



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

+ **Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost** +  
LBW Service of the Word  
August 28<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**

\* **Entrance Hymn**

\* **Invocation and Dialog**

\* **The Apostles Creed**

\* **Canticle**

**Parish News**

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing +*

*Holy is the Lord*

*And have the great immensities . . .*

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

**O Lord, mercifully continue to purify and defend your Church. Since she cannot stand firmly without your power, govern her always by your 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**

(St.M/Evan)

## WORD

**First Lesson: Proverbs 25:6-7** A lesson from Proverbs:

Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great; for it is better to be told, "Come up here," than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

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

**Psalmody: Psalm 122** (Tones: single 22; double 24)

Praise the Lord! Happy are those who / fear the Lord,\*  
who greatly delight in / his commandments.

**Their descendants will be mighty / in the land;\***  
**the generation of the upright / will be blessed.**

Wealth and riches are / in their houses,\*and their righteousness en- / dures forever.

**They rise in the darkness as a light / for the upright;\*** **they are gracious, merci- / ful,**  
**and righteous.**

It is well with those who deal generous- / ly and lend,\*  
who conduct their af- / fairs with justice.

**For the righteous will nev- / er be moved;\*** **they will be remem- / bered forever.**

They are not afraid of / evil tidings;\*

their hearts are firm, secure / in the Lord.

**Their hearts are steady, they will not / be afraid;\*** **in the end they will look in triumph /**  
**on their foes.**

They have distributed freely, they have given / to the poor;\*

their righteousness endures forever;  
their horn is exalt- / ed in honor.

**The wicked see it and are angry; they gnash their teeth and / melt away;\*the desire of the wicked / comes to nothing.**

**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 13:1-8, 15-16** A lesson from Hebrews:

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?" Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

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

**\*Gospel Hymn:**

*In Thee is Gladness*

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**\* Gospel Acclamation**

**Glory to you, O Lord**

**Holy Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-14**

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the Sabbath, they were watching him closely. When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the

crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

The Gospel of the Lord.

\* **Gospel Response**

**Praise to you, O Christ**

\***Gospel Hymn:**

*In Thee is Gladness*

LBW #552 (St 2)

**Children's Sermon/Homily**

deacon Deb Lawyer (Ev/ St. J)

Pr. Paul Messner (St. M/ A)

\* **Hymn of the Day**

*Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus*

LBW #487

### **RESPONSE**

\* **Sharing of the Peace of the Lord**

**Offering** (plates are at the door)

**Musical Offering**

(A)

\* **Offertory**

*Peace to Soothe our Bitter Woes*

LBW #338

\* **Offertory Prayer:**

Almighty God, as you give strength and wisdom for our daily work, preserve us from pride when we succeed. And since we give these offerings as signs that we depend on you, teach us to glory only in your love, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

\* **Prayers of the Church**

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**First Intercession:**

Most Generous Father, you lavish us with every necessity, and free us by faith from struggling for ourselves. Accept our worship for this mercy which guides your awesome power. We thank you especially for the great love you have for your Son and the strong arm by which you raised him from the dead to die no more. You exalted him and proved that you give all things in love to those who take the lowest place and wait for you. Increase our faith that there is no other glory than you provide.

**Lord's Prayer**

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### **SENDING**

\* **Benediction**

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\* **Recessional Hymn**

*Blessed Assurance +*

WOV #699

**Dismissal**

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

**Postlude**

## **Pastors Pericope Paragraph 8/28**

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

A dinner party. Who makes the cut? Who gets to "move up higher"? Invite those who cannot repay. For God has already invited all of us - and we can never repay Him (Gospel). Pride starts us on our road away from God and one another. God purges us and restores us to wholeness and relationship (1<sup>st</sup> Lesson). When did you last entertain angels? Live in relationship in kindness, love, hope and faith. Jesus is the same, yesterday, today and forever! His love for us is eternal. Thanks be to God! (2d Lesson)

### **Weekly Worship Practice:**

Note to parents and guardians- Please bring quiet, soft toys for our younger friends to use in the pews during worship. Some of our congregations have Children's Activity Bags available- feel free to use one any Sunday. Help us to keep them cleaned, re- stocked and placed back where they'll be ready for next Sunday. 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; 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.

