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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

+ **Third Sunday in Lent** +
WOV-Service of Word & Prayer
March 12th, 2023

(* = 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

Lenten Wreath Reading and Extinguishing

(St. Matt)

Gathering Song

Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters

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***Greeting + Dialogue**

The Word is Near You

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***Scripture Song**

Salvation Belongs (W st 1, M st 2)

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

Almighty God, consider the worthy desires of your humble servants. Reach out to defend us from evil by the word and work of your Majestic Right Hand, 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

WORD

First Lesson: Exodus 17:1-7 A lesson from Exodus:

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. [2] The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" [3] But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" [4] So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." [5] The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. [6] I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. [7] He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalmody: 95 (Tones: Single 2 or Double 6)

O come, let us sing / to the Lord;*

let us make a joyful noise to the rock of / our salvation!

Let us come into his presence / with thanksgiving;*

let us make a joyful noise to him with / songs of praise!

For the Lord is / a great God,*

and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the depths / of the earth;*

the heights of the mountains are / his also.

The sea is his, / for he made it,*

and the dry land, which his / hands have formed.

O come, let us worship / and bow down,*

let us kneel before the / Lord, our Maker!

For he is our God, and we are the people / of his pasture,*

and the sheep / of his hand.

O that today you would listen / to his voice! *

Do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah,

as on the day at Massah in the / wilderness,

when your ancestors tested me, and put me / to the proof,*

though they had / seen my work.

For forty years I loathed that generation

and said, "They are a people whose hearts / go astray,*

and they do not re- / gard my ways."

Therefore in my an- / ger I swore,*

"They shall not en- / ter my rest."

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: Romans 5:1-11 A lesson from Romans:

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, [2] through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. [3] And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, [4] and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, [5] and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

[6] For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. [7] Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person--though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. [8] But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. [9] Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. [10] For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will

we be saved by his life. [11] But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

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

***Gospel Acclamation**

*Word of Life Jesus Christ
Glory to you, O Lord*

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***Holy Gospel: John 4:5-42**

So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. [6] Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

[7] A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." [8] (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) [9] The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) [10] Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." [11] The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? [12] Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" [13] Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, [14] but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." [15] The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

[16] Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." [17] The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; [18] for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" [19] The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. [20] Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." [21] Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. [22] You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. [23] But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. [24] God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." [25] The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." [26] Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

[27] Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" [28] Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, [29] "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" [30] They left the city and were on their way to him.

[31] Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." [32] But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." [33] So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" [34] Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. [35] Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. [36] The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. [37] For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' [38] I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

[39] Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." [40] So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. [41] And many more believed because of his word. [42] They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world." The Gospel of the Lord.

*** Gospel Response**

Praise to you, O Christ

Children's Sermon/Homily

Todd Eames (A/St.M)
Pastor Paul Messner (E/St.J)

***Hymn of the Day**

*I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say
O Lord, Hear My Prayer*

LBW #497 (A/St.M)
WOV #772 (E/St.J)

RESPONSE to the WORD

***Apostles' Creed**

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***Confession and Forgiveness**

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Installation of Church Council & Officers (E/ St. J)

Insert

***Sharing the Peace**

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Offering

***Offertory**

Create in me . . .

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*** Offertory Prayer:**

(or WOV pg. 51)

Eternal Father, we watch and wait in hope for spring. By these offerings we confess our faith / that you will surround us with new life. Revive us with the season / that through us you may provide more daily bread for all. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

***Prayers of the Church**

First Intercession:

Eternal Father, hear the cries for mercy that arise from your people. Cure them of all that handicaps them in their wish to serve you through those in need. But by your special grace, open our eyes more fully to all the love you are ready to share. Spare us from a shortsighted focus on the gifts we believe we need.; and show us your Son through the preaching of the Word and the celebration of the Sacrament, so that we may worship him for his eternal gifts and be content.

***Lord's Prayer**

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SENDING

***Blessing**

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***Recessional Hymn**

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

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Dismissal

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

Postlude

+ Pastors Pericope Paragraph 3/12

John's Gospel does not have "miracles", but 7 "Signs". Jesus reaches out to others with healing, hope and life - even beyond the boundaries of His fellow Jews, because He intends to be "lifted up" on the cross (last week's Gospel). So today He crosses socio-ethnic and religious/historical boundaries to confront a Samaritan woman, who has made herself be beyond the boundaries of her community. Jesus overcomes differences, and opens up hearts and minds to His presence in their midst as "the savior of the world"! (Gospel). Do we doubt God's promises? Do we test His patience? Do we quarrel and complain? "Is the Lord among us or not?" How do YOU answer? (1st Lesson). Are you an "enemy of God"? Sorry but, in more ways than one, you (we) are. But He reconciled us to himself, even then - so now we *are* reconciled, thru Jesus. Thanks be to God (2nd Lesson).

Weekly Worship Practice:

In our pews help us maintain the pew holders with pens/pencils, and 4 or 5 *Voice from the Pew* folders. Use these folders to: record your Holy Communion (at least once a year); request a hymn or prayer; update our records; what else? Check one out!

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, or another ordained pastor, 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; 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.

