



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

+ **Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost** +

Holy Communion (LBW Setting 1)
October 3rd, 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

* **Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness**

* **Entrance Hymn** *God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens*

* **Apostolic Greeting & Kyrie**

* **Hymn of Praise**

This is the Feast . . . (W-1, M-2)

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First Prayer: *(7th Century Gelasian)*

Generously pardon and give peace to your faithful people, O Lord, that being cleansed from every sin, they may be free and glad to serve, 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: Genesis 2:18-24 A lesson from Genesis:

Then the Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." [19] So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. [20] The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. [21] So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. [22] And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. [23] Then the man said,

"This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh;

this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken."

[24] Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

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

Psalmody 54 (Tones: 50-single; 9-double)

O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in / all the earth!*

You have set your glory a- / bove the heavens.

Out of the mouths of babes and infants

you have founded a bulwark because / of your foes,*

to silence the enemy and / the avenger.

When I look at your heavens, the work / of your fingers,*
the moon and the stars that you / have established;
what are human beings that you are mind- / ful of them,*
mortals that you / care for them?

Yet you have made them a little low- / er than God,*
and crowned them with glo- / ry and honor.

You have given them dominion over the works / of your
hands;*
you have put all things un- / der their feet,

all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts / of the field, *
the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,
whatever passes along the paths / of the seas.

O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in / all the
earth!*

You have set your glory a- / bove the heavens.

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: Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12

A lesson from Hebrews:

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, [2] but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. [3] He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, [4] having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

[2:5] Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. [6] But someone has testified somewhere,

"What are human beings that you are mindful of them,
or mortals, that you care for them?"

[7] You have made them for a little while lower than the angels;
you have crowned them with glory and honor,

[8] subjecting all things under their feet."

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, [9] but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

[10] It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. [11] For

the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, [12] saying,

"I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters,
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you."

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

* **Alleluia Verse**

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Holy Gospel: Mark 10:2-16 Glory to you, O Lord.

Some Pharisees came, and to test him they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" [3] He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" [4] They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." [5] But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. [6] But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' [7] 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, [8] and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. [9] Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."

[10] Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. [11] He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; [12] and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

[13] People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. [14] But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. [15] Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." [16] And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

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

Children's Sermon/Homily

Pr. Paul Messner (A/St.M)
Deacon Tom Collins (E/St.J)

***Hymn of the Day**

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

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RESPONSE

* **Apostles' Creed**

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Sacrament of Holy Baptism (Atonement)

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First Intercession:

Almighty God, creator of all that lives, you made us in your image but knew that we could not succeed without being served by your redeeming love. Bring us together into families with the ability to love each other, giving us the will to imitate you as we see the needs of those we have learned to love. In that service may we find the deeper love that will abide.

* Sharing the Peace of the Lord	pg. 66
Offering	pg. 66
Musical Offering	(A)
* Offertory	<i>Let the Vineyards . . .</i> pg. 65

* <u>Offertory Prayer:</u>	pg. 67/ 68
Heavenly Father, you wait for our support of the Church to help restore our dignity / as we learn to live by faith. Through the willingness of Jesus Christ to fulfill your love, inspire us to become partners with him in his saving ministry / and then in the glory he has prepared. Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.	

MEAL

* Great Thanksgiving/Dialog	pg. 68
Preface & Sanctus (<i>Holy, Holy, Holy</i>)	pg. 69
Eucharistic Prayer & Lord's Prayer	pg. 69
Agnus Dei (<i>Lamb of God</i>)	pg. 72
Distribution Hymns	<i>Morning had Broken</i> (insert), WOV # 746, 709 (5x)
* Post Communion Blessing & Canticle	<i>Lord Now You Let . . .</i> pg. 72

*** Post-Communion Prayer:**

Lord Jesus, by faith we have tasted the life-giving food of your Kingdom / and hunger to live and reign with you. Help us to make full use of the new strength we have received / to produce the good works that you enjoy. We bless you now and evermore. **Amen.**

Sending

*Benediction	pg. 74
*Recessional Hymn	<i>How Firm a Foundation</i> LBW # 507
Dismissal	Go in Peace, Serve the Lord. Thanks be to God.
Postlude	

Pastors Pericope Paragraph Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost 10/3

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

Jesus cares about relationships. The most basic is family. Things that hurt such basic relationships as marriage, parenting, children being loved and valued are not in keeping with God's will for us. We are to receive God's intervention in this World with childlike openness (Gospel). "It is not good for the man to be alone..." God creates relationships: with all of His creatures (made for us!), and with other humans - we are made from and for one another (1st lesson). "Long ago, in many and various ways...God spoke". Most fully He has spoken in His Son - who is crowned with honor because He was willing to suffer - for us - and He calls us His sisters and brothers. What an honor for us! (2d lesson).

