



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 in Lent+
Holy Communion (LBW Setting 2)
March 15th, 2020

(* = stand as you are able; LBW = Lutheran Book of Worship-green book;
+ = hymn requests; WOV = With One Voice Hymnal-blue book)

GATHERING

Prelude		(A)
Welcome	Parish News	
Quiet Entrance		(St.M)
Extinguishing of Candle on Lenten Wreath (with reading)		(St.M)
* The Order for Confession and Forgiveness		pg.155
* Entrance Hymn		Hymn Board
*Apostolic Greeting & Kyrie Hymn	Cantor and Congregation	LBW 96

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 (St.M/Evan)

First Lesson: Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7

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: Psalm 95 (Tones: single 21; 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 5:12-19

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.**

* **Lenten Verse**

“Return to the Lord”

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* **Gospel Acclamation**

Glory to you, O Lord

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HOLY GOSPEL: John 4:5-42 Glory to you, O Lord.

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. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Gospel Response:

Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Sermon/Homily

Deacon Dave Forbes (A/St.M)

Pastor Paul Herpich (E/St.J)

*** Hymn of the Day**

Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain

LBW 301

RESPONSE

- * **Nicene Creed** pg. 84
* **Prayers of the Church** pg. 85

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.

- * **Sharing of the Peace of the Lord** pg. 86

Offering pg. 86

Musical Offering (A)

- * **Offertory** *Create in me . . .* pg. 96

- * **Offertory Prayer:** pg. 87-88

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.**

MEAL

- * **Great Thanksgiving/Dialog** pg. 88

Preface & Sanctus *Holy, Holy, Holy* pg. 89

- * **Eucharistic Prayer #3 & Lord's Prayer** pg. 89/pew card

Agnus Dei *"Oh Christ, Thou Lamb of God"* LBW 103

Distribution Hymns Hymn Board/ Insert

- * **Post Communion Blessing & Canticle** *God Be With You . . .* (Stz. 3&4) Last Page

- * **Post-Communion Prayer:** pg. 94

Lord Jesus Christ, you plainly teach that in this meal / there is forgiveness through your body and your blood. By the Holy Spirit, help us trust this promise, building lives of service to those in need. We bless you now and evermore. **Amen.**

SENDING

* **Benediction**

* **Recessional Hymn**

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

Postlude

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Weekly Worship Practice:

Prior to worship, many take time to reverently prepare themselves for the liturgy by praying, quietly reflecting, marking hymnals and Bibles etc. Please respect those doing this by keeping conversation and greeting whispered or outside the sanctuary (in the narthex or parlor). This also models reverence to our children and youth! Thank you!

Serving Today	Atonement	Evangelical	St. Matthew
Comm. Asst.		Gabe L.	
Asst. Minister			Jim
Lector	Peggy Serra-Lima	Len P.	Jo-Ann
Cantor	Peggy Serra-Lima		
*Altar Care	Laura Sherrill	Carol B.	
Ushers/Greeters	John Mushtare	Dorothy L.	
Coffee Hour	Barbara Gee		
Acolyte		Max P.	
Sound System		Brunner	
Bell Ringer			
Church Cleaner			Lawyer & Crouthamel

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+OCLP+

We welcome Pastor Paul Herpich to lead worship at Evangelical and St. John's.
We welcome Deacon Dave Forbes to lead worship at St. Matthew and Atonement.
Next Sunday Pastor John Priest will lead worship at St. Matthew and Atonement.

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Readings Through This Week

	Morning	Noon	Evening
Sunday	Matthew 16	Numbers 1-2	Ecclesiastes 3:1-15
Monday	Matthew 17	Numbers 3-4	Ecclesiastes 3:16-4:16
Tuesday	Matthew 18:1-20	Numbers 5-6	Ecclesiastes 5
Wednesday	Matthew 18:21-35	Numbers 7-8	Ecclesiastes 6
Thursday	Matthew 19:1-15	Numbers 9-10	Ecclesiastes 7
Friday	Matthew 19:16-30	Numbers 11-12	Ecclesiastes 8
Saturday	Matthew 20:1-16	Numbers 13-14	Ecclesiastes 9:1-12

+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), Linda Czernak (P. Serra-Lima), Stan Whitmore (C. Brown), Lewis Sherrill (D. Sherrill), Brian Sherrill (D. Sherrill), Jeremy Sorese (C. Heaney), Evelyn Hamilton (Lehenbauer), Beth Gilmore (Pudelkas' niece), Virginia Pudelka, Paula Holleran (Mansbach), Sandy Shear, Gary and Mary Williams (S. Dana), Joan Carman, Elizabeth Robinson (Messner), and Rene Prins (Roper)

