

+ **Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost** +

Holy Communion (LBW Setting 1)

September 3rd, 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**

When Morning Gilds the Skies

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* **Apostolic Greeting & Kyrie**

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(stz. 2-women, 3-men, 4-harmony)

* **Hymn of Praise:**

This is the feast . . .

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(1-women, 2-men)

* **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

WORD

First Lesson: Jeremiah 15:15-21 A lesson from Jeremiah:

O Lord, you know; remember me and visit me,
and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors.

In your forbearance do not take me away;
know that on your account I suffer insult.

[16] Your words were found, and I ate them,
and your words became to me a joy
and the delight of my heart;

for I am called by your name,
O Lord, God of hosts.

[17] I did not sit in the company of merrymakers,
nor did I rejoice;

under the weight of your hand I sat alone,
for you had filled me with indignation.

[18] Why is my pain unceasing,
my wound incurable,
refusing to be healed?

Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook,

like waters that fail.

[19] Therefore thus says the Lord:

If you turn back, I will take you back,
and you shall stand before me.

If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless,
you shall serve as my mouth.

It is they who will turn to you,
not you who will turn to them.

[20] And I will make you to this people
a fortified wall of bronze;

they will fight against you,
but they shall not prevail over you,
for I am with you

to save you and deliver you, says the Lord.

[21] I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked,
and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

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

Psalmody: 26:1-8 (tones 26-single; 9-double)

Vindicate me, O Lord, for I have walked in my / integrity,*
and I have trusted in the Lord without / wavering.

Prove me, O Lord, / and try me;*
test my / heart and mind.

For your steadfast love is be- / fore my eyes,*
and I walk in faithful- / ness to you.

I do not sit / with the worthless,*
nor do I consort with / hypocrites;

I hate the company of / evildoers,*
and will not sit / with the wicked.

I wash my hands in / innocence,*
and go around your al- / tar, O Lord,

singing aloud a song / of thanksgiving,*
and telling all your / wondrous deeds.

O Lord, I love the house in / which you dwell,*
and the place where your glo- / ry abides.

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 12:9-21 A lesson from Romans:

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; [10] love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. [11] Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in

spirit, serve the Lord. [12] Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. [13] Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

[14] Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. [15] Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. [16] Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. [17] Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. [18] If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. [19] Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." [20] No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." [21] Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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 16:21-28

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. [22] And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." [23] But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

[24] Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. [25] For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. [26] For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

[27] "For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. [28] Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

The Gospel of the Lord.

* **Praise to you, O Christ** pg. 63

Homily

Pr. Jim Crouthamel (A/ St. M)

Pr. Paul (E/ St. J)

* **Hymn of the Day**

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

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RESPONSE

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

First Intercession:

Gracious Father, we value our life because your Son visited it with a taste of your glory. Yet we know that you use this life to lead us to a greater glory which we struggle to believe. As you test our faith with the opportunity or necessity of sacrifice, may we keep in mind the sacrifice of your son, and come to hunger for the life whose glory has no end.

* **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* pg. 66

* **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.**

MEAL

- * **Great Thanksgiving/Dialog** pg. 68-71
- Preface & Sanctus** *Holy, Holy, Holy* pg. 69
- * **Eucharistic Prayer & Lord's Prayer** pg. 69/ pew card
- Agnus Dei** *Lamb of God* pg. 72

Distribution Hymns

Sustenance (Insert), LBW #212, 474

- * **Post Communion Blessing & Canticle** *Thank the Lord . . .* pg. 72

* **Post Communion Prayer**

Lord Jesus Christ, because we have celebrated your obedience to the Father's love, let this spirit of your work rule us / that we may overcome our selfish ways. You are the Lord forevermore. **Amen.**

SENDING

- * **Benediction** pg. 74
- * **Recessional Hymn** *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less* LBW #293
- * **Dismissal**

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

Postlude

+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), Janna Benston (Sherrill), Gary Williams, Jill A. (Cindy), Jason Pallack (Carman), Barb Delaney (Serra-Lima/ Winkler), Stash Tarka (Thompson), Doug & Barbara Gee

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Gary & Kathryn Walters

For young adult: Tom King

+Evangelical+

For healing in body, mind and spirit in our own congregation: 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), Ansley (Butts), Wendy Wenck Craighill (Miller), Julie Sharrett, Lynne Hecker

