



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

**+Second Sunday in Advent+**  
Holy Communion (LBW Setting 2)  
December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021

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

## GATHERING

**Prelude**

(A)

**Welcome**

**Parish News**

**Advent wreath lighting and reading**

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* (st. 3&4) pew card

*Light One Candle* (st. 2) pew card

\* **Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness**

pg. 77

\* **Entrance Hymn**

*Prepare the Royal Highway*

LBW #26

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

**Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the way of your only begotten Son, that when he comes / he may choose us to serve you in holiness, 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: Malachi 3:1-4** A lesson from Malachi:

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight--indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. [2] But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; [3] he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. [4] Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

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

**Psalmody: Luke 1:68-79** (Tones: single 21; double 6) or LBW pg. 134

Blessed be the Lord God of / Israel,\* for he has looked favorably on his people / and redeemed them.

**He has raised up a mighty sav- / ior for us\***

**in the house of his / servant David,**

as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets / from of old,\*  
that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand  
of / all who hate us.

**Thus he has shown the mercy promised / to our ancestors,\***

**and has remembered his / holy covenant,**  
the oath that he swore to our ancestor / Abraham,\*  
to grant us that we, being rescued from the hands of our  
enemies, might serve him without fear, in holiness and  
righteousness before him / all our days.  
**And you, child, will be called the prophet of / the Most High;\***  
**for you will go before the Lord to pre- / pare his ways,**  
to give knowledge of salvation / to his people\*  
by the forgiveness / of their sins.  
**By the tender mercy / of our God,\***  
**the dawn from on high will / break upon us,**  
to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shad- / ow of  
death,\* to guide our feet into the / way of peace."  
**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 fore- / er. Amen.**

**Second Lesson: Philip. 1:3-11** A lesson from Philippians:

I thank my God every time I remember you, [4] constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, [5] because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. [6] I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. [7] It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. [8] For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. [9] And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight [10] to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, [11] having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

\* **Gospel Acclamation**

*Glory to you, O Lord*

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**HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 3:1-6**

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, [2] during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. [3] He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, [4] as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,  
"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make his paths straight.  
[5] Every valley shall be filled,  
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,  
and the crooked shall be made straight,  
and the rough ways made smooth;  
[6] and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.' "  
The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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

\* **Hymn of the Day** *Herald, Sound the Note of Judgement* LBW #556

### **RESPONSE**

\* **Nicene Creed** pg. 84

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

### **First Intercession:**

Almighty Father, we bless you for the mercy you are working out for us, although we often run from the community of love you intended in our creation. Even more critical is our neglect of the full use of the fellowship established by your Spirit within the church. Open our hearts and stir up our faith as you call us back from what we find comfortable. Help us in spirit to return to you, and to pray for the fullness of your coming.

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

**Offering** pg. 86

**Musical Offering** (A)

\* **Offertory** *What Shall I Render* pg. 87

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

Gracious Father, it is your glory that you can overcome the wildness of your sheep. When we offer you our gifts, confessing joy for the safety of your fold, show us what profit we can bring you / when we no longer stray. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## MEAL

* <b>Great Thanksgiving/Dialog</b>		pg. 88
<b>Preface &amp; Sanctus</b>	<i>Holy, Holy, Holy</i>	pg. 89
* <b>Eucharistic Prayer #3 &amp; Lord's Prayer</b>		pew racks
<b>Agnus Dei</b>	<i>Lamb of God</i>	pg. 92

**Distribution Hymns** LBW #22, 33, 224

\* **Post Communion Blessing & Canticle** *Lord, Now You let . . .* pg. 93

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

By your sacrificial love, O Lord, you call us to repent that we may be saved. Through your Spirit help us to be changed / that we may embrace your glory which shall always be. We bless you now and evermore. **Amen.**

## SENDING

\* **Benediction** pg. 94

\* **Recessional Hymn** *On Jordon's Banks the Baptist's Cry* LBW #36

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

**Postlude**

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### **Pastors Pericope Paragraph Advent 1 12/5**

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

Luke dates the arrival of John the baptizer in historical reality. The fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy has come. The time is now! (Gospel).

George F. Handel and his librettist, Charles Jennens, found texts (lyrics) in biblical passages from Malachi ("...but who may abide the day of his coming...", 1st Lesson) and Isaiah ("...The voice of one crying out in the wilderness..." - Gospel). Paul, writing to his beloved congregation in Philippi, Macedonia, gives witness to the Christian virtue of gratitude (2d lesson).

### **Weekly Worship Practice:**

When entering the sanctuary, please do so in a quiet manner so as not to disturb parishioners who choose to pray and reflect silently before the service begins. Coffee hour provides a warm and receptive environment for fellowship and conversation. Thank you!

