



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

**+Fifth Sunday in Lent+**

Holy Communion (LBW Setting 2)  
April 3<sup>rd</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**

### **Quiet Entrance**

(St.M)

### **Extinguishing of Candle on Lenten Wreath** (with reading)

(St.M)

### **\* Order for Confession and Forgiveness**

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### **\* Entrance Hymn**                    *Savior, When in Dust to You*

LBW #91

### **\* Apostolic Greeting and Kyrie** (cantor and congregation)

LBW #96

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

**Almighty God, look favorably upon your family. Graciously rule our bodies lest we are enticed to love the world; and guard our spirits lest we fail to recognize your love, 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)

### **First Lesson: Isaiah 43:16-21**    A lesson from Isaiah:

Thus says the Lord,

who makes a way in the sea,

a path in the mighty waters,

[17] who brings out chariot and horse,

army and warrior;

they lie down, they cannot rise,

they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:

[18] Do not remember the former things,

or consider the things of old.

[19] I am about to do a new thing;

now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?

I will make a way in the wilderness

and rivers in the desert.

[20] The wild animals will honor me,

the jackals and the ostriches;

for I give water in the wilderness,

rivers in the desert,

to give drink to my chosen people,

[21] the people whom I formed for myself

so that they might declare my praise.

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

**Psalmody: 63:1-8** (Tones: single 2; double 6)

When the Lord restored the for- / tunes of Zion,\*

we were like / those who dream.

**Then our mouth was filled with laughter,**

**and our tongue with / shouts of joy;\***

**then it was said among the nations,**

**"The Lord has done great / things for them."**

The Lord has done great / things for us,\*

and / we rejoiced.

**Restore our for- / tunes, O Lord,\***

**like the watercourses / in the Negeb.**

May those who / sow in tears\* reap with / shouts of joy.

**Those who go out weeping,**

**bearing the / seed for sowing,\***

**shall come home with shouts of joy,**

**Carry- / ing their sheaves.**

**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.**

**Lenten Verse**

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**Second Lesson: Philip. 3:4b-14** A lesson from Philippians:

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: [5] circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; [6] as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

[7] Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. [8] More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ [9] and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. [10] I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, [11] if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

[12] Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. [13] Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward

to what lies ahead, [14] I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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

\* **Gospel Acclamation**

**Glory to you, O Lord**

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**Holy Gospel: John 12:1-8**

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. [2] There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. [3] Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. [4] But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, [5] "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" [6] (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) [7] Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. [8] You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

The Gospel of the Lord.

\* **Gospel Response**

**Praise to you, O Christ**

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**Children's Sermon/Homily**

Pastor Paul Messner (St. M/ A)

Deacon Todd Eames (Ev/ St. J)

\* **Hymn of the Day**

*Thee Will I Love, My Strength*

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**RESPONSE**

\* **Nicene Creed**

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\* **Prayers of the Church**

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**First Intercession:**

Gracious Father, in the strength of your love, your Son Jesus our Lord had faith and hope to endure death for us, being friendless but for one who anointed him for burial. Inspire us to see the countless poor as in your place, that we may be a friend to you and those who suffer.

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

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**Offering**

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**Musical Offering**

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\* **Offertory**

*What Shall I Render*

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**\* Offertory Prayer:**

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Heavenly Father, we worship you for our daily bread, but we bring these offerings because you have given us your saving Word. Thank you for this precious food which truly makes us live. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**MEAL**

**\* Great Thanksgiving/Dialog**

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**Preface & Sanctus**

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

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**Eucharistic Prayer #3 & Lord's Prayer**

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**Agnus Dei**

*Lamb of God*

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**Distribution Hymns**

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**\* Post Communion Blessing & Canticle**

*Lord, Now You let . . .*

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**\* Post-Communion Prayer:**

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Lord Jesus, we have celebrated in memory of your gift of life. Make us bold to hope in your victory / so that we strive to imitate your unselfish love. We bless you now and evermore.

**Amen.**

**SENDING**

**\* Benediction**

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**\* Recessional Hymn**

*Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus*

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**Dismissal**

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

**Postlude**

**Pastors Pericope Paragraph 4/3**

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

A dinner in honor of a once dead man, where the deceased is the guest of honor! And the dead man's sister anoints the One who brought the dead man back, with a very expensive perfume. Which could have been sold and the money used to feed the hungry - only it wasn't. What's going on? Jesus is going on - and on - and on (Gospel). Forget the former things. God is doing a new thing - people lost and in exile are fed and watered and chosen once more (1<sup>st</sup> lesson). How good is your resume? It's not good enough. It's rubbish. What truly matters - what really "credentials" us is Jesus - His death and resurrection (2<sup>d</sup> lesson).

