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ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH
LAURENS, NY

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The Rev. Robert Mansbach, Pastor Emeritus

+ **The Festival of Pentecost** +
Holy Communion (LBW Setting 1)
May 23rd, 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

Parish News

Dedication of Sanctuary Lamp

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* **Entrance Hymn**

O Day Full of Grace

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* **Hymn of Praise**

This is the Feast . . .

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(St 1 – W, St 2 – M, Refrain – all)

First Prayer: *(7th Century Gelasian)*

O God, on this day you taught the hearts of the faithful with the light of your Holy Spirit. By the same Spirit guide us into wisdom; and through His good counsel may we find eternal joy, through 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: Ezekiel 37:1-14

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. [2] He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. [3] He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." [4] Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. [5] Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. [6] I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord."

[7] So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. [8] I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. [9] Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." [10] I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

[11] Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' [12] Therefore prophesy, and

say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. [13] And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. [14] I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act," says the Lord.

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

Psalmody 104:24-35 (Tones: 54-single; 10-double)

O Lord, how manifold are your works!

In wisdom you have / made them all;*
the earth is full / of your creatures.

**Yonder is the sea, great and wide,
creeping things innumer- / able are there,*
living things both / small and great.**

There / go the ships,*
and Leviathan that you formed to / sport in it.

These all / look to you*

to give them their food / in due season;

when you give to them, they gath- / er it up;*
when you open your hand, they are filled / with good things.

**When you hide your face, they / are dismayed;*
when you take away their breath, they die
and return / to their dust.**

When you send forth your spirit, they / are created;*
and you renew the face / of the ground.

May the glory of the Lord en- / dure forever;*

may the Lord rejoice / in his works--

who looks on the earth / and it trembles,*
who touches the mountains / and they smoke.

I will sing to the Lord as long / as I live;*

I will sing praise to my God while / I have being.

May my meditation be pleas- / ing to him,*
for I rejoice / in the Lord.

**Let sinners be consumed from the earth,
and let the wicked / be no more.***

Bless the Lord, O my soul. / Praise the Lord!

**Glory to the Father, and / to the Son,* and to the / Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginn- / ing, is now,* and will be forev- / er.**

Second Lesson: Acts 2:1-21 A lesson from Acts:

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. [2] And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. [3] Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. [4] All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

[5] Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. [6] And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. [7] Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? [8] And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? [9] Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, [10] Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, [11] Cretans and Arabs--in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." [12] All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" [13] But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

[14] But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. [15] Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. [16] No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

[17] 'In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.

[18] Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall
prophesy.

[19] And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky
mist.

[20] The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to
blood,
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

[21] Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be
saved.'

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

Holy Gospel: John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15

Glory to you, O Lord.

"When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. [27] You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

[16:4b] "I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. [5] But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' [6] But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. [7] Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. [8] And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: [9] about sin, because they do not believe in me; [10] about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; [11] about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

[12] "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. [13] When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. [14] He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. [15] All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you. The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children's Sermon/Homily

Pastor Paul (A/St.M)
Deacon Dave Forbes (E/St.J)

***Hymn of the Day**

Hail Thee, Festival Day! LBW #142 (Pentecost Options)
Spirit of God LBW #86 (E)

RESPONSE

***Nicene Creed**

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***Prayers of the Church**

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First Intercession:

Merciful God, we worship you for watering the earth to produce our daily bread, but far more do we worship you for the truth of Jesus who is like a water of refreshment. Send the life giving Spirit of your Son to be our advocate against the untruth of this age, and to produce the good works for which you hungered before the world was new.

*** Sharing the Peace of the Lord**

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Offering

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Musical Offering

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* **Offertory**

Let the Vineyards . . .

