



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

+ **Second Sunday after Epiphany** +  
Holy Communion (LBW Setting 1)  
January 15<sup>th</sup>, 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** pg.56  
\* **Entrance Hymn** *O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright* LBW #76  
(stz 3- women, stz 4 – 4 part harmony, stz 5 – men)  
\* **Apostolic Greeting & Kyrie** pg. 57  
\* **Hymn of Praise** *Listen you Nations* LBW #14  
(stz 1- women, stz 2- men, stz 3-all)

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

**Almighty and Eternal God, you restrain both heaven and earth. Mercifully hear your peoples' prayers for peace in our time, 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.Matt/Evan)

**First Lesson: Isaiah 49:1-7** A lesson from Isaiah:

Listen to me, O coastlands,  
pay attention, you peoples from far away!  
The Lord called me before I was born,  
while I was in my mother's womb he named me.  
[2] He made my mouth like a sharp sword,  
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;  
he made me a polished arrow,  
in his quiver he hid me away.  
[3] And he said to me, "You are my servant,  
Israel, in whom I will be glorified."  
[4] But I said, "I have labored in vain,  
I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;  
yet surely my cause is with the Lord,  
and my reward with my God."  
[5] And now the Lord says,  
who formed me in the womb to be his servant,  
to bring Jacob back to him,  
and that Israel might be gathered to him,

for I am honored in the sight of the Lord,  
and my God has become my strength--

[6] he says,

"It is too light a thing that you should be my servant  
to raise up the tribes of Jacob  
and to restore the survivors of Israel;  
I will give you as a light to the nations,  
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

[7] Thus says the Lord,

the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,  
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,  
the slave of rulers,  
"Kings shall see and stand up,  
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,  
because of the Lord, who is faithful,  
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

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

**Psalmody 40:1-12** (Tones: 1-single; 31-double)

I waited patiently / for the Lord;\*

he inclined to me and / heard my cry.

**He drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the / miry bog,\*  
and set my feet upon a rock, making my / steps secure.**

He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise / to our God.\*

Many will see and fear, and put their trust / in the Lord.

**Happy are those who make the Lord their trust,  
who do not turn / to the proud,\*  
to those who go astray aft- / er false gods.**

You have multiplied, O Lord my God,

your wondrous deeds and your / thoughts toward us;\*

none can com- / pare with you.

**Were I to proclaim and / tell of them,\*  
they would be more than / can be counted.**

Sacrifice and offering you do not desire,

but you have given me an / open ear.\*

Burnt offering and sin offering you have / not required.

**Then I said, / "Here I am;\***

**in the scroll of the book it is writt- / en of me.**

I delight to do your will, / O my God;\*

your law is with- / in my heart."

**I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great / congregation;\* see, I have not restrained my lips, as you / know, O Lord.**

I have not hidden your saving help with- / in my heart,\*

I have spoken of your faithfulness and / your salvation;

**I have not concealed your steadfast love and your / faithfulness\* from the great / congregation.**

Do not, O Lord, withhold your mer- / cy from me;\* let your steadfast love and your faithfulness keep me / safe forever.

**For evils have encompassed me without number; my iniquities have overtaken me, until I / cannot see;\* they are more than the hairs of my head, and / my heart fails me.**

**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: 1 Cor. 1:1-9** A lesson from 1 Corinthians:

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

[2] To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

[3] Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

[4] I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, [5] for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- [6] just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- [7] so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. [8] He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. [9] God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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: John 1:29-42**

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! [30] This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' [31] I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." [32] And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. [33] I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' [34] And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God."

[35] The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, [36] and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" [37] The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. [38] When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" [39] He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. [40] One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. [41] He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). [42] He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).  
The Gospel of the Lord.

**\* Gospel Response**

*Praise to you, O Christ*

**Children's Sermon/Homily**

Pastor Paul Messner (St. M/ A)  
Deacon Tom Collins (E/ St. J)

**\* Hymn of the Day**

*I Wonder As I Wander*

WOV #642

**RESPONSE**

**\* Nicene Creed**

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**\* Prayers of the Church**

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**First Intercession:**

Heavenly Father, we worship you for the gracious invitation sent to us through the visit of your Son. You never failed to abide in him and he in you when he lived on earth, therefore he also prays for us whose flesh and nature he shared, that we would come to abide in him to live through your eternal love.

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

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**Offering**

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**\* Offertory Prayer:**

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Father, we acknowledge that you own and love this whole creation. Nevertheless, receive what we offer here as if it were our own, that we may add substance to our Eucharist / for life and health, and light and glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**MEAL**

**\* Great Thanksgiving/Dialog**

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

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

pew card

**Agnus Dei** (*Lamb of God*)

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**Distribution Hymns**

LBW #494, 479, 214

**\* Post Communion Blessing & Canticle** *Lord, now you let . . .*

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**\* Post-Communion Prayer:**

Lord Jesus, we have rejoiced by way of this memorial to the life that you have given for your friends. We praise you for your love, and long to follow in your paths, that we may come to see you glorified. You are the Lord forevermore. **Amen.**

### Sending

**\* Benediction**

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**\* Recessional Hymn** *Arise, Your Light Has Come!*

WOV #652

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

**Postlude**

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### + Second Sunday after Epiphany 1/15

What are you usually doing at 4 o'clock in the afternoon? Spending time with Jesus? 2 of the Baptizer's disciples hear him point to Jesus as the "Lamb of God" two days running, They follow after Him to "check Him out". He asks what they're looking for and when they deflect, He simply invites them to "come and see". John then tells us the time of day - undoubtedly they came and broke bread with Him. Andrew then tells his brother "we have found Messiah". The rest is history...(Gospel). Isaiah proclaims a Lord who "calls" him before he was born and names him in his mother's womb! Even the unborn serve the Lord's will! This Lord is faithful and has chosen (us). (1<sup>st</sup> lesson). Paul addresses a first letter to a fractious congregation in the Greek city-state of Corinth, and gives thanks for them, promising they will lack for "any spiritual gift" as they wait" for the Lord. Why? Because God is faithful! (2d lesson).

