



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

+**Fifth Sunday in Lent**+
LBW Service of the Word for Healing
March 29th, 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)

Meditation and Prayer

Welcome

Parish News

*** Entrance Hymn**

We Sing the Praise of Him Who Died

LBW 344

***Invocation and Dialogue**

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, **and his mercy endures forever.**
They cried to the Lord in their trouble, **and he delivered them from their distress.**
He sent forth his Word and healed them, **and saved them from the grave.**
The Lord is righteous in all his ways, **and loving in all his works.**
The Lord upholds all who fall; **He lifts up those who are bowed down.**
The Lord sustains them on their sickbed, **and ministers to them in their illness.**
The Lord is my strength and my song, **and he has become my salvation.**
Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, **and his mercy endures forever.**

*** The Apostles' Creed**

God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and was born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, and the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*** Canticle**

Keep in Mind (St.1-w, St.2-m, St.3-all)

LBW 13

Salutation

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Let us pray

(*stand as you are able)

First Prayer: *(7th Century Gelasian, revised)*

Almighty God, look favorably upon your family. Graciously rule our bodies lest we are enticed to love the world; and guard our spirits lest we fail to recognize your love. 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

(E/St.M)

First Lesson: Ezekiel 37:1-14

A lesson from Ezekiel:

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. [2] He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. [3] He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." [4] Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. [5] Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. [6] I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord."

[7] So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. [8] I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. [9] Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." [10] I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

[11] Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' [12] Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. [13] And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. [14] I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act," says the Lord.

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

Psalmody: Psalm 130 (Tones: single 21; double 6)

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord. Lord, / hear my voice!*

Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my / supplications!

If you, O Lord, should mark / iniquities, *

Lord, / who could stand?

But there is forgive- / ness with you,*

so that you may / be revered.

I wait for the Lord, / my soul waits,*

and in his / word I hope;

my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch / for the morning,*

more than those who watch / for the morning.

O Israel, hope / in the Lord!*

For with the Lord there is steadfast love,

and with him is great power / to redeem.

It is he who will redeem / Israel* **from all its / iniquities.**

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: Romans 8:6-11

A lesson from Romans:

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. [7] For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed it cannot, [8] and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

[9] But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. [10] But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. [11] If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

* **Gospel Acclamation**

Peace, to Soothe Our Bitter Woes

LBW 338 (st. 1)

Holy Gospel: John 11:1-45 **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. [2] Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. [3] So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." [4] But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." [5] Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, [6] after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

[7] Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." [8] The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" [9] Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. [10] But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." [11] After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has

fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." [12] The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." [13] Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. [14] Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. [15] For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." [16] Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

[17] When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. [18] Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, [19] and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. [20] When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. [21] Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. [22] But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." [23] Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." [24] Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." [25] Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, [26] and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" [27] She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

[28] When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." [29] And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. [30] Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. [31] The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. [32] When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." [33] When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. [34] He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." [35] Jesus began to weep. [36] So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" [37] But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

[38] Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. [39] Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." [40] Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" [41] So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. [42] I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." [43] When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" [44] The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

[45] Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*** Gospel Response**

Peace, to Soothe Our Bitter Woes

LBW 338 (st. 2)

Children's Sermon/Homily

(A/St.M)

Pr. Paul Messner (E/StJ)

Hymn of the Day

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

LBW 423

Sharing of the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

RESPONSE

*** Offertory**

Create in me . . .

WOV 732

Offertory Prayer:

Heavenly Father, we worship you for our daily bread, but we bring these offerings because you have given us your saving Word. Thank you for this precious food which truly makes us live. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*** Prayers of the Church**

First Intercession:

Heavenly Father, it is a great comfort that as Jesus walked with us throughout his life, so you also walk with us every day. Yet there is a greater joy: that the new life of faith in Jesus your Son will bring us through the valley of death so as to walk forever at your side in the glories of your home. We thank you for the new vision we have been given about death. May your Spirit make us more conscious that we are alive by your love so as to live anew in such love.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Prayers for Healing and Hope

Let us pray for all who suffer. Merciful Lord, you sent your Son to be our peace. Help all who suffer pain or grief to find in him strength and peace, so that their trust in your promises may be renewed, and that despair may give way to hope; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for recovery from sickness. O God, the strength of the weak and the comfort of sufferers: Mercifully hear our prayers on behalf of others whom we name before you now, aloud or in silence. Grant to your servants the help of your power, that their sickness may be turned into health and our sorrow into joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for those in affliction. Almighty and everlasting God, comfort of the sad and strength to those who suffer: Let the prayers of your children who are in any trouble rise to you.

