



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

+ **Palm Sunday / Sunday of the Passion** +
Holy Communion (LBW Setting 2)

April 2nd, 2023

(* = 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: Matthew 21:1-11

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, [2] saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. [3] If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately."

[4] This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

[5] "Tell the daughter of Zion,

Look, your king is coming to you,

humble, and mounted on a donkey,

and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

[6] The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; [7] they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. [8] A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. [9] The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

"Hosanna to the Son of David!

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

Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

[10] When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" [11] The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

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 garments 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 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.

Dedication of pew cushions

(St.Matt)

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

Pr. Paul Messner (St.M & A)

ELCA Deacon (Ret.) Sandy Shear (Ev & St. J)

Holy Gospel: The Passion of Our Lord Matthew 26:14 – 27:66

Script

*Gospel Response

Praise to you, O Christ

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*Hymn of the Day

Ride On, Ride On in Majesty!

LBW #121 (St. M/ A)

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

LBW #482 (Ev/ St. J)

RESPONSE

*Nicene Creed

pg. 64

*Prayers of the Church

pg. 65

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 our Lord.

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

- * **Offertory Prayer:** pg. 87-88
- 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. 68-71
- Preface & Sanctus** *Holy, Holy, Holy*
- * **Eucharistic Prayer & Lord's Prayer** pg. 69/ pew card
Agnus Dei *O Christ thou Lamb of God* LBW #103

Distribution Hymns LBW #460, 95, 107

- * **Post Communion Blessing & Canticle** *Lord, now you let . . .* pg. 73

* **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** *Go to Dark Gethsemane* LBW 109 (st. 1-3)
- Dismissal** Go in Peace, Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**
- Postlude**

Pastors Pericope Paragraph 4/2

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

Everyone loves a parade, right? But what's this parade for? Beginning the Passion - Holy Week- the end of the beginning: Passover; last supper; arrest; trials; beatings; crucifixion; descending into Satan's lair; and the beginning of the end. (Gospel). The Suffering Servant submits to abuse for the sake of God's people - and is vindicated (1st lesson), an early Christian hymn summarizes the faith - which leads us to confess the Name+ of Jesus (2d lesson).

Weekly Worship Practice:

Note to parents and guardians- Please bring quiet, soft toys for our younger friends to use in the pews during worship. Some of our congregations have Children's Activity Bags available- feel free to use one any Sunday. Help us to keep them cleaned, re- stocked and placed back where they'll be ready for next Sunday. Thank you!

All baptized Christians are welcome to God's Table of Grace. All the baptized may commune in the OCLP with no age restriction. 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.

Serving Today	Atonement	Evangelical	St. Matthew
Asst. Minister	Sue Dana		Jim Crouthamel
Comm. Asst.	Sue Dana		
Lector	Sue Dana	Gabe L	Deb Lawyer
Cantor	Sue Dana	Gabe L	
*Altar Care	Christine Brown	Cindy L & Esther	
Ushers/Greeters		Hazzards	
Coffee Hour			
Acolyte	Carter Thompson	Paxton Hazzard	Alicia Stevens
Sound System		Lane	
Bell Ringer			
Church Cleaner			

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, Rebecca Pollack (Joan Carman), Juan Perez (D. Sherrill), Bridgette Shepardson (Thompson), Rene Prins, Heather Mendoza, Grace & Chuck Dietzman, Rita Nelson, Thoranne Winkler, Monica Koulis (Winkler), TJ Dwyer (Sherrill), Barbara Loitsch, Sue (M. Messner); Carleen (M. Messner), Valerie England, Alice Burdick, Jennifer Carman, Jaelen (M Messner), Lisa Cooper (Syvertsen), Martha Messner, Lucy (Richardson), Barbara Gee, Mark Bauer

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Barbara Delaney

For young adult: Anna Boerner

+Evangelical+

For healing in body, mind and spirit in our own congregation: Kathi Yule (C. Butts), Yvonne Cornell, Alex Reynolds (C. Butts), Marilyn Urbiss (Burda), Roz Winne (C. Butts), Janet Underwood (Burda), Gloria Hendricks, Susan Howard, John & Pam Miller, David Glynn, Bill Jacobson (D. Brown), Kenny Medor (Butts), Joan Ackerman (Butts), Chuck Scorzafava, Martha Messner, Ansley (Butts), Dawn Schidzick

