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Sunday 20 April 2025

How many times do I have to tell you?

Scripture

[Luke 24:1-12](#)

Reflection

Each year, we hear the same readings from Scripture during the Lenten and Easter seasons of the church year. But have we really got the message?

The disciples had journeyed with Jesus on his way to the cross, and they heard him speak many times of what would befall him in Jerusalem and beyond. But we find in Scripture the many times when, on hearing these messages, they not only did not understand but also, on occasion, totally misunderstood.

Even in our reading today, the women 'remembered his words', and they told the others. But Peter '... went away, wondering to himself what had happened'. How many times did Peter have to hear what he was told?

Are we any different? On Good Friday, we confront our Saviour on the cross, fulfilling Scripture and dying for our sins. There is a body. There is drama. There are Jesus' cries from the cross. There is something tangible. We can accept this reality.

When we visit the empty tomb this day, we are confronted with ... nothing. Emptiness. Wonder. Like Peter and the other disciples, we are asked to believe that what Jesus predicted is true – that he has risen from the dead. He is alive!

St Paul calls the resurrection a 'stumbling block'. This is where our faith, the gift of the Holy Spirit through God's grace, comes to us as we accept and believe the witness of the women that it is true, Jesus has risen and, on his ascension, gone to prepare a place for us with him in eternity.

So, will you really hear what is being said when the Scripture is read today? Will you remember the many times when Jesus told us his purpose in coming to dwell among us? Will you remember?

And will you believe and rejoice?

by Faye Schmidt

Prayer

Come, Holy Spirit, and open my heart and mind to the glory and wonder of your truth that Jesus died and then rose again for me, a sinner, so that I may dwell with him in glory through the wonder of your grace. Amen.



WE PRAY
20 April 2025

God of all hope and peace:

- † *'You loved this world so much that you gave your one and only Son, that we might be called your children too. Lord, help us to live in the gladness and grace of Easter Sunday, every day. Let us have hearts of thankfulness for your sacrifice. Let us have eyes that look upon your grace and rejoice in our salvation. Help us to walk in that mighty grace and tell your good news to the world.'* A Prayer for Easter Sunday by Maria Miriam
- † We pray for your provision, peace and protection for those who are;
- affected by climate change and natural disasters: floods, droughts, cyclones, earthquakes and rising sea levels. We thank you for those working in regions afflicted by crisis, and all responding with assistance and aid.
 - vulnerable to the effects of war and displacement from their homes. Please give those in authority the wisdom and endurance to persevere in bringing about positive solutions for their nations.
- † We place in your care, the pastors of the LCANZ and those being ordained in April and May; Justin Allen, Adam Morris, Abraham Poulson, Maria Rudolph, Mark Tung, Sue Westhorp and Tanya Wittwer. We pray for a fruitful ministry that brings honour to your name.

Guide us, Lord, as we pray for:

- † The leaders you have appointed over the LCANZ, churchwide: LCA Bishop, Paul Smith, Assistant Bishop, Stephen Schultz, and the College of Bishops and locally District Bishop, Andrew Brook.
- † All pastors and parishes, principals and schools of the LCANZ, especially those in our South West Metro zone.
- † Pastoral Care Workers of the South Western School Ministry Team. *How beautiful are the feet of messengers who bring good news! (Romans 10:14-15)*
- † The students, families, teachers and staff of Immanuel Primary and Immanuel College. We pray your blessings over College Principal, John Thompson, Principal IPS, Bec Clements, College Chaplain, Pastor Simon Cooper and Director of Boarding, Ujith Perera. Work your purposes through them as they set their eyes on you.
- † The chaplains you have called to serve the defence forces, hospitals, Police, prisons, and universities in the SA/NT District and their coordinator, Heidi Smith.
- † The leaders you have appointed over our country: Prime Minister, Anthony Albanese, State Premier, Peter Malinauskas and all our local government leaders.
- † Healing, strength and comfort as we pray alongside Barb and Brian K, David S, Elle E, Jennifer H, Tim S, Trevor H their families and carers. You have the power to move in our lives and through our circumstances.

FRIENDS OF LUTHERAN ARCHIVES-Thursday 24 April 7:30pm

Immanuel Lutheran Church, 139 Archer Street, North Adelaide

Elizabeth Buck's Memories of Koonibba Mission. All welcome. Supper, \$5 donation.

