



# LENT

REPENTANCE | REFLECTION | RESPONSE

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

**+Third Sunday in Lent+**

Holy Communion (LBW Setting 2)  
March 20<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**

### **Quiet Entrance**

(St.M)

### **Extinguishing of Candle on Lenten Wreath** (with reading)

(St.M)

### **\* Order for Confession and Forgiveness**

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### **\* Entrance Hymn**      *Guide me Ever, Great Redeemer*

LBW #343

### **\* Apostolic Greeting and Kyrie** (cantor and congregation)

LBW #96

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

**Almighty God, consider the worthy desires of your humble servants. Reach out to defend us from evil by the word and work of your Majestic Right Hand, through the same 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: Isaiah 55:1-9** A lesson from Isaiah:

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters;  
and you that have no money, come, buy and eat!  
Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.  
[2] Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,  
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?  
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,  
and delight yourselves in rich food.  
[3] Incline your ear, and come to me;  
listen, so that you may live.  
I will make with you an everlasting covenant,  
my steadfast, sure love for David.  
[4] See, I made him a witness to the peoples,  
a leader and commander for the peoples.  
[5] See, you shall call nations that you do not know,  
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,  
because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel,  
for he has glorified you.  
[6] Seek the Lord while he may be found,  
call upon him while he is near;  
[7] let the wicked forsake their way,

and the unrighteous their thoughts;  
let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them,  
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

[8] For my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.

[9] For as the heavens are higher than the earth,  
so are my ways higher than your ways  
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

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

**Psalmody: 63:1-8** (Tones: single 2; double 6)

O God, you are my God, I seek you, my soul / thirsts for you;\*  
my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where  
there / is no water.

**So I have looked upon you / in the sanctuary,\*  
beholding your / power and glory.**

Because your steadfast love is / better than life,\*  
my / lips will praise you.

**So I will bless you as long / as I live;\***

**I will lift up my hands and call / on your name.**

My soul is satisfied as with / a rich feast,\*  
and my mouth praises you with / joyful lips

**when I think of you / on my bed,\*  
and meditate on you in the watches / of the night;**

for you have / been my help,\*  
and in the shadow of your wings I / sing for joy.

**My soul / clings to you;\***  
**your right / hand upholds me.**

**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.**

**Lenten Verse**

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**Second Lesson: 1 Cor. 10:1-13** A lesson from First Corinthians:

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, [2] and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, [3] and all ate the same spiritual food, [4] and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. [5] Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

[6] Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. [7] Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." [8] We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. [9] We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. [10] And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. [11] These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. [12] So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. [13] No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

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

**\* Gospel Acclamation**

**Glory to you, O Lord**

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**Holy Gospel: Luke 13:1-9**

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. [2] He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? [3] No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. [4] Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them--do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? [5] No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did."

[6] Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. [7] So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' [8] He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. [9] If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.' "

The Gospel of the Lord.

**\* Gospel Response**

**Praise to you, O Christ**

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**Children's Sermon/Homily**

Pastor Paul Messner (St. M/ A)  
Deacon Tom Collins (Ev/ St. J)

**\* Hymn of the Day**

*We Sing the Praise of Him Who Died*

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## **Pastors Pericope Paragraph 3/20**

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

The news of the day is grim. Bloodshed, building collapses, war, and fruit trees that don't produce...be warned, and still trust God's mercy (Gospel).

Seek the Lord. Call on Him. Return to the Lord so that He may show you mercy. He will make an everlasting Covenant with you. (1<sup>st</sup> lesson). "God will not let you be tested beyond your strength". Is that true? Do you believe that? If not, maybe you don't know your own strength...and God's! (2d lesson).

### **Weekly Worship Practice:**

We gather weekly in reverence and awe, in joy and thanksgiving, in hope and peace. We come seeking forgiveness and reconciliation-inspiration and a sense of God's presence. We depart renewed, refreshed and recommitted to serve all God's people in need, as we have opportunity. We come open to God's giving. Having received we depart to share that with which God has blessed us.

