



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

+ **Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost** +
Holy Communion (LBW Setting 2)
October 2nd, 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 Parish News

Ringing of the Church Bell (StM/Ev)

* **Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness**

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* **Entrance Hymn**

Let the Whole Creation Cry

LBW #242+

* **Apostolic Greeting and Kyrie**

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* **Hymn of Praise:**

This is the Feast of Victory (cantor and congregation)

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* **Salutation**

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First Prayer: *(7th Century Gelasian)*

Generously pardon and give peace to your faithful people, O Lord, that being cleansed from every sin, they may be free and glad to serve, 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)

First Lesson: Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4 A lesson from Habakkuk:

The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.] O Lord, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you "Violence!" and you will not save? Why do you make me see wrongdoing and look at trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. So the law becomes slack and justice never prevails. The wicked surround the righteous therefore judgment comes forth perverted. I will stand at my watch post, and station myself on the rampart;

I will keep watch to see what he will say to me, and what he will answer concerning my complaint. Then the Lord answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay. Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalmody: 37:1-9 (Tones: Single 22; double 45)

Do not fret because / of the wicked;* do not be envious / of wrongdoers,

for they will soon fade / like the grass,* and wither like / the green herb.

Trust in the Lord, / and do good;* so you will live in the land, and enjoy / security.

Take delight / in the Lord,* and he will give you the desires / of your heart.

Commit your way / to the Lord;* trust in him, and / he will act.

He will make your vindication shine / like the light,* and the justice of your cause / like the noonday.

Be still before the Lord, and wait patient- / ly for him;* do not fret over those who prosper in their way, over those who carry out / evil devices.

Refrain from anger, and / forsake wrath.* Do not fret--it leads on- / ly to evil.

For the wicked shall / be cut off,* but those who wait for the Lord shall inher- / it the land.

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: Second Tim. 1:1-14 A lesson from Second Timothy:

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. I am grateful to God--whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did--when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

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

* **Alleluia Verse**

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* **Gospel Acclamation**

Glory to you, O Lord

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Holy Gospel: Luke 17:5-10

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you. "Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you

also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Children's Sermon/Homily

Pr. Paul Messner (St.M/ A)
Deacon Sandy Shear (Ev/ St. J)

* **Hymn of the Day** *Come Down, O Love Divine* LBW #508

RESPONSE

* **Apostles Creed** pg. 85

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

First Intercession:

Almighty God, it is our joy to be servants in your kingdom; and we would be content to simply do our duty in exchange for your care; but you have promised to share the table in your home. Such amazing love is a mystery, and we cannot fully imagine or understand such a glorious destiny. Be among us with your Spirit that we may be true to the faith you have inspired, and give you the praise that our worship intends.

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

Offering pg. 86

Musical Offering (A)

* **Offertory** *Let the Vineyards* pg. 86

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

Heavenly Father, you wait for our support of the Church to help restore our dignity as we learn to live by faith. Through the willingness of Jesus Christ to fulfill your love, inspire us to become partners with him in his saving ministry and then in the glory he has prepared, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

MEAL

* **Great Thanksgiving/Dialog** pg. 88

Preface & Sanctus *Holy, Holy, Holy* pg. 89

Eucharistic Prayer & Lord's Prayer pg. 89-91

Agnus Dei *Lamb of God* pg. 92

Distribution Hymns LBW #518, 479+, 197

* **Post Communion Blessing & Canticle** *Thank the Lord . . .* pg. 92

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

Lord Jesus, by faith we have tasted the life-giving food of your Kingdom and hunger to live and reign with you. Help us to make full use of the new strength we have received to produce the good works that you enjoy. We bless you now and evermore. **Amen.**

SENDING

* **Benediction** pg. 94

* **Recessional Hymn** *God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens* LBW #463

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

Postlude

Pastors Pericope Paragraph 10/2

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

The mustard seed "knows" it's job and does it. Do we? And then do we expect praise? A trophy? Someone (ANY-one) to notice? Faith (trust) does what it does because of who it serves (Gospel). The righteous live by their faith. Even when God seems far away; delaying his coming. Perhaps that's God's patience - giving us time? (1st lesson). 3 generations of faith. Trusting in their Lord even in the midst of persecution, imprisonment and separation. God is with us - through His Holy Spirit in us (2^d lesson).

