ is still considering the call to Berea Lutheran Church and School, Inver Grove Heights, MN.
- Mrs. Karen Swyter, a member of Peace with God Lutheran Church, Onalaska, WI, has received the call to be the 1st & 2nd grade teacher of Faith Lutheran School, Markesan, WI.
- Grace Lutheran Church and School in Valentine, NE has extended a limited call to Ms. Ann Sprengeler to teach the Grace lower grades from August through December 2024. Noah Ohlmann, who earlier accepted the call to teach in the lower grades, will graduate in December from ILC and will begin teaching at Grace in January 2025.

| FRUITS OF FAITH AT TRINITY |            |          |
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| Date                       | Attendance | Offering |
| 3/13/24                    | 15         | \$85     |
| 3/17/24                    | 23         | \$1,251  |
| 3/20/24                    | 15         | \$184.25 |
| 3/24/24                    | 25         | \$800    |

| <b>GREETER SCHEDULE</b> |                                |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>Next Sunday</b>      | <b>Jeanne Helke</b>            |
| <b>4/14</b>             | <b>Dennis &amp; Linda Lux</b>  |
| <b>4/21</b>             | <b>Randy &amp; Lynne Estes</b> |
| <b>4/28</b>             | <b>Travis Maguire</b>          |

| <b>APRIL CLEANING SCHEDULE</b> |                   |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| <b>North Entry</b>             | <b>Kenkman</b>    |
| <b>Sanctuary</b>               | <b>Poffenroth</b> |
| <b>Basement</b>                | <b>Naumann</b>    |

| <b>MOWING SCHEDULE</b> |                  |
|------------------------|------------------|
| <b>4/6</b>             | <b>Naumann</b>   |
| <b>4/13</b>            | <b>Bettinger</b> |
| <b>4/20</b>            | <b>Reim</b>      |
| <b>2/27</b>            | <b>Estes</b>     |

