



*Come to Me,*

all you who labor and are heavy laden,  
and I will give you rest.

MATTHEW 11:28

ATONEMENT LUTHERAN CHURCH  
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The Rev. Paul R. Messner, S.T.S., Pastor  
The Rev. Robert Mansbach, Pastor Emeritus

+ **Sixth Sunday after Pentecost** +  
WOV Service of Word & Prayer  
July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023

(\* = 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**

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<b>*Greeting + Dialogue</b>	<i>The Word is Near You</i>	pg. 46
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**First Prayer** (*7th Century Gelasian*)

**O God, you never defeat yourself as you perfectly provide for all that you create. Remove from our way all that is harmful / and give us what will profit / that we may share in your invincible grace. 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**

## WORD

**First Lesson: Zech. 9:9-12** A lesson from Zechariah

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!

Lo, your king comes to you;

triumphant and victorious is he,

humble and riding on a donkey,

on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

[10] He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim

and the war horse from Jerusalem;

and the battle bow shall be cut off,

and he shall command peace to the nations;

his dominion shall be from sea to sea,

and from the River to the ends of the earth.

[11] As for you also,

because of the blood of my covenant with you,

I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

[12] Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;

today I declare that I will restore to you double.

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

**Psalmody: 145:8-14** (Tones: Single 26 or Double 9)

The Lord is gracious and / merciful,\*  
slow to anger and abounding in / steadfast love.

**The Lord is / good to all,\*  
and his compassion is over all that / he has made.**

All your works shall give thanks to / you, O Lord,\*  
and all your faith- / ful shall bless you.

**They shall speak of the glory / of your kingdom,\*  
and tell / of your power,**

to make known to all people your / mighty deeds,\*  
and the glorious splendor / of your kingdom.

**Your kingdom is an ever- / lasting kingdom,\*  
and your dominion endures throughout all / generations.**

The Lord is faithful in / all his words,\*  
and gracious in / all his deeds.

**The Lord upholds all / who are falling,\*  
and raises up all who / are bowed down.**

**Glory to the Father, and / to the Son,\* and to the / Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginn- / ing, is now,\* and will be forev- / er. Amen.**

**Second Lesson: Rom. 7:15-25a** A lesson from Romans:

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. [16] Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. [17] But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. [18] For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. [19] For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. [20] Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

[21] So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. [22] For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, [23] but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. [24] Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? [25] Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

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

**\*Gospel Acclamation**

*Word of Life Jesus Christ  
Glory to you, O Lord*

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**\*Holy Gospel: Matt.11:16-19, 25-30**

"But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

[17] 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.'

[18] For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; [19] the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds."

[25] At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; [26] yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. [27] All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

[28] "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. [29] Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. [30] For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**\* Gospel Response**

*Praise to you, O Christ*

**Children's Sermon/Homily**

Deacon Deb Lawyer (A/St.M)  
Pastor Paul Messner (E/St.J)

**\*Hymn of the Day**

*I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

LBW #497+

**RESPONSE to the WORD**

**Sacrament of Holy Baptism** (Evangelical)

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**\*Apostles' Creed**

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**\*Confession and Forgiveness**

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**\*Sharing the Peace**

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**Offering**

**\*Offertory**

*Glory to you God (stz. 2)*

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**\* Offertory Prayer:**

(or WOV pg. 51)

Almighty Father, you rule the world with seasons / in a symphony of birth and growth, of play and rest. We who span the seasons and the years, bring these offerings to confess and worship you for giving every kind of bread, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**\*Prayers of the Church**

## **First Intercession:**

Father, Lord of heaven and earth, you have hidden the fulfillment of your promises from some who are wise and intelligent and have revealed them to us infants whom you have chosen. We worship you for your gracious will and because you have handed all things over to Jesus our brother whom we have come to know as your Son. Reveal yourself to us still more as we take his burden upon ourselves to serve your creation in its need.

