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EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
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ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH  
LAURENS, NY

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The Rev. Robert Mansbach, Pastor Emeritus

+ **Third Sunday of Easter** +  
Holy Communion (LBW Setting 1)  
April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021

(\* = stand as you are able; LBW = Lutheran Book of Worship-green book;  
+ = hymn requests; WOV = With One Voice Hymnal-blue book)

## GATHERING

### **Prelude**

### **Welcome**

\* **Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness**

\* **Entrance Hymn**                    *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!*

\* **Apostolic Greeting & Kyrie**

\* **Hymn of Praise**

*This is the Feast . . .*

(St 1 – W, St 2 – M, Refrain – all)

### **Parish News**

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**First Prayer:** *(7th Century Gelasian, revised)*

**O God, by the humiliation of your Son you raised up this fallen world. Teach us whom you have rescued from endless death to have the fullness of eternal joy, through the same Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord. He lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### **Musical Offering**

(St.Matt/Evan)

### **First Lesson: Acts 3:12-19**

A lesson from Acts:

When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? [13] The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. [14] But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, [15] and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. [16] And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

[17] "And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. [18] In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. [19] Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalmody 4** (Tones: 54-single; 10-double)

Answer me when I call, O God / of my right!\*

You gave me room when I was in distress.

Be gracious to me, and / hear my prayer.

**How long, you people, shall my honor / suffer shame?\***

**How long will you love vain words, and seek / after lies?**

But know that the Lord has set apart the faithful / for  
himself;\* the Lord hears when I / call to him.

**When you are disturbed, / do not sin;\***

**ponder it on your beds, / and be silent.**

Offer right / sacrifices,\*

and put your trust / in the Lord.

**There are many who say, "O that we might / see some good!\***

**Let the light of your face shine on / us, O Lord!"**

You have put gladness / in my heart\*

more than when their grain and / wine abound.

**I will both lie down and / sleep in peace;\***

**for you alone, O Lord, make me lie / down in safety.**

**Glory to the Father, and / to the Son,\* and to the / Holy Spirit;**

**as it was in the begin- / ning, is now,\* and will be forev- / er.**

**Amen.**

**Second Lesson: 1 John 3:1-7** A lesson from First John:

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. [2] Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. [3] And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

[4] Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. [5] You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. [6] No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. [7] Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

\* **Alleluia Verse**

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**Holy Gospel: Luke 24:36b-48** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." [37] They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. [38] He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? [39] Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." [40] And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. [41] While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" [42] They gave him a piece of broiled fish, [43] and he took it and ate in their presence.

[44] Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be

fulfilled." [45] Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, [46] and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, [47] and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. [48] You are witnesses of these things.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Children's Sermon/Homily**

Deb Lawyer (A/St.M)  
Pastor Paul Messner (E/St.J)

### **\*Hymn of the Day**

*Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won!*

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## **RESPONSE**

### **\*Nicene Creed**

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### **\*Prayers of the Church**

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### **First Intercession:**

Eternal Father, we worship you for the new world which you promised by the prophets, and faithfully fulfilled through the death and resurrection of Jesus your Son. As we study his life, we see the principles that can shape new life; and noting that he enjoyed a human body after his resurrection, we have a vision of the relationships and pleasures we will enjoy in the world to come. May the prospect of living with you and Jesus our brother, inspire us to be changed in spirit to be more and more like you.

### **\* Sharing the Peace of the Lord**

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### **Offering**

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### **Musical Offering**

(Atone)

### **\* Offertory**

*Let the Vineyard . . .*

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### **\* Offertory Prayer:**

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Gracious Father, free us from our hopeless dreams / by enlisting us as partners in your gracious will. Receive our offerings as investments in your work / that we may share in your certain victory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **MEAL**

### **\* Great Thanksgiving/Dialog**

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**Preface & Sanctus** (*Holy, Holy, Holy*)

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**\* Eucharistic Prayer & Lord's Prayer**

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**Agnus Dei** (*Lamb of God*)

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### **Distribution Hymns**

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\* **Post-Communion Prayer:**

Lord Jesus Christ, you come in this holy food to show that though you died, you were also raised. Preserve our excitement and thus our encouragement / as we recognize you in the breaking of bread. You are the Lord forevermore. **Amen.**

