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EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
HARTWICK SEMINARY, NY

ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH
LAURENS, NY

The Rev. Paul R. Messner, S.T.S., Pastor
The Rev. Robert Mansbach, Pastor Emeritus

+ **Seventh Sunday of Easter** +
Holy Communion (LBW Setting 1)
May 21st, 2023

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

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome

Parish News

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| * Entrance Hymn | <i>Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!</i> | LBW #144 |
| * Apostolic Greeting & Kyrie | | pg. 57 |
| * Hymn of Praise: | <i>This is the Feast (1-W, 2-M)</i> | pg. 60 |

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

O God, you shape the minds of the faithful into one will. May all your people love what you propose / and desire what you promise. Then regardless of the stormy tossing of this life, our hearts will come to anchor where true joys are found, through Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord. He lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

First Lesson: Acts 1:6-14 A lesson from Acts:

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" [7] He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. [8] But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." [9] When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. [10] While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. [11] They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." [12] Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. [13] When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. [14] All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

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

Psalmody: 68:1-10, 32-35 (tones 3-single; 8-double)

Let God rise up, let his enem- / ies be scattered;*

let those who hate him / flee before him.

As smoke is driven away, so drive / them away;*

**as wax melts before the fire,
let the wicked perish / before God.**

But let the right- / eous be joyful;*

let them exult before God; let them be jubi- / lant with joy.

Sing to God, sing praises / to his name;*

**lift up a song to him who rides upon the clouds--
his name is the Lord -- be exult- / ant before him.**

Father of orphans and protector of widows

is God in his holy / habitation. *

God gives the desolate a / home to live in;

he leads out the prisoners / to prosperity,*

but the rebellious live in / a parched land.

O God, when you went out be- / fore your people,*

when you marched through the / wilderness,

the earth quaked, the heavens poured down rain

at the presence of God, the / God of Sinai,*

at the presence of God, the / God of Israel.

Rain in abundance, O God, you shower- / ed abroad;*

you restored your heritage / when it languished;

your flock found a dwell- / ing in it;*

in your goodness, O God, you provided / for the needy.

Sing to God, O kingdoms / of the earth;*

sing praises / to the Lord,

O rider in the heavens, the / ancient heavens;*

listen, he sends out his voice, his / mighty voice.

Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over / Israel;*

and whose power is / in the skies.

Awesome is God in his sanctuary, the God of / Israel;*

he gives power and strength to his people. Bless- / ed be God!

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.

Amen

Second Lesson: 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11 A lesson from First Peter:

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. [13] But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. [14] If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

[6] Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. [7] Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. [8] Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to

devour. [9] Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. [10] And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. [11] To him be the power forever and ever. Amen. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

- * **Alleluia Verse** pg. 63
- * **Gospel Acclamation** **Glory to you, O Lord.** pg. 63

Holy Gospel: John 17:1-11

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, [2] since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. [3] And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. [4] I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. [5] So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

[6] "I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. [7] Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; [8] for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. [9] I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. [10] All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. [11] And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.** pg. 63

Homily

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

- * **Hymn of the Day** LBW #157
A Hymn of Glory
(stz 3- women, stz 4- harmony, stz 5- men)

RESPONSE

- * **Nicene Creed** pg. 64
- * **Prayers of the Church** pg. 65

First Intercession:

Holy Father, accept the faith of our worship which we center on the love of Jesus, your son. We join our prayers to his as he now ceaselessly prays and works to save all whom you have chosen

to be part of your glorious company in the age to come. Already by baptism you have called and marked us as your people, and by the Spirit's presence you have entered our hearts and minds to become one with us. We claim this now and forever more.

*** Sharing the Peace of the Lord**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Offering

Musical Offering

*** Presentation of Gifts and Offertory** *Let the Vineyards*

pg. 66

*** Offertory Prayer** (*Harvey S. Mozolak * -- by permission*)

Come risen Lord Jesus, help us with one accord to devote ourselves to prayer. This is your Upper Room, abide with us and in your glorious presence give us life. Receive our various gifts as one song of praise / and keep us one as you are one with the Father and the Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

MEAL

*** Great Thanksgiving/Dialog**

pg. 68-71

Preface & Sanctus *Holy, Holy, Holy*

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

pg. 69/ pew card

Agnus Dei *Lamb of God*

pg. 72

Distribution Hymns

LBW #147, 206, 356

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

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*** Post Communion Prayer**

Lord Jesus, you prepared this holy meal / to help each one know that you still abide with us. Use this food to fulfill your prayer / that we may all be one in you. You are the Lord forevermore. **Amen.**

SENDING

*** Extinguishing of the Paschal Candle**

*** Benediction**

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*** Recessional Hymn** *Sent Forth by God's Blessing*

LBW #221

*** Dismissal**

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

Postlude

* (Pr. Mozolak – retired – was Vicar at Pr. Paul's home parish, Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Ridgewood, NJ from 1966-67. He is also a member of the S.T.S.)

