



ATONEMENT LUTHERAN CHURCH
ONEONTA, NY

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

+**Third Sunday after Epiphany**+
LBW Service of the Word
January 23rd, 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

(A)
Parish News

* Entrance Hymn	<i>Bright and Glorious Is the Sky</i>	LBW #75
* Invocation and Dialog	<i>Blessed is he who comes</i>	pg. 127
* The Apostles' Creed		pg. 128
* Canticle	<i>Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies</i>	LBW #265

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.

Musical Offering

(St.M/Evan)

WORD

First Lesson: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 A lesson from Nehemiah:

All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength." The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms: 19 (Tones: single 3; double 10)

The heavens are telling the / glory of God;*

and the firmament proclaims his / handiwork.

Day to day / pours forth speech,*

and night to night / declares knowledge.

There is no speech, nor / are there words;*

their voice / is not heard;

yet their voice goes out through / all the earth,*

and their words to the end / of the world.

In the heavens he has set a tent / for the sun, *

which comes out like a bridegroom from his

wedding canopy,

and like a strong man runs its / course with joy.

Its rising is from the end of the heavens,

and its circuit to the / end of them;*

and nothing is hid / from its heat.

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviv- / ing the soul;*

the decrees of the Lord are sure, making

/ wise the simple;

the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoic- / ing the heart;*

the commandment of the Lord is clear,

enlighten- / ing the eyes;

the fear of the Lord is pure, endur- / ing forever;*

the ordinances of the Lord are true and

righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, even / much fine gold;*

sweeter also than honey, and drippings of

the / honeycomb.

Moreover by them is your / servant warned;*

in keeping them there is / great reward.

But who can de- / tect their errors?*

Clear me from / hidden faults.

Keep back your servant also from the / insolent;*

do not let them have dominion / over me.

Then I / shall be blameless,* **and innocent of / great**

transgression.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart

be accept- / able to you,*

O Lord, my rock and / my redeemer.

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: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a A lesson from First Corinthians:

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body--Jews or Greeks, slaves or free--and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; [whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

* **Gospel Acclamation**

And Have the Bright Immensities

LBW #391 (st. 1)

Holy Gospel: Luke 4:14-21 **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free,

to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

- * **Gospel Response** *And Have the Bright Immensities* LBW #30 (st. 2)
- Children's Sermon/Homily** Pr. Paul Messner (St. M/ A)
Deacon Todd Eames (St. J/ Ev)
- * **Hymn of the Day** *Hail to the Lord's Anointed* LBW #87

RESPONSE

- * **Sharing of the Peace of the Lord**
Offering (plates are at the door)
Musical Offering (A)
- * **Offertory** *Wonderous Are Your Ways, O God!* LBW #311
- * **Offertory Prayer:** pg. 87-88
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.**
- * **Prayers of the Church** pg. 129/ 52

First Intercession:

Almighty Father, you make us glad with gifts for life in this world. We accept them as a witness of eternal love for the people of your promise. We thank you for all that you provide and for the privilege to be alive. But more so, we praise you for the Good News which Jesus proclaimed of your gracious good will for us. Accept the worship of our faith in our Lord's favor.

Lord's Prayer pg. 130

SENDING

- * **Benediction** pg. 130
- * **Recessional Hymn** *As with Gladness Men of Old* LBW #82
- Dismissal** Go in Peace, Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**
- Postlude**

Pastors Pericope Paragraph 1/23

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

The hometown boy returns. He reads at worship - and claims the Word points to him. His relatives resent Him. (Gospel). Joy is our strength - in God. We know this because we have read and heard His Word. The Book has been opened. The words read. God is here! (1st Lesson). A body has many parts. At its best all the parts work together. We need each part (ear, eye, hand, foot...). So we suffer and honor together. (2d Lesson).

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 Lutheran clergy formed 25 years 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. If you would like to see the STS "rule" see Pr. Paul.

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. Thank You.

+OCLP+

We welcome Deacon Todd Eames to lead worship at Evangelical and St. John.

Next week we welcome Deacon Todd Eames to lead worship at St. Matthew and Atonement

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	Christine Brown Pr. Paul Eli England Christine Brown Laura Sherill Carter Thompson	Len P Ilse & Dorothy Lane Hazzard	Dave Forbes Toni Wood Sue & Valery Sharon

+ 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, Richard Laitsch (John's brother), John Laitsch, Rebecca Pollack (Joan Carman), Juan Perez (D. Sherrill), Bridgette Shepardson (Thompson), Barbara Richardson (Denise), Patsy (H. Byrnes), Evelyn Hamilton (Lehenbauer), Rene Prins, Heather Mendoza, Grace & Chuck Dietzman, Rita Nelson, Thoranne Winkler, Monica Koulis (Winkler), TJ Dwyer (Sherrill)

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Mary Ann Ross

For young adult: Tyler Evans

+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, Tom Pritchard, Tad Mahoney, Bill Jacobson (D. Brown), Carl Hecker, Anthony Scarfuto (Boyd), Dwaine Sharett (Butts), Jim Desrocher (Boyd), Dick Woodhouse (Hazzard), Glenn Linsenbardt, Ilse Seitz