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"

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 or education 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
Assisting Minister Comm. Asst. Lector Cantor *Altar Care Ushers/Greeters Coffee Hour Acolyte Sound System Bell Ringer Church Cleaner	Peg Serra-Lima Peg Serra-Lima Peg Serra-Lima Becky Milford Dennis Sherrill Ethan Temming	Mark Howard Mark H Gabe L Cindy L & Joyce Esther H Mia Pelcer Howard	Deb Lawyer Jim Crouthamel

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We welcome Deacon Tom Collins to lead worship at Evangelical and St. John
 Next Sunday Deacon Deb Lawyer will lead worship at Atonement and St. Matthew,
 and Pr. Jim Crouthamel will lead at Evangelical & St. John

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), Jeremy Soresé (C. Heaney), Evelyn Hamilton (Lehenbauer), Rene Prins, Thomas Mendez, Heather Byrnes, Charlotte Grant, Grace & Chuck Dietzman, Barbara Loitsch, Rita Nelson, Elizabeth Robinson (Messner), Micheal George (Brown), Thoranne Winkler

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Janet England

For young adult: Sam Sherrill

+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, Len Price (son), Esther Hughes, Tom Pritchard, Tad Mahoney, Micheal George (Brown), Bill Jacobson (D. Brown), Carl Hecker, Lillian Rinell

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Len & Diann Price

For Young Adult: Kristoff Jaeck

+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), Ginny Ganio, Mary Hartmann (Nelson), Kent Hoyt Jr. (Ganio), Owen Basher (Marsh), Rennie Brown (Janet), Jason Hahn, Kathy & Rich Parsons, Karen Smith, Joe Hartmann, Terri Ibelli (Wood), Robert & Patricia Psaltz (Sherry), Maureen McAndrew (Greenleaf), Mike McAndrew (Greenleaf), Fred Veseley, Cathy (Struckle), Pete Green Jr (Klafehn), Bernie Sitts Jr.

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Corinne Pollak

For Young Adult: Jordan Shaul

+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, Sue Haney, Rachel Fisher (Messner), Doug Dutcher (Crouthamel), Geoff Murphy (Walters), Helga Lange (Winkler), Elise Zayat, Kelsey Kohler (Mansbach), Judy Carnal (Dana), Gina Utter (Thompson), Cathy Deleski (Thompson), Alicia Biesler (Thompson), Margie Ortega (Thompson), Amy Cooper (Messner)

For those preparing for marriage: Sydney Flemister & Matt Parnell

For those preparing for childbirth: Brittany & Nick Flemister

For those in the military, law enforcement and emergency services: Joe Gatta, Schenectady Police Department

In the Foothills Conference: Immanuel Lutheran Church, Delhi; Trinity Lutheran Church (Pr. Paul Wilson), Stamford; Christ the Shepherd Lutheran Church, Schoharie (Pr. Colleen Quirion)

National/ International Concerns: all victims of religious, ethnic, and racial hatred, prejudice, genocide and slavery; the people of Afghanistan, Israel & Palestine (for Jews, Muslims, & Christians in the Holy Land); for those involved in the continuing crisis on our Southern border

Natural and Man-Made Disasters: Victims of all debilitating diseases, and those struggling with social isolation; victims of earthquakes, floods, droughts, and shootings in our cities

**+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

(Last Week/ Year to Date)

Date	Atonement	Evangelical	St. Matthew
9/26	15/ 693 \$250	19/ 761 \$2975	18/ 789 \$1063
**	\$1290	\$705	\$1309
9/29	- / 51	- / 43	8/ 265

**** Needed to meet weekly expenses**

+ OCLP +

+Atonement

We rejoice with the Underwood family on the baptism of Corbin Jaxson at Atonement this morning.

+St. Matthew

The First Tuesday dinner at St Matt for the month of October (10/5) is canceled for safety reasons as a result of the Delta variant continuing to spread in the county.

+OCLP

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

Heads Up! On many Sundays, our service at St. Matthew may be live streamed. If you can't make worship check it out.

+ THIS WEEK +

+ Wednesday Services:

7:30am St. Matthew

Noon Evangelical

7:00pm Atonement

+ 10/7 Thursday: St. Matthew Worship & Music Committee 5pm

+ 10/7 Thursday: St. Matthew Council 7pm

10/8 – 10/7 Fri-Sat: Pr. Paul & Martha at Flemister-Parnell wedding, Philadelphia, PA

+ COMING UP +

+ 10/13 Wednesday: Evangelical Council Meeting, 12:30pm

10/16 Saturday: Acolyte Training & Review at Evangelical, 10am

10/17 Sunday: Atonement Council follows worship



Blessing and Prayer Service

For teachers and all school staff, medical personnel, essential workers and any who are tired, anxious, weary, or in need.

We see you. We hear you. We are here for you.

Sunday, October 3

4pm

Fly Creek United Methodist Church

852 County Highway 26

Fly Creek, NY

(across from the Post Office)

Otsego Country Lutheran Parish

Lutheran Church of the Atonement, Oneonta, NY

Sunday Worship 10:30 am (Holy Communion 1st and 3rd weekends + festivals)

John Mushtare: President

Leslie Bauer: Organist

Barbara Loitsch: Choir Director

Evangelical Lutheran Church, Hartwick Seminary, NY

Sunday Worship 9:30 am (Holy Communion 1st and 3rd weekends + festivals)

Joyce Boyd: President

Donna Brown: Organist

St. John Lutheran Church, West Burlington, NY

Sunday Worship 11:00 am (Holy Communion 2nd and 4th weekends + festivals)

Paul Hecker: President

Ethel Mills: Accompanist

St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Laurens, NY

Sunday Worship 8:30 am (Holy Communion 1st and 3rd weekends + festivals)

Dave Forbes: 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 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.