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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

+ **Trinity Sunday -- First Sunday after Pentecost** +
Holy Communion (LBW Setting 1)
May 30th, 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

Dedication of Sanctuary Lamp

* **Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness**

* **Entrance Hymn** *Holy, Holy, Holy*

* **Apostolic Greeting & Kyrie**

* **Hymn of Praise** *All Glory Be to God on High*
(St 1 – W, St 2 – M, Refrain – all)

Parish News

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First Prayer: *(7th Century Gelasian)*

Work in us a perpetual reverence and love for you, O Lord. Because those who have come to love your ways / are never disappointed in the way you guide, 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: Deut. 5:12-15

A lesson from Deuteuteronomy:

Observe the sabbath day and keep it holy, as the Lord your God commanded you. [13] Six days you shall labor and do all your work. [14] But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work--you, or your son or your daughter, or your male or female slave, or your ox or your donkey, or any of your livestock, or the resident alien in your towns, so that your male and female slave may rest as well as you. [15] Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the Lord your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm; therefore the Lord your God commanded you to keep the sabbath day.

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

Psalmody 81:1-10 (Tones: 54-single; 10-double)

Sing aloud to / God our strength,*

shout for joy to the / God of Jacob.

Raise a song, sound the / tambourine,*

the sweet lyre / with the harp.

Blow the trumpet / at the new moon,*

at the full moon, on our / festal day.

For it is a statute for / Israel,*

an ordinance of the / God of Jacob.

He made it a de- / cree in Joseph,*
when he went out over the / land of Egypt.

I hear a voice I / had not known: *

**"I relieved your shoulder of the burden;
your hands were freed / from the basket.**

In distress you called, and I / rescued you;*
I answered you in the secret place of thunder;
I tested you at the wa- / ters of Meribah.

**Hear, O my people, while I ad- / monish you;*
O Israel, if you would but lis- / ten to me!**

There shall be no strange / god among you;*
you shall not bow down to a / foreign god.

**I am the Lord your God,
who brought you up out of the / land of Egypt.*
Open your mouth wide and / I will fill 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: 2 Cor. 4:5-12

A lesson from Second Corinthians:

For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. [6] For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

[7] But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. [8] We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; [9] persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; [10] always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. [11] For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. [12] So death is at work in us, but life in you.

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

* Alleluia Verse

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Holy Gospel: Mark 2:23--3:6 Glory to you, O Lord.

One sabbath he was going through the grainfields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. [24] The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?" [25] And he said to them, "Have you never read what David did

when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food? [26] He entered the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions." [27] Then he said to them, "The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath; [28] so the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath."

[3:1] Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. [2] They watched him to see whether he would cure him on the sabbath, so that they might accuse him. [3] And he said to the man who had the withered hand, "Come forward." [4] Then he said to them, "Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to kill?" But they were silent. [5] He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. [6] The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

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

Children's Sermon/Homily

Todd Eames (A/St.M)

Pastor Paul (E/St.J)

***Hymn of the Day**

Glory Be to God the Father!

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RESPONSE

*** Athanasian Creed**

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Sacrament of Holy Baptism

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***Prayers of the Church**

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First Intercession:

Gracious God, we worship you for making us for yourself, calling us and helping us to live in love with each other, as you have always lived with us. Thank you for sending Jesus your Son whom we accept as Lord of our life. May the love that he represents, become more important to us than any tradition or law so that we have a proper way to express our faith in your kingdom.

*** Sharing the Peace of the Lord**

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Musical Offering

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*** Offertory**

Let the Vineyards . . .

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*** Offertory Prayer:**

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All glorious Father, you do not need the things we have / but you invite our offerings to instruct us in the ways of faith. Use our gifts to work your grace among us / that the shelter of your glory may bring your peace. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

MEAL

* Great Thanksgiving/Dialog	pg. 68
Preface & Sanctus (<i>Holy, Holy, Holy</i>)	pg. 69
Eucharistic Prayer & Lord's Prayer	pg. 69
Agnus Dei (<i>Lamb of God</i>)	pg. 72

Distribution Hymns	LBW #522, 169, 197
* Post Communion Blessing & Canticle <i>Thank the Lord . . .</i>	pg. 72

* Post-Communion Prayer:

Faithfully we celebrate this Eucharist, O Lord, to remember the focus of your love. Until you come or send for us, may we glory only in the cross you wore. You are the Lord forevermore. **Amen.**

Sending

* Benediction	pg. 74
* Recessional Hymn <i>Holy God, We Praise Your Name</i>	LBW #535
Dismissal Go in Peace, Serve the Lord. Thanks be to God.	
Postlude	

Pastors Pericope Paragraph + Festival of the Holy Trinity (Creed: Athanasian) 5/30

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

"Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord of hosts..." Isaiah gets a glimpse of the YHWH in His glory. Isaiah responds to God's call, and says, "Here I am..."! (1st lesson). "Abba" (Aramaic: "Daddy"). The Father is close to us. We are adopted into the family. The Spirit is with us. And so we are heirs, with Jesus. (2d lesson). Nicodemus: "How can these things be?". Jesus: "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up..." We are re-born of the Spirit. For this God so loved the world...(Gospel).