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Eileen Burda

For Young Adult: Keira Higgins

+St. Matthew+

For healing in body, mind and spirit in our own congregation: Scott Forbes, Tina Keator, Sherrie Roy (Lawyer), Barbara Gesile (Lapp), Gina Pywar, 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), Jack Anthony (Stevens), Troy Lutz (Bush), Alan & Linda Peeters, Isabell Tophoven, Corinne Pollak, James Wikoff (Hulbert), Wayne Bush Sr (Bush), Vicky Vesely (Bush), Martha Messner, Helmut Boehl, Frank Wood, Ray Gilmore (Winslow)

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Pr. Jim & Mary Crouthamel

For Young Adult: Derek Sherry

+Beyond the Parish+

For healing in body, mind and spirit: Jackie Hesse (Lawyer), Rosemary Pepe (Eggers), Dorothy Fernandez, (Eggers), Dick Armstrong, Helga Lange (Winkler), Gina Utter (Thompson), Cathy Deleski (Thompson), Alicia Biesler (Thompson), Margie Ortega (Thompson), Amy Cooper (Messner), Pr Lynn Ash, Jean Ercole (Crouthamel), former President Jimmy Carter, Phil Roberts (Messner), David Wolff, Octavia Bradshaw (Grandparents Toni & Frank Wood), Davilynn Cifonelli (Doane-Nelson)

For those preparing for marriage: Christian Hargraves & Kelsie Booker

For those preparing for childbirth: Pierre Sandaire & Kaylee McGrath

For those in the military, law enforcement and emergency services: Dave Shultes, NYS Trooper

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

Natural/Man-made Disasters: Victims of drought in Ethiopia, Somalia & Afghanistan; victims Of violence in our cities, suburbs and rural communities, those struggling with economic conditions, food insecurity, and homelessness

National/ International Concerns: For all refugees and migrants and those contending with the continuing crisis on our northern & southern borders, the people of Ukraine, Russia, & China

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

Roger Boulay
(1959-2023)

Victims of the Nashville Christian school shooting
Evelyn Dieckhaus
Hallie Scruggs
William Kinney
Cynthia Peak
Mike Hill
Katherine Koonce

+ 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	St. John
3/26	23/ 289	11/ 147	23/ 281	4/ 81
**	(\$1,290)	(\$850)	(\$1,309)	
3/ 29	4/ 33	1/ 32	8/ 81	

**** Needed to meet weekly expenses**

+ OCLP +

+ THIS WEEK +

(See Lent/ Holy Week/ Easter Schedule)

+ Today Sunday 4/2

Holy Communion – Palm/ Passion Sunday
Dedication of new pew cushions @ St. Matthew

+ Saturday 4/8

Acolyte/ Crucifer Training @ Atonement, 9:00 am
OCLP 1st Communion/ Communion Recognition Worship @ Atonement

+ **COMING UP** +

+ Next Sunday 4/9
Easter Sunday-Festival of the Resurrection

+ Thursday 4/13
Evangelical Council Meeting, 3:30 pm
St. Matthew Council Meeting, 7:00 pm

+ Saturday 4/15
Acolyte/ Crucifer Training, Evangelical, 10:30 am
“Back to Basics” (New & Renewing Church Members class), Evangelical, 11:30 am

+ Sunday 4/16
Holy Communion “at the rail” option begins @ St. Matthew & Atonement

Easter Flowers

To place flowers in our sanctuaries for Easter, you may order them through the church (St. Matthew & Atonement only), 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 no later Sunday, April 2nd. The price per plant is \$13.00 each (Atonement & St. Matthew).

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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Lutheran Church of the Atonement, Oneonta, NY
Sunday Worship 10:30 am (Holy Communion 1st and 3rd 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 1st and 3rd Sundays + festivals)
Tami Pelcer: President
Donna Brown: Organist

St. John Lutheran Church, West Burlington, NY
Sunday Worship 11:15 am (Holy Communion 2nd and 4th Sundays + festivals)
Paul Hecker: President
Ethel Mills: Accompanist

St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Laurens, NY
Sunday Worship 8:30 am (Holy Communion 1st and 3rd Sundays + festivals)
Ed Winslow: President
Janet Brown: Organist

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Services of Healing are usually held on the 5th 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 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.