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ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH  
LAURENS, NY

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**+Third Sunday after the Epiphany+**  
Holy Communion (LBW Setting 2)  
January 21st, 2024

**GATHERING**

**Prelude/Welcome**

**Parish News**

\* **Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness**

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\* **Entrance Hymn**

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\* **Apostolic Greeting and Kyrie**

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\* **Hymn of Praise**

*Glory to God*

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

Almighty Eternal God, graciously look down on our weakness. Reach out to us with your Majestic Right Hand, and satisfy us with his glory. 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.**

(\* = stand as you are able; LBW = Lutheran Book of Worship-green book;  
+ = hymn requests; WOV = With One Voice Hymnal-blue book)

## Musical Offering

### **First Lesson Jonah 3:1-5, 10**      A lesson from Jonah:

The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, [2] "Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." [3] So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. [4] Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" [5] And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

[10] When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

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

### **Psalmody: 62:5-13**

(Tones: #35-single, #25-double)

For God alone my soul / waits in silence,\*  
for my hope / is from him.

**He alone is my rock and / my salvation,\***  
**my fortress; I shall / not be shaken.**

On God rests my deliverance / and my honor;\*  
my mighty rock, my refuge / is in God.

**Trust in him at all / times, O people;\***  
**pour out your heart before him;**  
**God is a ref- / uge for us.**

Those of low estate are but a breath,  
those of high estate are / a delusion;\*  
in the balances they go up;  
they are together lighter / than a breath.

**Put no confidence in extortion,**  
**and set no vain / hopes on robbery;\***  
**if riches increase, do not set your / heart on them.**

Once God has spoken; twice / have I heard this:\*  
that power be- / longs to God,

**and steadfast love belongs to / you, O Lord.\***

**For you repay to all according / to their work.**  
**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.**      *Antiphon repeated*

## **Second Lesson: Corinthians 7:29-31**

A lesson from First Corinthians:

I mean, brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, [30] and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, [31] and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

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

**\* Gospel Acclamation**

*Glory to you, O Lord*

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## **HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 1:14-20 Glory to you, O Lord.**

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, [15] and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

[16] As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea--for they were fishermen. [17] And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." [18] And immediately they left their nets and followed him. [19] As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. [20] Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

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

**Gospel Response:**

*Praise to you, O Christ*

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**Children's Sermon/Homily**

S.A.M. Tom Collins(A/St. M)

Pastor Paul Messner (E/ St. J)

**\* Hymn of the Day**

*As with Gladness Men of Old*

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## **RESPONSE**

**\* Apostles' Creed**

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**\* Prayers of the Church**

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## **First Intercession:**

Almighty God, you call us to repent and to find our rest in you. As the disciples of our Lord accepted his message of eternal peace, leaving behind the things in which they had hoped, inspire us also to recognize his way of love and sacrifice which alone will abide forever. Give us

the wisdom to leave the comforts and pleasures which do not arise from you, and the patience to wait for the glory you will share with all who trust your saving grace.

- \* **Sharing of the Peace of the Lord** pg. 86
- Offering** pg. 86
- Musical Offering**
- \* **Offertory** *What Shall I Render* pg. 87

\* **Offertory Prayer:**

Heavenly Father, we present gifts on behalf of all your creatures / to praise you for your generous care. Clarify the vision of our mission to represent you in service to your creation / that you may be known and glorified. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**MEAL**

- \* **Great Thanksgiving/Dialog** pg. 88
- Preface & Sanctus** *Holy, Holy, Holy* pg. 89
- \* **Eucharistic Prayer & Lord's Prayer** pew racks
- Agnus Dei** *Lamb of God* pg. 92

- Distribution Hymns** LBW #494,#50,#379
- \* **Post Communion Blessing & Canticle** *Lord, Now You let . . .* pg. 93

\* **Post-Communion Prayer:** Lord Jesus Christ, by this holy food, you join yourself to us. Give us confidence thereby / that you are with us always till the close of time. We bless you now and evermore. **Amen.**

**SENDING**

- \* **Benediction** pg. 94
- \* **Recessional Hymn** *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* WOV #649
- Dismissal** Go in Peace, Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**
- Postlude**

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**Pastors Pericope Paragraph**

(a "pericope" is a selected reading from scripture used as a lesson at worship)  
+ "...repent and believe the good news". "Good news"? Jesus calls 4 fishermen away from their families and livelihoods. Good News? Jonah is called by God to proclaim Nineveh's destruction. Good News? Paul says that believers should behave as if things are not as they appear to be. Good News? The fishermen follow the call and become disciples, apostles, evangelists. The people of Nineveh repent and God "changed His mind". The small congregation of Corinthian

Christians come to understand that to follow Christ is to see the "forms of this world" in an entirely different way. Good News!

### **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.

**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.

**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.

### +OCLP+

We welcome S.A.M.(Synodically Authorized Minister) Tom Collins to lead worship at St. Matthew and Atonement.

Next week we welcome Deacon Deb Lawyer to lead worship at Evangelical and St. John.