Weekly Worship Practice:

Prior to worship, many take time to reverently prepare themselves for the liturgy by praying, quietly reflecting, marking hymnals and Bibles etc. Please respect those doing this by keeping conversation and greeting whispered or outside the sanctuary (in the narthex or parlor). This also models reverence to our children and youth! 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, or another ordained pastor, 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 Sandy Shear to lead worship at Evangelical and St. John

Next week we welcome deacon Deb Lawyer to lead worship at St. Matthew & Atoement

Serving Today	Atonement	Evangelical	St. Matthew
Asst. Minister	Sue Dana		Dave Forbes
Comm. Asst.	Cindy H	Lee Sliviak	
Lector	Joan Carman	Len Price	Robin Bush
Cantor	Sue Dana		
Altar Care	Bob Loitch	Cindy Lane	
Ushers/Greeters		Esther H	
Coffee Hour			
Acolyte	Stevie Mendez	Mia Pelcer	Kayla Joubert
Sound System		Pelcer	
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, 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 Ann Ross (Englands), Barbara Loitsch, Allen and Ted Case (uncle/nephew) (Messner), Sue (M. Messner); Carleen (M. Messner), Valerie England, Alice Burdick, Jennifer Carman

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Doug & Barbara Gee

For young adult: Daniel Herion

+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), Dwaine Sharett (Butts), Kenny Medor (Butts), Joan Ackerman (Butts), Mary Beth Pedersen, Chuck Scorzafava

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Roberta Rowland-Raybold

For Young Adult: Alex Reynolds

+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: Carol Evans

For Young Adult: Catie Cleveland

+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), Stash Tarka (Messner), Pr Lynn Ash, Cathy Carroll Ziemba (Messner), Cadence Love (Messner), Pr Dan Hoffman (Messner), those in hospice care or living in long-term care facilities. Those dealing with Covid, cancer, auto-immune diseases, mental illness, addictions and other debilitating conditions

For those celebrating marriage: John and Mary (Kouw) Pezzullo

For those preparing for childbirth: Anthony and Chelsea Casimano

For those in the military, law enforcement and emergency services: For Sheriff Richard Devlin and the Otsego County Sheriffs Department

In the Foothills Conference: Immanuel Lutheran Church, Delhi, Trinity Lutheran Church (Pr. Robert Wilson); Stamford; Christ the Shepherd Lutheran Church, Schoharie (Pr. Colleen Quirion)

Ordination/Commissioning anniversaries connected to our parish or conference:

Pr Jack Stennett, 9/14/75 - 47 years

Pr Dave Preisinger, 9/24/78 - 44 years

Pr Elisabeth Aurand, 9/21/96 - 26 years

Pr Serena Mollenkopf-Grill - 9/10/90 - 22 years

Deacon Sandy Shear - 9/9/05 - 17 years

Natural/Man-made Disasters: Victims of Hurricane Ian. Drought in Ethiopia, Afghanistan and much of Europe

National/ International Concerns: For all refugees and migrants and those contending with the continuing crisis on our southern border.

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

Victims of violence in our cities, suburbs and rural communities.
Those struggling with economic conditions, food insecurity and homelessness.

+ 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: Last Sun/ YTD	Atonement	Evangelical	St. Matthew
9/25	23/	18/ 651	21/ 780
**	(\$1,290)	(\$705)	(\$1,309)
9/28	1/ 87	1/ 67	6/ 330

**** Needed to meet weekly expenses**

+ OCLP +

+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!

+Throughout the year people are hungry, in need a place to sleep, or have bills to pay beyond their means. Our various discretionary funds are confidential and benefit those in need. 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

These funds are necessarily confidential, so only Pastor Paul knows who receives any assistance through them, but 90+% of donated funds go to Catholic Charities of Otsego County for their use in assisting those in need with housing, food, home and travel fuel, clothing etc.

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

+ THIS WEEK +

+Sunday 10/2 - Reception honoring Virginia Pudelka for years of service as Atonement's Financial Secretary (after worship)

+Tuesday 10/4 - First Tuesday Supper, 6 pm, St Matthew - "We're Back" (favorite foods)

+Wednesday Services:

7:30am St. Matthew

Noon Evangelical

7:00pm Atonement

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

+Thursday 10/6 - St Matt Council Meeting, 7pm

+Friday 10/7 - Pr. Paul presides at Steves-Johnson wedding, Verona

+Saturday 10/8 - Acolyte/Crucifer (re-)Training, Atonement, 10am

+ COMING UP +

+Next Sunday 10/9 - Service of the Word

+Next Sunday 10/9 - Olah-Anderson Wedding, Verona (Pr Paul presides)

+Friday & Saturday 10/14-15 - St John Rummage Sale

+Friday & Saturday 10/14-15 - Adult Education Retreat, St Margarets Retreat Center, New Hartford

+Sunday 10/16 - St. John Council Meeting

I'M ONLY SUPPOSED TO TAKE
TWO OF EACH ANIMAL BUT
MY WIFE INSISTED...



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

Barbara Loitsch: Choir Director

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 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.