



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

+ **Second Sunday after the Epiphany** +
Holy Communion (LBW Setting 1)
January 17th, 2021

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

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome

Parish News

- * **Brief Order for Public Confession and Forgiveness** pg.56
- * **Entrance Hymn** *Songs of Thankfulness and Praise* LBW# 90
- * **Apostolic Greeting & Kyrie** pg. 57
- * **Hymn of Praise** *Listen you Nations* LBW# 14
(St 1 – W, St 2 – M, St 3 – all)

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

Almighty and Eternal God, you restrain both heaven and earth. Mercifully hear your peoples' prayers for peace in our time, 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

(St.Matt/Evan)

First Lesson: 1 Samuel 3:1-20

A lesson from First Samuel:

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

[2] At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; [3] the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. [4] Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" [5] and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. [6] The Lord called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." [7] Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. [8] The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. [9] Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

[10] Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening." [11] Then the Lord said to Samuel, "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. [12] On that

day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. [13] For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. [14] Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever."

[15] Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the Lord. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. [16] But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." He said, "Here I am." [17] Eli said, "What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you." [18] So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, "It is the Lord; let him do what seems good to him."

[19] As Samuel grew up, the Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. [20] And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the Lord. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalmody: 139:1-6, 13-18 (Tones: 22-single; 24-double)

O Lord, you have searched / me and known me.*

You know when I sit down and when / I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from / far away. *

**You search out my path and my lying down,
and are acquainted with / all my ways.**

Even before a word is on my tongue,

O Lord, you know / it completely. *

You hem me in, behind and before,
and lay your / hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonder- / ful for me;*
it is so high that I cannot at- / tain it.

For it was you who formed my / inward parts;*

you knit me together in my / mother's womb.
I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonder- / fully made.*
Wonderful are your works; that I know / very well.

My frame was not hidden from you,

when I was being / made in secret,*

intricately woven in the depths / of the earth.

Your eyes beheld my / unformed substance.*

**In your book were written all the days that were formed
for me, when none of them as / yet existed.**

How weighty to me are your / thoughts, O God!*

How vast is the / sum of them!

I try to count them--they are more / than the sand;*

I come to the end--I am / still with you.

**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 Cor. 6:12-20

A lesson from First Corinthians: "All things are lawful for me," but not all things are beneficial. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be dominated by anything. [13] "Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food," and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. [14] And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. [15] Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! [16] Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, "The two shall be one flesh." [17] But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. [18] Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. [19] Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? [20] For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*** Alleluia Verse**

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***Gospel Acclamation**

Glory to you, O Lord

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Holy Gospel: John 1:43-51 **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." [44] Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. [45] Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." [46] Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." [47] When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" [48] Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." [49] Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" [50] Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." [51] And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

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

Children's Sermon/Homily

Pastor Paul Messner (A/St.M)

ELCA Deacon Sandy Shear (Ret.) (E/St.J)

***Hymn of the Day**

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

WOV #752

RESPONSE

*Apostles' Creed pg. 65

*Prayers of the Church pg. 65

First Intercession:

Almighty Father, we rejoice in your daily gifts which are sufficient for us, even to share with a hungry world. We are grateful that you have opened our eyes to believe that you yourself refresh and sustain us, but especially for our epiphany of faith in your promises if we follow Jesus as Lord. We worship you for your great love for us and pray that you will patiently reassure us of your presence and the certainty of what you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ our savior.

* Sharing of the Peace of the Lord pg. 66

Offering pg. 66

Musical Offering (Atone) pg. 66

* Offertory *What shall I render . . .* pg. 67

* Offertory Prayer: pg. 67/ 68

Father, we acknowledge that you own and love this whole creation. Nevertheless, receive what we offer here as if it were our own, that we may add substance to our Eucharist / for life and health, and light and glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

MEAL

* Great Thanksgiving/Dialog pg. 68

Preface & Sanctus (*Holy, Holy, Holy*) pg. 69

* Eucharistic Prayer & Lord's Prayer pew card

Agnus Dei (*Lamb of God*) pg. 72

Distribution Hymns LBW# 494, 476, 474

* Post Communion Blessing & Canticle *Lord, now you let . . .* pg. 73

* Post-Communion Prayer:

Lord Jesus, we have rejoiced by way of this memorial to the life that you have given for your friends. We praise you for your love, and long to follow in your paths, that we may come to see you glorified. You are the Lord forevermore. **Amen.**

SENDING

***Benediction**

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***Recessional Hymn**

O Zion, Haste

LBW #397

Dismissal

Go in Peace, Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Pastors Pericope Paragraph 1/17

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

+"Here I am, for you called me." The boy Samuel hears the voice of God, but doesn't know that voice. Eli does. Do we? (1st lesson). We are "temples of the Holy Spirit within (us)." Have we heard that? Do we believe it? Do we care? (2d lesson). "Philip, follow me...". "Nathanael, follow me". Peter, Andrew, follow me". "(insert your name), follow me". Do we follow Him? Have we seen heaven opened? If not, why are we here? (Gospel).