**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.

## Weekly Worship Practice:

In our pews help us maintain the pew holders with pens/pencils, and 4 or 5 *Voice from the Pew* folders. Use these folders to: record your Holy Communion (at least once a year); request a hymn or prayer; update our records; what else? Check one out!

**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.

| <b>Serving Today</b> | <b>Atonement</b> | <b>Evangelical</b> | <b>St. Matthew</b> |
|----------------------|------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Comm. Asst.          | Peg Serra-Lima   | Cindy L            |                    |
| Asst. Minister       | Peg Serra-Lima   |                    | Dave Forbes        |
| Lector               | Ed Pixley        | Gabe L             | Rod Klafehn        |
| Cantor               | Ed Pixley        |                    |                    |
| Altar Care           | Cindy Heaney     | Ilse & Dorothy     |                    |
| Ushers/Greeters      | Dennis Sherrill  | Pelcers            |                    |
| Coffee Hour          |                  |                    |                    |
| Acolyte              | Stevie Mendez    | Grace Pelcer       | Kayla Joubert      |
| Sound System         |                  | Sliviak            |                    |
| Bell Ringer          |                  |                    |                    |
| Church Cleaner       |                  |                    |                    |

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### +OCLP+

Today we welcome deacon Tom Collins (SAM) to lead worship at Evangelical & St. John  
Next week we welcome Jess Lambert to lead worship at St. Matthew & Atonement

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## Readings Through This Week

See website: <https://www.otsegocounty Lutheran parish.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), Martha Messner  
For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Emilie Stamps

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), Kenny Medor (Butts), Joan Ackerman (Butts), Chuck Scorzafava, Martha Messner

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Dorothy LaGasse

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), 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), Martha Messner

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Corinne Pollak

For Young Adult: Marissa Struckle

**+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), Jean Ercole (Crouthamel) 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 celebrating childbirth:** Annie Sherrill & Ryan Harlem on the birth of Parker James

**For those in the military, law enforcement and emergency services:** Damian Laird (USMC), North Carolina

**In the Foothills Conference:** Evangelical Lutheran Church, Hartwick Seminary (Pr. Paul Messner)

**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

**National/ International Concerns:** For all refugees and migrants and those contending with the continuing crisis on our southern border, the people of Ukraine, Russia, China, and Iran

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

**+ 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.

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On Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup> two of our senior members reach milestone birthdays:

-- John Laitsch (Atonement) turns 99, 67 Dietz St. Oneonta, NY 13820

-- Gloria Hendricks (Evangelical) turns 90, PO Box 88 Milford, NY 13807

Remember them with cards and prayers

## Attendance & Offering Statistics

| Date | Atonement        | Evangelical    | St. Matthew      |
|------|------------------|----------------|------------------|
| 1/8  | 21/ 21           | 10/ 10         | 20/ 45           |
| **   | <b>(\$1,290)</b> | <b>(\$705)</b> | <b>(\$1,309)</b> |
| 1/11 |                  |                |                  |

\*\* Needed to meet weekly expenses

### + THIS WEEK +

+Today Sunday 1/15

Holy Communion

Atonement Council after worship

+Wednesday Services:

7:30am St. Matthew

Noon Evangelical

7:00pm Atonement

11:00am Clergy Bible Study, Christ Church, Cooperstown

+Thursday 1/19

Foothills Conference Ministerium, 10:30am Grace Lutheran Church, Johnstown

Food Bank Distribution, 4:00pm St. Matthew

+Saturday 1/21

John Laitsch, 99<sup>th</sup> birthday

Gloria Hendricks, 90<sup>th</sup> birthday

Atonement Worship & Music Committee meeting, 9:30am

### + COMING UP +

+Next Sunday 1/22

Service of Word & Prayer

+Annual Congregational Meetings

End of January/ early February

(get reports to the OCLP office)

1/27 – 1/28

Adult Education Retreat, New Hartford

1/29

St. Matthew Annual Meeting

2/2

St. Matthew Worship & Music Committee, 5:00pm

St. Matthew Council Meeting, 7:00pm

2/12 Soup-er Bowl Sunday

**+ Smile of the Week +**

Adam & Eve were the first people to ignore the Apple Terms of Service.

**+ Prayer of the Week +**

Dear Lord Jesus, we shall have this day only once; before it is gone, help us to do all the good we can, so that today is not a wasted day.

-- Stephen Grellet (1773 – 1855)

## **Otsego Country Lutheran Parish**

Lutheran Church of the Atonement, Oneonta, NY

Sunday Worship 10:30 am (Holy Communion 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays + festivals)

Tami Pelcer: President

Donna Brown: Organist

St. John Lutheran Church, West Burlington, NY

Sunday Worship 11:15 am (Holy Communion 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays + festivals)

Paul Hecker: President

Ethel Mills: Accompanist

St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Laurens, NY

Sunday Worship 8:30 am (Holy Communion 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays + festivals)

Ed Winslow: President

Janet Brown: Organist

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(texting is often the most effective way to reach pastor)

Services of Healing are usually held on the 5<sup>th</sup> 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 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.