Serving Today	Atonement	Evangelical	St. Matthew
Asst. Minister			Dave Forbes
Comm. Asst.			
Lector	Robert Loitsch	Ilse S	Jim Crouthamel
Cantor			
Altar Care	Christine Brown	Cindy & Esther	
Ushers/Greeters	Victor G & John M	Lanes	
Coffee Hour			
Acolyte	Liam Thompson		
Sound System		Sliviak	
Bell Ringer			
Church Cleaner			

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We welcome SAM* Todd Eames to lead worship at Atonement and St. Matthew.

Next Sunday SAM* Tom Collins will lead worship at Evangelical and St. John.

(* Synodically Authorized Minister)

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), Rene Prins, Heather Mendoza, Grace & Chuck Dietzman, Rita Nelson, Thoranne Winkler,

Monica Koulis (Winkler), TJ Dwyer (Sherrill), Barbara Loitsch, Sue (M. Messner); Carleen (M. Messner), Valerie England, Alice Burdick, Jennifer Carman, Jaelen (M. Messner), Lisa Cooper (Syvertsen), Martha Messner, Lucy (Richardson), Joan Carman

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Dianne Benko

For young adult: Joe Sherrill

+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), Dawn Schidzick

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Genie Weber (Florida)

For Young Adult: Abe Lippitt

+St. Matthew+

For healing in body, mind and spirit in our own congregation: Scott Forbes, Tina Keator, Sherrie Roy (Lawyer), Barbara Gesile (Lapp), 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), Bernie Sitts Jr. (Klafehn), Jack Anthony (Stevens), Troy Lutz (Bush), Alan Peeters, Isabell Tophoven, Bev Lapp, Corinne Pollak, James Wikoff (Hulbert), Wayne Bush Sr (Bush), Vicky Vesely (Bush), Martha Messner, Helmut Boehl, Frank Wood, Ray Gilmore (Winslow), Patty Hulbert, Octavia Bradshaw (Wood)

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Marge Bonney

For Young Adult: Cooper Poulson

+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, Jean Ercole (Crouthamel), former President Jimmy Carter, Phil Roberts (Messner), David Wolff, those in hospice care or living in long-term care facilities. Those dealing with Covid, cancer, auto-immune diseases, mental illness, addictions and other debilitating conditions

For those preparing for marriage: John Joslin and Myranda Davies

For those celebrating childbirth: Kristen (Herbst) & Fran Twomey on the birth of Macsen (grandparents Maureen & Cliff Herbst)

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

In the Foothills Conference: The Central Crossroads Conference, its dean, congregations, pastors

Ordination/Commissioning anniversaries connected to our parish or conference:

Pr. Robin Ressler, 11 years – 3/25

Pr. Paul Messner, 41 years – 3/18

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

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

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

Migrants on the boat that capsized off the Italian coast

+ Chicago P.D. Officer Andres Vasquez +
Killed in the line of duty

+ Joe Embler +
(1945 – 2023)
(Pr. Paul's Air Force NCOIC)

+ Daniel Schoellig +

+ 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	St. John
3/5	29/ 217	14/ 117	26/ 216	8/ 65
**	(\$1,290)	(\$705)	(\$1,309)	
3/8	4/ 23	1/ 19	10/ 88	

** 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

+Consider remembering your congregation in your will with a bequest and/or including it in a request for memorial gifts in lieu of flowers, when a loved one dies.

+Have you signed up to host coffee hour? Check the bulletin board!

+”Back to Basics” class for new and renewing church members is coming! Stay tuned. It’s for everyone!

+ THIS WEEK +

(see the Lent/ Holy Week/ Easter Calendar)

+Today Sunday 3/12
Service of Word & Prayer

+Tuesday 3/14
Lenten Supper, video, and discussion, 6pm @ St. Matthew

+Wednesday Services:
7:30am St. Matthew
10:30am Clergy Bible Study, Christ Church, Cooperstown
Noon Evangelical, with lunch, video, and discussion
3:30pm Evangelical Council Meeting?
5:30pm Atonement supper, video, and discussion
7:00pm Atonement

+Thursday 3/16
10:30am Foothills Conference Ministerium, Trinity Lutheran Church Amsterdam
4:00pm St. Matthew Food Bank Distribution
5:00pm St. Matthew Worship and Music Committee

+ **COMING UP** +
(See Lent/ Holy Week/ Easter Schedule)

+Next Saturday 3/18
OCLP Deacon's Breakfast, 8:30am, Atonement

+Next Sunday 3/19
Atonement Council after worship

+Saturday 3/25
Atonement Worship & Music Committee, 9:30am

Lenten Study: "The Chosen" video series
Part 3: The Wedding Gift
Introduces disciple Thomas; Jesus changes water into wine

Prayer of the Week

Eternal and Most Holy One,

Gracious Father, you have bound yourself to the human family by a bond that can never be broken. Only you can heal the wounds that have divided and scarred the Christian Church, the Body of your Son, Jesus Christ that has caused scandal to our world. Remove from our hearts all that hinders us from approaching each other in trust and mutual respect that we may truly be one. We ask this through Jesus whose resurrected body healed the brokenness of the world and his Church, and who reigns with you and the Life-Giving Holy Spirit, our God forever and ever.
Amen.

-- Found at St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, Oneonta, NY

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)

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.