## **\*Additional Prayers**

### **\*Lord's Prayer**

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## **SENDING**

### **\*Blessing**

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### **\*Recessional Hymn**

*The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve*

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### **Dismissal**

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

### **Postlude**

## **Pastors Pericope Paragraph 7/9**

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

"Come to me, all who are weary and weighed down from carrying heavy burdens - I will give you rest". But we are so used to wanting things our own way, following our own path, and pouting when things don't go our way, that it is hard to let go of "my way or the highway" attitudes. We'd rather persist in what we're comfortable with, even when it's no longer working. We'd rather remain spoiled children than open our eyes to see the situation as God does (Gospel). "Prisoners of Hope", we look to the future expectantly, waiting, watching and working for what God has in store. So, we rejoice, despite all the evidence to the contrary(1<sup>st</sup> lesson). We are conflicted, so often. Struggling to discern/know the "right" and then unsure of how to do it. We need someone to rescue us. Guess who? (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

## **All baptized Christians are welcome to God's Table of Grace.**

All the baptized may commune in the OCLP with no age restriction. 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.

**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.

+OCLP+

We welcome Deacon Deb Lawyer to lead worship at Atonement & St. Matthew  
 Next Sunday ELCA Deacon (Ret.) Sandy Shear will lead worship at Evangelical & St. John

<b>Serving Today</b>	<b>Atonement</b>	<b>Evangelical</b>	<b>St. Matthew</b>
Asst. Minister			Robin Bush
Comm. Asst.			
Lector	Robert Loitsch	Ilse S	Dave Forbes
Cantor	Robert Loitsch		
*Altar Care	Laura Sherrill	Ilse & Dorothy	
Ushers/Greeters	Denise Richardson	Dorothy	
Coffee Hour			
Acolyte	Logan Temming		
Sound System		Lane	
Bell Ringer			
Church Cleaner			

**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, 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), Sue (M. Messner), Valerie England, Jennifer Carman, Lisa Cooper (Syvertsen), Martha Messner, Barbara Gee, Janna Benston (Sherrill), Gary Williams, Gary Herion, Penny Baumann, Jill A. (Cindy), Jason Pallack (Carman)

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Sue Nelson & Mike Miller

For young adult: Megan Cleveland

**+Evangelical+**

For healing in body, mind and spirit in our own congregation: Kathi Yule (C. Butts), Yvonne Cornell, Alex Reynolds (C. Butts), Marilyn Urbiss (Burda), Roz Winne (C. Butts), Janet Underwood (Burda), Gloria Hendricks, Susan Howard, John & Pam Miller, David Glynn, Bill Jacobson (D. Brown), Kenny Medor (Butts), Joan Ackerman (Butts), Chuck Scorzafava, Martha Messner, Ansley (Butts)

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Ilse Seitz

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), Barbara Gesile, Gina Pywar, Melissa McLaughlin (S. Eggers), Cathy Walsh (Stevens), Mary Hartmann (Nelson), Owen Basher (Marsh), Rennie Brown (Janet), Jason Hahn, Kathy & Rich Parsons, Maureen McAndrew (Greenleaf), Mike McAndrew (Greenleaf), Jack Anthony (Stevens), Troy Lutz (Bush), Alan & Linda Peeters, Corinne Pollak, James Wikoff (Hulbert), Vicky Vesely (Bush), Martha Messner, Helmut Boehl, Frank Wood, Ray Gilmore (Winslow), Judy Berkshire (Crouthamel), Janet Brown, Kevin Bonney, Robin Bush, Anna Elwyn, Ellie Bauman

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Rose Nelson

For Young Adult: Jordan Forbes

**+Beyond the Parish+**

For healing in body, mind and spirit: Jackie Hesse (Lawyer), Rosemary Pepe (Eggers), Dorothy Fernandez, (Eggers), Dick Armstrong, Gina Utter (Thompson), Cathy Deleski (Thompson), Alicia Biesler (Thompson), Margie Ortega (Thompson), Amy Cooper (Messner), Pr Lynn Ash, former President Jimmy Carter, Phil Roberts (Messner), David Wolff, Davilynn Cifonelli (Doane-Nelson), Jim McCoy, Spike Dibble (Frank & Toni Wood), Kathryn Morris (Messner), Sue Stevens (Mansbach)

