



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

+ THE FESTIVAL OF THE RESURRECTION +
Easter Sunday
Holy Communion (LBW Setting 1)
April 4th, 2021

(* = Stand as you are able; LBW = Lutheran Book of Worship-green book)

GATHERING

Prelude

Meditation & Prayer

Ringing of the Church Bell (St. M & Ev)

Welcome and Parish News

* **Choral Prelude**

Were You There

LBW #92 (st.4)(A)

REKINDLING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE AND RETURN OF THE ALLELUIA

* **Prayer**

P: He is Risen!

C: He is Risen indeed! Alleluia!

P: Let us pray. O God, you are like a refiner's fire, and your Spirit kindles the hearts of those who keep this Easter festival so that, burning with desire for new life in you, they may take part in that eternal festival of light evermore singing "Alleluias" to your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

* **Blessing of the Candle**

P: Christ, yesterday and today. The beginning and the ending, the Alpha and the Omega.

C: His are time and eternity; His are glory and dominion forever and ever. Alleluia!

* **Lighting of the Candle**

(The Paschal Candle is lit from a "new flame," signifying the newness of the resurrection.)

P: May the Light of Christ who rises this morn in glory scatter the darkness of our hearts and minds.

The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray: Almighty God, pour out your abundant blessing on us through the light of this candle, so that all who share in your holy mysteries may be filled with your grace and blessings. Once we were in darkness, but since you have made us your people in baptism we are in the light. Help us to live as people who belong to light; help us to fulfill our baptismal promises through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

* **The Easter Announcement**

P: Rejoice now, all you heavenly choirs; rejoice now all creation; sound out, trumpet of salvation, and celebrate the triumph of life over death; light over darkness. Rejoice, too, O Earth in the radiance of the light poured upon you and, made brilliant by the brightness of the Everlasting King, know that the ancient darkness has been banished forever. Rejoice, O Church, clothed in the brightness of this light. Let this house ring out with rejoicing, with the praises of God's people. He is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

(The service continues with the entrance hymn as the altar candles are lit from the Paschal Candle.)

*** Entrance Hymn**

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

LBW #151

*** Salutation**

*** First Prayer** *(7th Century Gelasian)*

O God, on this day you unlocked the way to eternity by conquering death for us through your only Son. Bless us as we pursue this new hope which you have inspired in us, 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

(E/StM)

WORD

First Lesson: Isaiah 25:6-9 A lesson from Isaiah:

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food,
a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow,
of well-aged wines strained clear.

[7] And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;
he will swallow up death forever.

[8] Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken.

[9] It will be said on that day,
Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him,
so that he might save us.

This is the Lord for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

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

Psalmody: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

This is the day that the / Lord has made; *
let us rejoice and be / glad in it.

**O give thanks to the Lord, for / he is good; *
his steadfast love en- / dures forever!**

Let / Israel say,*

"His steadfast love en- / dures forever."

**The Lord is my strength / and my might;*
he has become / my salvation.**

There are glad songs of victory in the tents / of the righteous:*

"The right hand of the Lord does / valiantly;

**the right hand of the Lord / is exalted;*
the right hand of the Lord does / valiantly."**

I shall not die, but / I shall live,*

and recount the deeds / of the Lord.

**The Lord has punished / me severely,*
but he did not give me ov- / er to death.**

Open to me the gates of / righteousness,*

that I may enter through them and give thanks / to the Lord.

**This is the gate / of the Lord;*
the righteous shall en- / ter through it.**

I thank you that you have / answered me*

and have become / my salvation.

**The stone that the build- / ers rejected*
has become the chief / cornerstone.**

This is / the Lord's doing;*

it is marvelous / in our eyes.

**This is the day that the / Lord has made;*
let us rejoice and be / glad in it.**

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 Cor. 15:1-11

A lesson from First Corinthians:

Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, [2] through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you-- unless you have come to believe in vain.

[3] For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, [4] and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, [5] and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. [6] Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. [7] Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. [8] Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. [9] For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. [10] But by

the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them--though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. [11] Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

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

* **Alleluia Verse**

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* **Gospel Acclamation**

Glory to you, O Lord.

Holy Gospel: Mark 16:1-8 The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark:

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. [2] And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. [3] They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" [4] When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. [5] As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. [6] But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. [7] But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." [8] So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

The Gospel of the Lord.

* **Gospel Response**

Praise to you, O Christ.

