



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

**+Fourth Sunday in Easter+**  
Holy Communion (LBW Setting 2)  
May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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**

\* **Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness** pg. 77

\* **Entrance Hymn** *At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing* LBW 210

**First Prayer:** *(6th Century Leonine -- revised)*

**O God, you make possible the return of those who stray / by revealing your true and only Light. May all who profess the name of Christ / reject all other lords / and follow him as the people of his pasture. 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: Acts 2:42-47**

A reading from Acts:

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

[43] Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. [44] All who believed were together and had all things in common; [45] they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. [46] Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, [47] praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

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

**Psalmody: Psalm 23** (Tones: single 32; double 9)

The Lord / is my shepherd, \*

I / shall not want.

**He makes me lie down / in green pastures; \***

**he leads me be- / side still waters;**

he res- / tores my soul. \*

He leads me in right paths / for his name's sake.

**Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I / fear no evil; \* for you are with me; your rod and your staff--they /**

**comfort me.**

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my / enemies; \*  
you anoint my head with oil; my cup / overflows.

**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days /  
of my life, \***

**and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my / whole  
life long.**

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.**

**Second Lesson: 1 Peter 2:19-25** A reading from First Peter:

For it is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. [20] If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. [21] For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. [22] "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." [23] When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. [24] He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. [25] For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**\* Gospel Acclamation**

*Glory to you, O Lord*

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**HOLY GOSPEL: John 10:1-10** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

"Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. [2] The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. [3] The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. [4] When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. [5] They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." [6] Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. [7] So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. [8] All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. [9] I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. [10] The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly. The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Gospel Response:**

*Praise to you, O Christ.*



**\* Post-Communion Prayer:**

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Good Shepherd from heaven, accept our joy and thanksgiving for the table you have prepared. Sustain us through this blessed food for faith and service / till we rest and feast in your eternal home. We bless you now and evermore. **Amen.**

**SENDING**

**\* Benediction**

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**\* Recessional Hymn**

*The Day of Resurrection!*

LBW 141

**Dismissal**

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

**Postlude**

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**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 the Lutheran clergy formed less than a decade ago, 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.

<b>Serving Today</b>	<b>Atonement</b>	<b>Evangelical</b>	<b>St. Matthew</b>
Comm. Asst.	Cindy Heaney	Esther	Dave Deborah Lawyer
Asst. Minister	Sue Dana		
Lector	Sue Dana	Len P.	
Cantor	Sue Dana	Max P.	
*Altar Care			
Ushers/Greeters		Dorothy L.	
Coffee Hour	Laura Sherill		
Acolyte			
Sound System			
Bell Ringer			Parsons
Church Cleaner			

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## 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, 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 (Pudelka), Virginia Pudelka, Paula Holleran (Mansbach), Sandy Shear, Gary and Mary Williams (S. Dana), Joan Carman, Elizabeth Robinson (Messner), Rene Prins (Roper), Tony and Thoranne Winkler

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Charlotte Grant

For young adult: Evan 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), Shannon 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), Gloria Hendricks

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Yvonne Cornell

For Young Adult: Kevin Burda

## **+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.), Lynn Benekin (Forbes), Barbara Gesile (Lapp), Bart Bonney, Tennison (T. Wood), Gina Pywar, Erika Baker-Heinegg, Michele Tolen (T. Wood), Melissa McLaughlin (S. Eggers), Charles Hulbert, Triston (Hahn), Gabrielle Bush, Adam Pierce (Forbes), Doris Schlee (R. Nelson), Priscilla Galbreth (Hulbert), Marissa Struckle, Rose Nelson, Patty Hulbert, Chayse Winslow, Kelly Ives (Wood), and Cathy Walsh (Stevens)

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Joe Rotolo

For Young Adult: Terri Bonney

## **+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, David Brenner (Former Oneonta Mayor), Sue Haney, Mary Jane Bianchine (Pr. Paul), Senator James Seward, Warren Robinson (Messner), Carleen Roberts (Messner), Pr. Ameen Aswad (Jail Ministry)

**For those preparing for marriage:** Tim Lehenbauer and Ali Turner

**For those preparing for childbirth:** For Karine (Syvertsen) and Bill Richardson on the birth of Alivia Sophie (congrats to Grandma Linda).

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

**In the Foothills Conference:** The Southern Tier Conference, its Dean (Pr. Laura Daly)

**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**

+Wyatt Greenleaf+

+Johnelle Griffith+  
1989-2020  
(Robin Bush)

+Lois (Southworth) Downin  
1939-2020

+Penny Southworth+  
1966-2020

**+ Parish News and Notes +**

**+Easter 4 5/3**

Jesus is a gate? AND a gatekeeper! He literally is both. First century shepherds laid down at night in the entryway of the sheepfold. They were the gate. No one, sheep OR human, got past them as they kept guard. And the purpose of such nightly protectiveness? "That they might have life, and have it abundantly"! As our Psalmist reminds us : "even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil, for You are with me". (Gospel). Are we sharing our goods and food in common with those in need? Judging by the outpouring of food to the St. Matthew (and other area) food pantry(-ies), we are - abundantly. Breaking bread at home, and praying together, we mimic the earliest of the baptized community in Jerusalem. (1st lesson). Jesus "bore our sins in His body, on the cross". We have been "going astray like sheep", but have now (through baptism) "returned to the shepherd and guardian of (our) souls." We suffer with Him. (2d lesson).

**+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
3/8/2020			
**	<b>(\$1,290)</b>	<b>(\$705)</b>	<b>(\$1,309)</b>
3/11/2020			

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

**+ OCLP +**

**+ THIS WEEK +**

+Today: Fourth Sunday in Easter – Holy Communion

**+Next Week+**

St Matthew Lutheran Church in Laurens, NY will host a community dinner on Thursday, May 14 between the hours of 5:00 PM and 6:00 PM. 40 meals consisting of soup, spaghetti and sauce, and bread will be packed in Zip Lock bags and ready to pick up in the parking lot at the rear of the church. Please enter the parking lot from the Brook Street driveway (next to the Post Office) and exit through the driveway next to the church onto County Route 11. Meals will be provided rain or shine.

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**+ Thought of the Week +**

O night that is brighter than day,  
O night more dazzling than the sun,  
O night more sparkling than fresh snow,  
O night more brilliant than all our lamps!  
O night that is sweeter than Paradise,  
O night delivered from darkness,  
O night that dispels the sleep of sin,  
O night that makes us keep vigil with the angels,  
O night terrible for the demons,  
O night desired by all the year,  
O night that is mother to those enlightened,  
O night in which the Devil,  
sleeping, was despoiled,  
O night in which the Heir  
Brings the co-heirs to their heritage!  
Amen.

Asterius of Pontus (341-c.400)



**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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Barbara Loitsch: Choir Director

Evangelical Lutheran Church, Hartwick Seminary, NY

Donna Brown: Organist

St. John Lutheran Church, West Burlington, NY

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