**Sending**

\***Benediction**

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\***Recessional Hymn**

*Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds*

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**Dismissal**

Go in Peace, Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

**Pastors Pericope Paragraph +Third Sunday of Easter 4/18**

(a "pericope" is a selected reading from scripture used as a lesson at worship)

"They gave Him a piece of broiled fish..." He's not a ghost. He's real - in the flesh! And He's hungry! He "opens their minds" and reminds them of His purpose in coming - to suffer, rise and bring forgiveness. We are "witnesses of these things" (Gospel). "In Him there is no sin", writes John. This IS the love the Father gives us to make us His well-loved children (2d lesson). God fulfilled the words of the prophets in Jesus. The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob is the God who raised Jesus from the dead! (1st lesson).

**Weekly Worship Practice:**

Prior to worship, many take time to reverently prepare themselves for the liturgy by praying, quietly reflecting, marking hymnals and Bibles etc. Please respect those doing this by keeping conversation and greeting whispered or outside the sanctuary (in the narthex or parlor). This also models reverence to our children and youth! Thank you!

**All baptized Christians are welcome to God's Table of Grace.** All the baptized may commune in the OCLP with no age restriction. Those who commune in their home parishes are welcome to commune; those not yet communing of any age and for any reason may come forward to receive a verbal blessing. Indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest. Baptized children may begin communing after parents have consulted with Pastor. The Lutheran Church believes, teaches and confesses that in, with and through the elements of bread and wine, Our Lord gives us His true body and blood for the forgiveness of our sin and the salvation of our lives. Anyone who has a legitimate impediment to receiving either element of the meal may receive in one kind only (bread or wine) and trust the Lord's grace that they are receiving full communion. Members, please fill out a "Voice From the Pew" folder to record your communion at least once a year. This is a constitutional requirement to determine our "Active" Voting membership roster. Thank You.

**In the OCLP We Practice The "Reserved Sacrament".** When laity “preside” at Holy Communion, they will use elements (bread and wine) previously consecrated by Pr. Paul at a prior worship service. Reserved elements are kept in an ambry for subsequent use in worship and distribution to the sick and shut-ins.

<b>Serving Today</b>	<b>Atonement</b>	<b>Evangelical</b>	<b>St. Matthew</b>
Assisting Minister Comm. Asst. Lector Cantor *Altar Care Ushers/Greeters Coffee Hour Acolyte Sound System Bell Ringer Church Cleaner	Becky Milford  Emma Coppersmith	Mark Howard Cindy L Mark Howard  Cindy L & Joyce Lanes  Paxton Hazzard Hazzard	Deb Lawyer       Kayla Joubert

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**+OCLP+**

We welcome Deb Lawyer to lead worship at Atonement and St. Matthew.  
Next Sunday Todd Eames will lead worship at Evangelical and St. John’s.

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**Readings Through This Week**

See website: <https://www.otsegocountylutheranparish.com>

**+Prayers of the Church+**

(Please take this prayer list home and use with your personal devotion time)

**+Atonement+**

For healing in body, mind and spirit in our own congregation: Joan Lambiaso, Richard Laitsch (John’s brother), John Laitsch, Rebecca Pollack (Joan Carman), Juan Perez (D. Sherrill), Bridgette Shepardson (Thompson), Barbara Richardson (Denise), Patsy (H. Byrnes), Ken Nye

(S. Dana), Stan Whitmore (C. Brown), Jeremy Sorese (C. Heaney), Evelyn Hamilton (Lehenbauer), Beth Gilmore (Pudelka), Virginia Pudelka, Rene Prins, Tony and Thoranne Winkler, Thomas Mendez, Bill Heaney, Allison Heaney, Heather Byrnes, Charlotte Grant, Grace Dietzman, Barbara Loitsch, Rita Nelson , Emilie Stamps, Elizabeth Robinson (Messner)

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Doug & Barbara Gee

For young adult: Patrick Duffy

### **+Evangelical+**

For healing in body, mind and spirit in our own congregation: Kathi Yule (C. Butts), Yvonne Cornell, Dan Barrows (John and Pam Miller), Alex Reynolds (C. Butts), Marilyn Urbiss (Burda), Roz Winne (C. Butts), Janet Underwood (Burda), Gloria Hendricks, Susan Howard, John Miller, David Glynn, Len Price, Esther Hughes, Tom Pritchard, Charlie Hughes

