



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

+Fifth Sunday in Easter+

Holy Communion (LBW Setting 2)
May 15th, 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

- * **Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness** pg.77
- * **Entrance Hymn** *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* LBW #315
- * **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: (7th Century Gelasian)

O God, you shape the minds of the faithful into one will. May all your people love what you propose and desire what you promise. Then regardless of the stormy tossing of this life, our hearts will come to anchor where true joys are found, 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.M/Evan)

First Lesson: Acts 11:1-18 A lesson from Acts:

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. [2] So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, [3] saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" [4] Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, [5] "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. [6] As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. [7] I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' [8] But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' [9] But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' [10] This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. [11] At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. [12] The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. [13] He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; [14] he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' [15] And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. [16] And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' [17] If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" [18] When they heard this, they were silenced.

And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

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

Psalmody: 148 (Tones: single 22; double 24)

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord / from the heavens;*
praise him / in the heights!

Praise him, / all his angels;* praise him, / all his host!

Praise him, / sun and moon;* praise him, all you / shining stars!

Praise him, you high- / est heavens,*

and you waters a- / bove the heavens!

Let them praise the name / of the Lord,*

for he commanded and they / were created.

He established them forev- / er and ever;*

he fixed their bounds, which can- / not be passed.

Praise the Lord / from the earth,*

you sea monsters / and all deeps,

fire and hail, / snow and frost,*

stormy wind fulfilling / his command!

Mountains / and all hills,* fruit trees / and all cedars!

Wild animals / and all cattle,*

creeping things and / flying birds!

Kings of the earth / and all peoples,*

princes and all rulers / of the earth!

Young men and wom- / en alike,*

old and / young together!

Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone / is exalted;*

his glory is above / earth and heaven.

He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for / all his faithful,*

for the people of Israel who are close to him. / Praise the

Lord!

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: Rev. 21:1-6 A lesson from Revelation:

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. [2] And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. [3] And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them;

[4] he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away."

[5] And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." [6] Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

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

* **Alleluia Verse** pg. 83

* **Gospel Acclamation** **Glory to you, O Lord** pg. 83

Holy Gospel: John 13:31-35

When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. [32] If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. [33] Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' [34] I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. [35] By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Children's Sermon/Homily Pastor Paul Messner (St. M/ A)
Deacon Tom Collins (Ev/ St. J)

* **Hymn of the Day** LBW #142 (St. M/ A)
LBW #145 (E)
*Hail Thee, Festival Day!
Thine is the Glory*

RESPONSE

* **Nicene Creed** pg. 84

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

First Intercession:

Gracious Father, we rejoice in your holy glory from the sacrificial obedience of your Son, and we worship you because you have glorified him in return. Inspire us to glorify him as well by keeping his command and following his example, knowing there is no glory for us than his, which is your power to love each other faithfully unto death.

*** 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

Father in heaven, inspire us to bring faithful offerings / and to love and serve you in all your creatures. Free us from the idolatry and futility of self / that we may begin to profit through what you have begun to do. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

MEAL

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

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

Eucharistic Prayer & Lord's Prayer pew racks/ pg. 89-91

Agnus Dei *Lamb of God* pg. 92

Distribution Hymns LBW #144, 148, 508

*** Post Communion Blessing & Canticle** *Thank the Lord . . .* pg. 92

*** Post-Communion Prayer:** pg. 94

Lord Jesus Christ, you invite us to eat and drink together / so we may see that we all receive our life from you. Help us to recognize your power at work in each other / that we may come to love those who share in your grace. We bless you now and evermore. **Amen.**

SENDING

*** Benediction** pg. 94

*** Recessional Hymn** *Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds* LBW #143

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

Postlude

Pastors Pericope Paragraph 5/15

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

"Glory" - God's in Jesus and Jesus' on the cross - "glory" in sacrificial love. Disciples are known by such love (Gospel). Peter's kosher restrictions don't allow eating non-kosher foods OR eating at all with gentiles. The Holy Spirit has other ideas (1st lesson). New heaven. New earth. New Jerusalem. Now God's home is among mortals! The Alpha and Omega gives the thirsty the water of life (2d lesson).

Weekly Worship Practice:

The flag passes in a parade, people turn to face it. The pledge of allegiance is recited, hands are placed over hearts. At a sporting event or civic function the national anthem is played, hats are doffed, voices raised, all eyes on the flag. The same is true at Christian worship. Whenever the cross passes in procession (opening or closing hymn, for the reading of the Gospel) it is "customary" (polite) to turn to face our primary Christian symbol the instrument of Jesus crucifixion and victory over sin and death, and the means by which God gained our salvation. It is also "customary" to "reverence" the cross (also the altar and an ambry/tabernacle in which resides the reserved sacrament-the consecrated body & blood of Christ), by bowing as it passes (not to clergy or other worship leaders)! Some Christians also bow at the name of God (Father, Son and Holy Spirit) or make the sign of the cross. These are examples of personal devotion not by any means mandatory, but "customary" and often helpful to our spiritual lives. Try them (you might like them).