Pastors Pericope Paragraph 5/21

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

"He is risen indeed! Alleluia!". This Eastertide greeting for Christians is appropriate at any time, though we usually reserve it for the 7 weeks of the Easter season which ends this week. Every Sunday is a Festival of the Resurrection! The Church celebrates Jesus' return to eternity on Ascension Day - this past Thursday. Today we extinguish the Paschal Candle at the end of worship as a reminder of that reality: "He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father" (Nicene Creed). But in His final prayer (in John's version of the Last Supper) Jesus prays, "...now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to You. Holy Father, protect them in your name..." He does - the Holy Spirit is coming, has come and continues to keep us in the true faith. Come back for next week's exciting episode! (Gospel/1st lesson). Peter warns believers: "do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal" you are experiencing, but "rejoice that you are sharing Christ's sufferings (2d 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 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.

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We welcome ELCA Deacon (Ret.) Sandy Shear to lead worship at Evangelical and St. John
Next Sunday Pastor Jess Lambert will lead worship at Atonement and St. Matthew

Serving Today	Atonement	Evangelical	St. Matthew
Asst. Minister	Peg Serra-Lima		Deb Lawyer
Comm. Asst.	Peg Serra-Lima	Lee Sliviak	
Lector	Joan Carman	Ilse S	Nancy Boulay
Cantor	Robert Loitsch		
*Altar Care	Laura Sherrill	Dorothy & Ilse	
Ushers/Greeters	John Mushtare & Victor G	Shirley G	
Coffee Hour			
Acolyte	Stevie Mendez	Max Pelcer	Victoria Stevens
Sound System		Brunner	
Bell Ringer			
Church Cleaner			

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, Rebecca Pollack (Joan Carman), Juan Perez (D. Sherrill), Bridgette Shepardson (Thompson), Rene Prins, Heather Mendoza, Grace & Chuck Dietzman, Rita Nelson, Thoranne Winkler, Monica Koulis (Winkler), Sue (M. Messner), Valerie England, Jennifer Carman, Lisa Cooper (Syvertsen), Martha Messner, Lucy (Richardson), Barbara Gee, Mark Bauer, Joanne Burdick, (Messner/Dana), Brad Guillerm (Dana), Donna Coyne (Serra-Lima), Janna Benston (Sherrill)

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Aleda Koehn

For young adult: Alison Heaney

+Evangelical+

For healing in body, mind and spirit in our own congregation: Kathi Yule (C. Butts), Yvonne Cornell, Alex Reynolds (C. Butts), Marilyn Urbiss (Burda), Roz Winne (C. Butts), Janet Underwood (Burda), Gloria Hendricks, Susan Howard, John & Pam Miller, David Glynn, Bill Jacobson (D. Brown), Kenny Medor (Butts), Joan Ackerman (Butts), Chuck Scorzafava, Martha Messner, Ansley (Butts)

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Norm & Karen Johannesen

For Young Adult: Tyler Loewenguth

+St. Matthew+

For healing in body, mind and spirit in our own congregation: Scott Forbes, Tina Keator, Sherrie Roy (Lawyer), Barbara Gesile, Gina Pywar, 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), Jack Anthony (Stevens), Troy Lutz (Bush), Alan & Linda Peeters, Isabell Tophoven, Corinne Pollak, James Wikoff (Hulbert), Vicky Vesely (Bush), Martha Messner, Helmut Boehl, Frank Wood, Ray Gilmore (Winslow), Judy Berkshire (Crouthamel), Janet Brown, Kevin Bonney

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Elsie & Ron Haus

For Young Adult: Marissa Struckle

+Beyond the Parish+

For healing in body, mind and spirit: Jackie Hesse (Lawyer), Rosemary Pepe (Eggers), Dorothy Fernandez, (Eggers), Dick Armstrong, Helga Lange (Winkler), Gina Utter (Thompson), Cathy Deleski (Thompson), Alicia Biesler (Thompson), Margie Ortega (Thompson), Amy Cooper (Messner), Pr Lynn Ash, former President Jimmy Carter, Phil Roberts (Messner), David Wolff, Octavia Bradshaw (Grandparents Toni & Frank Wood), Davilynn Cifonelli (Doane-Nelson)

