



*“Why do you look
for the living
among the dead?
He is not here;
He is risen!”*

LUKE 24:5-6

ATONEMENT LUTHERAN CHURCH
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LAURENS, NY

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The Rev. Robert Mansbach, Pastor Emeritus

+ THE FESTIVAL OF THE RESURRECTION +
Easter Sunday

Holy Communion (LBW Setting 2)
April 17th, 2022

(* = Stand as you are able; LBW = Lutheran Book of Worship-green book)

GATHERING

Prelude

Meditation & Prayer

Ringing of the Church Bell (St. M & Ev)

Welcome and Parish News

* **Choral Prelude**

Were You There

LBW #92 (st.4)(A)

REKINDLING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE AND RETURN OF THE ALLELUIA

* **Prayer**

P: He is Risen!

C: He is Risen indeed! Alleluia!

P: Let us pray. O God, you are like a refiner's fire, and your Spirit kindles the hearts of those who keep this Easter festival so that, burning with desire for new life in you, they may take part in that eternal festival of light evermore singing "Alleluias" to your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

* **Blessing of the Candle**

P: Christ, yesterday and today. The beginning and the ending, the Alpha and the Omega.

C: His are time and eternity; His are glory and dominion forever and ever. Alleluia!

* **Lighting of the Candle**

(The Paschal Candle is lit from a "new flame," signifying the newness of the resurrection.)

P: May the Light of Christ who rises this morn in glory scatter the darkness of our hearts and minds.

The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray: Almighty God, pour out your abundant blessing on us through the light of this candle, so that all who share in your holy mysteries may be filled with your grace and blessings. Once we were in darkness, but since you have made us your people in baptism we are in the light. Help us to live as people who belong to light; help us to fulfill our baptismal promises through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

* **The Easter Announcement**

P: Rejoice now, all you heavenly choirs; rejoice now all creation; sound out, trumpet of salvation, and celebrate the triumph of life over death; light over darkness. Rejoice, too, O Earth in the radiance of the light poured upon you and, made brilliant by the brightness of the Everlasting King, know that the ancient darkness has been banished forever. Rejoice, O Church, clothed in the brightness of this light. Let this house ring out with rejoicing, with the praises of God's people. He is risen!

C: He is risen indeed!

Alleluia!

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(The service continues with the entrance hymn as the altar candles are lit from the Paschal Candle.)

*** Entrance Hymn**

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

LBW #151

*** Salutation**

*** First Prayer** *(7th Century Gelasian)*

O God, on this day you unlocked the way to eternity by conquering death for us through your only Son. Bless us as we pursue this new hope which you have inspired in us, 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

(E/StM)

WORD

First Lesson: Isaiah 65:17-25 A lesson from Isaiah:

For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth;
the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind.

[18] But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating;
for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy,
and its people as a delight.

[19] I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people;
no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it,
or the cry of distress.

[20] No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few
days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime;
for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth,
and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered
accursed.

[21] They shall build houses and inhabit them;
they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

[22] They shall not build and another inhabit;
they shall not plant and another eat;

for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,
and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

[23] They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity;
for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord--

and their descendants as well.

[24] Before they call I will answer,
while they are yet speaking I will hear.

[25] The wolf and the lamb shall feed together,
the lion shall eat straw like the ox;
but the serpent--its food shall be dust!

They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalmody: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

This is the day that the / Lord has made;*

let us rejoice and be / glad in it.

O give thanks to the Lord, for / he is good;*
his steadfast love en- / dures forever!

Let / Israel say, *

"His steadfast love en- / dures forever."

The Lord is my strength / and my might;*
he has become / my salvation.

There are glad songs of victory in the tents / of the righteous:*

"The right hand of the Lord does / valiantly;

the right hand of the Lord / is exalted;*
the right hand of the Lord does / valiantly."

I shall not die, but / I shall live, *

and recount the deeds / of the Lord.

The Lord has punished / me severely, *
but he did not give me ov- / er to death.

Open to me the gates of / righteousness, *

that I may enter through them and give thanks / to the Lord.

This is the gate / of the Lord;*
the righteous shall en- / ter through it.

I thank you that you have / answered me*
and have become / my salvation.

The stone that the build- / ers rejected*
has become the chief / cornerstone.

This is / the Lord's doing;*

it is marvelous / in our eyes.

This is the day that the / Lord has made;*
let us rejoice and be / glad in it.

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 Cor. 15:19-26 A lesson from First Corinthians:

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

[20] But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

[21] For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; [22] for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. [23] But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. [24] Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. [25] For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. [26] The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

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

* **Alleluia Verse**

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* **Gospel Acclamation**

Glory to you, O Lord.

