



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

+ **Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost** +  
Reformation Sunday  
Holy Communion (LBW Setting 2)  
October 30<sup>th</sup>, 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**

Ringing of the Church Bell (StM/Ev)

- \* **Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness** pg.77
- \* **Entrance Hymn** *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* LBW #229/ 228+
- \* **Apostolic Greeting and Kyrie** pg. 78
- \* **Hymn of Praise:** *This is the Feast of Victory* (cantor and congregation) pg. 81
- \* **Salutation** pg. 82

**First Prayer:** *(16th century Saxon Church Order)*

**Lord God, Heavenly Father, we pray that you would give us your Holy Spirit. Keep us in your grace, protect us in all temptations, defend us from all enemies of your Word for the honor of your name; and give to the whole Christian Church on earth your gracious peace, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. He lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**Musical Offering**

(St.M/Evan)

**First Lesson: Jeremiah 31:31-34** A lesson from Jeremiah:

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt--a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

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

**Psalmody: 46** (Tones: Single 22; double 45)

God is our ref/uge and strength,\*

**a very present / help in trouble.**

Therefore we will not fear, though the / earth should change,\*

**though the mountains shake in the heart / of the sea;**

though its waters / roar and foam,\*

**though the mountains tremble / with its tumult.**

There is a river whose streams make glad the ci/ty of God,\*

**the holy habitation of / the Most High.**

God is in the midst of the city; it shall / not be moved;\*

**God will help it when the / morning dawns.**

The nations are in an uproar, the / kingdoms totter;\*

**he utters his voice, / the earth melts.**

The Lord of / hosts is with us;\*

**the God of Jacob / is our refuge.**

Come, behold the works / of the Lord;\*

**see what desolations he has brought / on the earth.**

He makes wars cease to the end / of the earth;\*

**he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear; he burns the / shields with fire.**

Be still, and know that / I am God!\*

**I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted / in the earth."**

The Lord of / hosts is with us;\*

**the God of Jacob / is our refuge.**

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 3:19-28** A lesson from Romans:

Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. For "no human being will be justified in his sight" by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus. Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

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 8:31-36**

Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?"

Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed. The Gospel of the Lord.

**\* Gospel Response**                      **Praise to you, O Christ**                      pg. 83

**Children's Sermon/Homily**                      Pr. Paul Messner (St.M/ A)  
Todd Eames (SAM) (Ev/ St. J)

**\* Hymn of the Day**                      *Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word*                      LBW #230+

### **RESPONSE**

**\* Apostles Creed**                      pg. 85

**\* Prayers of the Church**                      pg. 85

### **First Intercession:**

Merciful Father, your Spirit is always reforming the church to make your kingdom come, yet we may not notice as we look at all its faults. Rouse us from our own convictions to be faithful to your Word, that we may enjoy a foretaste of eternal freedom.

**\* Sharing of the Peace of the Lord**                      pg. 86

**Offering**                      pg. 86

**Musical Offering**                      (A)

**\* Offertory**                      *Let the Vineyards*                      pg. 86

**\* Offertory Prayer:**                      pg. 87-88

Ever living Father, we thank you for a love which will not let you free yourself from our need. Defend us from all idolatry of things that we may enjoy bringing (offerings) and rather be captive to your love, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **MEAL**

**\* Great Thanksgiving/Dialog**                      pg. 88

**Preface & Sanctus**                      *Holy, Holy, Holy*                      pg. 89

**Eucharistic Prayer & Lord's Prayer**                      pg. 89-91

**Agnus Dei**                      *Lamb of God*                      pg. 92

**Distribution Hymns**                      LBW #474+, 213, 200

\* **Post Communion Blessing & Canticle**     *Thank the Lord . . .*

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\* **Post-Communion Prayer:**

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O Lord, in the bread and wine of this Eucharist we have the sign of your death which makes us free. Inspire us to accept your weekly invitation to commune with you, that we may grow in truth and be at peace. You are the Lord forevermore. **Amen.**

**SENDING**

\* **Benediction**

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\* **Recessional Hymn**

*Alleluia! Sing to Jesus*

LBW #158+

**Dismissal**

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

**Postlude**

**Pastors Pericope Paragraph 10/30**

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

The truth makes us free. The truth of Jesus who is the Truth. And in whose Word we continue - the Word made flesh. (Gospel). A new covenant. Written on the heart. When God intentionally forgets our sin, as we all come to know Him, He puts His law within us (1<sup>st</sup> lesson). God's law is good. But faith precedes the law. And it is that faith (trust) in Jesus Christ, that justifies us finally. No matter how far short we are of keeping the law. Jesus has kept it for us. (2d lesson).