For those preparing for marriage: Joseph Tecklenburg & Colleen Fellner

For those preparing for childbirth: Pierre Sandaire & Kaylee McGrath

For those in the military, law enforcement and emergency services: Alex Famolaro (US Army) deployed

In the Foothills Conference: St. Paul's Lutheran Church, St. Johnsville (Pr. Dave Johnson)
All college graduates, staff, and faculty; especially those from Hartwick College, SUNY Oneonta, SUNY Delhi, and SUNY Cobleskill

Natural/Man-made Disasters: Victims of drought in Ethiopia, Somalia & Afghanistan; victims of violence in our cities, suburbs and rural communities, those struggling with economic conditions, food insecurity, and homelessness

National/ International Concerns: For all refugees and migrants and those contending with the continuing crisis on our northern & southern borders, the people of Ukraine, Russia, China, Taiwan, and the Sudan

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

+ Parish News and Notes +

+OCLP Office

The OCLP Office will be closed from Monday May 29th to Friday June 2nd. Anything that you wish to have included in either the May 28th or June 4th Sunday bulletin must be received by the OCLP Office no later than 10:00am on Tuesday May 23rd; this includes order forms for Pentecost geraniums

+St Matthew/ Atonement

The option of coming to the communion rail to receive Holy Communion has returned. Those coming to the rail will be invited first to receive the sacrament, standing or kneeling. Then the eucharistic ministers will come to the nave (floor) level, for those who wish to continue receiving in that way. Both will receive the sacrament via intinction. We will still offer communion in the pew for those who desire us to come to you. No matter how we receive, it is still the Lord's true body and blood that is "given and shed for you".

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"The Chosen" video series, Season 1, is being offered this Spring for anyone (OCLP members/friends and others - invite a friend!)

Details:

Location - Atonement

Time - 5:30 pm

When - Wednesdays

Food -Bring movie/finger food snacks to share (popcorn, chips, cheese and crackers) and beverage of choice.

Who: All Welcome!

Coming Up - Season 2 Fall 2023 & Season 3 Spring 2024

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We are updating our membership records. PLEASE fill out the form on the literature table or in your mailbox as soon as possible. One per person, please! Yes, this includes children. TY!

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Please sign up to host a coffee hour. Anyone can - as a family or small group! It's not that hard - the sign up forms are on the bulletin board. Thanks!

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Sign up NOW for the Back to Basics classes this month - for new and renewing church members. In other words it's for ANYONE (this means it's for YOU!)

New members will be received on Sundays May 28 (Evangelical and St John) and June 4 (St Matthew and Atonement).

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Finances are tight at this 1/3 point of the year. Please help us stay current on our responsibilities to our vendors and staff.

+ 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	St. John
5/14	22/ 496	20/ 297	19/ 457	9/ 140
5/17	4/ 74	1/ 42	7/ 179	
**	(\$1,290)	(\$850)	(\$1,309)	

**** Needed to meet weekly expenses**

+ THIS WEEK +

+Wednesday

7:30am St. Matthew - worship

10:30am Clergy Bible Study, Christ Church, Cooperstown

Noon Evangelical - devotions

5:30pm Atonement – The Chosen video series, episode 6 (bring movie snacks)

+Saturday

Atonement Worship & Music Committee meeting, 9:00am

“Back to Basics” class 3, for new and renewing members, Evangelical 11:00 am

+ **COMING UP** +

+Next Sunday 5/28 is the Festival of Pentecost, Holy Communion service; wear something red, or bright and colorful, New Members received @ Evangelical & St. John

+Monday 5/29 – Memorial Day observance, Pr. Paul participates in Laurens and Burlington Flats

+Friday/ Saturday June 2-3, Upstate NY Synod Assembly @ Bethany Baptist Church, Syracuse

+Sunday June 4, Festival of the Holy Trinity, new members received @ St. Matthew & Atonement

Prayer of the Week

Glory to our ascended Lord, He is with us always.

Glory to the Word of God, going forth with His armies, conquering and to conquer.

Glory to Him who has led captivity captive, and given gifts for the perfecting of His saints.

Glory to Him who has gone before to prepare a place in His Father's Home for us.

Glory to the Author and Finisher of our Faith; that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be all worship and praise, dominion and glory; now, and forever and ever.

Amen

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

Evangelical Lutheran Church, Hartwick Seminary, NY

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

Tami Pelcer: 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 the OCLP office and appear exactly as you wish them to in the bulletin.