Holy Gospel: Luke 24:1-12

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. [2] They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, [3] but when they went in, they did not find the body. [4] While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. [5] The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. [6] Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, [7] that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." [8] Then they remembered his words, [9] and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. [10] Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. [11] But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. [12] But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

The Gospel of the Lord.

* **Gospel Response**

Praise to you, O Christ.

Homily

Pr. Paul R. Messner (A/ St. M)
ELCA Deacon (Ret.) Sandy Shear (Ev/ St. J)

* **Hymn of the Day**

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing
(St. 3 women; St. 5 men)

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RESPONSE

* **Nicene Creed**

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* **Prayers of the Church**

First Intercession:

Ever-living and merciful Father, we worship you for your Son who fulfilled your love for us. And we bless you because you did not abandon him in the grave but raised him in glory, having died in our place according to your ancient promises. May he live in us every day and forevermore.

* **Sharing of the Peace of the Lord**

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Offering

* **Presentation of Gifts and Offertory**

Let the Vineyards

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* **Offertory Prayer**

Heavenly Father, we welcome this day of Resurrection / with its opportunity to bring gifts to a living God. Receive these offerings as our joyful celebration of your new life and reign in Jesus your Son. And through the bread and wine we have presented, share his new life with us. Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

MEAL

* **The Great Thanksgiving**

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Dialog

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God

* **Eucharistic Prayer**

Holy, Holy, Holy

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* **The Lord's Prayer**

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Communion Distribution & Hymns

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* **Post Communion Blessing and Canticle**

Thank the Lord

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* **Post Communion Prayer**

Lord Jesus Christ, by this holy food you proclaim your death for all people. May the whole world come to believe in your resurrection / by our being raised to new lives of love through this Eucharist. We bless you now and evermore. **Amen.**

SENDING

* **Benediction**

* **Recessional Hymn**

* **Dismissal**

Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

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Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Pastors Pericope Paragraph 4/17

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

"Early on the first day of the week", as dawn is breaking, women mourners make a discovery. They rush back to tell others. Is it an "idle tale" or a true one? (Gospel). "New heavens and a new earth" are in store. God's Chosen will enjoy their work and bear children in hope - animals are included (1st lesson). Paul proclaims Christ's victory over the "last enemy" - death itself! (2^d lesson).

Weekly Worship Practice:

When the Gospel is read from the center aisle, please feel free to turn and face the reader. In this way we enact the Gospel (the Good News of Jesus Christ) being the center of our lives.

All baptized Christians are welcome to God's Table of Grace. All the baptized may commune in the OCLP with no age restriction; baptized children may begin communing after parents have consulted with Pastor. 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. 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.

Serving Today	Atonement	Evangelical	St. Matthew
Comm. Asst.	Peg Serra-Lima	Cindy Lane	Dave Forbes JoAnn Winslow
Asst. Minister	Peg Serra-Lima	Mark Howard	
Lector	Peg Serra-Lima	Len P	
Cantor	Peg Serra-Lima		
*Altar Care	Christine Brown	Cindy Lane & Joyce Dorothy	
Ushers/Greeters			
Coffee Hour			
Acolyte	Thomas Mendez	Max Pelcer Lane	Victoria Stevens
Sound System			
Bell Ringer			
Church Cleaner			

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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, John Laitsch, Rebecca Pollack (Joan Carman), Juan Perez (D. Sherrill), Bridgette Shepardson (Thompson), Barbara Richardson (Denise), Rene Prins, Heather Mendoza, Grace & Chuck Dietzman, Rita Nelson, Thoranne Winkler, Monica Koulis (Winkler), TJ Dwyer (Sherrill), Mary Carol Hart (Walters), Mary Ann Ross (Englands); Kathy Beach (Joan Lambiaso); Heidi Davis (M. Messner); Duane Wikoff (M. Messner); Margo Graham (Sue Dana)

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

For young adult: Evan 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 & Pam Miller, David Glynn, Esther Hughes, Tad Mahoney, Bill Jacobson (D. Brown), Anthony

Scarfuto (Boyd), Dwaine Sharett (Butts), Jim Desrocher (Boyd), Dick Woodhouse (Hazzard), Glenn Linsenhardt, Tom Underwood (Burda), Eileen Burda, Joyce Boyd, Ron Jennings

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Esther & Charlie Hughes

For Young Adult: Dale Higgins

+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), Mary Hartmann (Nelson), Owen Basher (Marsh), Rennie Brown (Janet), Jason Hahn, Kathy & Rich Parsons, Maureen McAndrew (Greenleaf), Mike McAndrew (Greenleaf), Bernie Sitts Jr. (Klafehn), Marge Bonney, Jack Anthony (Stevens), Troy Lutz (Bush), Alan Peeters, Isabell Tophoven