Weekly Worship Practice:

When hymns have more than 3 or 4 stanzas we often employ a "varied singing" approach, so that not all stanzas are sung by everyone. This can be fun and helps us to hear and "sing" hymns differently (even when we're not singing but listening as we follow the text-the story- the poetry of the hymn). Singing in this antiphonal way (men/women; organ side/pulpit side, etc.) helps us to hear a hymn in a new way. When we are asked to sing in "harmony" most of us will sing the melody tune, but others the alto, tenor and bass parts so we have a nice 4 part harmony. If you have internet access, Google "singing with Lutherans" by Garrison Keillor to re-learn why we are often called "The Singing Church"

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.

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	Peg Serra-Lima Peg Serra-Lima Eli England Carter Thompson	Mark H Gabe L Ilse & Dorothy Pelcers Mia Pelcer Sliviak	Robin Bush Kayla Joubert

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+OCLP+

We welcome ELCA Deacon Sandy Shear (Ret.) to lead worship at Evangelical and St. John
 Next Sunday ELCA Deacon Sandy Shear (Ret.) will lead worship at Evangelical and St. John
 and Deacon Todd Eames will lead at St. Matthew and Atonement.

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), Ken Nye (S. Dana), Linda Czernak (P. Serra-Lima), Stan Whitmore (C. Brown), Jeremy Sorese (C. Heaney), Evelyn Hamilton (Lehenbauer), Beth Gilmore (Pudelka), Virginia Pudelka, Rene Prins, Tony and Thoranne Winkler, Thomas Mendez, Bill Heaney, Allison Heaney, Heather Byrnes, Charlotte Grant, Barbara Gee, Grace & Chuck Dietzman, Barbara Loitsch, Mary Mansbach, Mike Lambiaso

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

For young adult: Patrick Duffy

+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), Bob Hazelton (C. Butts), Karen Ingraham (C. Butts), Gloria Hendricks, Mary Peterson, Susan Howard, John Miller, Tad Mahoney, Roxanna Sliviak, David Glynn, Len Price, Esther Hughes

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Mary Peterson

For Young Adult: Alex Reynolds

+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), Tennison (T. Wood), Gina Pywar, Erika Baker-Heinegg, Michele Tolen (T. Wood), Melissa McLaughlin (S. Eggers), Triston (Hahn), Priscilla Galbreth (Hulbert), Kelly Ives

(Wood), Cathy Walsh (Stevens), Ginny Ganio, Jill Baumann, Mary Hartmann (Nelson), Kent Hoyt Jr. (Ganio), Owen Basher (Marsh), Bev Lapp, Linda Peeters (Forbes), Rennie Brown (Janet), Jason Hahn, Kathy Parsons, Omar Andrades, Wayne (“Junior”) Bush, Donna Sorrentino, Ron Struckle

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Helmut & Lois Boehl

For Young Adult: Cooper Poulson

+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, David Brenner (Former Oneonta Mayor), Sue Haney, Warren Robinson (Messner), Julie Steinmueller (Sandy Shear), Hilary Elf (Messner), Rachel Fisher (Messner), Pr. Colleen Quirion (Shear), Pr. Ameen Aswad (Jail Ministry)

For those preparing for marriage: Randy Chubbuck & Jen Doloff

For those preparing for childbirth: Tim & Ali Lehenbauer

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

In the Foothills Conference: St. Mark’s Lutheran Church, Middleburgh (seeking pastoral leadership)

National/ International Concerns: all victims of religious, ethnic, and racial hatred and prejudice, our country in this time of continuing deep division

Natural and Man-Made Disasters: Victims of the coronavirus, and those struggling with social isolation. For medical researchers, pharmaceutical companies, hospital workers, and all medical professionals. Victims of the Indonesian plane crash

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

+ 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
1/10	24/ 48	30/ 46 \$617	17/ 34
**	(\$1,290)	(\$705)	(\$1,309)
1/13			8/ 20

**** Needed to meet weekly expenses**

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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

+ THIS WEEK +

Today: Atonement Council Meeting follows worship

+Wednesday Services:

7:30am St. Matthew

Noon Evangelical

7:00pm Atonement

Monday – Wednesday: Pr. Paul will be out of town

Pr. Jim Crouthamel is on call for pastoral emergencies (293-7729) M-T

Deacon Sandy Shear is on call (518-852-6218)

Thursday 4pm Monthly St. Matthew Food Bank Distribution

+ **COMING UP** +

Next Sunday: Service of the Word & Prayer

Sunday 1/31: St. Matthew & Atonement annual meetings follow worship

Tuesday 2/4: St. Matthew Council Meeting 7pm

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+ **Thought of the Week** +

Friendship

“I for my part consider the loss of all my possessions less important than the loss of a friend.”

-- Martin Luther

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Any news/ announcements/ or other information that you wish to have included in the weekly service bulletin should 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.