



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

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

April 10th, 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

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: Luke 19:28-40

After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. [29] When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, [30] saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. [31] If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" [32] So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. [33] As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" [34] They said, "The Lord needs it." [35] Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. [36] As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. [37] As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, [38] saying,

"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!"

Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!"
[39] Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." [40] He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."
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"

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.

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**

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***Gospel Acclamation**

Glory to you, O Lord

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Commentary

ELCA Deacon (Ret.) Sandy Shear (St.M & A)

Pastor Paul (Ev & St. J)

Holy Gospel: The Passion of Our Lord Luke 23:1-49

***Gospel Response**

Praise to you, O Christ

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***Hymn of the Day**

My Song Is Love Unknown

LBW #94

RESPONSE

***Nicene Creed**

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***Prayers of the Church**

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First Intercession:

Almighty Father, we bow in deep humility as we observe the Passion of your Son. Ever remembering how he hung there naked and alone, help us to proclaim that he was innocent of death, but became obedient to your love. We thank you for being given eyes of faith to see that his suffering and death will not be in vain, resulting rather in eternal gratitude and sacrificial lives.

* **Sharing of the Peace of the Lord** pg. 86

Offering pg. 86

Musical Offering (A)

* **Offertory** *What Shall I Render to the Lord* pg. 87

* **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. 88

Preface & Sanctus *Holy, Holy, Holy* pg. 89

* **Eucharistic Prayer & Lord's Prayer** pg. 89/ pew card

Agnus Dei *O Christ thou Lamb of God* LBW #103

Distribution Hymns LBW #126, 213, 223

* **Post Communion Blessing & Canticle** *Lord, now you let;* pg. 93

* **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. 94

***Recessional Hymn** LBW 109 (st. 1-3)

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

Postlude

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Pastors Pericope Paragraph 4/10

(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:

When the Gospel is read from the center aisle, please feel free to turn and face the reader. In this way we enact the Gospel (the Good News of Jesus Christ) being the center of our lives.

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. Asst. Minister Lector Cantor *Altar Care Ushers/Greeters Coffee Hour Acolyte Sound System Bell Ringer Church Cleaner	Cindy Heaney Ethan Temming	Gabe Ilse S Cindy L & Joyce Pelcers Mia Pelcer Brunner	Jim Crouthamel Kayla Joubert

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, 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), Barbara Loitsch

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Sandee Fleisher

For young adult: Sam 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, Tad Mahoney, Bill Jacobson (D. Brown), Anthony

Scarfuto (Boyd), Dwaine Sharett (Butts), Jim Desrocher (Boyd), Dick Woodhouse (Hazzard), Glenn Linsenhardt, Tom Underwood (Burda), Eileen Burda, Joyce Boyd, Ron Jennings

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

For Young Adult: Patrick Duffy

+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, 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), Marge Bonney, Jack Anthony (Stevens), Troy Lutz (Bush), Geoff Smith, Alan Peeters, Isabell Tophoven, Joe Rotolo, Corinne Pollak, Walter Renwick (R. Vesely)

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

For Young Adult: Cooper Poulson

+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), Bruce Willis

For those preparing for marriage: Patrick Steves and Taylor Johnson

For those preparing for childbirth: Brandon Damiani and Samantha Howard

For those in the military, law enforcement and emergency services: AMR Ambulance Service

In the Foothills Conference: Pr. Dana Horell and the people of Cooperstown United Methodist Church as he plans to retire, and they seek new pastoral leadership.

National/ International Concerns: all victims of religious, ethnic, and racial hatred; the people of Afghanistan, Ethiopia, Ukraine, Russia, Pakistan, Sri Lanka (Ceylon), 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**

Pr James Christ
(former Atonement pastor)

Catherine J Tisenchek
(1957-2022)

+ 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
4/3	27/ 253	10/ 194	17/ 270
**	(\$1,290)	(\$705)	(\$1,309)
4/6	3/ 47	3/ 27	8/ 117

**** Needed to meet weekly expenses**

+ OCLP +

+A parade, cheers from the crowd. An Auspicious beginning to a week which will change history. The ancient battle between good and evil, begun at a tree in Eden, will climax at another tree outside Jerusalem. Death will give way to life.

+HOLY WEEK+

April 10th SUNDAY OF THE PASSION (Palm Sunday)

Holy Communion with blessing, distribution and Procession with Palms
Gather outside sanctuary, reading of the Passion from Luke

April 11th 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 12th 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 13th HOLY WEDNESDAY Worship:

7:30 am - St. Matthew

12:00 noon – Evangelical

7:00 pm - Atonement

April 14th 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 15th 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 16th HOLY SATURDAY - Vigil of Easter

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

April 17th +EASTER+ FESTIVAL OF THE RESURRECTION

Regular Service Times at each church

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

+ Cartoon of the Week +



+ Thought of the Week +

Death is nothing at all. I have only slipped away into the next room.

Whatever we were to each other, we still are. Call me by my old familiar name. Speak to me in the same easy way you always have. Laugh as we always laughed at the little jokes we enjoyed together. Play, smile, think of me, pray for me.

Life means all that it ever meant. It is the same as it always was. There is absolute unbroken continuity. Why should I be out of your mind because I am out of your sight? I am but waiting for you, for an interval, somewhere very near, just around the corner.

All is well. Nothing is past. Nothing has been lost. One brief moment and all will be as it was before – only better. Infinitely happier. We will be one, together forever.

Concert for
UKRAINE
relief

featuring
classical,
contemporary,
& folk music

Sunday April 24
2:00 pm

Fly Creek UM Church
Tickets & Donations
at the door



Otsego Country Lutheran Parish

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)

Joyce Boyd: 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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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 and appear exactly as you wish them to in the bulletin.