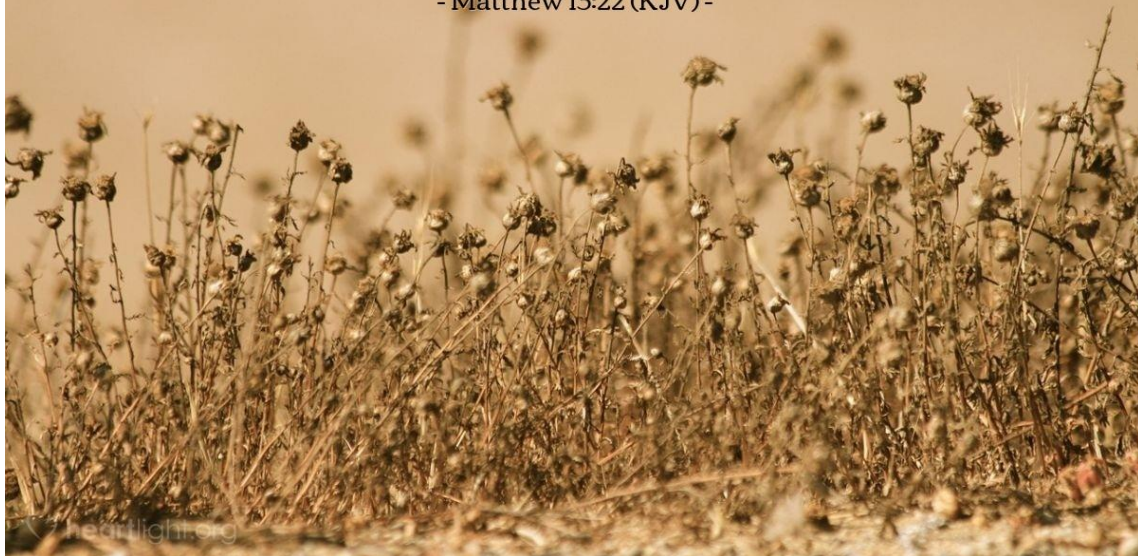


He also that received seed among the thorns
is he that heareth the word; and the care of
this world, and the deceitfulness of riches,
choke the word, and he becometh unfruitful.

- Matthew 13:22 (KJV) -



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

+ **Seventh Sunday after Pentecost** +
Holy Communion (LBW Setting 1)
July 16th, 2023

(* = Stand as you are able; LBW = Lutheran Book of Worship-green book)

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome

Parish News

Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness

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* **Entrance Hymn**

What is this place?

Insert

* **Apostolic Greeting & Kyrie**

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* **Hymn of Praise:**

This is the feast . . .

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(1-women, 2-men)

* **First Prayer** (*6th Century Leonine*)

Richly inspire us, O Lord, to consider and accomplish what you see is good. We cannot live without you / but with you we shall prevail, 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: Isaiah 55:10-13 A lesson from Isaiah:

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,

giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,

[11] so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;

it shall not return to me empty,

but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,

and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

[12] For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace;

the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song,

and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

[13] Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;

instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;

and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial,

for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

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

Psalmody: 65 (tones 26-single; 9-double)

Praise is due to you, O / God, in Zion;*

and to you shall vows/ be performed,

O you who / answer prayer!* To you all / flesh shall come.

When deeds of iniquity / overwhelm us,*
you forgive / our transgressions.

**Happy are those whom you choose and bring near to live / in
your courts.* We shall be satisfied with the goodness of
your house, your / holy temple.**

By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance, O God of /
our salvation;* you are the hope of all the ends of the
earth and of the / farthest seas.

**By your strength you establish- / ed the mountains;*
you are gird- / ed with might.**

You silence the roaring / of the seas,*
the roaring of their waves, the tumult / of the peoples.

**Those who live at earth's farthest bounds are awed / by your
signs;* you make the gateways of the morning and the
evening / shout for joy.**

You visit the earth and / water it,*
you great- / ly enrich it;

**the river of God is / full of water;* you provide the people
with grain, for so you / have prepared it.**

You water its furrows abundantly, settl- / ing its ridges,*
softening it with showers, and bless- / ing its growth.

**You crown the year / with your bounty;*
your wagon tracks over- / flow with richness.**

The pastures of the wilderness / overflow,*
the hills gird them- / selves with joy,

**the meadows clothe them- / selves with flocks,* the valleys
deck themselves with grain, they shout and sing togeth- / er for joy.**

**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: Romans 8:1-11 A lesson from Romans:

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. [2] For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. [3] For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, [4] so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. [5] For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. [6] To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. [7] For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law--indeed it cannot, [8] and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

[9] But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. [10] But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. [11] If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

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

* **Alleluia Verse** pg. 63
* **Gospel Acclamation** **Glory to you, O Lord.** pg. 63

Holy Gospel: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. [2] Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. [3] And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. [4] And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. [5] Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. [6] But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. [7] Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. [8] Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. [9] Let anyone with ears listen!"

[18] "Hear then the parable of the sower. [19] When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. [20] As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; [21] yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. [22] As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. [23] But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.** pg. 63

Homily

Pr. Paul Messner (A/ St. M)
ELCA Deacon (Ret.) Sandy Shear (E/ St. J)

* **Hymn of the Day** *This Is My Father's World* LBW #554+

RESPONSE

* **Apostles' Creed** pg. 65
* **Prayers of the Church** pg. 65

First Intercession:

O living Lord of heaven and earth, we worship you for acting on your love for our Father when he graciously willed the fruit of redemption. Having heard the word of the kingdom with joy and understanding, may we by your Spirit be like good soil which yields abundant fruit. Show us our part in accomplishing the good work which our Father graciously willed for your creation.