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Dennis Hascup

For Young Adult: Kevin Burda

### **+St. Matthew+**

For healing in body, mind and spirit in our own congregation: Scott Forbes, Tina Keator, Sherrie Roy (Lawyer), Laura Emmet (Lawyer) , Peg Hughes (Janet B.), Lynn Benekin (Forbes), Barbara Gesile (Lapp), Gina Pywar, Erika Baker-Heinegg, Michele Tolen (T. Wood), Melissa McLaughlin (S. Eggers), Triston (Hahn), Cathy Walsh (Stevens), Ginny Ganio, Jill Baumann, Mary Hartmann (Nelson), Kent Hoyt Jr. (Ganio), Owen Basher (Marsh), Bev Lapp, Rennie Brown (Janet), Jason Hahn, Kathy Parsons, Omar Andrades, Donna Sorrentino, Ron Struckle, Karen Smith, Joe Hartmann, Karen Rollins (Winslow), Terri Ibelli (Wood), Marge Bonney

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Rich & Kathy Parsons

For Young Adult: Jenna Ganio

### **+Beyond the Parish+**

For healing in body, mind and spirit: Nancy Saxton Miller (Mansbach), Jackie Hesse (Lawyer), Rosemary Pepe (Eggers), Dorothy Fernandez, (Eggers), Dick Armstrong, Sue Haney, Warren

Robinson (Messner), Julie Steinmueller (Sandy Shear), Rachel Fisher (Messner), Pr. Ameen Aswad (Jail Ministry), Kerri Gorsch (Messner), Pr. Paul Herpich (Messner), Karla Goss (Bauer), Scott Brasted (Messner), Doug Dutcher (Crouthamel), Brock Patrick Miller (Crouthamel), Dave Platt (Messner), Jim Sippel (Velez), Geoff Murphy (Walters)

**For those preparing for marriage:** Randy Chubbuck & Jennifer Dolff

**For those preparing for childbirth:** Megan (Greenleaf) & Graham Henry

**For those in the military, law enforcement and emergency services:** Officer Jason Cripper, Herkimer Police Department; Police Departments in Oneonta & Brooklyn Center, MN

**In the Foothills Conference:** St. John Lutheran Church, W. Burlington (Pr. Paul Messner)

**National/ International Concerns:** all victims of religious, ethnic, and racial hatred and prejudice, for victims of genocide and slavery (Uigher Muslims in China, Tibetan Buddhists, other religious and ethnic minorities); the people of Afghanistan

**Natural and Man-Made Disasters:** Victims of all debilitating diseases, and those struggling with social isolation; our country in this time of continuing deep division, for those involved in the crisis on our Southern border

**+Blessed are the Dead+  
Who Die in the Lord**

+ Robert Mulligan +  
(1959 – 2021)

+ Hilary Elf +  
(1964 – 2021)

+ David Gervolino +  
(1953 – 2021)

+ Tyler Johnson +

+ Daunte Wright +

**+ Parish News and Notes +**

**+ A special welcome to all visitors, friends and guests.** Please fill out a Voice from the Pew folder and sign our Guest Book. Please include your complete mailing, e-mail address, and phone number. If you are new to the community or are looking for a Church Home, please let us know how we can be of service and consider our Christian family your own.

**Attendance & Offering Statistics**

Date	Atonement	Evangelical	St. Matthew
4/11	20/ 266 \$915	20/ 314 \$432	20/ 312 \$907
**	<b>\$1290</b>	<b>\$705</b>	<b>\$1309</b>
4/14	1/ 25	1/ 25	8/ 108

**\*\* Needed to meet weekly expenses**

**+ OCLP +**

**+Atonement**

**The Flowers That Bloom in the Spring...**

Floral loveliness accompanies our joy at Eastertide and the Holy Spirit outpouring at Pentecost! The lilies that now grace our sanctuary were \$10 per plant and there remains opportunity for you to support this purchase with a donation - either in memory or honor of a loved one or simply as an offering. Should you be able to participate in this way, please identify "Easter Lilies" in the memo portion of your check.

