



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** +  
WOV Service of Word and Prayer  
April 11<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**

\* **Opening Hymn**

*Alleluia! Jesus is Risen*

\* **Invocation and Dialog**

*The Word is near you*

\* **Scripture Song**

*Salvation belongs to our God*

(St 1 – women, St 2 – men, Refrain – all)

### **Welcome & Parish News**

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### **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 4:32-35** A lesson from Acts:

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. [33] With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. [34] There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. [35] They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

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

### **Psalmody: 133** (Tones: single – 54; double – 10)

How very good and pleas- / ant it is\*

when kindred live together in / unity!

**It is like the precious oil / on the head,\***

**running down up- / on the beard,**

on the / beard of Aaron,\*

running down over the collar / of his robes.

**It is like the / dew of Hermon,\***

**which falls on the mount- / ains of Zion.**

For there the Lord or- / dained his blessing,\*

life for- / evermore.

**How very good and pleas- / ant it is\***

**when kindred live together in / unity!**

**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: 1 John 1:1--2:2** A lesson from 1 John:

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life-- [2] this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us-- [3] we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. [4] We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

[5] This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. [6] If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; [7] but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. [8] If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. [9] If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. [10] If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

[1] My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; [2] and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

\* **Gospel Acclamation**

*Word of Life*

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**Holy Gospel: John 20:19-31** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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



## SENDING

\* **Benediction**

**Sending Song:**

*I'm so Glad Jesus Lifted Me*

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**Dismissal**

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

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**Postlude**

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### Pastors Pericope Paragraph 4/11

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

“Doubting Thomas”? Seeing is believing Thomas? Jesus shows Thomas the stigmata. We haven’t “seen” – do we believe? (Gospel) The early church shares all belongs in person. Jesus’ resurrection changes life profoundly (1<sup>st</sup> lesson). “God is light”, and the light is life-giving. Jesus is the “atoning sacrifice” for all humanity! (2<sup>nd</sup> lesson).

### **Weekly Worship Practice:**

When hymns have more than 3 or 4 stanzas we often employ a "varied singing" approach, so that not all stanzas are sung by everyone. This can be fun and helps us to hear and "sing" hymns differently (even when we're not singing but listening as we follow the text-the story- the poetry of the hymn). Singing in this antiphonal way (men/women; organ side/pulpit side, etc.) helps us to hear a hymn in a new way. When we are asked to sing in "harmony" most of us will sing the melody tune, but others the alto, tenor and bass parts so we have a nice 4 part harmony. If you have internet access, Google "singing with Lutherans" by Garrison Keillor to re-learn why we are often called "The Singing Church".

**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>
Asst. Minister			Robin Bush
Comm. Asst.			
Lector	Ed Pixley	Gabe L	
Cantor	Ed Pixley		
*Altar Care	Christine Brown	Cindy L & Joyce	
Ushers/Greeters		Esther H	
Coffee Hour			
Acolyte	Emerson Riley		
Sound System		Pelcer	
Bell Ringer			
Church Cleaner			

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+ We welcome ELCA Deacon Sandy Shear (Ret.) to lead worship at Evangelical and St. John. Next week Deb Lawyer will lead worship at Atonement and St. Matthew

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### **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, 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: Sandee Fleisher

For young adult: Anna Boerner

**+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, Charlie Hughes

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Esther & Charlie Hughes

For Young Adult: Tyler Loewenguth

**+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 (Wood)

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Rose Nelson

For Young Adult: Zac Dobler

**+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), Doug Dutcher (Crouthamel), Brock Patrick Miller (Crouthamel), Dave Platt (Messner), Jim Sippel (Velez), Geoff Murphy (Walters)

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

**For those preparing for childbirth:** Ali & Tim Lehenbauer

**For those in the military, law enforcement and emergency services:** Damian Laird, USMC, North Carolina; Capital Hill Police; Oneonta Police Department & those involved in the shooting in Oneonta.

