



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 9th, 2023

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

GATHERING

Prelude

Meditation & Prayer

Ringing of the Church Bell
Welcome and Parish News

*** Introit**

Were You There

LBW #92 (st.4)

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

WORD

First Lesson: Jeremiah 31:1-6

A lesson from Jeremiah:

At that time, says the Lord, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people.

[2] Thus says the Lord:

The people who survived the sword
found grace in the wilderness;
when Israel sought for rest,

[3] the Lord appeared to him from far away.
I have loved you with an everlasting love;
therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.

[4] Again I will build you, and you shall be built,
O virgin Israel!

Again you shall take your tambourines,
and go forth in the dance of the merrymakers.

[5] Again you shall plant vineyards
on the mountains of Samaria;
the planters shall plant,
and shall enjoy the fruit.

[6] For there shall be a day when sentinels will call
in the hill country of Ephraim:

"Come, let us go up to Zion,
to the Lord our God."

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

Psalmody: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 (tones 3-single; 8-double)

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: Col. 3:1-4

A lesson from Colossians:

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. [2] Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on

earth, [3] for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. [4] When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

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

* **Alleluia Verse** pg. 63

* **Gospel Acclamation** **Glory to you, O Lord.** pg. 63

Holy Gospel: Matthew 28:1-10

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. [2] And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. [3] His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. [4] For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. [5] But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. [6] He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. [7] Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." [8] So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. [9] Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. [10] Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

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

Homily ELCA Deacon (Ret.) Sandy Shear (A/ St. M)
Pr. Paul Messner (E/ St. J)

* **Hymn of the Day** LBW #210
At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing
(w-stz 3, m-stz 4, quietly stz 6, boldly stz 7-8)

RESPONSE

* **Nicene Creed** pg. 64

* **Prayers of the Church**

First Intercession:

Ever-living and ever-loving Father, we worship you today for ending our illusion that death is forever. In the empty tomb of your Son we have the faith to believe that he forever lives for us and with us. Though his daily gifts of life, renew us and keep death at bay until we have also finished what you have sent us to do in your world.

*** Sharing of 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

pg. 68

*** 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

*** Great Thanksgiving/Dialog**

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Preface & Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy

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

pg. 69/ pew card

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God

pg. 72

Distribution Hymns

LBW #130, 212, 203

*** Post Communion Blessing & Canticle**

Thank the Lord . . .

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*** 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**

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

*** Recessional Hymn**

Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

LBW #131

*** Dismissal**

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

Postlude

Pastors Pericope Paragraph 4/9

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

+ "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, is true-for us-for all. He is risen indeed!

Weekly Worship Practice:

When entering the sanctuary, please do so in a quiet manner so as not to disturb parishioners who choose to pray and reflect silently before the service begins. Coffee hour provides a warm and receptive environment for fellowship and conversation. Thank you!

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 ELCA Deacon (Ret.) Sandy Shear to lead worship at Atonement and St. Matthew Next Sunday Jess Lambert leads worship at Atonement and St. Matthew.

Serving Today	Atonement	Evangelical	St. Matthew
Asst. Minister	Sue Dana		Dave Forbes
Comm. Asst.	Sue Dana	Cindy L	
Lector	Sue Dana	Len L	Robin Bush
Cantor	Sue Dana		
*Altar Care	Laura Sherrill	Cindy L & Esther	
Ushers/Greeters	John Mushtare & Victor G	Dorothy	
Coffee Hour			
Acolyte	Gavin Underwood	Max Pelcer	Victoria Stevens
Sound System		Dan T	
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

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), Bernie Sitts Jr. (Klafehn), 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)

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: Joseph Tecklenburg & Colleen Fellner

For those preparing for childbirth: Brian & Shana Buygi

For those in the military, law enforcement and emergency services: Lt. Eric Berger, Oneonta P.D.

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

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

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

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

+ Rev. Alan W. Anderson +
(11/13/45 – 3/25/23)

+ James Richmond +
(Becky Milford's Father)

+ Servicemen killed in helicopter crash in Kentucky +

+ 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	St. John
4/2	38/ 327	19/ 166	31/ 312	6/ 87
**	(\$1,290)	(\$850)	(\$1,309)	
4/5	Holy Week	statistics will	be in next week's	bulletin

**** Needed to meet weekly expenses**

+ THIS WEEK +

+ Sunday 4/9

+EASTER+ FESTIVAL OF THE RESURRECTION

(Regular Service Times at each church)

(The Easter Season lasts seven weeks – until Sunday, May 21st this year)

Dedication of new pew cushions @ St. Matthew

+ Thursday 4/13

Evangelical Council Meeting, 3:30 pm

St. Matthew Council Meeting, 7:00 pm

+ Saturday 4/15

Acolyte/ Crucifer Training, Evangelical, 10:30 am

“Back to Basics” (New & Renewing Church Members class), Evangelical, 11:30 am

+ COMING UP +

+ Sunday 4/16

Holy Communion “at the rail” option begins @ St. Matthew & Atonement

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 and 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, Second century

OCLP Easter Flower List 2023

Given by

In Memory/ Honor of

Peg Serra-Lima & Thoranne Winkler

Thor & Esther Nordberg, Federico Serra-Lima,
Karl Inge Eilertsen, Fr. Tony Chiaramonte

Gary & Kathy Walters

Loved ones past

Pr. Paul & Martha Messner

Mark & Erna Richtfeld, Roena Messner, Fred &
Joyce Messner

Carol Butts

Kathleen Case, Kathi Yule, Alex Reynolds

Dorothy Lagasse

James Zachow

Vesely/ Bush

Family members

Peter & Cindy Lane

Joyce Boyd

Esther L Hughes

Fred & Mildrid Schidzick

Dave & Kathy Forbes

Family

Joan Carman

David Carman, Kenneth Carman, Virginia Owens

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

<http://facebook.com/oclpny/>
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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.