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Pr. Jim & Mary Crouthamel

For Young Adult: Cooper Poulson

+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, Helga Lange (Winkler), Elise Zayat, Gina Utter (Thompson), Cathy Deleski (Thompson), Alicia Biesler (Thompson), Margie Ortega (Thompson), Amy Cooper (Messner), Mike Quinn (Messner), Will Burdick, Rev Judy Thistle (following a car accident), Carman Alvarez (Hopkins), Rita Gallipani (Messner), Ashwin Kalyandurg (Bush), Rosemary Sobol (Messner), Larry Antemann (Messner); Helen Sagendorf (Messner); Stash Tarka; Carl Roberts (Messner), Laurence Messner (Pr. Paul)

For those preparing for marriage: Kamarra Chamberlain and Christopher Hansson

For those preparing for childbirth: Nathan and Kate McDonald on the birth of Penelope

For those in the military, law enforcement and emergency services:

In the Foothills Conference: He has Risen! May we feel the joy of our crucified, risen, and ascended Lord Jesus Christ.

National/ International Concerns: all victims of religious, ethnic, and racial hatred; the people of Afghanistan, Ethiopia, Ukraine, Russia and Taiwan; for the Uyghur Muslims & Tibetan Buddhists of China; for those involved in the continuing crisis on our Southern border; for refugees & migrants; for those living in long term care facilities; for an end to violence in our schools and communities; All journalists killed and wounded in the Ukraine; 137 Police officers shot in the line of duty so far this year

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

Geoff Smith

Esther Brooker

+ Parish News and Notes +

+If you have a key to your church building that you're no longer using, please return it to your Council President (see back of weekly bulletin), or to Pastor Paul or to the OCLP Office, at your convenience. Be sure it's labeled! Thanks!

+St. John

Spring Rummage Sale - Friday May 6. 9am-5pm; Saturday May 7 9am-1pm

+“**Why seek the living among the dead**”? Why indeed. Peter was amazed; are we? Is life after death “too good to be true”? An idle tale? A myth to give us false hope or so true that nothing is or could be truer? We gather today as though it was and is true: for us, for all. He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

+ **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
4/10	32/ 285	20/ 204	29/ 299
**	(\$1,290)	(\$705)	(\$1,309)
4/13	1/ 48	3/ 30	8/ 126

**** Needed to meet weekly expenses**

+ THIS WEEK +

+Today: Easter Sunday the Resurrection of our Lord
(the Easter season lasts 7 weeks, this year until May 29)

+Wednesday Services:

7:30am St. Matthew

Noon Evangelical

7:00pm Atonement

Thursday 4/21 - St Matthew Monthly food distribution 4pm

Saturday, 4/23, Foothills Conference Spring Assembly

9:30 am-noon, St John-St Mark Ln Ch, Canajoharie Or via zoom

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COMING UP

+Next Sunday

Second Sunday of Easter

4/25-27 Pr Paul to Institute of Liturgical Studies, Valparaiso University, IN

4/29-30 Adult Education Retreat, St Margaret's Retreat Center, New Hartford

All welcome (see Pr. Paul for details).

5/1 - Atonement Council follows worship (Constitution revisions)

Otsego Country Lutheran Parish

Lutheran Church of the Atonement, Oneonta, NY

Sunday Worship 10:30 am (Holy Communion 1st and 3rd Sundays + festivals)

John Mushtare: President

Leslie Bauer: Organist

Barbara Loitsch: Choir Director

Evangelical Lutheran Church, Hartwick Seminary, NY

Sunday Worship 9:15 am (Holy Communion 1st and 3rd Sundays + festivals)

Joyce Boyd: President

Donna Brown: Organist

St. John Lutheran Church, West Burlington, NY

Sunday Worship 11:15 am (Holy Communion 2nd and 4th Sundays + festivals)

Paul Hecker: President

Ethel Mills: Accompanist

St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Laurens, NY

Sunday Worship 8:30 am (Holy Communion 1st and 3rd Sundays + festivals)

Ed Winslow: President

Janet Brown: Organist

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Services of Healing are usually held on the 5th Sunday of a month

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Any news/ announcements/ or other information that you wish to have included in the weekly service bulletin must be received by Pr. Paul no later than 9am on Thursday of that week. Items received after this time cannot be guaranteed to appear in that week's bulletin.

Items should be emailed to Pr. Paul and appear exactly as you wish them to in the bulletin.