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Carol & Jim Baker

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), Shannan Mahoney (J. Boyd), Roz Winne (C. Butts), Janet Underwood (Burda), Amy Beuchler (Linsenbardt), Bob Hazelton (C. Butts), Joyce Boyd (C. Lane), Karen Ingraham (C. Butts), Sandy Shear, Gloria Hendricks, and Marie Barbato (Genova)

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Len & Diann Price

For Young Adult: Dale Higgins

+St. Matthew+

For healing in body, mind and spirit in our own congregation: Robert Evans, Scott Forbes, Tina Keator, Sherrie Roy (Lawyer), Maureen VerPlanck (Parsons), Laura Emmet (Lawyer) , Peg Hughes (Janet B.), Josh Newell (Evans), Lynn Benekin (Forbes), Barbara Gesile (Lapp) , Bart Bonney, Wyatt Greenleaf, Tennison (T. Wood), Gina Pywar, Erika Baker-Heinegg, Michele Tolen (T. Wood), Sandy Shear, Melissa McLaughlin (S. Eggers), Charles Hulbert, Triston (Hahn), Gabrielle Bush, Adam Pierce (Forbes), Doris Schlee (R. Nelson), Priscilla Galbreth (Hulbert), Marissa Struckle, Rose Nelson, Chayse Winslow, and Kelly Ives (Wood)

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Elsie & Ron Haus

For Young Adult: Spencer Sherry

+Beyond the Parish+

For healing in body, mind and spirit in our own congregation: Nancy Saxton Miller (Mansbach), Jackie Hesse (Lawyer), Rosemary Pepe (Eggers), Dorothy Fernandez, (Eggers), Dick Armstrong, Tom Keagle (Serra-Lima), David Brenner (Former Oneonta Mayor), Sue Haney, Mary Jane Bianchine (Pr. Paul), Peter Provenzano (Hopkins), Senator James Seward, Warren Robinson (Messner), and Carleen Roberts (Messner)

For those preparing for marriage: Tim Lehenbauer and Ali Turner

For those preparing for childbirth: Rachel and James Winslow

For those in the military, law enforcement and emergency services: Shaun Gillen (SUNY Oneonta grad), NY Police Department

In the Foothills Conference: Bethany Lutheran Church, Central Bridge (seeking pastoral leadership)

National/ International Concerns: People of Hong Kong, China, Iran, Afghanistan, Israel, Palestine, and Italy; our country during this time of deep division

Natural and Man-Made Disasters: Victims of the coronavirus, the Mississippi flooding, famine and the locust plagues in East Africa, and those struggling with homelessness

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

+ Parish News and Notes +

+Lent 3 3/15

A woman, a bucket, coming at the wrong time of day. Speaking to a strange man of an unfriendly religious tradition...but He gives her eternal water! Where can we get some? (Gospel). What shall I do with this people? What shall God do with us? Give us water to drink? Is the Lord among us, or not? Well, is He? (1st lesson). Hope does not disappoint! Because? God loves us WHILE we were still sinners. Which includes you. (2d lesson)

+Disaster Relief

To give assistance to tornado victims in Tennessee (or any other natural or manmade disaster) you may at any time, make a contribution to Lutheran Disaster Response by making a check payable to your congregation and using a LDR envelope (on the literature table in the narthex)

+Evangelical's Fly Creek Cider Mill Fudge Sale

Six flavors are available, with delivery for Easter. \$9 per half pound box. To order contact any of our 10 sellers, or call Eileen Burda directly at 315-858-2119. Order forms and money are due to Eileen no later than Sunday 3/29. Checks should be made out to Evangelical Lutheran Church.

+Parish Book & Movie Group

The group will meet (March 22) to discuss the book, "If You Lived Here, You'd Be Home By Now". Author Christopher Ingraham, an Oneonta native and Washington Post journalist, describes the move his young family made from the hectic life of suburban Washington, DC to a more bucolic life in tiny Red Lake County, Minnesota. The writer makes wry observations about the differences – and similarities – between these two distant American communities. A copy of the book is available at the church for anyone to borrow. All welcome to either of these events.

+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.

ATTENTION MARRIED COUPLES:

Deadlines for registering for the spring Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekends are rapidly approaching! Weekends are designed to create more joy and closeness in your relationship whether you have been married a year or 50 years or more! The Northeast US spring events are scheduled for:

* April 24-26 at the lovely Country Inn & Suites in Ithaca, NY

* May 1-3 at the recently renovated Heritage Hotel in Lancaster, PA.