**For those preparing for marriage:** John Joslin & Myranda Davies

**For those preparing for childbirth:** Jeff & Lucia (Klafehn) Schmidt

**For those in the military, law enforcement and emergency services:** Jason Crippin, Herkimer PD

**In the Foothills Conference:** Communications ministries (newsletters, TV/radio/ online ministries), church publications and for the American Lutheran Publicity Bureau

**Natural/Man-made Disasters:** victims of drought in Ethiopia, Somalia & Afghanistan; victims of violence in our cities, suburbs and rural communities; those struggling with economic conditions, food insecurity, and homelessness; Victims of the severe heat wave in our southern states

**National/ International Concerns:** For all refugees and migrants and those contending with the continuing crisis on our northern & southern borders, the people of Ukraine, Russia, Israel & Palestine

We rejoice with the Cahill & Daddio families on the baptism of Nora May at Evangelical today

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

+ Penny Bauman +

+ Kevin Bonney +

**+ 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.

**+Evangelical**

Calling all bakers! Bake sale at Evangelical, Saturday July 15<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am to 1:00pm. Please bake as much as you can. Bake breads, muffins, cookies, brownies, cake, pies, or your specialty! Freeze ahead of time! Drop off on Friday July 14<sup>th</sup> from 3:00pm to 5:00pm, or day of sale from 7:30am to 9:00am.



## Attendance & Offering Statistics

Date	Atonement	Evangelical	St. Matthew	St. John
7/2	26/ 669	14/ 401	18/ 585	3/ 181
7/5	1/ 91	1/ 49	7/ 231	
**	<b>(\$1,290)</b>	<b>(\$850)</b>	<b>(\$1,309)</b>	

\*\* Needed to meet weekly expenses

+ THIS WEEK +

Monday, 7/10 – OCLP craft group meeting at Eileen Burda’s  
(165 Marble Rd., Richfield Springs)

Wednesday Services:

7:30am St. Matthew

10:30am Clergy Bible Study, Christ Church, Cooperstown

Noon Evangelical

Thursday, 7/6 - St Matt Worship and Music, 5pm

+ COMING UP +

Next Sunday - Holy Communion

Mon. 7/10 - OCLP Craft Group

Saturday, 7/15 - Evangelical bake sale, 9:00am – 1:00pm

July 23-28

32<sup>nd</sup> Hartwick Seminary Summer Institute of Theology, Hartwick College

All are welcome to attend



## Books of the Bible K-Z

L K X Q B X R X T M N D B V I M H G Y M  
V J U L R C P F Z H T Q N E V A V F S H  
F V M A I E J I E S X C R D K T L R A D  
M G O P M A L A C H I N K J M T D I P P  
U J M A L G V B H A Q M I C A H M L R D  
K S J V N E G S A Y D R L Z I E M O H L  
R P T I O C U J R I A R O E H W V M W K  
F G S H M N L M I T U T Z E Q E K S Y X  
R B F R E V E L A T I O N W R S R X K Y  
Y E H M L S E O H S N S T B N D A O V Z  
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C U H O P I Q E L E R T D S J P V A Y H  
A Y C K M T L J F O A E A S U T I T O A  
U J O M K I N G S T N L B J S D T G F N  
T P J I B V T A N K M I T M A T L B U I  
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R C B G L J B W A E I X O U O P S D O J

KINGS

LAMENTATIONS

LEVITICUS

LUKE

MALACHI

MARK

MATTHEW

MICAH

NAHUM

NEHEMIAH

NUMBERS

OBADIAH

PETER

PHILEMON

PHILIPPIANS

PROVERBS

PSALMS

REVELATION

ROMANS

RUTH

SAMUEL

SONG OF

SOLOMON

THESSALONIANS

TIMOTHY

TITUS

ZECHARIAH

ZEPHANIAH

## **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

Evangelical Lutheran Church, Hartwick Seminary, NY

Sunday Worship 9:15 am (Holy Communion 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays + festivals)

Tami Pelcer: 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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<http://otsegocountylutheranparish.com>

Any news/ announcements/ or other information t

hat you wish to have included in the weekly service bulletin must be received by Pr. Paul no later than 9am on Thursday 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.