



ATONEMENT LUTHERAN CHURCH  
ONEONTA, NY

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

**+Second Sunday of Easter+**  
LBW Service of the Word

April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022

(\* = 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

* <b>Entrance Hymn</b>	<i>Christ the Lord is Risen Today; Alleluia!</i>	LBW #128
* <b>Invocation and Dialog</b>	<i>Holy is the Lord</i>	pg. 126
* <b>The Apostles Creed</b>		pg. 128
* <b>Canticle</b>	<i>He Is Arisen! Glorious Word!</i>	LBW #138

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

**Help us, Almighty God, that our joyful celebration of the Resurrection feast may be reflected in our daily work and conversation, 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.M/Evan)

## WORD

### First Lesson: Acts 5:27-32 A lesson from Acts:

When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, [28] saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." [29] But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. [30] The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. [31] God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. [32] And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him." The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Psalmody: 150 (Tones: single 2; double 6)

Praise the Lord! Praise God in his / sanctuary; \*  
praise him in his mighty / firmament!

**Praise him for his / mighty deeds;\***

**praise him according to his sur- / passing greatness!**

Praise him with / trumpet sound; \*

praise him with / lute and harp!

**Praise him with tambour- / ine and dance;\***

**praise him with / strings and pipe!**

Praise him with / clanging cymbals;\*

praise him with loud / clashing cymbals!

**Let everything that breathes / praise the Lord!\***

**/ Praise the Lord!**

**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: Rev. 1:4-8** A lesson from Revelation:

John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, [5] and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, [6] and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever.  
Amen.

[7] Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen.

[8] "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

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

**\* Gospel Acclamation**

**Glory to you, O Lord**

**Holy Gospel: John 20:19-31**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." [20] After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. [21] Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." [22] When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. [23] If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

[24] But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. [25] So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

[26] A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." [27] Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." [28] Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" [29] Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

[30] Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. [31] But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The Gospel of the Lord.

\* **Gospel Response**

**Praise to you, O Christ**

\* **Hymn of the Day**

*O Sons and Daughters of the King*

LBW #139 (st. 1-4)

**Children's Sermon/Homily**

Deacon Deb Lawyer (St. M/ A)

Pr. Paul Messner (Ev/ St. J)

\* **Hymn of the Day**

*O Sons and Daughters of the King*

LBW #139 (st. 5-9)

### **RESPONSE**

\* **Sharing of the Peace of the Lord**

**Offering** (plates are at the door)

**Musical Offering**

(A)

\* **Offertory**

*Create in Me*

WOV #732

\* **Offertory Prayer:**

O Lord, as your land is stirring from its winter sleep / and farmers have (prepared / sown) their seed, receive these hope filled offerings / and reward our toil for daily bread. Despite thorns and thistles, may we come to rejoice in you. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

\* **Prayers of the Church**

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**First Intercession:**

Faithful Father, you have given new joy to your church through our Easter celebration. May the festive worship of your people inspire them to trust you in all things; and may they come more faithfully to your house to bless you. Show us ways to live out our joy and give us the right words to speak with those who know only the joy of this world.

**Lord's Prayer**

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### **SENDING**

\* **Benediction**

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\* **Recessional Hymn**

*The Day of Resurrection!* (Tune: Lancashire)

LBW #141

**Dismissal**

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

**Postlude**

## **Pastors Pericope Paragraph 4/24**

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

Poor Thomas. He missed the Big One - literally! For him, believing is seeing. So the Risen One gives him what he needs - and deeply desires. And what do WE get? (Gospel). In our world to "obey God rather than any human authority" is to risk being called a cultist, a fanatic, a "nut job". Christians do it anyway (1<sup>st</sup> lesson). The Alpha and the Omega - the God of past, present, future - who was, who is, who is coming again! (2d lesson)

### **Weekly Worship Practice:**

What does "S.T.S." mean after Pastor Paul's name in our bulletin? "Societas Trinitatis Sanctae" (Latin for the Society of the Holy Trinity.) The S.T.S. is an organization of Lutheran clergy formed to help pastors live out their ordination vows in a disciplined way. Members follow a "rule" of daily prayer, worship, regular retreats and pastoral visitations and oversight. If you would like to see the STS "rule" see Pr. Paul.

**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; 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.

+OCLP+

We welcome Deacon Deb Lawyer to lead worship at St. Matthew & Atonement

Next week we welcome Deacon Tom Collins to lead worship at Evangelical & St. John

<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	Christine Brown Denise Richardson Denise Richardson Laura Sherrill Dennis Sherrill  Stevie Mendez	Gabe L  Cindy L & Joyce Esther H  Pelcer	Robin Bush Nancy Miller

**+ 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, John Laitsch, Rebecca Pollack (Joan Carman), Juan Perez (D. Sherrill), Bridgette Shepardson (Thompson), Barbara Richardson (Denise), Rene Prins, Heather Mendoza, Grace & Chuck Dietzman, Rita Nelson, Thoranne Winkler, Monica Koulis (Winkler), TJ Dwyer (Sherrill), Mary Carol Hart (Walters), Mary Ann Ross (Englands); Kathy Beach (Joan Lambiaso); Heidi Davis (M. Messner); Duane Wikoff (M. Messner); Margo Graham (Sue Dana), Barbara Loitsch, Doris Quinn (Brown), David Kelefant (Walters)

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, 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 & Pam Miller, David Glynn, Esther Hughes, Bill Jacobson (D. Brown), Anthony Scarfuto (Boyd),

Dwaine Sharett (Butts), Jim Desrocher (Boyd), Dick Woodhouse (Hazzard), Glenn Linsenbardt, Tom Underwood (Burda), Eileen Burda, Joyce Boyd, Ron Jennings