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 Evangelical & St. John

Next week we welcome Deacon Deb Lawyer to lead worship at St. Matthew & Atonement

Serving Today	Atonement	Evangelical	St. Matthew
Comm. Asst.	Cindy Heaney	Mark Howard	Dave Forbes
Asst. Minister	Sue Dana		
Lector	Sue Dana	Mark Howard	
Cantor	Sue Dana		
*Altar Care	Laura Sherrill	Cindy L & Joyce	Megan Cleveland
Ushers/Greeters		Eileen Burda	
Coffee Hour			
Acolyte	Stevie Mendez	Paxton Hazzard	
Sound System		Sliviak	
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), Barbara Richardson (Denise), 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); Kathy Beach (Joan Lambiaso); Heidi Davis (M. Messner); Duane Wikoff (M. Messner); Margo Graham (Sue Dana), Barbara Loitsch, Doris Quinn (Brown), David Kelefant (Walters), Carmen Alvarez (Hopkins)

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Robert & Barbara Loitsch

For young adult: Carly 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), Glenn Linsenbardt, Tom Underwood (Burda), Eileen Burda, Joyce Boyd

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: John & Pam Miller

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), 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)

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Dave & Kathy Forbes

For Young Adult: Kyle Sherry

+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, Gina Utter (Thompson), Cathy Deleski (Thompson), Alicia Biesler (Thompson), Margie Ortega (Thompson), Amy Cooper (Messner), Mike Quinn (Messner), Rev Judy Thistle (following a car accident), Carman Alvarez (Hopkins), Rita Gallipani (Messner), Ashwin Kalyandurg (Bush), Rosemary Sobol (Messner), Larry Antemann (Messner); Helen Sagendorf (Messner); Stash Tarka; Carl Roberts (Messner), Laurence Messner (Pr. Paul), Pr Lynn Ash

For those preparing for marriage: Brandon and Christina Damiani

For those celebrating childbirth: Damian and Samantha Laird

For those in the military, law enforcement and emergency services: Milford Emergency Services and Fire Dept.

In the Foothills Conference: Lake Chautauqua Lutheran Center and all camp/conference ministries of the Lutheran Church

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

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

Peg Hughes
(Janet Brown's grandmother)

Sherman McAlpin
(1957-2022)
(Martha Messner's cousin)

+ 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
5/8	21/ 426	15/ 297	27/ 403
**	(\$1,290)	(\$705)	(\$1,309)
5/11	1/ 70	1/ 49	9/ 199

**** Needed to meet weekly expenses**

+ OCLP +

+ THIS WEEK +

- + Today: Atonement Congregational Meeting re new constitution follows worship
- + Today: Palatine Society Annual Meeting 3 PM Old Palatine Church, St Rte 5 Nelliston
 - +Wednesday Services:
 - 7:30am St. Matthew
 - Noon Evangelical
 - 7:00pm Atonement
- + Thursday 5/19 - Foothills Ministerium Meeting, Trinity Ln Ch, Palatine Bridge
- + Thursday-Friday 5/19-20 - Pr Paul to STS Upstate NY Chapter Retreat, Syracuse
 - + Friday 5/20- 4 pm - Pokorny-Schultz Wedding, Evangelical
 - + Saturday 5/21- 9:30 am - Atonement Worship & Music Mtg
 - + Saturday 5/21: Betty Hecker burial, Leonardsville, Noon
 - + Saturday 5/21: Hartwick College and SUNY-O graduations

+ COMING UP +

- + Next Week Sunday 5/22 - St. John Council meets after worship
- + Thursday, 5/26 - Ascension Day Salad Supper and Service, 6PM at St Matthew

+ Quote of the Week +

“Augustine warned that it’s human nature to be confused as to the true source of happiness and the ultimate horizon of our longings. It’s like not knowing the difference between a picture of bread and the loaf itself. Asks Augustine, ‘Could a man escape starvation by licking the painted picture of a loaf, instead of begging real bread from someone who had it to give?’ Jesus has the real bread we need to satisfy our deepest hungers. Do we believe this? I do, because meeting Jesus in my hunger at his table changed my life.”

—Bradley Roth,
The Hunger Inside: How the Meal Jesus Gave Transforms Lives

RED GERANIUMS FOR PENTECOST

To have your geraniums (or other red flowers) listed in the bulletin for Pentecost (June 5th, 2022), please fill out the form below and return via the offering plate or the parish office (1 Center St., Oneonta NY 13820) by Monday May 30th. You may provide your own flowers or bring a check made payable to your congregation. Cost is \$5.00 per plant if ordering thru your local congregation.

NAME _____ **PHONE** _____

PENTECOST FLOWERS given (check one)

IN LOVING MEMORY _____

NAMES _____

IN HONOR OF _____

NAMES _____



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 Thursday 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.