Weekly Worship Practice:

Some Christians (Roman Catholic, Orthodox, Episcopalians, and some Lutherans) make the "sign of the cross" at various times in our liturgies (the LBW & WOV indicate some such places with a small + red cross):

-- at the Trinitarian name of God (Father, Son, & Holy Spirit), as an invocation or at confession and absolution

-- to remember our baptism

-- at the announcement of the Gospel: three small crosses on the forehead, on the lips, & over the heart ("God be in my mind, on my lips, and in my heart")

These are customs of personal piety. Perhaps they will prove helpful to thoughtful devotion and reverence

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	Martha Messner	Mark Howard	Dave Forbes
Comm. Asst.		Gabe L	
Lector	Ed Pixley	Mark Howard	
Cantor	Ed Pixley		
*Altar Care	Becky Milford	Cindy L & Joyce	
Ushers/Greeters	Denise Richardson	Lane	
Coffee Hour			
Acolyte	Emma Coppersmith	Max Pelcer	Victoria Stevens
Sound System		Brunner	
Bell Ringer			
Church Cleaner			

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We welcome Todd Eames to lead worship at Atonement and St. Matthew
 Next Sunday Deacon Tom Collins will lead worship at Evangelical and St. John

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Readings Through This Week

See website: <https://www.otsegocounty Lutheranparish.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: Robert & Barbara Loitsch

For young adult: Tom King

+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: Len & Diann Price

For Young Adult: Jeremiah Parr

+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: Erika Baker-Heinegg

For Young Adult: Derek 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 celebrating marriage: Bethany (Young) & Terence Ryan

For those preparing for childbirth: Jon & Nikki Valder

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

In the Foothills Conference: Our Confirmation ministry, confirmands, and teaching staff

National/ International Concerns: all victims of religious, ethnic, and racial hatred and prejudice, for victims of genocide and slavery; the people of Afghanistan, Israel & Palestine (for Jews, Muslims, & Christians in the Holy Land); victims of anti-Semitism and anti-Asian hatred

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**

+ Crystal Lynn Timer-Borne +

+ Michael Mauro +
(1937 – 2021)

+ 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
5/23	23/ 374 \$1604	27/ 430	24/ 443 \$623
**	\$1290	\$705	\$1309
5/26	1/ 31	1/ 30	5/ 168

**** Needed to meet weekly expenses**

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During the months of June and July, members of Evangelical Lutheran Church are assembling personal care kits for distribution locally to those in need. If you would like to assist in this matter, please collect the following items:

- Dark color, light-weight bath-size towel (between 20"x 40" and 52"x27") – one per kit
- Bath size bars of soap equaling 8 to 9 oz. Any brand in original wrapping – 2 or 3 per kit
- Adult -size toothbrush in original packing
Multi-packs may be used if each individual toothbrush is sealed in a business-size envelope - one per kit
- Sturdy comb – one per kit
- Metal nail clippers (attached file optional) - one per kit

Assembled kits are to be placed in a small bag, and placed in the designated collection bin at the rear of the sanctuary. Thank You!

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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** +

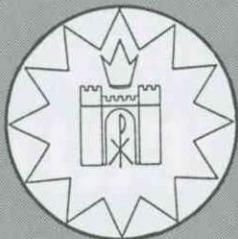
- 5/31: Memorial Day – Pr. Paul participates in Laurens observation
- 6/1: First Tuesday event @ St. Matthew, theme “We’re Back” – Favorite Food 6pm
- 6/2: Midweek Worship
- 6/3: Upstate NY Synod Assembly (virtual) Bishop’s Election
- 6/4: St. Matthew Council Meeting 7pm

+ **COMING UP** +

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+ **Thought of the Week** +

Do you pray about it as much as you complain about it?



About Being Lutheran

XXVII: The Athanasian Creed

Q: *What is the history and use of the Athanasian Creed?*

A: According to a well-known saying, the only two assured things about the Athanasian Creed are that it is neither a creed nor by Athanasius.

More properly known from its opening words as the "Quicumque Vult," this statement of the catholic faith was almost certainly not by St. Athanasius (296-373) since it concerns itself with theological issues and employs terminology not used during his lifetime. Much debate still exists about the origin and authorship of the creed, although the leading modern hypothesis suggests that it originated in southern Gaul (France) or northern Spain sometime between 435 and 535, and perhaps at the direction of St. Caesarius, a celebrated preacher and theologian who lived from 470-542 and was abbot of Arles in Gaul from 502.

Differing greatly in form and structure from either the Apostles' or Nicene Creeds, the original character and object of the Athanasian Creed was to serve as a summary of orthodox teaching for clergy to memorize and use as the basis for their pastoral instructions. A unique feature of this creed is the damnatory clauses which open, divide, and conclude the text. However, unpalatable these may be to modern Christians, there can be no doubt these clauses must be given their full and natural meaning: anyone wishing to be saved must be orthodox in his thinking about the Trinity and the Incarnation!

With its clear explication of the doctrine of the Trinity and the Person and work of Christ, the Athanasian creed was highly valued by Luther, who suggested that it should be sung each evening at Vespers. The creed is included in the **Book of Concord** as one of the "Three Catholic and Ecumenical Symbols" and, in differing translations, has been included in both **Lutheran Book of Worship** (p. 54) and **Lutheran Worship** (p. 134). Not formally accepted by the Eastern Church, it is used in the West principally by the Roman, Lutheran and Anglican churches. Appropriate occasions to recite this creed include Trinity Sunday, Reformation Day/Sunday, the commemoration of St. Athanasius (May 2), and the commemoration of the Presentation of the Augsburg Confession (June 25).

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