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Marshall & Mary Beth Pedersen

For Young Adult: Kevin Burda

+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, Michele Tolen (T. Wood), Melissa McLaughlin (S. Eggers), Triston (Hahn), Cathy Walsh (Stevens), Mary Hartmann (Nelson), Kent Hoyt Jr. (Ganio), Owen Basher (Marsh), Rennie Brown (Janet), Jason Hahn, Kathy & Rich Parsons, Maureen McAndrew (Greenleaf), Mike McAndrew (Greenleaf), Cathy (Struckle), Bernie Sitts Jr. (Klafehn), Marge Bonney, Jack Anthony (Stevens), Flora Pouleck (Bush), Blake Lutz's son (Bush), Kayla Joubert (Vesely)

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

For Young Adult: Jordan Shaul

+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, Kelsey Kohler (Mansbach), Judy Carnal (Dana), Gina Utter (Thompson), Cathy Deleski (Thompson), Alicia Biesler (Thompson), Margie Ortega (Thompson), Amy Cooper (Messner), Mike Quinn (Messner), Esther Brooker (Messner/ Seitz)

For those preparing for marriage: Maarten vant Oever & Andrea Knols

For those preparing for childbirth: Megan Greenleaf & Graham Henry

For those in the military, law enforcement and emergency services: West Laurens Fire Department & EMS

In the Foothills Conference: For all church council members and officers of congregations; Zion Lutheran Church in Cobleskill, NY as it moves towards closure

National/ International Concerns: all victims of religious, ethnic, and racial hatred; the people of Afghanistan, Ethiopia; for those involved in the continuing crisis on our Southern border; for refugees & migrants; for those living in long term care facilities; for Catholic Charities, Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services, Lutheran Disaster Response, and all who work with people in need; for an end to violence in our schools and communities; for the Uyghur Muslims & Tibetan Buddhists of China

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

+ Garth Swanson +
(1965 – 2022)

+ Michelle Go +
(Killed in NYC Subway)

+ Brianna Kupfer +
(Killed at work)

+ Parish News and Notes +

+Annual Reports

Annual Congregation Meetings are coming up at the end of January or early February. If you are responsible for an annual report, please type it up or write it neatly and make 25 copies (the OCLP Office can help with the copying). The deadline is 1 week in advance of your congregation’s meeting. To be “a voting member” you must have communed and have a contribution “of record” at least once in the previous year. Thanks! Plan to attend!

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Please check your mailbox anytime you are in the building. Thanks!
Remember to sign in for attendance and contact tracing. Thank you

+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
1/16	23/ 40 \$1950	13/ 24	22/ 34 \$1068
**	(\$1,290)	(\$705)	(\$1,309)
1/19	1/ 5	1/ 3	10/ 18

**** Needed to meet weekly expenses**

+ OCLP +

+ THIS WEEK +

+Today: Atonement Council Meeting, follows worship

+Wednesday Services:

7:30am St. Matthew

Noon Evangelical

7:00pm Atonement

+Wednesday 1/26: Evangelical Council Meeting, 12:30pm

+Fri/ Sat 1/28-29: Adult Education Retreat, St. Margaret Retreat Center, New Hartford CT

+ COMING UP+

+Next Sunday 1/30: Service of Healing

+Next Sunday 1/30: St. Matthew Annual Meeting follows worship

+Next Sunday 1/30: Atonement Annual Meeting follows worship

+Thursday 2/3: St. Matthew Worship & Music Committee, 5pm

+Thursday 2/3: St. Matthew Council Meeting, 7pm

+Sunday 2/6: Evangelical Annual Meeting follows worship

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+ Cartoon of the Week +



CHRISTMAS COVER-UP

First solve the "cover-up" clues and write the answers in the blanks. Then, unscramble the circled letters, and you will find a kind of winter cover-up that makes everybody dress warmly.

1. Warm cover for your top half. (C) _ _ _ _ _
2. A covering that is *really* tops. _ _ (O) _ _
3. Furry covers for what you hear with. _ _ _ _ (O) _ _ _ _
4. Waterproof covers for your feet. _ _ (O) _ _ _
5. Long, knitted cover to wind around your neck. _ _ _ _ (O) _ _
6. Cover your feet with these. (O) _ _ _ _ _
7. These cover your bottom half. _ _ _ _ (O) _ _ _ _ (O)
8. Hand covers. _ _ _ _ _ _ _ (O)
9. This just about covers everything. _ _ _ _ (O) _ _ _

Snowstorm

(1) sweater; (2) hat; (3) earmuffs; (4) boots; (5) scarf; (6) shoes; (7) pants; (8) mittens; (9) coat.

p. 3 Christmas Cover-Up:

Answers

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 9:30 am (Holy Communion 1st and 3rd Sundays + festivals)

Joyce Boyd: President

Donna Brown: Organist

St. John Lutheran Church, West Burlington, NY

Sunday Worship 11:00 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)

Dave Forbes: 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 the OCLP office no later than 9am on Thursday.

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.