**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. Those who commune in their home parishes are welcome to commune; 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. Baptized children may begin communing after parents have consulted with Pastor. 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.

### **+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

<b>Serving Today</b>	<b>Atonement</b>	<b>Evangelical</b>	<b>St. Matthew</b>
Comm. Asst.	Chirstine Brown	Mark Howard	
Asst. Minister	Sue Dana	Mark Howard	Dave Forbes
Lector	Sue Dana	Mark Howard	Dave Forbes
Cantor	Sue Dana		
*Altar Care	Laura Sherrill	Carol B & Dorothy	
Ushers/Greeters	Dennis Sherrill	Dorothy	
Coffee Hour			
Acolyte	Stevie Mendez	Mia Pelcer	Kayla Joubert
Sound System		Brunner	
Bell Ringer			
Church Cleaner			Corinne Hahn

**+ 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), Deb Simmerly

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Barbara Delaney

For young adult: Patrick Duffy

**+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, Tom Pritchard, Tad Mahoney, 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, Ron Jennings

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

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) , 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), Cathy (Struckle), Bernie Sitts Jr. (Klafehn), Marge Bonney, Jack Anthony (Stevens), Troy Lutz (Bush), Geoff Smith, Alan Peeters, Isabell Tophaven, Deb Simmerly

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Ellie Baumann

For Young Adult: Jenna Ganio

**+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), Esther Brooker (Messner/ Seitz), Will Burdick, Rev Judy Thistle (following a car accident), Carman Alvarez (Hopkins), Rita Gallipani (Messner), Ashwin Kalyandurg (Bush), Rosemary Sobol (Messner)

**For those preparing for marriage:** Maarten van't Oever and Andrea Knols

**For those preparing for childbirth:** Joey and Tabitha Spenser

**For those celebrating childbirth:** Marc Weinmuller and Courtney Falconio on the birth of Zander (grandparents Deb and Garry Lawyer)

**For those in the military, law enforcement and emergency services:** Schenevus Fire Dept and EMS

**In the Foothills Conference:** Trinity Lutheran Church, Amsterdam (Pr. William Hodgetts)

**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 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; Benjamin Hall (Fox News) wounded in Ukraine; 71 Police officers shot in the line of duty so far this year

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

Enrique Martinez  
1990-2022  
(Vincent Hopkins cousin)

Journalists killed in Ukraine  
Brent Renaud (Time Magazine)  
Pierre Zakrzewaki (Fox News)

**+ 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
3/13	13/ 210	8/ 148	19/ 205 \$238
**	<b>(\$1,290)</b>	<b>(\$705)</b>	<b>(\$1,309)</b>
3/16	1/ 39	3/ 20	8/ 95

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

**+ OCLP +**

(See the Lent Holy Week/Easter Schedule)

**+ THIS WEEK +**

- +Today Sunday 3/20: Third Sunday in Lent
- +Today Sunday 3/20 - St Matthew Special Congregational Meeting  
to address a constitutional change regarding the beginning of Council terms
- +Tuesday 3/24: OCLP Craft Group Meeting, 3pm
- +Wednesday Services:
  - 7:30am St. Matthew
  - Noon Evangelical
  - 7:00pm Atonement
- +Saturday 3/26 - 2pm Service of Holy Communion and observance of the 40<sup>th</sup>  
Ordination Anniversary Service of Pr Paul, Atonement  
1:30 Pre Service Music. Reception follows service.

**+ COMING UP+**

- +Next Sunday 3/27: Service of the Word  
Seminary Sunday at Evangelical, Pres. Margaret Drugovich serves as Lector.  
Reception follows service
- +Thursday 4/7: St Matthew Worship and Music Committee Meeting, 5pm
- +Thursday 4/7: St Matt Council Meeting, 7pm

+ Cartoon of the Week +



**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)

Joyce Boyd: 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

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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.