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* **Offertory Prayer:**

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Holy Father, with new gifts you announced the sending of your Spirit. And with new offerings we declare that we would be your holy ones. In your mercy, receive us, and by your grace, use us; send your Spirit to sanctify us for the sake of those who are being saved, 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

WOV #687, 680, 688

* **Post Communion Blessing & Canticle** *Thank the Lord . . .*

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* **Post-Communion Prayer:**

Lord Jesus Christ, your Sacrament is a common language for every race. With this message of love confirmed and working in us, reverse the scattering of your creatures. We bless you now and evermore. **Amen.**

Sending

***Benediction**

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***Recessional Hymn**

Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling

LBW #523

Dismissal

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

Postlude

Pastors Pericope Paragraph + The Festival of Pentecost 5/23

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

Galileans speak (in Hebrew/Aramaic) and people from all over the entire Roman/Mediterranean world hear Good News in their native languages. The Spirit comes with fire and a violent wind. People sneer. Others are baptized! (1st lesson). The creation is groaning to bring about new life. The Spirit intercedes on our behalf (2d lesson). The Spirit is our Advocate. Jesus has left so that the Spirit of truth may come (Gospel).

Weekly Worship Practice:

The flag passes in a parade, people turn to face it. The pledge of allegiance is recited, hands are placed over hearts. At a sporting event or civic function, the national anthem is played, hats are

doffed, voices raised, all eyes on the flag. The same is true at Christian worship. Whenever the cross passes in procession (opening or closing hymn, for the reading of the Gospel) it is customary (polite) to turn to face our primary Christian symbol the instrument of Jesus crucifixion and victory over sin, death and the means by which God gained our salvation. It is also customary to “reverence” the cross (also the altar and an ambry/tabernacle in which resides the reserved sacrament-the consecrated body & blood of Christ) by bowing as it passes (not to clergy or other worship leaders)! Some Christians also bow at the name of God (Father, Son and Holy Spirit) or make the sign of the cross. These are examples of personal devotion not by any means mandatory, but customary and often helpful to our spiritual lives. Try them (you might like them).

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.

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.

Serving Today	Atonement	Evangelical	St. Matthew
Assisting Minister	Sue Dana	Mark Howard	Jim Crouthamel
Comm. Asst.		Cindy L	
Lector	Sue Dana	Esther H	
Cantor	Sue Dana		
*Altar Care	Laura Sherrill	Cindy L & Joyce	
Ushers/Greeters	John Mushtare	Ilse S	
Coffee Hour			
Acolyte	Emerson Riley	Paxton Hazzard	Kayla Joubert
Sound System		Pelcer	
Bell Ringer			
Church Cleaner			

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We welcome Dave Forbes to lead worship at Evangelical and St. John's.
Next Sunday Todd Eames will lead worship at Atonement and St. Matthew

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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), Jeremy Sorese (C. Heaney), Evelyn Hamilton (Lehenbauer), Beth Gilmore (Pudelka), Virginia Pudelka, Rene Prins, Thomas Mendez, Bill Heaney, Allison Heaney, Heather Byrnes, Charlotte Grant, Grace & Chuck Dietzman, Barbara Loitsch, Rita Nelson, Elizabeth Robinson (Messner), Micheal George (Brown)

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Winnie Lehenbauer

For young adult: Alison Heaney

+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: Mary Peterson

For Young Adult: Gunnar Jaeck

+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, Karen Smith, Joe Hartmann, Karen Rollins (Winslow), Terri Ibelli (Wood), Robert & Patricia Psaltz (Sherry), Sherry family, Mike Mauro, Maureen McAndrew (Greenleaf), Mike McAndrew (Greenleaf), Gary Hulbert

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Roberta Vesely

For Young Adult: Courtney Sherry

+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, Julie Steinmueller (Sandy Shear), Rachel Fisher (Messner), Kerri Gorsch (Messner), Doug Dutcher (Crouthamel), Brock Patrick Miller (Crouthamel), Jim Sippel (Velez), Geoff Murphy (Walters), Steven Morris (Messner), Dave Clapp, Helga Lange (Winkler), Henry Gregory (St. John)