*** Sharing the Peace of the Lord**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Offering

Musical Offering

*** Presentation of Gifts and Offertory**

Let the Vineyards

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*** Offertory Prayer**

Gracious Father, we know our gifts cannot repay your love. We rather offer them to show our faith in you and Christ your Son. Help us to find good use for all we have / that we may rejoice in what you will always give, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

MEAL

*** Great Thanksgiving/Dialog**

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Preface & Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy

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*** Eucharistic Prayer & Lord's Prayer**

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Agnus Dei

Lamb of God

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Distribution Hymns

LBW #409+, 234, 474+

*** Post Communion Blessing & Canticle**

Thank the Lord . . .

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*** Post Communion Prayer**

O Lord, we are the bruised reed they said you would not break. By your perfect love offered in this Sacrament, help us grow into a semblance of the glory you foresaw in us / when you called us to be yours. We bless you now and evermore. **Amen.**

SENDING

*** Benediction**

pg. 74

*** Recessional Hymn**

Jesus Shall Reign

LBW #530

*** Dismissal**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Pastors Pericope Paragraph 7/16

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

What kind of return do you expect from your investment? Do you do your due diligence, investigate asset managers, carefully manage your accounts to get the best return? Jesus tells a story of a different kind of "investing" - living with an attitude of "glorious abandon", and trusting God for the results. Does that make any kind of sense? (Gospel). Isaiah quotes YHWH as promising a life-giving Word, which accomplishes His purpose for it. And that purpose is? Peace and Joy! (1st lesson). Paul, writing to Christians in the empire's capitol, contrasts "flesh" and "spirit" - two ways of being. We often follow a path which deviates from God's and reap the consequences. But the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus gives life, in spite of our failings. (2^d 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).

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 ELCA Deacon (Ret.) Sandy Shear to lead worship at Evangelical and St. John
 Next Sunday Pastor Jess Lambert will lead worship at Atonement and St. Matthew

Serving Today	Atonement	Evangelical	St. Matthew
Asst. Minister			Deb Lawyer
Comm. Asst.		Cindy L	
Lector	Cindy Heaney	Gabe L	Robin Bush
Cantor	Cindy Heaney		
*Altar Care	Becky Milford	Ilse & Dorothy	
Ushers/Greeters	John Mushtare & Victor G	Pelcers	
Coffee Hour			
Acolyte	Liam Thompson		Victoria Stevens
Sound System		Sliviak	
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), Valerie England, Jennifer Carman, Lisa Cooper (Syvertsen), Martha Messner, Janna Benston (Sherrill), Gary Williams, Gary Herion, Jill A. (Cindy), Jason Pallack (Carman), Barb Delaney (Serra-Lima/ Winkler)

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Ed Pixley

For young adult: Anna Boerner

+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), Wendy Wenck Craighill (Miller)

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Joan & Harold Taylor

For Young Adult: Gunnar 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), Anna Elwyn, Ellie Bauman

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Rich & Kathy Parsons

For Young Adult: Cooper Poulson

+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 & 1st Lady Rosalyn Carter, David Wolff, Davilynn Cifonelli (Doane-Nelson), Jim McCoy, Spike Dibble (Frank & Toni Wood), Kathryn Morris (Messner), Sue Stevens (Mansbach), Joe Bales (Messner), Kurt Hecker, Oneonta Mayor Mark Drnek, Dave Powell (Simmerly)

For those preparing for marriage: Joseph Tecklenburg & Colleen Fellner

For those preparing for childbirth: Pierre Sandaire & Kaylee McGrath

For those in the military, law enforcement and emergency services: Staff at Bassett Convenient Care, River St.

In the Foothills Conference: The Hartwick Seminary Institute of Theology and all Adult Education programs of our synod; for all intentional lay ministries and synod authorized ministries (SAMs)

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, and flooding in various places

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

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

+ Foster Salisbury +
(- 2023)

+ Judy Berkshire +
(Pr. Jim Crouthamel's sister)

+ 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

Thanks to those who baked for and came to the bake sale yesterday

+All active members and friends should normally be receiving our weekly bulletin via email before Sunday each week. If you are not please let the OCLP office or Pastor Paul know. Be sure we have your current email address. TY! If you'd like the bulletin mailed to you because you cannot come to worship and don't have email, or know someone in that situation, let us know the name(s) and mailing address(es). If you wish to add someone to this mailing list, let us know that, too!

+OCLP

Finances are tight at this halfway point of the year in all of our congregations. Please help us stay current on our responsibilities to our vendors and staff.

+The 32nd Hartwick Seminary Institute of Theology is coming soon. If you would be willing to help with set up on Friday and Saturday (July 21-22), or with clean up on Friday (July 28), please speak with Pr. Paul. Thanks!

Attendance & Offering Statistics

Date	Atonement	Evangelical	St. Matthew	St. John
7/9	23/ 692	23/ 424	19/ 604	3/ 184
7/12	1/ 92	1/ 50	9/ 240	
**	(\$1,290)	(\$850)	(\$1,309)	

**** Needed to meet weekly expenses**

+ THIS WEEK +

+ Today Sunday July 16th
Holy Communion

+Wednesday July 19th
7:30am St. Matthew – worship
10:30am Clergy Bible Study, Christ Church, Cooperstown
Noon Evangelical – devotions
7:00pm Atonement – worship

+Friday/ Saturday July 21 – 22
Set up for the Theology Institute

+ COMING UP +

+July 23-28
32nd Hartwick Seminary Summer Institute of Theology, Hartwick College
All are welcome to attend

Cartoon of the Week



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

Evangelical Lutheran Church, Hartwick Seminary, NY

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

Tami Pelcer: 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 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.