



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

+ **Eighth Sunday after Pentecost** +
LBW Service of the Word for Healing
July 31st, 2022

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

GATHERING

Prelude

Meditation and Prayer

Welcome

Parish News

***Entrance Hymn:**

Glories of Your Name Are Spoken

LBW #358

***Invocation and Dialogue**

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, **and his mercy endures forever.**
They cried to the Lord in their trouble, **and he delivered them from their distress.**
He sent forth his Word and healed them, **and saved them from the grave.**
The Lord is righteous in all his ways, **and loving in all his works.**
The Lord upholds all who fall; **He lifts up those who are bowed down.**
The Lord sustains them on their sickbed, **and ministers to them in their illness.**
The Lord is my strength and my song, **and he has become my salvation.**
Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, **and his mercy endures forever.**

*** The Apostles' Creed**

God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

***Salutation**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray

WORD

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

Almighty, Eternal God, your kindness is far more than we desire or deserve. Generously pour out your mercy to forgive where our conscience is afraid and to provide what by ourselves we do not even presume to pray, 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

(E/St.M)

First Lesson: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14, 2:18-23 A lesson from Ecclesiastes:

Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me --and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalmody: 49: 1-12 (Tones: single 22; double 24)

Hear this, / all you peoples;*

give ear, all inhabitants / of the world,

both / low and high,*

rich and / poor together.

My mouth / shall speak wisdom;*

the meditation of my heart shall be / understanding.

I will incline my ear / to a proverb;*

I will solve my riddle to the music / of the harp.

Why should I fear in / times of trouble,*

when the iniquity of my persecu- / tors surrounds me,

those who trust / in their wealth*

and boast of the abundance / of their riches?

Truly, no ransom avails / for one's life,*

there is no price one can give to / God for it.

For the ransom of / life is costly,*

and can nev- / er suffice

that one should live / on forever*

and never / see the grave.

When we look at the / wise, they die;*

fool and dolt perish together

and leave their / wealth to others.

Their graves are their / homes forever,*

their dwelling places to all generations,

though they named / lands their own.

Mortals cannot abide / in their pomp;*

they are like the ani- / mals that perish.
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: Colossians 3:1-11 A lesson from Colossians:

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things--anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all! The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*** Gospel Acclamation**

Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God

WOV #783 (St 1-2)

Holy Gospel: Luke 12:13-21 **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

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

*** Gospel Response**

Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God

WOV #783 (St 3)

Children's Sermon/Homily

Pr. Paul Messner (St. M/ A)
Deacon Todd Eames (St. J/ Ev)

Hymn of the Day

Jesus Priceless Treasure

LBW #458

***Sharing of the Peace**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

RESPONSE

*** Offertory**

Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring

WOV #759

***Offertory Prayer:**

Almighty God, with golden fields of grain you offer bread for all. We claim a part through daily work / and hope to stretch your hand to feed the world. Accept our gifts as prayers to find good ways to eat and share this bread / that everyone may taste and trust your love, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*** Prayers of the Church**

***First Intercession:**

Eternal Father, with the abundance of your creation, you supply us with every kind of daily bread. Send your Spirit to help us in our struggle to be free of idolatry amid the prosperity we enjoy. Above all, turn our attention to that subtle hunger for the bread from heaven, Jesus Christ our Lord, who alone can forever richly satisfy.

***Prayers for Healing and Hope**

Let us pray for all who suffer. Merciful Lord, you sent your Son to be our peace. Help all who suffer pain or grief to find in him strength and peace, so that their trust in your promises may be renewed, and that despair may give way to hope; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for recovery from sickness. Oh God, the strength of the weak and the comfort of sufferers: Mercifully hear our prayers on behalf of others whom we name before you now, aloud or in silence. . . . Grant to your servants the help of your power, that their sickness may be turned into health and our sorrow into joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for those in affliction. Almighty and everlasting God, comfort of the sad and strength to those who suffer: Let the prayers of your children who are in any trouble rise to you. To everyone in distress grant mercy, grant relief, grant refreshment; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for those who minister in healing. Almighty God, source of human knowledge and skill: Guide physicians and nurses and all those you have called to practice the arts of healing. Strengthen them by your life-giving Spirit, that, by their ministries, the health of all people may be promoted and your creation may be glorified; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for the ministry of family and friends. Loving God, our creator and redeemer: Give

strength and gentleness, patience and faithfulness to family members and friends. Let their hope be in you, and by their ministry of love let your love be known; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for those who desire our prayers. Blessed Lord, we ask your loving care and protection for those who are sick in body, mind or spirit and who desire our prayers. Take from them all fears and help them put their trust in you, that they may feel your strong arms around them. Touch them with your renewing love, that they may know wholeness in you and glorify your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for those making decisions. Oh Lord our God, send your Holy Spirit to guide us, that we may make our decisions with love, mercy and reverence for your gift of life, especially on behalf of those most vulnerable at the beginning and the ending of life in this world; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Praise to you, almighty God and Father. You sent your Son to live among us and to bring us your salvation. **Blessed be God.**

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, incomparable Son of the Father. You humbled yourself to share in our humanity, and you came to heal all our illnesses. **Blessed be God.**

Praise to you, Holy Spirit, our defender and consoler. You heal our sickness with your mighty and life-giving power. **Blessed be God.**

Holy and blessed Trinity, sustain your servants, whom we have named before you this day, with your presence; drive away their sickness of body, mind and spirit; and give them that victory of life and peace which enable them to serve you now and evermore. **Amen.**

Laying on of Hands

Hymns during Laying on of Hands

LBW #316 WOV #673, 671

(Those who wish to receive laying on of hands (and anointing) come to the altar rail, or the foot of the altar and if conditions permit, kneel. The minister lays hand(s) on each person's head)

Father in heaven for Jesus' sake, send your Holy Spirit upon your servant, drive away all sickness of body and spirit, make whole that which is broken; deliver *him/her* from the power of evil; and preserve *him/her* in true faith, to share in the power of Christ's resurrection and to serve you with all the saints now and evermore. **Amen.**

(After all have returned to their places)

The almighty Lord-a strong tower to all who put their trust in him, to whom all things in heaven,

on earth, and under the earth bow and whom they obey-be now and evermore your defense, and make you know and feel that the only name under heaven given for health and salvation is the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Let us pray in unison.

