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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

+ **Palm Sunday / Sunday of the Passion** +  
Holy Communion (LBW Setting 2)  
March 28<sup>th</sup>, 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 Parish News**

**Children's Sermon**

**\*The Blessing, Distribution, and Procession with Palms** (outside the sanctuary)

There are two focuses in today's liturgy as indicated by the two names for this Sunday. The first is celebrating the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem with waving of palms and exclamations of faith. So we begin today outside the church with a traditional rite that has its own Gospel lesson. Palms will be distributed and blessed, followed by a procession into the church—our reenactment of Palm Sunday. Children are especially invited to be at the front of the procession with their palms, the congregation follows, all singing the Palm Sunday Hymn: "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"—a hymn that has been used in this way for more than 1,000 years. The second focus is on Jesus' Passion, highlighted by the reading from the assigned Gospel for this year.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

**Hosanna to the Son of David.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray. Mercifully assist us, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts whereby you have given us life everlasting; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Processional Gospel: Mark 11:1-11**

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples [2] and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. [3] If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.' " [4] They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, [5] some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" [6] They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. [7] Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. [8] Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. [9] Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

[10] Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

[11] Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

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

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

We praise and thank you, O God, for the great acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was acclaimed Son of David and King of kings by those who scattered their garbents and branches of palm in his path.

Bless these branches and those who bear them, and grant that we may ever hail him as our Lord and King and follow him with perfect confidence; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Let us go forth in peace, **in the name of Christ.**

(Procession into the church begins)

### **Processional Hymn**

*All Glory, Laud and Honor*

LBW 108

R): All glory, laud, and honor To you, redeemer, king,

To whom the lips of children Made sweet hosannas ring.

1. You are the king of Israel And David's royal Son,

Now in the Lord's name coming, Our King and Blessed One. R)

2. The company of angels Are praising you on high;

Creation and all mortals In chorus make reply. R)

3. The multitude of pilgrims With palms before you went.

Our praise and prayer and anthems Before you we present. R)

4. To you, before your Passion, They sang their hymns of praise.

To you, now high exalted, Our melody we raise. R)

5. Their praises you accepted; Accept the prayers we bring.

Great author of all goodness, O good and gracious King. R)

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

**Hosanna in the highest.**

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

**O God, you gave the human race an example of humility -- our Savior not only lived in the flesh but became obedient to the cross. Help us to imitate his patient endurance / and then to participate in the resurrection he was worthy to enjoy, 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**

(St.Matt/Evan)

**WORD**

**First Lesson: Isaiah 50:4-9a** A lesson from Isaiah:

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher,  
that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he wakens--wakens my ear  
to listen as those who are taught.

[5] The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious,  
I did not turn backward.

[6] I gave my back to those who struck me,  
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;

I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

[7] The Lord God helps me;  
therefore I have not been disgraced;  
therefore I have set my face like flint,  
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;

[8] he who vindicates me is near.  
Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together.  
Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me.

[9] It is the Lord God who helps me;  
who will declare me guilty?

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

**Psalmody: Psalm 31:9-16** (Tones: Single 21/ Double 6)

Into your hand I commit my spirit;  
you have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.

Be gracious to me, O Lord, for I am / in distress;\*  
**my eye wastes away from grief, my soul and / body also.**

For my life is spent with sorrow, and my / years with sighing;\*  
**my strength fails because of my misery, and my bones /  
waste away.**

I am the scorn of all my adversaries, a horror / to my neighbors,\*  
**an object of dread to my acquaintances;  
those who see me in the street / flee from me.**

I have passed out of mind like one / who is dead;\*  
**I have become like a / broken vessel.**

For I hear the whispering of many--terror / all around!--\*  
**as they scheme together against me, as they plot to / take  
my life.**

But I trust in / you, O Lord;\* **I say, "You / are my God."**  
My times are / in your hand;\*

**deliver me from the hand of my enemies and /  
persecutors.**

Let your face shine up- / on your servant;\*  
**save me in your / steadfast love.**

**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: Philip. 2:5-11** A lesson from Philippians:

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, [6] who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, [7] but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form, [8] he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death--even death on a cross.

