



ATONEMENT LUTHERAN CHURCH
ONEONTA, NY

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
HARTWICK SEMINARY, NY

ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH
LAURENS, NY

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH
WEST BURLINGTON, NY

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

+Sixth Sunday after Pentecost+

LBW Service of the Word

July 12th, 2020

(* = 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

* **Invocation and Dialog:** *Holy is the Lord, the Almighty* pg. 126

* **The Apostles' Creed** pg. 128

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.

Psalmody: 65

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.

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.**

*** Gospel Acclamation**

From All That Dwell

LBW# 550 (st. 1)

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Glory to you, O Lord.

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.**

Gospel Response:

From All That Dwell

LBW# 550 (st. 2)

Children's Sermon/Homily

Pastor Paul Messner

*** Hymn of the Day**

We Plow the Fields and Scatter

LBW #362

RESPONSE

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

Offering

plate at the door

***Offertory**

Give Thanks With a Grateful Heart

last page

*** 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.**

*** Prayers of the Church**

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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.

***The Lord's Prayer**

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Recognition of High School Seniors

(insert)

SENDING

*** Benediction**

Dismissal

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

Postlude

Weekly Worship Practice:

When hymns have more than 3 or 4 stanzas we often employ a "varied singing" approach, so that not all stanzas are sung by everyone. This can be fun and helps us to hear and "sing" hymns differently (even when we're not singing but listening as we follow the text-the story- the poetry of the hymn). Singing in this antiphonal way (men/women; organ side/pulpit side, etc.) helps us to hear a hymn in a new way. When we are asked to sing in "harmony" most of us will sing the melody tune, but others the alto, tenor and bass parts so we have a nice 4 part harmony. If you have internet access, Google "singing with Lutherans" by Garrison Keillor to re-learn why we are often called "The Singing Church"

Serving Today	Atonement	Evangelical	St. Matthew
Comm. Asst. Asst. Minister Lector Cantor *Altar Care Ushers/Greeters Coffee Hour Acolyte/ Crucifer Sound System Bell Ringer Church Cleaner			

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+OCLP+

+CHARITABLE DEDUCTIONS - As you may know, taxpayers who meet the age requirement of 70 ½, can transfer any Required Minimum Distributions from IRAs to an eligible charity without paying income tax on the transaction. Since churches qualify as eligible charities, some parishioners at Atonement have begun doing this in the past few years. Parishioners who read the weekly statistics for plate and pledge donations, published in the bulletin, might notice that, on occasion, the donation total for pledges may seem rather substantial. This might be because

we received a distribution that week from someone who decided to take advantage of the annual tax deduction.

+Thanks to all who have continued to faithfully send in offerings to each congregation. All bills are current! As our churches re-open more folks will be leaving their offering at the door! If you are not yet able to come, please continue to mail them in. Thanks!

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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), Ken Nye (S. Dana), Linda Czernak (P. Serra-Lima), Stan Whitmore (C. Brown), Lewis Sherrill (D. Sherrill), Brian Sherrill (D. Sherrill), Jeremy Sorese (C. Heaney), Evelyn Hamilton (Lehenbauer), Beth Gilmore (Pudelka), Virginia Pudelka, Paula Holleran (Mansbach), Joan Carman, Elizabeth Robinson (Messner), Rene Prins (Roper), Tony and Thoranne Winkler, Thomas Mendes, Sam Sherrill, and Eli England

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Len & Ginny Pudelka

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), Shannan Mahoney (J. Boyd), Roz Winne (C. Butts), Janet Underwood (Burda), Amy Beuchler (Linsenbardt), Bob Hazelton (C. Butts), Joyce Boyd (C. Lane), Karen Ingraham (C. Butts), Gloria Hendricks, Mary Peterson, Susan & Mark Howard, John Miller, and Charlie Hughes

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

For Young Adult: Kevin Burda

+St. Matthew+

For healing in body, mind and spirit in our own congregation: Robert Evans, Scott Forbes, Tina Keator, Sherrie Roy (Lawyer), Laura Emmet (Lawyer) , Peg Hughes (Janet B.), Lynn Benekin (Forbes), Barbara Gesile (Lapp), Bart Bonney, Tennison (T. Wood), Gina Pywar, Erika Baker-Heinegg, Michele Tolen (T. Wood), Melissa McLaughlin (S. Eggers), Triston (Hahn), Gabrielle Bush, Priscilla Galbreth (Hulbert), Chayse Winslow, Kelly Ives (Wood), Cathy Walsh (Stevens), Ginny Ganio, Ivan Joubert, and Mike Keator

