



ATONEMENT LUTHERAN CHURCH
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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

+ **First Sunday after Christmass** +
Name of Jesus
New Year's Day
Holy Communion (LBW Setting 1)
January 1st, 2023

(* = 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

* **Brief Order for Public Confession and Forgiveness**

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* **Hymn of Praise**

Let All Together Praise Our God

LBW #47

(stz 3- women, stz 4- 4 part harmony, stz 5- men)

First Prayer: *(7th Century Gelasian)*

Restore our dignity, O God, through the visit of your only Son. Having heard the witness that he assumed the burden of our humanity, prepare us to share in his glorious divinity, through the same 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.Matt/Evan)

First Lesson: Isaiah 63:7-9 A lesson from Isaiah:

I will recount the gracious deeds of the Lord, the praiseworthy acts of the Lord, because of all that the Lord has done for us, and the great favor to the house of Israel that he has shown them according to his mercy, according to the abundance of his steadfast love. For he said, "Surely they are my people, children who will not deal falsely"; and he became their savior in all their distress. It was no messenger or angel but his presence that saved them; in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old. The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalmody 148 (Tones: 1-single; 31-double)

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord / from the heavens;* praise him / in the heights!

Praise him, / all his angels;* praise him, / all his host!

Praise him, / sun and moon;*praise him, all you / shining stars!

Praise him, you / highest heavens,* and you waters a- / bove the heavens!

Let them praise the name / of the Lord,* for he commanded and they / were created.

He established them forev- / er and ever;* he fixed their bounds, which can- / not be passed.

Praise the Lord / from the earth,*you sea monsters / and all deeps,

fire and hail, / snow and frost,* stormy wind fulfilling / his command!

Mountains / and all hills,* fruit trees / and all cedars!

Wild animals / and all cattle,*creeping things and / flying birds!

Kings of the earth / and all peoples,* princes and all rulers / of the earth!

Young men and wo- / men alike,* old and / young together!

Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone / is

Exalted;* his glory is above / earth and heaven.

He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for / all his faithful,* for the people of Israel who are close to him. /Praise the Lord!

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: Hebrews 2:10-18 A lesson from Hebrews:

It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying, "I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you." And again, "I will put my trust in him." And again,

"Here am I and the children whom God has given me." Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore, he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

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: Matthew 2:13-23

Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son." When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah: "A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they are no more."

When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, "He will be called a Nazorean."

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

Children's Sermon/Homily

Pastor Paul Messner

***Hymn of the Day**

Oh Christmas Night . . .

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RESPONSE

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***Prayers of the Church**

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First Intercession:

Almighty Father, in your intervention for the safety of your helpless Son in Bethlehem, you showed the character of your merciful reign. We cannot expect to avoid our cross, but we worship you because we know that regardless of what we endure, our experiences will not be in vain. We take courage in your powerful good will, and rejoice in you by faith that we will share in your certain victory.

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

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Offering

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*** Offertory Prayer:**

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Loving Father, we rejoice in the great gift of your only Son and pray that you may find joy in the gifts we bring in celebration. Teach us to give ourselves more fully to each other trusting that our love will abide, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

MEAL

*** Great Thanksgiving/Dialog**

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Preface & Sanctus (*Holy, Holy, Holy*)

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*** Eucharistic Prayer & Lord's Prayer**

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Agnus Dei (*Lamb of God*)

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Distribution Hymns

LBW #44, 345, 40

* **Post-Communion Prayer:**

Lord Jesus Christ, with the peace we find at your Table / you urge us to resume the burden of the children of God. By your sacramental grace and power, guide us as we find maturity through the power of your sacrificial love. You are the Lord forevermore.

Sending

***Benediction**

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***Recessional Hymn**

Your Little Ones, Dear Lord

LBW #52

Dismissal

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

Postlude

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+ **New Year's Day 1/1**

Visitors from far away head home, avoiding Herod's deceptions. Joseph is warned to take his small family and flee to Egypt. Other small children are martyred in His stead. After Herod's death, the Holy Family returns, but not to Judaea where danger still lurks. Rather they turn north – to Nazareth of Galilee. Jesus comes to us in dangerous times and places – just as today (Gospel). Isaiah and Hebrews tell of a God whose presence saves His people! (Lessons)

Weekly Worship Practice:

When the Gospel is read from the center aisle, please feel free to turn and face the reader. In this way we enact the Gospel (the Good News of Jesus Christ) being the center of our lives.

All baptized Christians are welcome to God's Table of Grace. All the baptized may commune in the OCLP with no age restriction. 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
Asst. Minister Communion Asst. Lector Cantor *Altar Care Ushers/Greeters Coffee Hour Acolyte Sound System Bell Ringer Church Cleaner	No Service	No Service	Deb Lawyer Victoria Stevens

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Today is New Year's Day, Pr. Paul at St. Matthew 10am. This is the only parish service.
Next week we welcome Sandy Sheer to lead worship at St. Matthew & 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, 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, Sue (M. Messner); Carleen (M. Messner), Valerie England, Alice Burdick, Jennifer Carman, Jaelen (M Messner), Lisa Cooper (Syvertsen), Harold Goss (Leslie Bauer's father)

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Peg Serra-Lima

For young adult: Patrick Duffy

+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), Kenny Medor (Butts), Joan Ackerman (Butts), Chuck Scorzafava,

