



ATONEMENT LUTHERAN CHURCH
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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 of Easter** +
WOV-Service of Word & Prayer
April 23rd, 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

Gathering Song

Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia

WOV #678

***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*)

O God, by the humiliation of your Son / you raised up this fallen world. Teach us whom you have rescued from endless death / to have the fullness of eternal joy, 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: Acts 2:14a, 36-41 A lesson from Acts:

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them... [36] "Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified."

[37] Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" [38] Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. [39] For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." [40] And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." [41] So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

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

Psalmody: 116:1-4, 12-19 (Tones: Single 2 or Double 6)

I love the Lord, because he has heard
my voice and my / supplications.*

**Because he inclined his ear to me,
therefore I will call on him as long / as I live.**

The snares of death en- / compassed me;*

the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;
 I suffered dis- / tress and anguish.
Then I called on the name of the Lord:
"O Lord, I pray, / save my life!"*
What shall I return to the Lord for all his boun- / ty to me?
 I will lift up the cup / of salvation*
 and call on the name / of the Lord,
I will pay my vows / to the Lord*
in the presence of / all his people.
 Precious in the sight / of the Lord*
 is the death of his / faithful ones.
O Lord, I am your servant;
I am your servant, the child of your / serving girl.*
You have / loosed my bonds.
 I will offer to you a thanksgiving / sacrifice*
 and call on the name / of the Lord.
I will pay my vows / to the Lord*
in the presence of / all his people,
 in the courts of the house of the Lord,
 in your midst, O Je- / rusalem.* / 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.
Amen.

Second Lesson: 1 Peter 1:17-23 A lesson from 1st Peter:

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. [18] You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, [19] but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. [20] He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. [21] Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

[22] Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. [23] You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

***Holy Gospel: Luke 24:13-35**

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, [14] and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. [15] While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, [16] but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. [17] And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. [18] Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" [19] He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, [20] and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. [21] But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. [22] Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, [23] and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. [24] Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." [25] Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! [26] Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" [27] Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

[28] As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. [29] But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. [30] When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. [31] Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. [32] They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" [33] That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. [34] They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" [35] Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread. The Gospel of the Lord.

*** Gospel Response**

Praise to you, O Christ

Children's Sermon/Homily

Pastor Paul Messner (A/St.M)

Deacon Deb Lawyer (E/St.J)

***Hymn of the Day**

This Joyful Eastertide

WOV #676

RESPONSE to the WORD

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| *Apostles' Creed | | WOV pg. 49 |
| *Confession and Forgiveness | | WOV pg. 49-50 |
| *Sharing the Peace | | WOV pg.50 |
| Offering | | |
| *Offertory | <i>Glory to you God (stz. 2)</i> | WOV pg. 50 |

* Offertory Prayer: (or WOV pg. 51)

Gracious Father, free us from our hopeless dreams / by enlisting us as partners in your gracious will. Receive our offerings as investments in your work / that we may share in your certain victory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Prayers of the Church

First Intercession:

Eternal Father, we worship you for your promises which gave hope to your people of old. You have brought these to fulfillment in the life, death and resurrection of your son Jesus. Still, you did not merely give us your Word, but make yourself and your promise of the kingdom real by way of the gift of the "breaking of bread". May we come more and more to recognize this presence and rejoice in its power.

*Additional Prayers

*Lord's Prayer pg. 52

SENDING

*Blessing pg. 53

*Recessional Hymn WOV #674
Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen

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

Postlude

Pastors Pericope Paragraph 4/23

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

"What things?" He asks. "The things about Jesus of Nazareth...", they answered. How would we have answered Jesus if we didn't recognize Him? Jesus must have been smirking as He listened to them try to explain who He was and why they had "hoped He was the one to redeem Israel": when he explained to them how everything they were describing was "necessary", that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into His glory" and when he broke bread with them, then "their eyes were opened...and their hearts burn(ed) within (them)...while he was opening the scriptures..."

Do our hearts burn as we realize He IS risen, indeed? Do we change direction and return to where we need to be to make Him known to others? (Gospel). Peter proclaims: "God has made Him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom YOU crucified". "...they were cut to the heart". God's Word burns and cuts (1st lesson). And the cost of this is "the precious blood of Christ". Jesus is the one who was cut. But through Him we "have come to trust God who raised Him from the dead." (2d lesson). He is risen indeed!

Weekly Worship Practice:

We gather weekly in reverence and awe, in joy and thanksgiving, in hope and peace. We come seeking forgiveness and reconciliation-inspiration and a sense of God's presence. We depart renewed, refreshed and recommitted to serve all God's people in need, as we have opportunity. We come open to God's giving. Having received we depart to share that with which God has blessed us.

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.

+OCLP+

We welcome OCLP Deacon Deb Lawyer leads worship at Evangelical and St. John.