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### **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), Bridgette Shepardson (Thompson), Rene Prins, Heather Mendoza, Grace & Chuck Dietzman, Rita Nelson, Thoranne Winkler, Monica Koulis (Winkler), Gary Williams, Jill A.(Heaney), Jennifer Carman, Lisa Cooper (Syvertsen), Valerie England, Jason Pallack (Carman), Barb Delaney (Serra-Lima/Winkler), StashTarka (Thompson), Florence Jelliffe (Heaney), John Kathmann (Messner), Linda Moreland (Pudelka)

For senior members and friends: Mike & Joan Lambiaso

For young adult: Alison Heaney

## **+Evangelical+**

For healing in body, mind and spirit in our own congregation: Yvonne Cornell, Alex Reynolds (C. Butts), Marilyn Urbiss (Burda), Gloria Hendricks, Susan Howard, John & Pam Miller, David Glynn, Bill Jacobson (D. Brown), Kenny Medor (Butts), JoanAckerman (Butts), Ansley (Butts), Wendy Wenck Craighill (Miller), Davin Ruffles (Messner), Bob Piero (Butts), Dennis Duffy (Patrick's father)

For senior members and friends: Diann Price

For Young Adult: Abe Lippitt

## **+St. Matthew+**

For healing in body, mind and spirit in our own congregation Scott Forbes, Tina Keator, Barbara Gesile, Gina Pywar, Melissa McLaughlin (S. Eggars), Cathy Walsh (Stevens), Rennie Brown (Janet), Jason Hahn, Maureen McAndrew (Greenleaf), Mike McAndrew (Greenleaf), James Wikoff (Hulbert), Vicky Vesely (Bush), Helmut Boehl, Ellie Bauman, Carol Evans, Ann and Mike Monahan, Gus Pfeuffer, Carol (Nelson) Doane, Lynn Robinson, Larry Winslow, Jennifer Dilello (Stevens), Alice Flaherty (Smith), Triston (C. Hahn)

For senior members and friends: Rod & Patty Klafehn

For Young Adult: Cordell Shaul

**+Beyond the Parish+**

For healing in body, mind and spirit: Jackie Hesse (Lawyer), Rosemary Pepe (Eggers), Dorothy Fernandez, (Eggers), Dick Armstrong, Gina Utter (Thompson), Cathy Deleski (Thompson) Alicia Biesler (Thompson), Margie Ortega (Thompson), Pr. Lynn Ash, former President Jimmy Carter, David Wolff, Davilynn Cifonelli (Doane-Nelson), Sue Stevens (Mansbach), Dave Powell (Simmerly), Dorcas Brown (Christine Brown), Alen Brown (Christine Brown), Karen Flaherty (Crouthamenl), Pat Wheeler (Serra-Lima), John Escobar (Messner)

**For those preparing for marriage:** Rob Hock and Vanessa Sohn

**For those celebrating childbirth:** Christy and John Pironte on the birth of

**For those in the military, law enforcement and emergency services:**

**In the Foothills Conference:** For all church council members and officers of congregations

**National/ International Concerns / Natural and Man-Made Disasters:**

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

+Margaret Elf+  
(1930-2024)

**+ Parish News and Notes +**

**Atonement:**

We are recycling! Past years envelope boxes are available for those who would like to give offerings that way. We are not ordering new envelopes for 2024.

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## **Christmas Thanks:**

+ To all who continue to bring food gifts to support the hungry through the food pantries we help supply!

+ To all who faithfully gave offerings to the congregations through 2023, everything is to pay our vendors, staff, and other bills!

+To those who are able to give to special building projects, remember the church with “required minimum distributions”, requests and memorial gifts.

+ From Pastor Paul and Martha:

Thanks to all of you who remembered us with cards, gifts, and thoughtful goodies over the holidays; and to St. Matthews & Atonement for their generous gifts to us.

+ Thanks to all who gave Christmas gifts to families in need through our congregation.

+**And-** It's not too late to bring gifts for:

-Residents of the Lutheran Home in Clinton Courtside (Utica)

-Sailors who need warmth when the ships arrive at the Port of Albany

-Local families in need- through Catholic Charities. Boxes remain to receive your gifts!

## **Stewardship 2024**

As we enter into a new year of grace, your timely offerings are needed and welcome. Thanks to all our Finance Team members!

**+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
1/14	34/34	11/11	21/21	3/3
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**\*\* Needed to meet weekly expenses**

### + THIS WEEK +

See Advent/Christmass/Epiphany Calendar  
(Available on the bulletin literature table)

+Today Sunday 1/21

Holy Communion

Evangelical Council 1:00pm

+Wednesday Services:

7:30am St. Matthew

Noon Evangelical

7:00pm Atonement

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

### +Coming Up+

+Annual Congregational Meetings

End of January/ early February

(get reports to the OCLP office)

### +Next Week+

+Tuesday 1/23

4:00pm St. Matthew Worship & Music Committee

+Saturday 1/27  
9:30am Atonement Worship & Music Committee

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**+ Thought of the Week +**

**Hope Enduring**

Poem by Joey Sanchez

What is life if not hope enduring?  
What is death if not the loss of hope?  
For though the night is dark-perturbing  
Perhaps the dawn will break again.  
Through winters cold  
And pale-bleak storms,  
I pray that spring spreads out her arms.  
In barren fields and burned-out homes,  
Seedlings will be found once more.  
I stand within a grave, unburied.  
And the truly dead are all around.  
But one day gardens will be tended here,  
The tears of grief, unfound.  
What is life, if not hope enduring,  
And what is hope if not the choice to live?

-From a devotional at Hennepin Ave. United Methodist Church, Minneapolis

Any news/ announcements/ or other information that you wish to have included in the weekly service bulletin must be received by the OCLP office no later than 9am on Wednesday

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.