

Matthew 10:40



**Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me,
and anyone who welcomes me
welcomes the one who sent me.**

ATONEMENT LUTHERAN CHURCH
ONEONTA, NY

ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH
LAURENS, NY

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

+Fourth Sunday after Pentecost+
LBW Service of the Word
June 28st, 2020

Lesson: Romans 6:12-23 A lesson from Romans:

Therefore, do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. [13] No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. [14] For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

[15] What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! [16] Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? [17] But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, [18] and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. [19] I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

[20] When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. [21] So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. [22] But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. [23] For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

* **Gospel Acclamation**

From All That Dwell

LBW# 550 (st. 1)

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 10:40-42 **Glory to you, O Lord.**

"Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. [41] Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; [42] and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple--truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."
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**

When Peace, like a River

LBW #346

RESPONSE

* Sharing of the Peace of the Lord

Offering

plate at the door

***Offertory**

Give Thanks With a Grateful Heart

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* **Offertory Prayer:**

Father in heaven, you warm and feed us through the faithful shining of the summer sun. We bring these offerings of praise / and pray that you will shine on us forever with the brightness of your grace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

* **Prayers of the Church**

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First Intercession:

Gracious Father, we worship you also for the gifts which we can see, fully knowing that they last but for now, serving only as a symbol of your eternal love which you wait to shower on us. Be patient with us as we discover the imperfections and limitations of things temporal and become willing to let them go in the light of your promises. We love the life you have given us and offer it to you with trust and faith that you will be true to what you offer us through Christ your Son. As you separate us from what you have given us here, shelter us there with glorious grace.

***The Lord's Prayer**

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High School Graduate Recognition

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SENDING

* **Benediction**

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Dismissal

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

Postlude

Weekly Worship Practice:

Please turn off cell phones and pagers or switch to silent mode when entering the sanctuary, so we can all enjoy a quiet and stress-free environment in which to pray and reflect.

| Serving Today | Atonement | Evangelical | St. Matthew |
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| Comm. Asst. Asst. Minister Lector Cantor *Altar Care Ushers/Greeters Coffee Hour Acolyte/ Crucifer Sound System Bell Ringer Church Cleaner | Bob/ Mary Mansbach Bob/ Mary Mansbach Janet England | Gabe L. Ilse S. & D. LaG. Pelcers Sliviak | Jim Jim Crouthamel |

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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.otsegocounty.lutheranparish.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, and Sam Sherrill

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Elsie Nigro

For young adult: Sam Sherrill

+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, and Susan & Mark Howard

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

For Young Adult: Blake Rinell

+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: Dave & Kathy Forbes

For Young Adult: Spencer 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: Carl & Carolyn Gronlund

For Young Adult: Corey Spoon

+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: Randy Chubbuck & Jennifer Doloff

For those preparing for childbirth: Alicia & Andrew Parson

For those in the military, law enforcement and emergency services: All Law Enforcement officers; Pete Lane & all state, county, and town road crews.

In the Foothills Conference: Retired pastors/pastors' spouses, families, and ELCA deacons, including Bob Mansbach (Mary), Richard Niebanck (Shirley), Jim Crouthamel (Mary), Lynn Ash, Jim Greuther, Dave Plank, Bill Siiss (Bonnie), Sandy Shear

National/ International Concerns: People of Hong Kong, Taiwan, China, Israel, Palestine; our country during this time of deep division. Victims of police violence and rioting, the Uigher Muslims, Christians, Buddhists, and other faith communities of China under persecution by the Chinese Communist Party

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

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

+ Parish News and Notes +

+Pentecost 4 6/28

The world has been in conflict - our nation has been in conflict - perhaps even your own neighborhood/family have been in conflict. Christians see beyond the conflicts of this temporary world, to the opportunity to be compassionate in every circumstance ("whoever gives even a cup of cold water..."). In such compassion we welcome Christ (Gospel). Is it peace, or war? Good news or bad? Only God knows for sure - but the prophet is compelled to speak - even when the words are not welcome (1st lesson). We are in a battle - will it end in peace and life or death. We choose for tomorrow by our actions and words today (2d lesson).

+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 |
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| 6/21 | 16/ \$6210 | | 20/ \$609 |
| ** | (\$1,290) | (\$705) | (\$1,309) |
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**** Needed to meet weekly expenses**

+ THIS WEEK +

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

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+Coming Up+

Evangelical & St. John begin services 7/5

+ Cartoon of the Week +



+ OCLP +

- +Congratulations to our High School Graduates
- + Catherine (Catie) Cleveland (Oneonta High School)
- + Tessa Hecker (Mt. Markhom Central School)

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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Leslie Bauer: Organist

Barbara Loitsch: Choir Director

Evangelical Lutheran Church, Hartwick Seminary, NY

Donna Brown: Organist

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