To everyone in distress grant mercy, grant relief, grant refreshment; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for those who minister in healing. Almighty God, source of human knowledge and skill: Guide physicians and nurses and all those you have called to practice the arts of healing. Strengthen them by your life-giving Spirit, that, by their ministries, the health of all people may be promoted and your creation may be glorified; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for the ministry of family and friends. Loving God, our creator and redeemer: Give strength and gentleness, patience and faithfulness to family members and friends. Let their hope be in you, and by their ministry of love let your love be known; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for those who desire our prayers. Blessed Lord, we ask your loving care and protection for those who are sick in body, mind or spirit and who desire our prayers. Take from them all fears and help them put their trust in you, that they may –feel your strong arms around them. Touch them with your renewing love, that they may know wholeness in you and glorify your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for those making decisions. O Lord our God, send your Holy Spirit to guide us, which we may make our decisions with love, mercy and reverence for your gift of life, especially on behalf of those most vulnerable at the beginning and the ending of life in this world; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Praise to you, almighty God and Father. You sent your Son to live among us and to bring us your salvation. **Blessed be God.**

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, incomparable Son of the Father. You humbled yourself to share in our humanity, and you came to heal all our illnesses. **Blessed be God.**

Praise to you, Holy Spirit, our defender and consoler. You heal our sickness with your mighty and life-giving power. **Blessed be God.**

Holy and blessed Trinity, sustain your servants, whom we have named before you this day, with your presence; drive away their sickness of body, mind and spirit; and give them that victory of life and peace which enable them to serve you now and evermore. **Amen.**

Laying on of Hands *Come, Ye Disconsolate*
Hymns during Laying on of Hands

Insert
WOV 741, 737

(Those who wish to receive laying on of hands (and anointing) come to the altar rail

or the foot of the altar and if conditions permit, kneel.
The minister lays hand(s) on each person's head)

Father in heaven for Jesus' sake, send your Holy Spirit upon your servant, drive away all sickness of body and spirit, make whole that which is broken; deliver *him/her* from the power of evil; and preserve *him/her* in true faith, to share in the power of Christ's resurrection and to serve you with all the saints now and evermore. **Amen.**

OR

I lay my hands upon you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, beseeching him to uphold you and fill you with grace, that you may know the healing power of his love. **Amen.**

(After all have returned to their places)

The almighty Lord—a strong tower to all who put their trust in him, to whom all things in heaven, on earth, and under the earth bow and whom they obey—be now and evermore your defense, and make you know and feel that the only name under heaven given for health and salvation is the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Let us pray in unison.

Merciful Lord God, constant source of all healing, we give you thanks for all your gifts of strength and life, and above all we thank you for the gift of your Son, through whom we have health and salvation. As we wait for that day when there will be no more pain, help us by your Holy Spirit to be assured of your power in our lives and to trust in your eternal love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

SENDING

***Benediction**

The Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord make his face shine on us and be gracious to us. The Lord look upon us with favor and give us peace: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*** Recessional Hymn**

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

LBW 104

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Remain to Pray Depart when you wish.

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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.

Serving Today	Atonement	Evangelical	St. Matthew
Comm. Asst.	Martha Messner		Jim
Asst. Minister	Martha Messner	Gloria H.	Cindy Struckle
Lector	Martha Messner		
Cantor	Eli England	Ilse S. & Dorothy L	
*Altar Care		Esther H.	
Ushers/Greeters	Mary Mansbach		Martha Circle-B
Coffee Hour		Mia P.	
Acolyte		Lane	
Sound System			
Bell Ringer			Miller & Stevens
Church Cleaner			

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+OCLP+

We welcome Pastor Jim Crouthamel to lead worship at Evangelical and St. John’s.
Next Sunday Deacon Robin Bush will lead worship at St. Matthew and Atonement.

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Readings Through This Week

	Morning	Noon	Evening
Sunday	Matthew 24:1-31	Numbers 25-27	Song of Solomon 6:4-8:4
Monday	Matthew 24:32-51	Numbers 28-29	Song of Solomon 8:5-14
Tuesday	Matthew 25:1-30	Numbers 30-31	Job 1
Wednesday	Matthew 25:31-46	Numbers 32-34	Job 2
Thursday	Matthew 26:1-25	Numbers 35-36	Job 3
Friday	Matthew 26:26-46	Deuteronomy 1-2	Job 4
Saturday	Matthew 26: 47-75	Deuteronomy 3-4	Job 5

+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: Joan Carman

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), 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), Sandy Shear, Gloria Hendricks, and Marie Barbato (Genova)

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Ilse Seitz

For Young Adult: Gunnar Jaeck

+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.), Josh Newell (Evans), Lynn Benekin (Forbes), Barbara Gesile (Lapp), Dave Van Dusen (Forbes), Bart Bonney, Wyatt Greenleaf, Tennison (T. Wood), Gina Pywar, Erika Baker-Heinegg, Michele Tolen (T. Wood), Sandy Shear, 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, and Chayse Winslow

