



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

+ **First Sunday of Advent** +
WOV-Service of Word & Prayer
November 27th, 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

Parish News

Gathering Song	<i>Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers</i>	LBW #25
*Greeting + Dialogue	<i>In the Beginning . . .</i>	p. 46
*Scripture Song	<i>Salvation Belongs (W st 1, M st 2)</i>	p. 47

First Prayer (*late 6th Century Gregorian*)

Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Protect us from the threatening dangers of our sin and free us with your generous salvation. You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Musical Offering

***Lighting of the Advent Candle & Reading**

Oh, come, oh come, Emmanuel (St. 1-2)

Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah (st.1)

Pew Cards

WORD

First Lesson: Isaiah 2:1-5 A lesson from Isaiah:

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many people's shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many people's; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

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

Psalmody: Psalm 122 (Tones: Single or Double)

I was glad when they / said to me,* "Let us go to the house / of the Lord!"

Our feet are standing within your gates, O / Jerusalem.* Jerusalem--built as a city that is bound firm- / ly together.

To it the tribes go up, the tribes / of the Lord,* as was decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name / of the Lord.

**For there the thrones for judgment / were set up,*
the thrones of the / house of David.**

Pray for the peace of / Jerusalem:* "May they pros- / per who love you.

Peace be with- / in your walls,*and security with- / in your towers."

For the sake of my rela- / tives and friends* I will say, "Peace / be within you."

For the sake of the house of the / Lord our God,* I will / seek your good.

**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: Romans 13:11-14

A lesson from Romans: Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**

Word of Life Jesus Christ

WOV pg. 48

***Holy Gospel: Matthew 24:36-44 Glory to you, O Lord.**

"But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

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

Children's Sermon/Homily

Deacon Deb Lawyer (A/St.M)

Pastor Paul Messner (E/St.J)

***Hymn of the Day**

My Lord, What a Morning

WOV #627

***Sharing the Peace**

RESPONSE to the WORD

- *Apostles' Creed WOV pg. 49
*Confession and Forgiveness WOV pg. 49-50
Offering
*Offertory *Glory to you God (Stanza 1)* WOV pg.50

* Offertory Prayer: WOV pg. 51
Heavenly Father, in your generous care of everything / you give us a symbol of eternal life.
Receive these offerings as a sign that we hope in Christ alone and wish to serve you as your Spirit leads, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Prayers of the Church

First Intercession:

Almighty God, we proclaim your beauty as we see you through the world you have created. Still more are we impressed as we recognize your image in ourselves as reflected in the good you inspire. But we hunger for your advent, to meet you as you are, to rejoice in your greatness, to have you make us whole and holy with yourself. Our lives can by your help serve as an announcement of your kingdom. Add enough patience to our faith to match the mystery of your delay.

*The Blessing of the Harvest insert

*Lord's Prayer pg. 52

SENDING

*Blessing pg. 53
*Recessional Hymn *People, Look East* WOV #626
Dismissal Go in Peace, Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**
Postlude

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+ Pastors Pericope Paragraph 11/27

Who knows? We are too busy eating, drinking, and going about our daily tasks to get worried about some guy who died 2000 years ago, and promised to come back . . . If it happens, it happens. If not . . . who cares? Would you care if your house was being robbed? Stay alert! Be ready (Gospel). Swords into plowshares? Spears into pruning hooks? Missiles and tanks into grain silos and feeding stations? No way! But just maybe? (1st lesson) Awake! Arise! The Dawn is closer. Jesus is coming. Try him on for size. (2nd lesson)

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!

Be sure there is a pew card with “Oh come, Oh come, Emmanuel” and “Light One Candle” at your place.

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, or another ordained pastor, 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; baptized children may begin communing after parents have consulted with Pastor. 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. 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.

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 Christine Brown Cindy Heaney Dennis & Victor Carter Thompson	Ilse S Dorothy & Ilse Shirley G Lane	Robin Bush Nancy Boulay Sharon Stevens

+OCLP+

We welcome Deacon Deb Lawyer to lead worship at Atonement and St. Matthew.
Next Sunday SAM* Tom Collins will lead worship at Evangelical and St. John.
(* A “SAM” is a Synodically Authorized Minister)

Readings Through This Week

See website: <https://www.otsegocounty.lutheranparish.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, John Laitsch, 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), Mary Ann Ross (Englands), Barbara Loitsch, Sue (M. Messner); Carleen (M. Messner), Valerie England, Alice Burdick, Jennifer Carman, Jaelen (M. Messner), Lisa Cooper (Syvertsen), Harold Goss (Leslie Bauer’s father)