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

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

**Natural and Man-Made Disasters:** Victims of all debilitating diseases on the one year anniversary of the Pandemic, and those struggling with social isolation; for those involved in the crisis on our Southern border

**+Blessed are the Dead+  
Whom We Commend to the Lord**

+ William “Billy” Evans +  
(Capital Hill Police Officer)

**+ 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
4/ 4	22/ 246 \$1640	42/ 293	29/ 292 \$1929
**	<b>(\$1,290)</b>	<b>(\$705)</b>	<b>(\$1,309)</b>
4/ 7	2/ 24	2/ 24	8/ 100

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

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

+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.

**St. Matthew Lutheran Church Food Bank Ongoing Items Needed**

Macaroni and Cheese

Pasta

Pasta Sauce

Cereal

Soup

Peanut Butter

Jelly/ Jam

Vegetables

Fruit

Tuna (or substitute protein)

Beans (kidney, black, etc.)

### +Evangelical

Evangelical is now collecting items for their Labor Day Rummage Sale. Bring donations to the church anytime. Evangelical fudge sale ends today. Money is due! Thank you.

### + THIS WEEK +

+Wednesday - Midweek services - 7:30 am St Matthew; Noon - Evangelical; 7pm - Atonement

+Saturday - OCLP Deacons Quarterly Breakfast, 8:30 AM , Atonement

### + Coming Up +

+Next Sunday - Easter 3 - Holy Communion at St Matt; Evangelical and Atonement; Service of Word & Prayer at St John

Wednesday 4/21 - Evangelical Council., 4pm

Thursday 4/22 - Bart Bonney Memorial Service for family

Saturday 4/24 - 9:30 am - Worship & Music Comm, Atonement

Sunday 4/25 - Atonement Council, follows worship

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### Poem of the Week

Love bade me welcome; yet my soul drew back,  
    Guilty of dust and sin.  
But quick-ey'd Love, observing me grow slack  
    From my first entrance in,  
Drew nearer to me, sweetly questioning  
    If I lack'd anything.

A guest. I answer'd, worthy to be here:  
    Love said, You shall be he.  
I the unkind, ungrateful? Ah my dear,  
    I cannot look on thee.  
Love took my hand, and smiling did reply,

Who made the eyes but I?

Truth Lord, but I have marr'd them: let my shame  
Go where it doth deserve.  
And know you not, says Love, who bore the blame?  
My dear, then I will serve.  
You must sit down, says Love, and taste my meat:  
So I did sit and eat.

George Herbert (Seventeenth Century)

**+ Easter Flowers 2021 +**

FROM

Thoranne Winkler and Peg Serra-Lima

Edward Pixley  
The Bush/Vesely Family  
Mary-Ellen Crawford  
Kathy & Dave Forbes  
Ginny Ganio  
Nancy Miller  
Cindy and Peter Lane  
Esther Hughes  
Pr. Paul & Martha Messner

FOR

In memory of: Thor and Esther Nordberg  
Federico Serra-Lima  
Karl Inge Eilertsen  
In loving memory of Kathryn Pixley  
In Honor of Jesus Christ  
In Memory of Departed Loved Ones  
In Memory of Parents  
For All Those That We Lost  
In Memory of Loving Parents  
For the glory of God  
For the glory of God  
In loving memory of: Mark & Erna Richtsfeld  
Roena Messner  
Fred & Joyce Messner

## **Otsego Country Lutheran Parish**

Lutheran Church of the Atonement, Oneonta, NY

John Mushtare: President

Leslie Bauer: Organist

Barbara Loitsch: Choir Director

Evangelical Lutheran Church, Hartwick Seminary, NY

Vernon Lee Sliviak: President

Donna Brown: Organist

St. John Lutheran Church, West Burlington, NY

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Ethel Mills: Accompanist

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Any news/ announcements/ or other information that you wish to have included in the weekly service bulletin should be received by the OCLP office no later than 9am on Thursday.

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