Homily

Pr. Paul R. Messner (Ev/ St. J)
ELCA Deacon (Ret.) Sandy Shear (St. M/ Aton)

* **Hymn of the Day**

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing
(St. 3 women; St. 5 men)

LBW #210

RESPONSE

* **Nicene Creed**

p. 64

* **Prayers of the Church**

First Intercession:

Ever-living and ever-loving Father, we worship you for receiving the offering of your crucified Son by raising him on the third day from the grave. In faith and gratitude, we dedicate this day of

the week as an offering of praise throughout the year. Use it to lift us and strengthen us, as we follow him in the sacrificial work of love.

* **Sharing of the Peace of the Lord** p. 65

Offering

Musical Offering p. 65 (A)

* **Presentation of Gifts and Offertory** *Let the Vineyards* p. 66

* **Offertory Prayer**

Heavenly Father, we welcome this day of Resurrection / with its opportunity to bring gifts to a living God. Receive these offerings as our joyful celebration of your new life and reign in Jesus your Son. And through the bread and wine we have presented, share his new life with us.

Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

MEAL

* **The Great Thanksgiving** p. 68-71

Dialog

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God

* **Eucharistic Prayer** *Holy, Holy, Holy* p. 69-71

* **The Lord's Prayer** p. 71

Communion Distribution & Hymns LBW # 109 (st. 4), 130, 126, 221

* **Post Communion Blessing and Canticle** *Thank the Lord* p. 72

* **Post Communion Prayer**

Lord Jesus Christ, by this holy food you proclaim your death for all people. May the whole world come to believe in your resurrection / by our being raised to new lives of love through this Eucharist. We bless you now and evermore. **Amen.**

SENDING

* **Benediction** p. 71

* **Recessional Hymn** *Christ is Risen! Alleluia!* LBW #131

* **Dismissal**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Weekly Worship Practice:

We gather weekly in reverence and awe, in joy and thanksgiving, in hope and peace. We come seeking forgiveness and reconciliation-inspiration and a sense of God's presence. We depart renewed, refreshed and recommitted to serve all God's people in need, as we have opportunity. We come open to God's giving. Having received we depart to share that with which God has blessed us.

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.

Serving Today	Atonement	Evangelical	St. Matthew
Comm. Asst.	Christine Brown	Cindy Lane	
Asst. Minister	Peg Serra-Lima	Mark Howard	Dave Forbes
Lector	Ed Pixley	Len P	Dave Forbes
Cantor	Ed Pixley	Pr Paul	Dave Forbes
*Altar Care	Eli England	Cindy Lane & Joyce	Nancy Miller
Ushers/Greeters		Dorothy	Winslows
Coffee Hour			
Acolyte	Grady Loeffler	Mia Pelcer	Victoria Stevens
Sound System	Eli England	Lane	
Bell Ringer			Victoria Stevens
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, 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 Sores (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: Janet England

For young adult: Sam 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), 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

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Gloria Hendricks

For Young Adult: Blake Rinell

+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: Pr. Paul & Martha Messner

For Young Adult: Gabrielle Bush

+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)

For those preparing for marriage: Sidney Flemister & Matty Purnell

For those preparing for childbirth: Dan & Nicole Meier

For those in the military, law enforcement and emergency services: Cooperstown Medical Transport

In the Foothills Conference: He has Risen! May we feel the joy of our crucified, risen, and ascended Lord Jesus Christ.

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, and those struggling with social isolation; for those involved in the crisis on our Southern border

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

+ Victims of violent death in our country and the world +

+ Dean Clarke +
(1984 – 2021)

+ Parish News and Notes +

+“**Why seek the living among the dead**”? Why indeed. Peter was amazed; are we? Is life after death “too good to be true”? An idle tale? A myth to give us false hope or so true that nothing is or could be truer? We gather today as though it was and is true: for us, for all. He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

+ **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/ 28	21/ 224	26/ 251	25/ 263 \$2471
**	(\$1,290)	(\$705)	(\$1,309)
3/ 31			

**** Needed to meet weekly expenses**

+ THIS WEEK +

+Today: Easter Sunday the Resurrection of our Lord

+Thursday: St. Matthew Council Meeting 7pm

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COMING UP

+Next Sunday
Second Sunday of Easter

+ Thought of the Week +

It is on Sunday that we all assemble, because Sunday is the first day; the day on which God transformed darkness and matter created the world, and the day on which Jesus Christ our Savior rose from the dead. He was crucified on the eve of Saturn's day, and on the day after, that is, on the day of the sun, he appeared to his apostles and disciples and taught them what we have now offered for your examination.

-- Justin, Martyr
Second 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

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