



SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT
TRUE DISCIPLESHIP

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

+ **Second Sunday in Lent** +
WOV Service of the Word and Prayer
February 28th, 2021

(* = 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

* Opening Hymn	<i>Our Father, We Have Wandered</i>	WOV# 733
* Invocation and Dialog	<i>The Word is near you</i>	pg. 46
* Scripture Song	<i>Salvation belongs to our God</i>	pg. 47

(St 1 – women, St 2 – men, Refrain – all)

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

O God, you see that goodness has deserted us. Keep our body and soul from physical misfortune and evil thought. And at the end, restore us to the glory from which we fell, 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: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

A lesson from Genesis:

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. [2] And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." [3] Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, [4] "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. [5] No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. [6] I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. [7] I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

[15] God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. [16] I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

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

Psalmody: 22:23-31 (Tones: single – 32; double – 9)

You who fear the Lord, praise him!

All you offspring of Jacob, / glorify him;*

stand in awe of him, all you offspring of / Israel!

For he did not despise or abhor

the affliction of / the afflicted;*

he did not hide his face from me,

but heard when I / cried to him.

From you comes my praise in the great / congregation;*

my vows I will pay before / those who fear him.

The poor shall eat and be satisfied;

those who seek him shall / praise the Lord.*

May your hearts / live forever!

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn / to the Lord;*

**and all the families of the nations shall wor- / ship before
him.**

For dominion belongs / to the Lord,*

and he rules ov- / er the nations.

To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the / earth bow down;*

before him shall bow all who go down to the dust,

and I shall / live for him.

Posterity will serve him;

future generations will be told a- / bout the Lord, *

and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn,

saying that / he has done it.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the / Holy Spirit;*

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forev- / er.

Amen.

Second Lesson: Romans 4:13-25 A lesson from Romans:

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. [14] If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. [15] For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

[16] For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, [17] as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations")--in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. [18] Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." [19] He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body,

which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. [20] No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, [21] being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. [22] Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." [23] Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, [24] but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, [25] who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

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

* **Gospel Acclamation**

Word of Life

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Holy Gospel: Mark 8:31-38 Glory to you, O Lord.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. [32] He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. [33] But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

[34] He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. [35] For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. [36] For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? [37] Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? [38] Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

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

Children's Sermon/Homily

Pastor Paul (St. Matthew and Atonement)

ELCA Deacon Sandy Shear (Ret.) (Evangelical and St. John)

* **Hymn of the Day**

The Glory of These Forty Days

WOV# 657

RESPONSE

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

Offering

Musical Offering

(A)

* **Offertory**

Create in Me a Clean Heart

WOV# 732

*** Offertory Prayer:**

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Heavenly Father, we could never repay you for the gifts that we enjoy; inspire us nevertheless to new measures of love and sacrifice / that you may take some pleasure in the life you have given us. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*** Prayers of the Church**

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First Intercession:

We praise and worship you, O Father, for the faithfulness of your son. He came to be our savior, not content to be a teacher and worker of miracles. He understood the need for his fateful journey to Jerusalem, trusting that you would reward his service by remembering him in the grave. Inspire us with faith in his service, and following him in service, so that we too may experience the promised resurrection.

Lord's Prayer

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SENDING

*** Benediction**

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Sending Song:

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

WOV# 660

Dismissal

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

Postlude

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Pastors Pericope Paragraph 2/28

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

We jump ahead 8 chapters in Mark: Peter is disturbed by Jesus' teaching that He must suffer and die. Jesus sternly rebukes Peter as a spokesperson for the Deceiver. Denying oneself is the future for Jesus' followers (Gospel). God changes names; renews promises; gives new life to an old and childless couple (1st lesson). We believe in the God who gives life to the dead. We trust in the craziness of His promises to our ancestors, and to us!

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, 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 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.

Serving Today	Atonement	Evangelical	St. Matthew
Comm. Asst. Asst. Minister Lector Cantor *Altar Care Ushers/Greeters Coffee Hour Acolyte Sound System Bell Ringer Church Cleaner	Eli England Logan Temming	Esther H Ilse & Dorothy Dorothy Pelcer	Jim Crouthamel

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+ We welcome ELCA Deacon Sandy Shear (Ret.) to lead worship at Evangelical and St. John +

+ Next Sunday Deacon Dave Forbes will lead worship at St. Matthew and Atonement

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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), Jeremy Sorese (C. Heaney), Evelyn Hamilton (Lehenbauer), Beth Gilmore (Pudelka), Virginia Pudelka, Rene Prins, Tony and Thoranne Winkler, Thomas Mendez, Bill Heaney, Allison Heaney, Heather Byrnes, Charlotte Grant, Barbara Gee, Grace Dietzman, Barbara Loitsch, Mike Lambiaso, Rita Nelson, Randy Webb (Sherrill), Margaret Ahlqvist, Emilie Stamps

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Barbara Ashmore

For young adult: Tom King

+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), Bob Hazelton (C. Butts), Karen Ingraham (C. Butts), Gloria Hendricks, Mary Peterson, Susan Howard, John Miller, Tad Mahoney, David Glynn, Len Price, Esther & Charles Hughes, Tom Pritchard

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Elise Zayat (Oklahoma)