Next Sunday ELCA Deacon (Ret.) Sandy Shear will lead worship at Atonement & St. Matthew

| Serving Today | Atonement | Evangelical | St. Matthew |
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| Asst. Minister Comm. Asst. Lector Cantor *Altar Care Ushers/Greeters Coffee Hour Acolyte Sound System Bell Ringer Church Cleaner | Cindy Heaney Dennis S & Victor G Ethan Temming | Esther H Cindy L Lanes Hazzard | Dave Forbes Paxton Hazzard |

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), 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), Barbara Gee, Mark Bauer, Joanne Burdick, (Messner/Dana), Brad Guillerm (Dana)

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Janet England

For young adult: Tyler Evans

+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: Shirley Gomiller

For Young Adult: Kristoff Jaeck

+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), Jack Anthony (Stevens), Troy Lutz (Bush), Alan & Linda Peeters, Isabell Tophoven, Corinne Pollak, James Wikoff (Hulbert), Wayne Bush Sr (Bush), Vicky Vesely (Bush), Martha Messner, Helmut Boehl, Frank Wood, Ray Gilmore (Winslow), Judy Berkshire (Crouthamel)

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Sara Eggers

For Young Adult: Jordan Shaul

+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: Alek Vernold & Krista Jones

For those preparing for childbirth: Lizette Hopkins & Ed Hatch

For those in the military, law enforcement and emergency services: Eric Oellrich, NYS Troopers

In the Foothills Conference: The Southern Tier Conference, its Dean, congregations, and pastors

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**

+ Kaylin Gillis +
(2003-2023)

(shot and killed in mistaken driving incident)

+ Parish News and Notes +

+Evangelical

The list to sign up to mow our lawn is posted on the bulletin list. Pick your favorite month!
Thanks!

+St Matthew/ Atonement

The option of coming to the communion rail to receive holy communion returns May 7th. 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".

+Atonement

Isaiah 2:5 "...come let us walk in the light of the Lord."

At Atonement we are blessed to have wall candelabras to light our way into worship. Thanks to the artistry of Robert Loitsch, the tremulous metal sconces will this Spring be replaced by solid wooden candle holders to light our path.

Six sconces are being crafted, three to grace each side wall of the sanctuary. Their design, in color and shape, will echo the architecture and wood tones of the sanctuary ceiling, furniture and windows. Each sconce will hold three oil-filled pillar candles.

We propose to dedicate this safe, permanent lighting to loved ones who have shown *us* the way of Christ. The approximate cost per sconce is \$500 (construction, candles and oil).

Should you wish to honor or memorialize loved one(s) by donating toward the cost, in part or in whole, of a sconce, plaques noting the donor(s) as well as the honoree(s) for each light will be placed at a designated space in the sanctuary.

Please speak to Pr. Paul, Council President John Mushtare, or Worship and Music convener Peg Serra-Lima regarding your wish to participate in this project. A donation form is available on the literature table for you to specify your loved one(s).

Surely these additions to our sacred space will speak to God's abiding presence and our own gratitude to Jesus, the light on our way to the Father.

+OCLP

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

Location - Atonement

When - Wednesdays 5:30-6:30 pm

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

+ **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 |
|------|------------------|----------------|------------------|----------|
| 4/16 | 21/ 397 | 17/ 226 | 27/ 371 | 5/ 108 |
| 4/19 | | | | |
| ** | (\$1,290) | (\$850) | (\$1,309) | |

**** Needed to meet weekly expenses**

+ THIS WEEK +

Sunday, 4/23 - Service of Word and Prayer
Atonement Council meets after worship

Monday 4/24 OCLP Craft Group @ Eileen Burda's, 1:00pm

Wednesday Services:

7:30am St. Matthew

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

Noon Evangelical

7:00pm Atonement

Wed. 4/26 5:30pm The Chosen - Season 1, Episode 1

Fri/Sat 4/28-29- Adult Ed. Retreat for anyone - St Margarets Retreat Ctr., New Hartford

(St Matthew Spring Altar Server training postponed to 5/20)

+ **COMING UP** +

Sun 4/30 - Healing Service (invite others!)

Seminary Sunday at Evangelical - Hartwick College President Darren Reissberg present.
College sponsored brunch follows worship.

Tuesday 5/2 - First Tuesday supper @ St Matthew – Theme: Picnic Foods

Wednesday 5/3 – The Chosen Season 1, Episode 3 Atonement 5:30pm

Thursday 5/4 - 5:00pm - St Matt Worship and Music Comm; 7pm St Matt Council

Sat. 5/6 - 9 AM Spring Altar Server Training, Atonement

10:30 AM - First (of 4) "Back to Basics" New & Renewing Members class - 10:30 am, @
Atonement

Please register using the forms on the literature table

Thought of the Week

A tree gives glory to God by being a tree. For in being what God means it to be it is obeying him. It “consents,” so to speak, to his creative love. It is expressing an idea which is in God and which is not distinct from the essence of God, and therefore a tree imitates God by being a tree.

The more a tree is like itself, the more it is like him. If it tried to be like something else which it was never intended to be, it would be less like God and therefore it would give him less glory.

For me to be a saint means to be myself. Therefore, the problem of sanctity and salvation is in fact the problem of finding out who I am and of discovering my true self. Trees and animals have no problem. God makes them what they are without consulting them, and they are perfectly satisfied.

With us it is different. God leaves us free to be whatever we like. We can be ourselves or not, as we please.

-- Thomas Merton

Otsego County 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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<http://otsegocountylutheranparish.com>

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.