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Dennis Hascup

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), 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), Mary Hartmann (Nelson), Owen Basher (Marsh), Rennie Brown (Janet), Jason Hahn, Kathy & Rich Parsons, Maureen McAndrew (Greenleaf), Mike McAndrew (Greenleaf), Bernie Sitts Jr. (Klafehn), Marge Bonney, Jack Anthony (Stevens), Troy Lutz (Bush), Alan Peeters, Isabell Tophoven, Bev Lapp, Corinne Pollak, Joe Rotolo, James Wikoff (Hulbert)

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Connie Dabreau

For Young Adult: Spencer 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, Helga Lange (Winkler), Elise Zayat, Gina Utter (Thompson), Cathy Deleski (Thompson), Alicia Biesler (Thompson), Margie Ortega (Thompson), Amy Cooper (Messner), Mike Quinn (Messner), Will Burdick, Rev Judy Thistle (following a car accident), Carman Alvarez (Hopkins), Rita Gallipani (Messner), Ashwin Kalyandurg (Bush), Rosemary Sobol (Messner), Larry Antemann (Messner); Helen Sagendorf (Messner); Stash Tarka; Carl Roberts (Messner), Laurence Messner (Pr. Paul), Pr Lynn Ash

**For those preparing for marriage:** Frank Brown and Kelly Shelly (Christine Brown is mother of the groom)

**For those celebrating childbirth:** Gary and Rachel Chrys on the birth of Caroline

**For those in the military, law enforcement and emergency services:** Alex Famolaro, US Army, NC

**In the Foothills Conference:** Online ministries of our congregations. (Websites, etc. and those who build and maintain them.)

**National/ International Concerns:** all victims of religious, ethnic, and racial hatred; the people of Afghanistan, Ethiopia, Ukraine, Russia and Taiwan; for the Uyghur Muslims, Tibetan Buddhists, and Christians of China; for those involved in the continuing crisis on our Southern border; for refugees & migrants; for those living in long term care facilities; for an end to violence in our schools and communities; All journalists killed and wounded in the Ukraine; 137 Police officers shot in the line of duty so far this year

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

Tad J. Mahoney  
(1948 – 2022)

Chuck Vennen  
(Erika Baker-Heinegg's son in law)

Ron Jennings

**+ Parish News and Notes +**

**+HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OTSEGO COUNTY**

Spring is here and work at our current job site will resume on March 24th. This house is located on Route 205 in the Town of Oneonta.

While this is good news, HFHOC **needs more help!** We need folks to volunteer for our Board of Directors and the various committees of the Board. The Board and committees are the folks who make building our partner family homes possible.

Do you believe in the mission of HFHOC, that is, to eliminate all substandard and unaffordable housing in Otsego County? If you do, please consider joining us in this work.

Contact Marjorie Pietraface at pietramm@oneonta.edu to get more information.

+If you have a key to your church building that you're no longer using, please return it to your Council President (see back of weekly bulletin), or to Pastor Paul or to the OCLP Office, at your convenience. Be sure it's labeled! Thanks!

**+St. John**

Spring Rummage Sale - Friday May 6. 9am-5pm; Saturday May 7 9am-1pm



**+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.

**+OCLP**

Please check your mailbox anytime you are in the building. Thanks!  
Remember to sign in for attendance and contact tracing. Thank you

**Attendance & Offering Statistics**

Date	Atonement	Evangelical	St. Matthew
4/17	69/ 322	26/ 220	34/ 333 \$798
**	<b>(\$1,290)</b>	<b>(\$705)</b>	<b>(\$1,309)</b>
4/20	1/ 67	1/ 46	Canceled/ 126

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

**+ OCLP +**

**+ THIS WEEK +**

Pr Paul at Institute of Liturgical Studies, Valpariaso University, IN (Mon-Thurs)

Pr. Jim Crouthamel will be on call while Pr. Paul is away; (201) 317-5610

+Wednesday Services:

7:30am St. Matthew

Noon Evangelical

7:00pm Atonement

10:00am Clergy Bible Study

**+ COMING UP+**

Next Sunday - Atonement Council follows worship (revised Constitution meeting)  
5/5, Thurs - 5PM St Matthew Worship and Music Comm; 7PM St Matthew Council  
5/7 Sat., 8:30 am OCLP Deacon's Breakfast, St Matthew  
5/15 Sund., Atonement Congregational Meeting to approve revised Constitution

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**+QUOTE OF THE WEEK+**

God's word comes  
freely and calls  
the dead to life  
people by name.  
Watch and reply  
Courageously  
when the lord  
goes past  
calling their houses.

-Huub Oosterhuis

**Concert for**  
**UKRAINE**  
**relief**

**featuring**  
**classical,**  
**contemporary,**  
**& folk music**

**Sunday April 24**  
**2:00 pm**

**Fly Creek UM Church**  
**Tickets & Donations**  
**at the door**



## **Otsego Country Lutheran Parish**

Lutheran Church of the Atonement, Oneonta, NY

Sunday Worship 10:30 am (Holy Communion 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays + festivals)

Joyce Boyd: President

Donna Brown: Organist

St. John Lutheran Church, West Burlington, NY

Sunday Worship 11:15 am (Holy Communion 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays + festivals)

Paul Hecker: President

Ethel Mills: Accompanist

St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Laurens, NY

Sunday Worship 8:30 am (Holy Communion 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays + festivals)

Ed Winslow: President

Janet Brown: Organist

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(texting is often the most effective way to reach pastor)

Services of Healing are usually held on the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of a month

<http://facebook.com/oclpny/>

<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 Tuesday 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.