Here at Atonement, the upcoming celebration of Pentecost presents another chance to adorn our sanctuary with elements of God's splendor - this time with the red of geraniums. We will provide a form, with cost per flower included, to remember loved one(s). Keep watch.

Thank you from your Worship and Music Committee for your help in bringing into our worship space these living icons of the Creator's abundance, inspiring us yet again to lift every voice and sing Alleluias to our King!

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Please check your mailbox anytime you are in the building. Thanks!  
Remember to sign in for attendance and contact tracing. Thank you

**+ OCLP RUMMAGE SALES**

St. John: 5/7 (9-5); 5/8 (9-1)

Evangelical: 9/3-4 & 9/10-11

**+ THIS WEEK +**

+Wednesday Services:  
7:30am St. Matthew  
Noon Evangelical  
7:00pm Atonement

Wednesday 4/21: Evangelical Council Meeting 4pm  
Saturday 4/24: Atonement Worship & Music Committee 9:30am  
Foothills Conference Spring Assembly (via Zoom)

**+ COMING UP +**

Next Sunday 4/25: Atonement Council Meeting (follows worship)  
Thursday 5/6: St. Matthew Worship and Music Committee 5pm  
Thursday 5/6: St. Matthew Council 7pm

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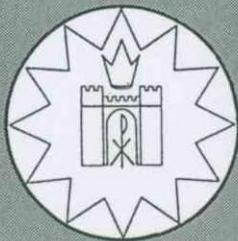
**+ Poem of the Week +**

**Surprised by Joy**

By William Wordsworth

Surprised by joy – impatient as the Wind  
I turned to share the transport – Oh! with whom  
But thee, long buried in the silent Tomb,  
That spot which no vicissitude can find?  
Love, faithful love, recalled thee to my mind –  
But how could I forget thee? – Through what power,  
Even for the least division of an hour,  
Have I been so beguiled as to be blind  
To my most grievous loss! – That thought's return  
Was the worst pang that sorrow ever bore,  
Save one, one only, when I stood forlorn,  
Knowing my heart's best treasure was no more;  
That neither present time, nor years unborn  
Could to my sight that heavenly face restore.

(from Poems, 1815)



# About Being Lutheran

## IV: Expressing Our Faith

**Q:** *Why does Lutheran worship have so much “getting-up-and-down” in it?*

**A:** Compared with many denominations, Lutherans do seem to engage in a great deal of “liturgical calisthenics”. Our liturgies are filled with action and movement because common gestures in our worship are a way to let the *whole person* pray, as well as a way of expressing the unity in prayer of the *whole people of God* — the Church. We use gestures and movements because of a deep respect within the Lutheran Church for the Incarnation — theology comes off the page and becomes a matter of the heart and body.

It is not, of course, a matter of just any gestures performed in just any way. Certain actions convey special meanings for Christians. Some of these include:

**SITTING:** Sitting is the easiest posture to explain in worship, perhaps because we do so little of it. We sit to listen (at the first and second readings and the homily) and to watch (during the distribution of Communion).

**STANDING:** We rise to greet the clergy as they enter the Church (Entrance rite), to express our joy (Hymn of Praise, Offertory, Post Communion), to honor Christ (Verse and Gospel), to voice our beliefs (Creed), and to welcome the Christ who is in our midst (Great Thanksgiving).

**KNEELING:** We kneel to express sorrow and humility (Confession), and to show adoration (Eucharistic Prayer/Consecration).

**BOWING:** Bowing is an action of reverence. We bow our heads in prayer to show respect for God, toward the altar and the cross because they represent Christ’s presence among us, at the words “and became incarnate . . .” in the Creed to express our thanks and humility, at the “Holy, Holy, Holy” to express our awe in the presence of God, and when the Name of Jesus is mentioned as a sign that we accept Him as Lord.

These, along with making the sign of the cross, folding the hands, genuflecting, taking Communion, exchanging the Peace, processing, and many other gestures, are ways of expressing our faith, showing deep adoration and heartfelt praise, and being people who can fully pray.

## **Otsego Country Lutheran Parish**

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Evangelical Lutheran Church, Hartwick Seminary, NY

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