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Pr. Paul & Martha Messner

For young adult: Carly King

+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), Dwaine Sharett (Butts), Kenny Medor (Butts), Joan Ackerman (Butts), Chuck Scorzafava, Alex Zoeller

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Lee Campbell

For Young Adult: Gunnar Jaeck

+St. Matthew+

For healing in body, mind and spirit in our own congregation: Scott Forbes, Tina Keator, Sherrie Roy (Lawyer), Laura Emmet (Lawyer), Lynn Benekin (Forbes), 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 Peeters, Isabell Tophoven, Bev Lapp, Corinne Pollak, James Wikoff (Hulbert), Doris Allen (Klafehn), Wayne Bush Sr (Bush), Vicky Vesely (Bush), Rita Knapp (Klafehn)

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

For Young Adult: Cooper Poulson

+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), Mike Quinn (Messner), Stash Tarka (Messner), Pr Lynn Ash, Cathy Carroll Ziemba (Messner), Cadence Love (Messner), the Rev. Ken Hunter (St. James Episcopal Church), those in hospice care or living in long-term care facilities. Those dealing with Covid, cancer, auto-immune diseases, mental illness, addictions and other debilitating conditions

For those preparing for marriage: Ryan Manning & Jackie Sorensen

For those preparing for childbirth: Annie Sherrill & Ryan Harlem

For those in the military, law enforcement and emergency services: Sgt. Alex Famolaro, U.S. Army deployed

In the Foothills Conference: Bishop Elizabeth Eaton and the staff of the ELCA, that we might be faithful to our Lord and guided by the Holy Spirit

Natural/Man-made Disasters: Victims of drought in Ethiopia & 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 southern border, the people of Ukraine and Russia

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

Those killed at the University of Idaho, Moscow ID; the University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA; the night club in Boulder, Colorado; and the Walmart in Chesapeake, VA

+ 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
11/ 20	38/ 1056	13/ 793	15/ 931
**	(\$1,290)	(\$705)	(\$1,309)
11/ 23	1/ 95	1/ 76	22/ 402

**** Needed to meet weekly expenses**

+ OCLP +

+Evangelical

Evangelical's Christmas project this year will be sponsoring a young family from the Riverside Elementary School. We will be buying gifts for a family with six children. The mom was very excited and appreciative of being selected for this project. There will be a list in the narthex for folks to sign up for a child or certain items and a little something for mom and dad. An asterisk will be next to items specifically requested by the children. We ask that gifts be unwrapped and returned to church no later than December 18th. Catie Lane, a nurse at Riverside, is coordinating this event. She states the children who attend Riverside are kind, hardworking, and always looking out for each other at school. Thanks everyone for your generosity and Christmas Spirit.

+St. Matthew

St. Matthew will be helping two families this Christmas. The needs of the children are on tags that can be found on the tree in the fellowship hall. Please bring the gifts wrapped and with the tags attached by Sunday, December 11th.

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Check the Giving Tree at St. Matthew and Atonement to help families in need

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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

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The OCLP Advent/ Chirstmass/ Epiphany schedule will be out this week. Watch for opportunities to worship, serve, & celebrate! The form for designating Christmass poinsettia memorials and honorees will be coming out soon as well.

+ **THIS WEEK** +

+Today Sunday 11/27

Advent Begins

LBW Setting 1 (Holy Communion) &

WOV Service of Word & Prayer return

Blessing of the Harvest

OCLP Finance Committee Meeting, 1pm St. Matthew

+Tuesday 11/29

Evangelical Women's Lunch

+Saturday 12/3

St. Matthew Worship & Music, 9am

+ **COMING UP** +

See Advent/ Christmass/ Epiphany Calendar

(Available on the bulletin literature table)

+Tuesday 12/6

1st Tuesday at St. Matthew

St. Nicholas Day, Christmas Food

+Thursday 12/8

Evangelical Council, 3:30pm

St. Matthew Council, 7pm

+Saturday 12/10

Women's Advent Tea, Atonement 10-11:30am (hosted by Sandy Shear)

+Sunday 12/11
Installation of Christian Educators
Bible Study
OCLP Council, St. Matthew 1:30pm

+Sunday 12/25
Christmass Day (Sunday)
Service Times & Locations TBA

+Sunday 1/1/23
New Year's Day (Sunday)
Service Times & Locations TBA

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+ Thoughts of the Week +

Advent then is dedicated to the last things, to death, judgement, heaven and hell, but above all to Jesus' glorious coming to complete his Easter work. The church goes so far as to set aside an entire liturgical season to the end of the world and the final coming of the Lord, so important a part of the faith does she consider these truths.

-- Charles K. Riepe

Come, and make all things new, build up this ruined earth; restore our faded paradise, creation's second birth!

-- Horatius Bonar
Nineteenth century

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.