**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. Thank You.

+OCLP+

We welcome Deacon Tom Collins to lead worship at St. Matthew and Atonement

Next week we welcome Deacon Todd Eames to lead worship at Evangelical and St. John

<b>Serving Today</b>	<b>Atonement</b>	<b>Evangelical</b>	<b>St. Matthew</b>
Comm. Asst.	Cindy Heaney	Cindy L	
Asst. Minister	Sue Dana	Mark Howard	Dave Forbes
Lector	Sue Dana	Mark Howard	Rod Klafehn
Cantor	Sue Dana		
*Altar Care	Eli England	Carol B & Esther	
Ushers/Greeters		Ilse S	
Coffee Hour	Martha Messner		
Acolyte	Emerson Riley	Paxton Hazzard	Kayla Joubert
Sound System		Pelcers	
Bell Ringer			
Church Cleaner			

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### **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), Evelyn Hamilton (Lehenbauer), Rene Prins, Thomas Mendez, Heather Byrnes, Charlotte Grant, Grace & Chuck Dietzman, Barbara Loitsch, Rita Nelson, Elizabeth Robinson (Messner), Thoranne Winkler, Carmen Alvarez (Hopkins), Monica Koulis (Winkler), Pr. Jack Stennett

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Bob & Mary Mansbach

For young adult: Billy 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, Len Price (son), Esther Hughes, Tom Pritchard, Tad Mahoney, Bill Jacobson (D. Brown), Carl Hecker, Eric & Amy Burda, Anthony Scarfuto (Boyd), Dwaine Sharett (Butts), Jim Desrocher (Boyd), Dick Woodhause (Hazzard)

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

For Young Adult: Dale Higgins

### **+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, Patricia Psaltz (Sherry), Maureen McAndrew (Greenleaf), Mike McAndrew (Greenleaf), Cathy (Struckle), Bernie Sitts Jr., Pr. Jack Stennett

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Connie Dabreau

For Young Adult: Shanna Hitchcock

**+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), Garth Swanson (Messner), Mike Quinn (Messner), Edee Cook (Rotolo)

**For those preparing for marriage:** Todd Bates & Sarah Gosek

**For those preparing for childbirth:** Connor & Sarah Chapmann

**For those in the military, law enforcement and emergency services:** the US Border Patrol

**In the Foothills Conference:** Bishop Lee Miller II, assistants Lori Kohanski, Michelle Josephson, and Julie Grindle the staff and ministries of the Upstate NY Synod

**National/ International Concerns:** all victims of religious, ethnic, and racial hatred, prejudice, genocide and slavery; the people of Afghanistan, Ethiopia; for those involved in the continuing crisis on our Southern border; for refugees & migrants; for those living in long term care facilities; for Catholic Charities and all who work with people in need; for an end to violence in our schools and communities

**Natural and Man-Made Disasters:** Victims of the coronavirus, and those struggling with social isolation. For medical researchers, pharmaceutical companies, hospital workers, and all medical professionals. Victims of drought and famine.

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

The Oxford High School shooting victims:

- + Hana St. Juliana, 14 +
- + Justin Shilling, 17 +
- + Tate Myre, 16 +
- + Madisyn Baldwin, 17 +

**+ 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
11/28/2021	18/ 865 \$760	18/ 938	18/ 991 \$771
**	<b>(\$1,290)</b>	<b>(\$705)</b>	<b>(\$1,309)</b>
12/1/2021	2/ 66	2/ 63	5/ 329

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

**+ OCLP +**

**+ Attendance Goals**

Help us break 1,000 in total attendance for 2021. St. Matthew, Evangelical, and Atonement are all closing in on that goal. Your presence is always a blessing!

**+ THIS WEEK +**

(see the Advent – Christmass – Epiphany Schedule)

- +Today Sunday 12/5: Second Sunday in Advent – Holy Communion
- +New Worship service times begin at Evangelical (9:15am) and St. John (11:15am)
- + Wednesday 12/8: Evangelical Council Meeting, 12:30pm

**+Next Week+**

- +Next Sunday 12/12: Stewardship Commitment Sunday
- +Next Sunday 12/12: St. Lucia Coffee Hour at St. Matthew
- +Next Sunday 12/12: Cookie Smorgasbord at Atonement
- +Tuesday 12/14: OCLP Craft Group at Eileen Burda's
- +Thursday 12/16: St. Matthew Food Distribution, 4pm
- +Thursday 12/16: OCLP Men's Dinner, Jay's Place, Oneonta, NY

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**+ Thought of the Week +**

The Theotokos has been revealed on the earth in truth,  
Proclaimed of old by words of the prophets,  
Foretold by the wise patriarchs and the company of the righteous.  
She will exchange glad tidings with the honor of women:  
Sarah, Rebecca, and glorious Hannah,  
And Miriam, the sister of Moses.  
All the ends of the earth shall rejoice with them,  
Together with all of creation.  
For God shall come to be born in the flesh,  
Granting the world great mercy.

-- Orthodox liturgy

**THE LONGEST NIGHT:  
A SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE**

**Wednesday, December 22, 2021**

**5:30 PM**

**St. Agnes Chapel  
Christ Church, Episcopal  
Cooperstown**

*"For thou wilt light my candle: the Lord my God will enlighten my darkness."  
Psalm 18:28*

As we light candles for our loved ones, our combined prayers will resonate through the darkness and shine a light on our sadness. May our candles remind us that the Christ Child is our light in the world and that God is with us, always!

Please join us for a service of remembrance which addresses our grief over the loss of loved ones and gives us hope as we struggle to keep the "Merry" in Christmas.

As we acknowledge the pain and sadness often experienced during the holidays, we can support each other in our journey toward hope, knowing that Christ is indeed with us.

This service is open to all and especially to those who have suffered a loss in the past year.



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## **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 9:30 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 11:00 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)

Dave Forbes: 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 the OCLP office no later than 9am on Thursday.

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.