[9] Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, [10] so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, [11] and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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

**\*Lenten Verse**

pg. 63

**\*Gospel Acclamation**

*Glory to you, O Lord*

pg. 63

**Commentary**

Pastor Paul (St.M & A)  
Robin Bush (Ev & St. J)

**Holy Gospel: The Passion of Our Lord Mark 14:1 – 15:47**

**\*Gospel Response**

*Glory to you, O Lord*

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**\*Hymn of the Day**

*To Mock Your Reign*

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## **RESPONSE**

**\*Nicene Creed**

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**\*Prayers of the Church**

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## **First Intercession:**

Almighty Father, with sadness we observe the Passion of your Son. From the depth of our spirits, we ask to be included with those for whom Jesus pleaded in his first prayer from the cross. Forgive the failure of your people to know what they have done to crucify your Son, or because they often do not understand your love at work. As you darkened the sun and shook the earth to call us to take note, so even now do whatever you must to wake us from our living death to have faith in the unselfish suffering of your Son.

- \* **Sharing of the Peace of the Lord** pg. 66
- Offering** pg. 66
- Musical Offering** (A)
- \* **Offertory** pg. 67  
*What Shall I Render to the Lord*

- \* **Offertory Prayer:** pg. 67-68
- Holy Father, you received Mary's gift of tears at the passion of her Son. Receive also these offerings as the fruit of our sincere affection and grief / for him who loved not himself but us. Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **MEAL**

- \* **Great Thanksgiving/Dialog** pg. 68
- Preface & Sanctus** (*Holy, Holy, Holy*) pg. 69
- \* **Eucharistic Prayer & Lord's Prayer** pg. 89/ pew card
- Agnus Dei* LBW #103  
        *O Christ thou Lamb of God*

**Distribution Hymns** LBW #301, 479, 121

- \* **Post Communion Blessing & Canticle** pg. 73  
*Lord, Now*

## \* **Post-Communion Prayer:**

Lord Jesus Christ, as you took possession of your city on a humble beast of burden / so you have here entered our hearts through the lowly forms of bread and wine. Inspire us to discern you in your coming / and to hail you as our King. You are the Lord forevermore. **Amen.**

## **SENDING**

- \***Benediction** pg. 74
- \***Recessional Hymn** LBW 109 (st. 1-3)
- Dismissal** Go in Peace, Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**
- Postlude**

## Weekly Worship Practice:

Please turn off cell phones and pagers or switch to silent mode when entering the sanctuary, so we can all enjoy a quiet and stress-free environment in which to pray and reflect.

**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.

**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.

<b>Serving Today</b>	<b>Atonement</b>	<b>Evangelical</b>	<b>St. Matthew</b>
Comm. Asst. Asst. Minister Lector Cantor *Altar Care Ushers/Greeters Coffee Hour Acolyte Sound System Bell Ringer Church Cleaner	Laura Sherrill  Stevie Mendes	Cindy L  Esther H  Carol B & Esther Hazzards  Max Pelcer Lane	Jim Crouthamel      Victoria Stevens

## 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, 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), Stan Whitmore (C. Brown), Jeremy Sorese (C. Heaney), Evelyn Hamilton (Lehenbauer), Beth Gilmore (Pudelka), Virginia Pudelka, Rene Prins, Tony and Thoranne Winkler, Thomas Mendez, Bill Heaney, Allison Heaney, Heather Byrnes, Charlotte Grant, Grace Dietzman, Barbara Loitsch, Rita Nelson, Emilie Stamps, Elizabeth Robinson (Messner)

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Grace & Chuck Dietzman

For young adult: Joe Sherrill

### **+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), Bob Hazelton (C. Butts), Karen Ingraham (C. Butts), Gloria Hendricks, Susan Howard, John Miller, David Glynn, Len Price, Esther Hughes, Tom Pritchard

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Shirley Gomiller

For Young Adult: Alex Reynolds

### **+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, Ron Struckle, Karen Smith, Joe Hartmann, Karen Rollins (Winslow), Terri Ibelli