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Elsie & Ron Haus

For Young Adult: Derek Sherry

+St. John+

For healing in body, mind and spirit in our own congregation: Jennifer Darling (Hecker), Fred Schoellig

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

For Young Adult: Lizzie Hecker

+Beyond the Parish+

For healing in body, mind and spirit in our own congregation: Nancy Saxton Miller (Mansbach), Jackie Hesse (Lawyer), Rosemary Pepe (Eggers), Dorothy Fernandez, (Eggers), Dick Armstrong, David Brenner (Former Oneonta Mayor), Sue Haney, Warren Robinson (Messner), Pr. Ameen Aswad (Jail Ministry), and Julie Steinmueller (Sandy Shear)

For those preparing for marriage: Tim Lehenbauer & Ali Turner

For those celebrating childbirth: Ashley (Kathmann) & Robert Gaul

For those in the military, law enforcement and emergency services: Eric Oellrich, NYS Trooper

In the Foothills Conference: Evangelical Lutheran Church, Gallupville (Pr. Peter DeBartolo)

National/ International Concerns: People of Hong Kong, China; the Uigher Muslims, Christians, Buddhists, and other faith communities of China under persecution by the Chinese government, our country during this time of deep division.

Natural and Man-Made Disasters: Victims of the coronavirus, and those struggling with social isolation.

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

Children murdered in American cities July 4th weekend

+Sincere Gaston+ (20 months)

+Mekhi James+ (3 years)

+Natalia Wallace+ (7 years)

+Davon McNeal+ (11 years)

+Breonna Taylor+ (26 years)

Killed in police raid, Louisville, KY March 13th, 2020

+Anthony Dia+ (26 years)

Toledo, OH Police Officer killed in line of duty, July 4th, 2020

+ Parish News and Notes +

+Pentecost 6 7/12

Farming. Gardening. Much preparation of the soil, fertilizing, watering, praying. With no promise that the harvest will come! Drought, flooding, insects, pestilence, war, government agricultural policies...It's a risky business. Jesus' sower ignores the risks and sows his seed with glorious abandon. God's Seed/Word cannot be restricted by careful calculation learned in Ag School. But it yields an unbelievable result (Gospel). God's Word does what it says and accomplishes what HE intends - God keeps His promises (Lesson).

+St Matthew will be offering its Helping Hand free meal and bag of food between the hours of 4:00 PM and 5:30 PM, Thursday, July 16, 2020. All are welcome.

+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	St. John
	23/ 349 \$1196			13/ 345 \$1088
**	(\$1,290)	(\$750)	(\$1,309)	

**** Needed to meet weekly expenses**

+ THIS WEEK +

+Today: Sixth Sunday after Pentecost – Service of the Word

+Coming Up+

+Wednesday Services have begun again:

7:30am St. Matthew

Noon Evangelical

7:00pm Atonement

+Holy Communion will be offered with appropriate protocols

+ OCLP +

We are trying to get an accurate updated list of who has keys for each of our church buildings,
and who needs/no longer needs them

If you have a key please let the following person(s) know. If you no longer need a key please
turn it in to one of the same persons. Thanks!

+St Matthew - Dave Forbes, President; Ed Winslow, Property Chair.

+Atonement - John Mushtare, President; Doug Gee, Property Chair.

+Evangelical - Lee Sliviak, President/Property Chair.

+St John - Paul Hecker, President/ Property Chair.

Thanks!

+ Thought of the Week +



Love is company

Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart

Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, Give thanks to the
Ho - ly One, Give thanks _____ be-cause He's giv-en_ Je - sus
Christ His Son. Give thanks with a grate-ful heart, Give
thanks to the Ho - ly One, Give thanks _____ be-cause He's giv-en_
Je - sus Christ His Son. And now let the weak say "I am
strong," Let the poor say "I am rich," _____ Be-cause of
what the Lord has done for us. And now let the
weak say "I am strong," Let the poor say "I am
rich," _____ Be-cause of what the Lord has done for us.
Give thanks, _____ give 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 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.

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.

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