Apply TODAY at GodLovesMarriage.org, Scholarships are available for those in need of financial assistance. For questions or scholarship requests, please contact Northeast US Directors of Lutheran Marriage Encounter, Fred & Julie Schamber, at 724-325-3166 or fjschamber@comcast.net.

Pastor Paul is leading a workshop, "What it means to be a Lutheran Christian", at Reformation Lutheran Church, Culpepper VA, this weekend. Thanks to Pr. Jim Crouthamel for being "on call" (293-7729).

Attendance & Offering Statistics

Date	Atonement	Evangelical	St. Matthew
3/8/2020	22/ 309 \$1138	20/ 174 \$320	22/ 268
**	(\$1,290)	(\$705)	(\$1,309)
3/11/2020	9/ 83	7/ 32	6/ 77

**** Needed to meet weekly expenses**

+ OCLP +

+The Office Manager position for our parish is now being advertised in local papers and job search sites. Anyone who is interested may send a letter with a resume and references to: OCLP Search Committee, c/o 1 Center St., Oneonta NY 13820.

Special thanks to Joyce Boyd (Evangelical), Robin Bush (St. Matthew) and Peg Serra-Lima (Atonement) for their work on the Search Committee with Pr. Paul. They have done competent and diligent work on our behalf. Thanks!

+We are now using LBW Setting 2 for Holy Communion services, and LBW Service of the Lord for non-communion services.

+ THIS WEEK +

+Today: Third Sunday of Lent – Holy Communion

+Midweek Lenten soup and bread meals with video and discussion
(see Lent-Holy Week-Easter Schedule)

+Tuesday March 17th St. Patrick's Day
Evangelical Council Meeting, 10:00 am
Evangelical WELCA, 11:30 am

Pr. Paul leads worship @ Chestnut Park Rehab Center, 3:00 pm

+Thursday March 19th St. Joseph's Day
Foothills Conference Ministerium, St. John-St. Matthew, Canajoharie 10:00 am

+Saturday March 21st
Acolyte/ Crucifer Training for Evangelical & St. John, @ Evangelical 9:30 am
Usher & Greeter Training @ Evangelical 11:00 am

COMING UP

+Next Sunday, March 22th
4th Sunday in Lent

+Saturday, March 28th
OCLP Men's Breakfast @ Atonement, 8:30 am
Worship & @ Atonement, 10:00 am

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+ Thought of the Week +

No man can be called friendless when he has God and the companionship of good books.
-- Elizabeth Barrett Browning

Easter Flowers

To place flowers in our sanctuaries for Easter, you may order them through the church, or provide your own. To have them ordered and listed in the Easter bulletin you must fill out the form below, and turn it in by Sunday, March 29th. The price per plant is \$7.00.

Please include all information in case we need to contact you! Thank you!

Your Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Flowers are given to the glory of God: _____ In loving memory of: _____ or In Honor of: _____

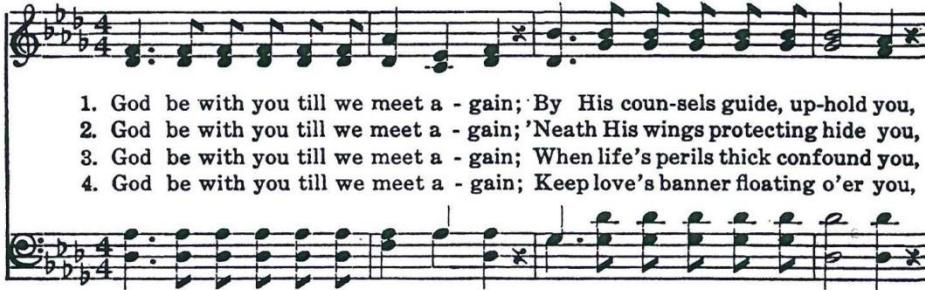
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God Be with You

Jeremiah E. Rankin, 1828-1904

FAREWELL

William G. Tomer, 1833-1896



1. God be with you till we meet a - gain; By His coun-sels guide, up-hold you,
2. God be with you till we meet a - gain; 'Neath His wings protecting hide you,
3. God be with you till we meet a - gain; When life's perils thick confound you,
4. God be with you till we meet a - gain; Keep love's banner floating o'er you,



With His sheep-se-cure-ly fold you; God be with you till we meet a - gain.
Dai - ly man-na still pro-vide you; God be with you till we meet a - gain.
Put His arms un - fail-ing round you; God be with you till we meet a - gain.
Smite death's threatening wave before you; God be with you till we meet a - gain.

REFRAIN



Till we meet, till we meet, Till we meet at Je - sus' feet;
Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet;



Till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet a - gain.
Till we meet, till we meet,

Can be sung omitting Refrain

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.

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