### **+OCLP+**

We welcome deacon Deb Lawyer to lead worship at Evangelical & St. John

Next week we welcome SAM Tom Collins to lead worship at St. Matthew & Atonement

<b>Serving Today</b>	<b>Atonement</b>	<b>Evangelical</b>	<b>St. Matthew</b>
Comm. Asst. Asst. Minister Lector Cantor Altar Care Ushers/Greeters Coffee Hour Acolyte Sound System Bell Ringer Church Cleaner	Martha Messner Joan Carman Martha Messner Eli England Victor Grant		Robin Bush

**+ 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, John Laitsch, 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), TJ Dwyer (Sherrill), Mary Carol Hart (Walters), Mary Ann Ross (Englands), Margo Graham (Sue Dana), Barbara Loitsch, Doris Quinn (Brown), David Kelefant (Walters), Allen and Ted Case (uncle/nephew) (Messner), Sue (M. Messner); Carleen (M. Messner), Valerie England, Alice Burdick

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Joan Carman

For young adult: Joe 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, Esther Hughes, Bill Jacobson (D. Brown), Anthony Scarfuto (Boyd),

Dwaine Sharett (Butts), Jim Desrocher (Boyd), Dick Woodhouse (Hazzard), Kenny Medor (Butts), Joan Ackerman (Butts), Mary Beth Pedersen

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Dorothy LaGasse

For Young Adult: Keira Higgins

**+St. Matthew+**

For healing in body, mind and spirit in our own congregation: Scott Forbes, Tina Keator, Sherrie Roy (Lawyer), Laura Emmet (Lawyer), Lynn Benekin (Forbes), Barbara Gesile (Lapp), Gina Pywar, 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), Bernie Sitts Jr. (Klafehn), Marge Bonney, Jack Anthony (Stevens), Troy Lutz (Bush), Alan Peeters, Isabell Tophoven, Bev Lapp, Corinne Pollak, James Wikoff (Hulbert), Doris Allen (Klafehn), Wayne Bush Sr (Bush), Vicky Vesely (Bush), Rita Knapp (Klafehn)

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Helmut & Lois Boehl

For Young Adult: Derek Sherry

**+Beyond the Parish+**

For healing in body, mind and spirit: Jackie Hesse (Lawyer), Rosemary Pepe (Eggers), Dorothy Fernandez, (Eggers), Dick Armstrong, Helga Lange (Winkler), Gina Utter (Thompson), Cathy Deleski (Thompson), Alicia Biesler (Thompson), Margie Ortega (Thompson), Amy Cooper (Messner), Mike Quinn (Messner), Ashwin Kalyandurg (Bush), Larry Antemann (Messner), Stash Tarka (Messner), Carl Roberts (Messner), Pr Lynn Ash, Cathy Carroll Ziemba (Messner). Those struggling with cancer. The mentally ill and those who care for them.

**For those celebrating marriage:** Maarten & Andrea van't Oever

**For those celebrating childbirth:** Michael and Alicia Hopkins on the birth of Valencia Mirabel

**For those in the military, law enforcement and emergency services:** SUNY University Police, including Cliff Brunner Jr. (Evangelical)

**In the Foothills Conference:** Campus ministries especially those in our Conference-Hartwick College, SUNY Oneonta, SUNY Delhi, SUNY Cobelskill, Fulton-Montgomery Community College

**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, and Christians 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; those who use the internet to foment hatred, for those suffering from Summer's extreme heat.

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

Joseph Rotolo

**+ 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.

**+OCLP**

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

**Attendance & Offering Statistics**

Date	Atonement	Evangelical	St. Matthew
8/21	23/	18/ 564	17/ 675
**	<b>(\$1,290)</b>	<b>(\$705)</b>	<b>(\$1,309)</b>
8/24	1/ 83	1/ 62	6/ 295

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

**+ OCLP +**

+Even in the summer, good weather, people are hungry or need a place to sleep or have bills to pay beyond their means. Our various discretionary funds are confidential and benefit those in need throughout the year. Most of the donations are given to Caring Connections at Catholic Charities. To support our OCLP funds make checks in any amount, payable to:

Atone - Pastors' Discretionary Fund  
St Matt - Pastor's Discretionary Fund  
Ev - Pastor's Help Fund  
St John - Good Samaritan Fund

Please do NOT make checks out to Pastor Paul for these funds. Thanks!

+As last year Evangelical will be collecting school supplies for Katy Van Dusen's class - this year at Milford Central. Others are welcome to contribute as well! Bring to church (Evangelical) or give to Pr. Paul.

Do others have a similar need?

+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 wish to add someone to this mailing list, let us know that, too!

**+ THIS WEEK +**

+Wednesday Services:

7:30am St. Matthew

Noon Evangelical

7:00pm Atonement

10:00am Clergy Bible Study, Christ Church, Cooperstown

**+ COMING UP +**

+Evangelical Rummage Sale

Sept. 3-4 & 10-11

+Emergency Services Sunday

Sept. 11

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**+ QUOTE OF THE WEEK +**

How wonderful it is that no one has to wait even a minute to start gradually changing the world!

-- Anne Frank



## **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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<http://otsegocountylutheranparish.com>

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 Tuesday 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.