**Weekly Worship Practice:**

Please help us keep our sanctuaries neat by placing worship resources in their appropriate places. Each pew rack should hold two *LBWs* (green book); one *WOV* (blue book) and a pew *Bible*. Thanks

**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.

**+OCLP+**

We welcome Todd Eames (SAM\*) to lead worship at Evangelical & St. John

Next week we welcome deacon Dave Forbes to lead worship at St. Matthew & Atonement

\* A “SAM” is a Synodically Authorized Minister

<b>Serving Today</b>	<b>Atonement</b>	<b>Evangelical</b>	<b>St. Matthew</b>
Asst. Minister	Sue Dana		Robin Bush
Comm. Asst.	Martha Messner	Cindy Lane	
Lector	Martha Messner	Esther H	Rod Klafehn
Cantor	Martha Messner		
Altar Care	Eli England	Cindy Lane	
Ushers/Greeters	John Mushtare	Lanes	
Coffee Hour			
Acolyte	Emerson Riley	Paxton Hazzard	Megan Cleveland
Sound System		Hazzard	
Bell Ringer			
Church Cleaner			

**+ 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, Allen and Ted Case (uncle/nephew) (Messner), Sue (M. Messner); Carleen (M. Messner), Valerie England, Alice Burdick, Jennifer Carman, Jaelen (M Messner)

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Mike & Joan Lambiaso

For young adult: Evan Heaney

**+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), Mary Beth Pedersen, Chuck Scorzafava, Alex Zoeller

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Genie Weber (Florida)

For Young Adult: Patrick Duffy

**+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, Michele Tolen (T. Wood), 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), Deb Simmerly, Kent Hoyt Jr.

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Elsie & Ron Haus

For Young Adult: Gabrielle Bush

**+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), 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:** Kamarra Chamberlain and Christopher Hampton

**For those preparing for childbirth:** Josh and Jenna Bennington

**For those in the military, law enforcement and emergency services:** Mike Angellotti, Otsego/Delaware Veterans Administration Representative and Navy Veteran

**In the Foothills Conference:** That the Church may continue to be “Re-Formed” under the guidance of the Holy Spirit; Deacons and Deaconesses of the Lutheran Churches, and all who minister to the sick, lonely and destitute

**Natural/Man-made Disasters:** Victims of drought in Ethiopia, Afghanistan and much of Europe, 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; law enforcement officers shot in the line of duty

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

Bristol CT Officers killed in the line of duty

+Alex Hamzy+

+Dustin Demoute+

+Doris Mark+

+Victor Laing+

(Winkler)

**+ 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: Last Sun/ YTD	Atonement	Evangelical	St. Matthew
10/23	20/ 939	21/ 720	19/ 856
**	<b>(\$1,290)</b>	<b>(\$705)</b>	<b>(\$1,309)</b>
10/26	1/ 91	1/ 72	6/ 358

**\*\* Needed to meet weekly expenses**

### **+OCLP**

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

### **+ OCLP +**

+Annual “Adopt a Soldier” supply drive by Laurens American Legion; final date for collecting of items is November 18<sup>th</sup>. See bulletin board for details, or pick up info flyers. Thanks!

+Coffee Hours are happening again in our congregations:

- St. Matthew – 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays after worship. To host one sign up on the bulletin board.
- Evangelical – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday coffee hour, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday brunch. To host one sign up on the bulletin board.
- Atonement - 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays after worship. To host one, speak to Barbara Gee or call 607-988-2731

### **+ THIS WEEK +**

+Today Sunday 10/30 – Festival of the Reformation  
Holy Communion

+Wednesday Services:

7:30am St. Matthew

Noon Evangelical

7:00pm Atonement

11:00am Clergy Bible Study, Christ Church, Cooperstown

**+ COMING UP +**

+Sunday 11/6

All Saints Sunday, Holy Communion  
Commemoration of the faithfully departed  
(Pr. Paul away)

+Saturday 11/12

Atonement Fall Rummage Sale (9am – 3pm)  
Quarterly OCLP deacon's Breakfast, Evangelical 8:30am

+Sunday 11/13

Service of the Word  
Atonement Council Meeting follows worship

+Thursday 11/17

St. Matthew Food Distribution

**Quote of the Week**

The greatest wonder ever on earth is, that the Son of God died the shameful death of the cross. It is astonishing, that the Father should say to his only Son, who by nature is God: "Go, let them hang thee on the gallows"

-- Martin Luther

Did you Know?

Before he became a friar, Luther was well on his way to becoming a lawyer. He had earned both his bachelor's and master's degrees in the shortest time possible.

**+ALL SAINTS SUNDAY+**  
**November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022**  
**Commemoration of the Faithful Departed**

If someone special to you has died since last year's All Saints' celebration and you would like to remember that person or someone else of significance in your life at our worship, please fill out the form below and give to Pr. Paul or place in the offering plate. Plan to come forward to light a candle as the name(s) are read.

To be listed in the Worship Folder, names must be received by the OCLP office no later than Wednesday November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Names received after that will still be read, but may not appear in the printed list.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Death: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Death: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Death: \_\_\_\_\_

This form completed by Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Otsego Country Lutheran Parish**

Lutheran Church of the Atonement, Oneonta, NY

Sunday Worship 10:30 am (Holy Communion 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays + festivals)

Tami Pelcer: President

Donna Brown: Organist

St. John Lutheran Church, West Burlington, NY

Sunday Worship 11:15 am (Holy Communion 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays + festivals)

Paul Hecker: President

Ethel Mills: Accompanist

St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Laurens, NY

Sunday Worship 8:30 am (Holy Communion 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays + festivals)

Ed Winslow: President

Janet Brown: Organist

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(texting is often the most effective way to reach pastor)

Services of Healing are usually held on the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of a month

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

<http://otsegocountylutheranparish.com>

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.