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Esther & Charlie Hughes

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), Laura Emmet (Lawyer), Barbara Gesile (Lapp), Gina Pywar, 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), 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: Rich & Kathy Parsons

For Young Adult: Jordan Shaul

+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), Joanne Wilms (Mansbach), 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 preparing for marriage: Joseph Tecklenburg & Colleen Fellner

For those preparing for childbirth: Brendan & Staci Cahill on the birth of Nora May (12/19)

For those in the military, law enforcement and emergency services: Dave Shultes, NYS Trooper

In the Foothills Conference: St. John-St. Mark Lutheran Church, Canajoharie (Pr. Elisabeth Aurland)

Natural/Man-made Disasters: Victims of drought in Ethiopia & Afghanistan; victims of violence in our cities, suburbs and rural communities, those struggling with economic conditions, food insecurity, and homelessness; western NY and other areas dealing with severe winter weather

National/ International Concerns: For all refugees and migrants and those contending with the continuing crisis on our southern border, the people of Ukraine, Russia, Iran & China; Pope Benedict VI (retired), Paul Whelan (US military) imprisoned in Russia;

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

+Laura Emmett+

+Weather related deaths+

+ 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
12/24	39	28	43
12/25	8/ 1152	No Service	No Service
**	(\$1,290)	(\$705)	(\$1,309)
12/28			

**** 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

+ **Epiphany Event in the OCLP:** Join us this year for the annual Epiphany Event on Epiphany, January 6 at St. Matthew. Bring a dish to pass, beverage of choice (wine/beer permissible), and table service. Bring a dessert to share, a wrapped or bagged gift to exchange (regifting is ok!). No RSVP is necessary; just come and enjoy the food, fellowship and fun of Epiphany. Dinner 6pm; Worship 7pm; Dessert & Gift exchange 7:30pm. All are welcome

+ **Annual Epiphany Tea for Women of the OCLP:** All women in the parish and friends are invited to the annual Epiphany Tea hosted by Pr. Paul and Martha, to be held at St. Matthew this year, Saturday, 1/14/23 @ 10am-12:00pm. Stop in for a short time or stay for the duration. Seasonal goodies, Christmass music and fellowship! Please RSVP to Pr. Paul, 287-4534 - or Martha, 282-0132.

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The OCLP Advent/ Christmass/ Epiphany schedule is out. Watch for opportunities to worship, serve, & celebrate!

+ THIS WEEK +

+Today Sunday 1/1/23
New Year's Day (Sunday)
Services at St. Matthew, 10:00am

Wednesday Services:
7:30am St. Matthew
Noon Evangelical
7:00pm Atonement
11:00am Clergy Bible Study, Christ Church, Cooperstown

+Thursday 1/5 Twelfth Night
St. Matthew Council Meeting, 7:00pm

+Friday 1/6 Epiphany
Service @ St. Matthew
Potluck Supper, 6:00pm
Worship, 7:00pm
Dessert & Gift Exchange, 7:30pm

+ **COMING UP** +

+Next Sunday 1/8 Baptism of our Lord
Holy Communion & Affirmation of Baptism

+Thursday 1/12
Evangelical Council Meeting, 3:30pm

+Saturday 1/14
Epiphany Tea for parish women @ St. Matthew, 10:00am

+Annual Congregational Meetings
End of January/ early February
(get reports to the OCLP office)

+ **Thoughts of the Week** +

Child of Bethlehem –
house of bread;
Man of Jerusalem –
city of peace;
you have love us
without limit or condition;
in our greatness and in our misery,
in our folly and in our virtue;
may your hand be always upon us
and may your heart be within us
so that we too
may become bread and peace
for one another.

-- John Hammond, OSB

OCLP Poinsettia/Christmass Wreath List 2022

Given by

Cindy Lane
Dorothy LaGasse
Karen Grant
Dennis and Laura Sherrill
Linda Syvertsen
Vesely/ Bush
Lisa Howe
Esther Hughes
Carol Butts
Elly Baumann
Nancy & Gil Boulay
The Bush/Vesely Family
Mary-Ellen Crawford
Mary & Jim Crouthamel
Carol Evans
Kathy & Dave Forbes

Patty & Rod Klafehn
Deb & Garry Lawyer
Kathy & Rich Parsons
Sue Smith & Family
Sharon, Mike, Victoria & Alicia Stevens
Toni & Frank Wood
Jim & Gerry Langemo
Peg Serra-Lima & Thoranne Winkler

Pr. Paul & Martha Messner

In Memory/ Honor of

Joyce Boyd
James Zachow
Charlotte Grant
Raymond and Frieda Sherrill, Maureen Sherrill
Stan Syvertsen
past family members
Aud Jacobsen (mother)
Mildred & Fred Schidzick
Kathleen Chase, Alex Reynolds, Kathi Yule
Herb Baumann
Erna Boulay
Everett Renwick and Sandy Chase
Departed Loved Ones
Loved Ones
Bob Evans
Loved Ones
*(St Matthew Christmas Tree given and decorated
by Kathy, Dave & Scott Forbes)*
Luther and Adeline Klafehn
Loved Ones Whom We Have Lost
Loved Ones
All That Have Gone Before
St. Matthew Church
Wood and Dibble Family and Friends

Thor & Esther Nordberg, Federico Serra-Lima,
Karl Inge Eilertsen
Mark & Erna Richtsfeld, Roena Messner, Fred &
Joyce Messner, Winifred Lehenbauer

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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<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 Thursday 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.