Merciful Lord God, constant source of all healing, we give you thanks for all your gifts of strength and life, and above all we thank you for the gift of your Son, through whom we have health and salvation. As we wait for that day when there will be no more pain, help us by your Holy Spirit to be assured of your power in our lives and to trust in your eternal love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

SENDING

***Benediction**

The Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord make his face shine on us and be gracious to us. The Lord look upon us with favor and give us peace: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

***Recessional Hymn**

God of Grace and God of Glory

LBW #415

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Remain to Pray Depart when you wish.

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Pastors Pericope Paragraph 7/31

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

"Man proposes; God disposes". We plan, God laughs. Mercifully God is disposed toward forgiveness. Thankfully God laughs with us. (Gospel). Life is vain. We work and keep busy and it all ends in death. Even when we sleep we often cannot rest. So do we despair and give up? Maybe... Maybe not...(1st Lesson). Precisely because we have been raised with Christ, we strive to put to death, on a daily basis, the things that bring death - but renew the things that make for peace (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 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 Deacon Tom Collins to lead worship at St. Matthew & Atonement
Next week we welcome Deacon Sandy Shear to lead worship at St. Matthew & Atonement
and Pr. Jim Crouthamel to lead worship at Evangelical & St. John

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	Martha Messner Martha Messner Martha Messner Christine Brown Gary Walters Emerson Riley	Len P Cindy L Lane Hazzard	Deb Lawyer Robin Bush

+ 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, 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 Carol Hart (Walters), Mary Ann Ross (Englands), Margo Graham (Sue Dana), Barbara Loitsch, Doris Quinn (Brown), David Kelefant (Walters), Allen and Ted Case (uncle/nephew) (Messner), Sue (M. Messner); Carleen (M. Messner), Valerie England, Sue Dana, Alice Burdick

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Dorothy Vay

For young adult: Tom King

+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, Bill Jacobson (D. Brown), Anthony Scarfuto (Boyd), Dwaine Sharett (Butts), Jim Desrocher (Boyd), Dick Woodhouse (Hazzard), Kenny Medor (Butts), Joan Ackerman (Butts), Mary Beth Pedersen

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Shirley Gomiller

For Young Adult: Blake Rinell

+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, Erika Baker-Heinegg, 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), Marge Bonney, Jack Anthony

(Stevens), Troy Lutz (Bush), Alan Peeters, Isabell Tophoven, Bev Lapp, Corinne Pollak, Joe Rotolo, James Wikoff (Hulbert), Doris Allen (Klafehn), Wayne Bush Sr (Bush), Vicky Vesely (Bush), Rita Knapp (Klafehn), Ron Short (Wood)

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Joe Rotolo

For Young Adult: Travis Marsh

+Beyond the Parish+

For healing in body, mind and spirit: Jackie Hesse (Lawyer), Rosemary Pepe (Eggers), Dorothy Fernandez, (Eggers), Dick Armstrong, Helga Lange (Winkler), Elise Zayat, Gina Utter (Thompson), Cathy Deleski (Thompson), Alicia Biesler (Thompson), Margie Ortega (Thompson), Amy Cooper (Messner), Mike Quinn (Messner), Ashwin Kalyandurg (Bush), Larry Antemann (Messner), Stash Tarka (Messner), Carl Roberts (Messner), Pr Lynn Ash, Cathy Carroll Ziemba (Messner). Those struggling with cancer. The mentally ill and those who care for them. For the tourists coming to our area, for Baseball Camp teams, family and friends.

For those preparing for marriage: Kayla Roberson and Mike Estro

For those celebrating childbirth: Mentor and Jehona Ferataj

For those in the military, law enforcement and emergency services: NYS Trooper Walter Schliermann

In the Foothills Conference: Atonement Lutheran Church, Oneonta (Pr. Paul Messner)

National/ International Concerns: all victims of religious, ethnic, and racial hatred; the people of Afghanistan, Ethiopia, Ukraine, Russia and Taiwan; for the Uyghur Muslims, Tibetan Buddhists, and Christians of China; for those involved in the continuing crisis on our Southern border; for refugees & migrants; for those living in long term care facilities; for an end to violence in our schools and communities; those who use the internet to foment hatred, for those suffering from Summer's extreme heat.

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

Police officer killed in the line of duty (name)

+ 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
7/24	17/ 630	14/ 484	17/
**	(\$1,290)	(\$705)	(\$1,309)
7/27	-/ 80	-/ 61	4/ 279

**** 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

+ OCLP +

+ THIS WEEK +

+Wednesday Services:

7:30am St. Matthew

Noon Evangelical

7:00pm Atonement

10:00am Clergy Bible Study

Evangelical Council, 3:30 pm at church

+Thursday: St Matthew Council, 7pm

+ COMING UP+

Friday - Pr Paul and Martha to the Netherlands and Germany, 8/5-21.

While gone Pr Jim Crouthamel (607-293-7729; 201-317-5610) and Sandy Shear (518-852-6218)
are on call for pastoral needs and emergencies.

Saturday 8/27 - 8:30 am - OCLP Deacon Breakfast, St John

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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)

Joyce Boyd: 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 Tuesday 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.