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Bev Lapp

For Young Adult: Josh Bush

**+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, Warren Robinson (Messner), Julie Steinmueller (Sandy Shear), Hilary Elf (Messner), Rachel Fisher (Messner), Pr. Ameen Aswad (Jail Ministry), Kerri Gorsch (Messner), Pr. Paul Herpich (Messner), Karla Goss (Bauer), Scott Brasted (Messner)

**For those preparing for marriage:** Joanna & Derek Matolka

**For those celebrating childbirth:** Megan (Greenleaf) & Graham Henry

**For those in the military, law enforcement and emergency services:** OPD Officer Phil Kraft

**In the Foothills Conference:** Lutheran Theological Seminaries, houses of study, professors, staff and seminarians (name any you have)

**National/ International Concerns:** all victims of religious, ethnic, and racial hatred and prejudice, for victims of genocide and slavery (Uigher Muslims in China); our country in this time of continuing deep division.

**Natural and Man-Made Disasters:** Victims of all debilitating diseases, and those struggling with social isolation, for those involved in the crisis on our Southern border, including refugees & law enforcement

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

+ Those killed during the recent shootings in Georgia and Colorado +

**+ 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
3/21	14/ 203 \$565	17/ 225 \$516	16/ 238 \$1465
**	<b>(\$1,290)</b>	<b>(\$705)</b>	<b>(\$1,309)</b>
3/24	2/ 21	4/ 22	9/ 92

**\*\* Needed to meet weekly expenses**

**+ OCLP +**

**+A parade, cheers from the crowd.** An Auspicious beginning to a week which will change history. The ancient battle between good and evil, begun at a tree in Eden, will climax at another tree outside Jerusalem. Death will give way to life.

**+ THIS WEEK +**

(See Holy Week Schedule)

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COMING UP

+Next Sunday  
Easter Sunday the Resurrection of our Lord

**+ Thought of the Week +**

God, of your goodness give me yourself for you are sufficient for me. I cannot properly ask anything less, to be worthy of you. If I were to ask less, I should always be in want. In you alone do I have all.

Julian of Norwich  
(Fourteenth Century)

### +Atonement

Our sanctuary windows are in increasing need of repair. There are some broken pieces, but the primary and pressing need is re-caulking. Estimates are around \$12,500 for all the work. To help with this capital project, use a special giving envelope and make checks payable to Atonement Lutheran Church (memo: stained glass window project) Thanks!

### +Atonement

Donations continue to be gathered for the new sanctuary lamp in the altar area. The lamp has an electric light and replaces the candle near the window.

To donate toward the \$1,000 cost of the lamp, please make a check payable to Atonement with "Sanctuary Lamp" on the notes line.

To donate in memory of or to honor a loved one, or for another reason, please write a note and submit it with your check, and place in the collection plate or mail them to the church office.

Thank you for your consideration and support.

### +St. Matthew

Food donations to St. Matthew's Food Pantry are welcome. Please bring the items listed on the bulletin board; canned and boxed goods, designed to provide our recipients with a week's worth of staples. We do not have the capacity to handle baked goods, produce, or other perishables.

Please do not donate food items bearing lapsed expiration dates – for health and safety reasons we cannot distribute such items.

Cash donations are always welcome and appreciated. The Food Pantry is a totally volunteer operation – 100% of your cash donations go towards the purchase of food and personal care items.

Thanks for all of your support, which has enabled us to serve 40-60 families per month!

For further questions and comments contact Patty & Rod Klafehn 607-432-7883.

### +Evangelical

Evangelical is now collecting items for their Labor Day Rummage Sale. Bring donations to the church anytime.

### +OCLP

Please check your mailbox anytime you are in the building. Thanks!

Remember to sign in for attendance and contact tracing. Thank you

## **Otsego Country Lutheran Parish**

Lutheran Church of the Atonement, Oneonta, NY

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Leslie Bauer: Organist

Barbara Loitsch: Choir Director

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Items received after this time cannot be guaranteed to appear in that week's bulletin.