**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!

**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.

+OCLP+

We welcome Deacon Todd Eames to lead worship at Evangelical & St. John  
 Next week we welcome ELCA Deacon (Ret.) Sandy Shear to lead worship at St. Matthew & Atonement

<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	Bob Loitch  Stevie Mendez	Cindy L Mark Howard Len Pelcer  Cindy L & Joyce Esther H  Max Pelcer Howard	Deb Lawyer Jim Crouthamel   Kayla Joubert 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, 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)

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

For young adult: Daniel Herion

### **+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, Tom Pritchard, Tad Mahoney, 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: Shirley Gomiller

For Young Adult: Kevin Burda

### **+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), Cathy (Struckle), Bernie Sitts Jr. (Klafehn), Marge Bonney, Jack Anthony (Stevens), Troy Lutz (Bush), Geoff Smith, Alan Peeters, Isabell Tophoven

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Marge Bonney

For Young Adult: Travis Marsh

**+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), Esther Brooker (Messner/ Seitz), Will Burdick, Rev Judy Thistle (following a car accident), Carman Alvarez (Hopkins), Rita Gallipani (Messner), Ashwin Kalyandurg (Bush), Rosemary Sobol (Messner)

**For those preparing for marriage:** Todd Bates and Sarah Gosek

**For those preparing for childbirth:** Christina and Damian Laird

**For those in the military, law enforcement and emergency services:** Sherriff Richard Devlin, Otsego County Sherriff's Dept

**In the Foothills Conference:** St. John Lutheran Church, Freys Bush (Pastor Dave Johnson)

**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 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; Benjamin Hall (Fox News) wounded in Ukraine; 71 Police officers shot in the line of duty so far this year

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

+Julie Steinmuller+  
(Sandy Shear)

+ 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.

**+OCLP**

Reminder of our Lenten midweek events during Lent.

Each event is a soup and bread lunch/supper followed by either a movie (March 8/9; March 22/23 and April 5/6) or some additional prayer/devotional/quiet time (March 15/16 and 29/30)

All are welcome. Bring some soup or bread to share if you can.

Tuesdays - 6pm at St Matthew Lutheran, 125 Main St., Laurens

Wednesdays - noon at Evangelical Lutheran, 4636 St Hwy 28, Hartwick Seminary (Cooperstown)

Wednesdays - 5:30 pm at Atonement Lutheran Church, 1 Center St., Oneonta

Movies will be:

Week 1 - The Nativity Story - Incarnation (read Luke 1-2 and Matthew 1-2 ahead of time)

Week 3 - The Passion of the Christ - Crucifixion (read John 13-19 and Luke 19-23)

Week 5 - Risen - Resurrection (read Luke 24 and John 20-21)

Come to whichever day, time and location works for you in any given week.

Spread the news! Invite a friend!

**+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
3/27	26/ 262	24/ 184	17/ 253 \$271
**	<b>(\$1,290)</b>	<b>(\$705)</b>	<b>(\$1,309)</b>
3/30	3/ 44	1/ 24	6/ 109

\*\* Needed to meet weekly expenses

**+ OCLP +**

(See the Lent Holy Week/Easter Schedule)

**+ THIS WEEK +**

+Wednesday Services:

7:30am St. Matthew

Noon Evangelical

7:00pm Atonement

+Thursday 4/7: St Matthew Worship and Music Committee Meeting, 5pm

+Thursday 4/7: St Matt Council Meeting, 7pm

+Saturday 4/9: Atone Worship & Music, 9:30am; Atone Choir Reh, 11am (for Easter)

**+ COMING UP +**

+Next Week: Palm Sunday & Holy Week

(see schedule at the end of bulletin)

**+ Quote of the Week +**

Perish the sword,  
Perish the angry judgement,  
Perish the bombs and hunger,  
Perish the fight for gain;

Hallow our love,  
Hallow the death of martyrs,  
Hallow their holy freedom,  
Hallowed be your name.

**+HOLY WEEK+**

**April 10<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF THE PASSION (Palm Sunday)**

Holy Communion with blessing, distribution and Procession with Palms

Gather outside sanctuary, reading of the Passion from Matthew

**April 11<sup>th</sup> HOLY MONDAY** - Individual Confession & Forgiveness

*(Pastor Paul will hear your confession and offer God's absolution; you can call him for evening or weekend appointment)*

10:00 am - 12:00 noon - St. Matthew

1:00 - 3:00 pm - St. John

**April 12<sup>th</sup> HOLY TUESDAY** - Individual Confession & Forgiveness

*(Pastor Paul will hear your confession and offer God's absolution-call him for evening or weekend appointment)*

10:00 am -12:00 noon - Evangelical

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm Atonement

**April 13<sup>th</sup> HOLY WEDNESDAY Worship:**

7:30 am - St. Matthew

12:00 noon – Evangelical

7:00 pm - Atonement

**April 14<sup>th</sup> MAUNDY THURSDAY**- Holy Communion - *(optional foot washing & stripping the altar)*

10:00 am – Atonement

12:00 noon – Evangelical

2:00 pm – Shineman Chapel, Hartwick College

5:00 pm - St. John?

6:30 pm – St. Matthew OCLP Seder Supper/ Holy Communion for the parish *(confirmands & Communion class presence required)*

**April 15<sup>th</sup> GOOD FRIDAY Worship:**

10:00 am – Atonement

12:00 noon- Evangelical

2:00 pm – Shineman Chapel, Hartwick College

5:00 pm - St. John?

7:00 pm - St. Matthew (with Laurens, Presbyterian Church)

**April 16<sup>th</sup> HOLY SATURDAY** - Vigil of Easter

9PM- at St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, 39 Walnut St. Oneonta (Pr. Paul participating)

**April 17<sup>th</sup> +EASTER+ FESTIVAL OF THE RESURRECTION**

Regular Service Times at each church

(The Easter Season lasts seven weeks – until Sunday, May 29<sup>th</sup> this year)

## **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

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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 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.