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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

Second Sunday in Easter
Holy Communion (LBW Setting 1)
April 16th, 2023

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

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome

Parish News

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| * Entrance Hymn | <i>Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!</i> | LBW #128 |
| * Apostolic Greeting & Kyrie | | pg. 57 |
| * Hymn of Praise: | <i>This is the Feast (1-W, 2-M)</i> | pg. 60 |

- * First Prayer (7th Century Gelasian)

Help us, Almighty God, that our joyful celebration of the Resurrection feast / may be reflected in our daily work and conversation, through 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: Acts 2:14a, 22-32 A lesson from Acts:

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them... [22] "You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know-- [23] this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. [24] But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. [25] For David says concerning him,

'I saw the Lord always before me,

for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;

[26] therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;
moreover my flesh will live in hope.

[27] For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,
or let your Holy One experience corruption.

[28] You have made known to me the ways of life;
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'

[29] "Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. [30] Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. [31] Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

'He was not abandoned to Hades,

nor did his flesh experience corruption.'

[32] This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.

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

Psalmody: 16 (tones 3-single; 8-double)

Protect / me, O God,* for in you / I take refuge.

I say to the Lord, "You / are my Lord;*

I have no good a- / part from you."

As for the holy ones in the land, they / are the noble,*
in whom is all / my delight.

Those who choose another god multip- / ly their sorrows;*
their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out
or take their names up- / on my lips.

The Lord is my chosen portion / and my cup;*
you / hold my lot.

The boundary lines have fallen for me in / pleasant places;*
I have a goodly / heritage.

I bless the Lord who / gives me counsel;*
in the night also my / heart instructs me.

I keep the Lord al- / ways before me;*
because he is at my right hand, I shall / not be moved.

Therefore my heart is glad, and my / soul rejoices;*
my body also / rests secure.

For you do not give me / up to Sheol,*
or let your faithful one / see the Pit.

You show me the / path of life.*

In your presence there is fullness of joy;
in your right hand are pleasures for- / evermore.

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 1:3-9 A lesson from 1st Peter:

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, [4] and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, [5] who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. [6] In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, [7] so that the genuineness of your faith--being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire--may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. [8] Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, [9] for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

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

Holy Gospel: John 20:19-31 **Glory to you, O Lord.**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." [20] After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. [21] Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." [22] When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. [23] If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

[24] But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. [25] So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

[26] A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." [27] Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." [28] Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" [29] Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

[30] Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. [31] But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

* **Hymn of the Day**

O Sons and Daughters of the King (stz. 1-4)

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Homily

The Rev. Jessica Lambert (A/ St. M)

Pr. Paul Messner (E/ St. J)

* **Hymn of the Day**

O Sons and Daughters of the King (stz. 5-9)

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RESPONSE

* **Nicene Creed**

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* **Prayers of the Church**

First Intercession:

Faithful Father, we thank you for the Gospel record of Jesus' Resurrection. Preserve us from merely believing that he has risen, without having the courage to live by that love. Make Thomas our saintly example, for when he saw and touched our Savior's healing wounds, he called him Lord and was willing to be your Apostle without regard. Help us to accept Jesus Christ as Lord and to be ready to endure all things for the glory of his sacrifice.

*** Sharing the Peace of the Lord**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Offering

Musical Offering

*** Presentation of Gifts and Offertory**

Let the Vineyards

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*** Offertory Prayer**

O Lord, as your land is stirring from its winter sleep / and farmers have (prepared / sown) their seed, receive these hope filled offerings / and reward our toil for daily bread. Despite thorns and thistles, may we come to rejoice in you. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

MEAL

*** Great Thanksgiving/Dialog**

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Preface & Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy

*** Eucharistic Prayer & Lord's Prayer**

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Agnus Dei

Lamb of God

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Distribution Hymns

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*** Post Communion Blessing & Canticle**

Thank the Lord . . .

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*** Post Communion Prayer**

O Risen Lord, at your table we have touched your body which was crucified for us. It is enough for faith that peace may come. By the strength of this food / make us bold to go and do as you inspire. You are the Lord forevermore. **Amen.**

SENDING

*** Benediction**

Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now...and forever. **Amen.**

*** Recessional Hymn**

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

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*** Dismissal**

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

Postlude

Pastors Pericope Paragraph 4/16

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

But Thomas was not with them..." Why not? Too frightened to be with the group? Too angry with Peter for his denial? Too disappointed and frustrated that Jesus died without bringing Israel back to its glory' days of David's reign? And now hearing the others say that they'd seen their Rabbi alive and He ate with them? It was all too much. Somehow, he overcame all those emotions and joined the others a week after Jesus' supposed return. And then he received the great gift: "My Lord, and my God". And now, we are given the same great gift: "life in His name" (Gospel). Peter overcomes denial, grief and fear to boldly proclaim that "this Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses" (1st lesson). Peter expands on this in his first letter, as he addresses us, 2 millennia later: "although you have not seen Him, you believe in Him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy..." (2d lesson).