Livestream on FoLA YouTube channel; www.youtube.com/

[@friendsoflutheranarchives9644/live](https://www.youtube.com/@friendsoflutheranarchives9644/live)

ELECTION DAY BBQ FUNDRAISER-Saturday 3 May

Immanuel Primary School

Helpers required to run a BBQ and raise funds for ILC. Please put your name on the roster in the foyer or contact Heather 0408 168 922.



JOIN ALWS IN CELEBRATING 75 YEARS OF SERVICE-Saturday 3 May

Walk My Way @ ALC, North Adelaide

Together, let's give thanks to God for 75 years of Lutheran service through ALWS and commit to changing the future for 75,000 vulnerable children impacted by poverty and war.

ALWS Walk My Way Registrations are essential. Register now at www.alws75.org.au or call 1300 763 407.

HIGH AFTERNOON TEA-Saturday 3 May 2:00pm

The Corner Uniting Church, Cnr Diagonal & Oaklands Road, Warradale

Fundraiser for School Chaplains to support families that need help in difficult times. For tickets and information contact Dianne Schroeder 0439 066 470.

CHATLINE-due date Sunday 4 May

Please send all contributions; family events, travel news, photos, recipes, etc, to vjvolk@gmail.com as soon as you can.

51st LCA SA-NT DISTRICT CONVENTION OF SYNOD-17&18 May

Convention of Synod is a coming together of congregational lay delegates, church leaders, officials and clergy, primarily to conduct the business of the Lutheran Church of Australia, South Australia – Northern Territory District. It is the District's Annual General Meeting.

Thank you, Margie, for generously volunteering your time as ILCs rep.

LUTHERAN MEDIA

⇒ **Messages of Hope**-2026 Calendar Competition

Calling all photographers. If you have an inspiring and original photograph for our 2026 Lutheran Media calendar please enter, for a cash prize, by Saturday 31 May at <https://lutheranmedia.org.au/calendar-competition/>

⇒ **Join us for lunch in the Barossa**-Saturday 21 June 12:00

Kies Family Winds, Lyndoch

Please note that tickets are limited, so get in quickly! <https://lutheranmedia.org.au/about-us/events/>

⇒ **Worship service of celebration**-Sunday 2 November

St Michael's LC, 6 Balhannah Road, Hahndorf

9.30am service for a celebration of 80 years of Lutheran Media followed by light lunch

ST PAUL'S COMMUNITY CARE CENTRE-Mondays and Wednesdays 11:00-2:00

St Paul's LC, 48 Brighton Road, Glenelg

Non-perishable food, bathroom, kitchen and laundry items as well as volunteers urgently needed.

ILC PRAYER GROUP-Thursdays & Sundays 9:00

You're invited to join in prayer on Thursdays and/or Sundays before worship in the Prayer Chapel. Please leave any **prayer requests** in the gold box on the Welcome Table.

If you have any **feedback**, you can leave a note in the locked wooden box on the Welcome Table. Paper and pens provided, and your message can be anonymous.

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COMING UP at ILC

Sunday 20 April	9:30am	Worship with Holy Communion-Pastor Malcom Pech- Easter Sunday
Thursday 24 April	9:00am	Prayer in the Prayer Chapel- <i>all welcome</i>
Sunday 27 April	9:30am	Worship without Holy Communion-2nd Sunday of Easter

REGULAR ELECTRONIC GIVING (REG)

Fill and lodge a Direct Debit Request Form (available from the office), giving the LLL authority to transfer a specific amount from your bank account to ILC's REG account.

Account Name: NOVAR GARDENS IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH REG A/C

BSB: 704942

Account No: 100100643



LCA Child Safety Standards for Congregations

What does ILC do to keep our children and vulnerable people safe?

LCA Child Safety Standards for Congregations:

<https://www.lca.org.au/ministry-support/child-safety-standards/>

LCA Policies and Procedures:

<https://www.lca.org.au/services-resources-training/policies/>

THIS WEEK'S BIBLE READINGS

Acts 10:34-43

Psalms 118: 1-2,14-24

1 Corinthians 15:19-26

Luke 24:1-12

Summary of Jesus' life and ministry

This is the day that the Lord has made

Christ is the first to rise from death

The women find the tomb empty