For those preparing for marriage: John Lorette & Courtney McBride

For those celebrating childbirth: Scott & Stephanie Lehenbauer on the birth of Griffin Christopher (Grandparents Lori & Chris Lehenbauer, Great Grandmother Winnie Lehenbauer)

For those in the military, law enforcement and emergency services: Damian Laird, USMC North Carolina

In the Foothills Conference: Trinity Lutheran Church, Stone Arabia (Pr. Elisabeth Aurand)

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; for those involved in the continuing crisis on our Southern border, our country in this time of continuing deep division

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

+ Parish News and Notes +

+ Disaster Response: The COVID-19 Pandemic is running amok in India & elsewhere. To contribute to Lutheran World Relief efforts there or in other crisis situations anytime, use a Lutheran Disaster Response envelope. Make check payable to your congregation, and designate the crisis to which you are contributing. Thank you.

+ 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

(Last Week/ Year to Date)

Date	Atonement	Evangelical	St. Matthew
5/16	12/ 351 \$275	16/ 403	20/ 419 \$335
**	\$1290	\$705	\$1309
5/19	1/ 32	1/ 28	6/ 143

**** Needed to meet weekly expenses**

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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

+ THIS WEEK +

5/23: Festival of Pentecost (wear red or bright colors)
5/23: Dedication of new Sanctuary Lamp @ Atonement
5/23: Atonement Council Meeting following service
5/26: Midweek Worship
5/29: OCLP Deacon Breakfast @ St. Matthew, 8:30am

+ **COMING UP** +

Next Sunday: Festival of the Holy Trinity and Sacrament of Holy Baptism (Atonement)

5/31: Memorial Day – Pr. Paul participates in Laurens observance

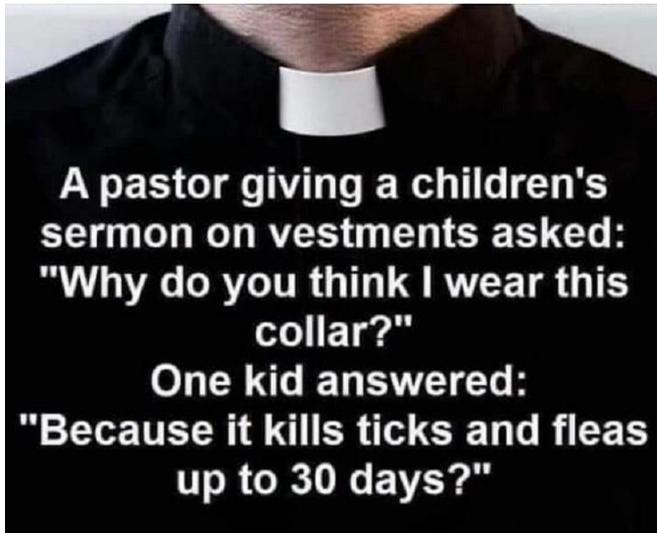
6/1: First Tuesday event @ St. Matthew, theme “We’re Back” – Favorite Food 6pm

6/3: Upstate NY Synod Assembly (virtual) Bishop’s Election

6/4: St. Matthew Council Meeting 7pm

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+ **Smile of the Week** +



RED GERANIUMS FOR PENTECOST

Name

Cindy & Peter Lane

Mary Ellen Crawford

Dorothy La Gasse

Esther Hughes

Pr. Paul & Martha Messner

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Helen Winne-Mulligan

Kathleen Chase

In Loving Memory of

Marguerite Evans & Russell Lane

Departed loved ones

James Zachow

Mildred & Fred Schidzick

Mark & E Richtsfeld

Roena Messner

Fred & Joyce Messner

Alex Reynolds

Kathi Yule

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John Mushtare: President

Leslie Bauer: Organist

Barbara Loitsch: Choir Director

Evangelical Lutheran Church, Hartwick Seminary, NY

Joyce Boyd: President

Donna Brown: Organist

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Paul Hecker: President

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Items received after this time cannot be guaranteed to appear in that week's bulletin.