For Young Adult: Dale Higgins

+St. Matthew+

For healing in body, mind and spirit in our own congregation: Scott Forbes, Tina Keator, Sherrie Roy (Lawyer), Laura Emmet (Lawyer) , Peg Hughes (Janet B.), Lynn Benekin (Forbes), Barbara Gesile (Lapp), Gina Pywar, Erika Baker-Heinegg, Michele Tolen (T. Wood), Melissa McLaughlin (S. Eggers), Triston (Hahn), Cathy Walsh (Stevens), Ginny Ganio, Jill Baumann, Mary Hartmann (Nelson), Kent Hoyt Jr. (Ganio), Owen Basher (Marsh), Bev Lapp, Rennie Brown (Janet), Jason Hahn, Kathy Parsons, Omar Andrades, Wayne (“Junior”) Bush, Donna Sorrentino, Ron Struckle, Margaret Ahlqvist, Karen Nelson, Dave Platt

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Dave & Kathy Forbes

For Young Adult: Matt Struckle

+Beyond the Parish+

For healing in body, mind and spirit: 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), Julie Steinmueller (Sandy Shear), Hilary Elf (Messner), Rachel Fisher (Messner), Pr. Ameen Aswad (Jail Ministry), Jack Schuck (Sandy Shear), Kerri Gorsch (Messner), Dean Clarke, Dan Branigan (Messner), Irma Ouimet (Forbes), Joe Hartman (Forbes), Nancy Almleaf (Messner), Pr Paul Herpich, Tiger Woods

For those preparing for marriage: Nick Meier & Bianca Zapanta

For those preparing for childbirth: Dan & Nicole Meier

For those in the military, law enforcement and emergency services: Lt. Cody Denapoli
USAF

In the Foothills Conference: Bethany Lutheran Church, Central Bridge (Pr. Jeff Silvernail)
For Holy Closure for the following congregations:

- Immanuel Lutheran, Jamestown
- Gloria Dei Lutheran, Lakewood
- The Presbyterian Church, Worcester
- The Methodist Churches in Hartwick, Mt. Vision, Middlefield, and Westville

National/ International Concerns: all victims of religious, ethnic, and racial hatred and prejudice, our country in this time of continuing deep division.

Natural and Man-Made Disasters: For all who have died with COVID-19 and all other debilitating diseases. For victims of bitter cold winter weather in the south.

**+Blessed are the Dead+
Whom We Commend to the Lord**

+ Priscilla Galbreth +
(Gary Hulbert's Sister)

+ Harry Lampman +
(Jeannette Hansen's son)

+ William Pelcer +
(Mike's father)

+ Patrick Foti +

+ Ryan Ward +
(Connie Gregory's brother)

+ Kelly Ives +

+ 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	Atonement	Evangelical	St. Matthew
2/21	14/ 143 \$405	21/ 147 \$390	23/ 158 \$845
**	(\$1,290)	(\$705)	(\$1,309)
2/24	8/ 12	3/	9/ 54

**** Needed to meet weekly expenses**

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

+Atonement

Our sanctuary windows are in increasing need of repair. There are some broken pieces, but the primary and pressing need is re-caulking. Estimates are around \$12,500 for all the work. To help with this capital project, use a special giving envelope and make checks payable to Atonement Lutheran Church (memo: stained glass window project) Thanks!

+Evangelical

Evangelical is having a fundraiser, selling fudge from Tin Bin Ally in Cooperstown. A half pound box sells for \$10. Select 2 flavors per box. Money is due when ordered. Make checks payable to Evangelical Lutheran Church. Delivery will be in time for Easter. Contact Eileen Burda at 315-858-2119 for questions or to place an order. Orders can be placed with any of our other sellers no later than 3/14/21. Flavors are peanut butter, chocolate, vanilla, maple walnut, chocolate walnut, dark chocolate and raspberry cheesecake.

+St. Matthew

Food donations to St. Matthew's Food Pantry are welcome and accepted. We would ask those who donate to do so with the items listed for our standard distribution bag, comprised of canned and boxed goods, designed to provide our recipients with a week's worth of staples. We do not have the capacity to handle baked goods, produce, or other perishables.

Please do not donate food items bearing lapsed expiration dates – for health and safety reasons we cannot distribute such items to our recipients.

Cash donations are always welcome and appreciated. The Food Pantry is a totally volunteer operation – 100% of your cash donations go towards the purchase of food and personal care items.

Thanks to all our parishioners for your support, which has enabled us to serve 40-60 families per month!

For further questions and comments contact Patty & Rod Klafehn 607-432-7883.

St. Matthew Lutheran Church Food Bank Ongoing Items Needed

Macaroni and Cheese
Pasta
Pasta Sauce
Cereal

Soup
Peanut Butter
Jelly/ Jam

Vegetables
Fruit
Tuna (or substitute protein)
Beans (kidney, black, etc.)

+ THIS WEEK +

+Wednesday Services:
7:30am St. Matthew
Noon Evangelical
7:00pm Atonement

+ Thursday/ Friday -- Pr. Paul to STS Upstate NY Chapter Retreat

+ Thursday -- St. Matthew Council Meeting, 7pm

+ Saturday – Acolyte training at Atonement, 10:30am

+ Coming Up +

Saturday 3/13 – Atonement Worship and Music Meeting, 9:30am

Sunday 3/14 – St. John Council (after worship)

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Thought of the Week

First among the evidences of an education, I name correctness and precision in the use of the mother tongue.

-- Nicholas Murray Butler

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Items received after this time cannot be guaranteed to appear in that week's bulletin.