Weekly Worship Practice:

Please turn off cell phones and pagers or switch to silent mode when entering the sanctuary, so we can all enjoy a quiet and stress-free environment in which to pray and reflect.

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.

+OCLP+

We welcome Pastor Jess Lambert to lead worship at Atonement and St. Matthew
Next Sunday OCLP deacon Deb Lawyer leads worship at Evangelical and St. John.

Serving Today	Atonement	Evangelical	St. Matthew
Asst. Minister	Peg Serra-Lima		Robin Bush
Comm. Asst.	Peg Serra-Lima	Dan T	
Lector	Cindy H	Gabe L	Jim Crouthamel
Cantor	Cindy H		
*Altar Care	Becky Milford	Cindy L	
Ushers/Greeters	Denise Richardson	Esther H	
Coffee Hour			
Acolyte	Stevie Mendez		Megan Cleveland
Sound System		Pelcer	
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, Joanne Burdick, (Messner/Dana), Brad Guillerm (Dana)

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Grace & Chuck Dietzman

For young adult: Patrick Duffy

+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: Yvonne Cornell

For Young Adult: Dale 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), 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), Judy Berkshire (Crouthamel)

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Connie Dabreau

For Young Adult: Kyle 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, 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 Brooker

For those celebrating childbirth: Brian & Shana Buygi on the birth of Alice

For those in the military, law enforcement and emergency services: Laurens F.D. & EMS

In the Foothills Conference: Online ministries of our congregations. (Websites, etc. and those who build and maintain them.)

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, Fires in East Worcester and Richmondville

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, & Taiwan

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

+ Gene A. Schliermann +
(1924 – 2023)

+ Bernie Sitts Jr. +

+ Wayne Bush Sr. +

+ Victims of the Shooting in Louisville, KY +

+ Parish News and Notes +

+Evangelical

The list to sign up to mow our lawn is posted on the bulletin list. Pick your favorite month!

Thanks!

Evangelical Council meets this Wednesday 3:30 at church.

+St Matthew/ Atonement

The option of coming to the communion rail to receive holy communion returns soon. Those coming to the rail will be invited first to receive the sacrament, standing or kneeling. Then the eucharistic ministers will come to the nave (floor) level, for those who wish to continue receiving in that way. Both will receive the sacrament via intinction. We will still offer communion in the pew for those who desire us to come to you. No matter how we receive, it is still the Lord's true body and blood that is "given and shed for you".

+OCLP

"The Chosen" video series, Season 1, will be offered this Spring for anyone (OCLP members/friends and others - invite a friend!)

Details:

Location - Atonement

Time - 5:30-6:30 pm

When - Wednesdays starting 4/19 with the birth story episode

Food -Bring movie/finger food snacks to share (popcorn, chips, cheese and crackers) and beverage of choice.

Who: All Welcome!

Coming Up - Season 2 Fall 2023 & Season 3 Spring 2024

+ 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
4/6 Maund Thur	8	2	10	
4/7 Good Friday	12	8	11	
4/9 Easter	49/ 376	43/ 209	32/ 344	18/ 105
4/12	1/ 34	1/ 37	7/ 140	
**	(\$1,290)	(\$850)	(\$1,309)	

**** Needed to meet weekly expenses**

+ THIS WEEK +

+Wednesday Services:

7:30am St. Matthew

10:30am Clergy Bible Study, Christ Church, Cooperstown

Noon Evangelical

7:00pm Atonement

3:30 pm - Evangelical Council at church

5:30 PM - The Chosen - Christmas Video (see details in OCLP announcements)

@ Atonement - all welcome.

+Thurs -Fri - Pr Paul to STS Upstate NY Chapter retreat, Syracuse.

+Saturday - Foothills Conference Spring Conference Assembly, Bethany, Central Bridge

(St Matthew Spring Altar Server training postponed to 5/20)

+ COMING UP +

Sunday, 4/23 - Service of Word and Prayer

Atonement Council meets after worship

Wed. 4/26 5:30 PM The Chosen - Season 1, Episode 1

Fri/Sat 4/28-29- Adult Ed. Retreat for anyone - St Margarets Retreat Ctr., New Hartford

Sun 4/30 - Healing Service (invite others!)
Seminary Sunday at Evangelical - Hartwick College President Darren Reissberg present.
College sponsored brunch follows worship.

Tuesday 5/2 - First Tuesday supper @ St Matthew - Theme - Picnic Foods

Wed. 5/4 - 5pm - St Matt Worship and Music Comm; 7pm St Matt Council

Sat. 5/6 - 9 AM Spring Altar Server Training, Atonement
10:30 AM - First (of 4) "Back to Basics" New & Renewing Members class - 10:30 am, @
Atonement

Bible Verse of the Week

“. . . God highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name above every other name, so that at Jesus' name every knee must bend in the heavens, on the earth and under the earth, and every tongue proclaim to the glory of God the Father: JESUS CHRIST IS LORD!”

-- Philippians 2:9-11

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)

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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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.