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Gloria Hendricks

For Young Adult: Patrick Duffy

+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), 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), Helmut Boehl, Ray Gilmore (Winslow), Anna Elwyn (Rose Nelson), Ellie Bauman, Carol Evans, Patti Hulbert, Howard Turnbull (Stevens)

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Dave & Carolyn Anderson

For Young Adult: Zach Shaul

+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), Pr Lynn Ash, former President Jimmy

Carter & 1st Lady Rosalyn Carter, David Wolff, Davilynn Cifonelli (Doane-Nelson), Kathryn Morris (Messner), Sue Stevens (Mansbach), Joe Bales (Messner), Dave Powell (Simmerly), The Rev Richard Johnson (STS, Lutheran Forum Letter, editor), The Rev Pari Bailey (STS Treasurer), Robert Potter (Crouthamel)

For those preparing for marriage: Eric Jones & Susan Caramundo

For those celebrating childbirth: Jeff & Lucia Schmidt on the birth of Alden Leo (grandparents are Patty & Rod Klafehn).

For those in the military, law enforcement and emergency services: Oneonta FD & EMS

In the Foothills Conference: Organists/choir directors/choir members (name your own)

National/ International Concerns: For all refugees and migrants; victims of violence in our cities; those struggling with economic conditions, food insecurity, and homelessness the people of Ukraine, Russia, Israel, Palestine

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

+ Three Marines killed during a training exercise in Australia +
Cpl. Spencer R. Collard, Capt. Eleanor V. LeBeau, Maj. Tobin J. Lewis

+ Three African-Americans murdered in Jacksonville, FL in a racially motivated attack +
Angela M. Carr, Arnolt J. (“AJ”) Laguerre, Jerald Gallion

+ Bob Barker +
(1924 – 2023)

+ Linda Reeves +

+ Ken Tompkins +

+ 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.

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.

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.

Pastors Pericope Paragraph 9/3

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

"I will go to Jerusalem, suffer and be killed..." Peter says. "No Way, Lord!" (Ya gotta love Peter! Two weeks ago he's walking on the water with Jesus, anxious but bold then he sinks like a stone). Last week he bursts out, "you are the Christ, the son of the living God!" - for which Jesus acclaims him. Today he is back to stepping in it: "Get behind me Satan" (deceiver; adversary). Will the real Peter please stand up! Peter is all of the above. He cares, he tries, he struggles with who Jesus is -to him and for him -and all the others. Ya gotta love Peter. Jesus certainly does.

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!

+OCLP+

We welcome Pr. Jim Crouthamel to lead worship at Atonement and St. Matthew
Next Sunday Deacon Deb Lawyer will lead worship at Evangelical and St. John

Readings Through This Week

See website: <https://www.otsegocountylutheranparish.com>

Attendance & Offering Statistics

Date	Atonement	Evangelical	St. Matthew	St. John
8/27	37/ 883	8/ 520	18/ 739	3/ 218
8/30	1/ 100	1/ 60	7/ 286	
**	(\$1,290)	(\$850)	(\$1,309)	

** Needed to meet weekly expenses

+ THIS WEEK +

+ Today Sunday 9/3

Holy Communion

St. Matthew “Sundae Sunday” community event follows worship

+ Wednesday 9/6

7:30am St. Matthew – worship

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

Noon Evangelical – devotions

5:30pm “The Chosen” Season 2, episode 1 Atonement

7:00pm Atonement – devotions

+ Thursday 9/7

7:00pm St. Matthew Council Meeting

+ Friday 9/8

Evangelical Rummage Sale 8:00am – 4:00pm \$3 fill a bag

+ Saturday 9/9

Evangelical Rummage Sale 8:00am – 5:00pm \$3 fill a bag

+ COMING UP +

+ Next Sunday 9/10

Emergency Services Sunday

Service of Word & Prayer

1:30pm, OCLP Mutual Ministry, St. Matthew

+ Monday 9/11

OCLP Craft Group @ Eileen Burda’s, Marble Rd., Richfield Springs

+ Thursday 9/14

OCLP Men’s Dinner Out, Alfrescos, Main St. Oneonta