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Bev Lapp

For Young Adult: Derek Sherry

+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, Tom Keagle (Serra-Lima), David Brenner (Former Oneonta Mayor), Sue Haney, Mary Jane Bianchine (Pr. Paul), Senator James Seward, Warren Robinson (Messner), Carleen Roberts (Messner), and Ameen Aowad (Jail Ministry)

For those preparing for marriage: Scott Lehenbauer & Stephanie Keaney

For those celebrating childbirth: Ryan Loveland & Jessica Carocci, on the birth of Henry Ryan (grandparents – Toni and Frank Wood)

For those in the military, law enforcement and emergency services: Fox Hospital Emergency Services Staff

In the Foothills Conference: Lutheran Theological Seminaries, houses of study, professors, staff and seminarians

National/ International Concerns: People of Hong Kong, China, Italy, Iran, Afghanistan, Israel and Palestine; our country during this time of a pandemic

Natural and Man-Made Disasters: Those impacted by the coronavirus, the cruise ship, airline, hospitality industries, and winter storms

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

+ Federico Serra-Lima +
(7/17/1929 – 3/22/2020)

+ Patricia Friedlander +

+ Peter Provenzano +
(Hopkins)

+ Corinne Breil +
(Messner)

+ Parish News and Notes +

+Lent 5 3/29

Death stinks. Literally and figuratively; actually and metaphorically. “It stinketh” (KJV).

So Jesus weeps over it. And then defies it. And commands it to leave. Can He call us out of the tomb, too? If He can't why are you here reading this? (Gospel). Dem bones, dem bones, dem DRY bones...Even they can live. O My People, says the Lord: You SHALL live! (1st lesson). We believe in the God who raised Jesus of Nazareth from the dead. What more is there to say? (2d lesson)

+Disaster Relief

To give assistance to tornado victims in Tennessee (or any other natural or manmade disaster) you may at any time, make a contribution to Lutheran Disaster Response by making a check payable to your congregation and using a LDR envelope (on the literature table in the narthex)

+Evangelical's Fly Creek Cider Mill Fudge Sale

Six flavors are available, with delivery for Easter. \$9 per half pound box. To order contact any of our 10 sellers, or call Eileen Burda directly at 315-858-2119. Order forms and money are due to Eileen no later than Sunday 3/29. Checks should be made out to Evangelical Lutheran Church.

+Atonement

Rides for Rita! Rita Nelson needs a ride to/ from worship each Sunday. Thanks to those who continue to help with this. If you're willing, please speak with Denise Richardson (437-1529).

+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
3/22/2020			
**	(\$1,290)	(\$705)	(\$1,309)
3/25/2020			

**** Needed to meet weekly expenses**

+ OCLP +

+ THIS WEEK +

+Today: Fifth Sunday of Lent

Coming Up

Palm/ Passion Sunday/ Holy Week/ Easter

April 5th SUNDAY OF THE PASSION (Palm Sunday)

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

April 6th 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 7th 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 8th HOLY WEDNESDAY Worship:

7:30 am - St. Matthew

12:00 noon – Evangelical

7:00 pm - Atonement

April 9th MAUNDY THURSDAY- Holy Communion - (*representative foot washing & stripping the altar*)

10:00 am – Atonement

12:00 noon – Evangelical

2:00 pm - Hartwick College

5:00 pm - St. John?

6:30 pm - Evangelical OCLP Seder Supper/ Holy Communion for the parish (*confirmands & Communion class presence required*)

April 10th GOOD FRIDAY Worship:

10:00 am – Atonement

12:00 noon- Evangelical

2:00 pm- Hartwick College Chapel

5:00 pm - St. John?

7:00 pm - St. Matthew with Laurens, Presbyterian Church

April 11th HOLY SATURDAY - Vigil of Easter

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

April 12st +EASTER+ FESTIVAL OF THE RESURRECTION

Regular Service Times at each church

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+ Thought of the Week +

Before fruit is ripened by the sun,
Before the petals or the leaves uncoil,
Before the first fine silken root is spun,
A seed is dropped and buried in the soil.

Before we gain the grace that comes through loss,
Before we live by more than bread and breath,
Before we lift in joy an empty cross,
We face with Christ the seed's renewing death.
-- Thomas H. Troeger

Easter Flowers

To place flowers in our sanctuaries for Easter, you may order them through the church, 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 by Sunday, March 29th. The price per plant is \$7.00.

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: _____

Please Print Clearly

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.

Otsego Country Lutheran Parish

Lutheran Church of the Atonement, Oneonta, NY

Leslie Bauer: Organist

Barbara Loitsch: Choir Director

Evangelical Lutheran Church, Hartwick Seminary, NY

Donna Brown: Organist

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