



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

+ **Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost** +
WOV Service of Word & Prayer
August 13th, 2023

(* = stand as you are able; LBW = Lutheran Book of Worship-green book;
+ = hymn requests; WOV = With One Voice Hymnal-blue book)

GATHERING

Prelude

Gathering Song

***Greeting + Dialogue**

***Scripture Song**

Welcome

Come, We That Love the Lord

The Word is Near You

Salvation Belongs (W st 1, M st 2)

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First Prayer (6th Century Leonine)

Almighty and merciful God, only by your gift can the faithful offer service / that is worthy of you and deserving of praise. Keep us from stumbling as we run to receive your promises, 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: 1 Kings 19:9-18 A lesson from 1st Kings:

At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" [10] He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

[11] He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; [12] and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. [13] When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" [14] He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." [15] Then the Lord said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. [16] Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. [17] Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. [18] Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

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

Psalmody: 85:8-13 (Tones: Single 26 or Double 9)

Let me hear what God the Lord will speak,
for he will speak peace / to his people,*
to his faithful, to those who turn to him / in their hearts.

**Surely his salvation is at hand for / those who fear him,*
that his glory may dwell / in our land.**

Steadfast love and faithful- / ness will meet; *
righteousness and peace will / kiss each other.

**Faithfulness will spring up / from the ground,*
and righteousness will look down / from the sky.**

The Lord will give / what is good,*
and our land will / yield its increase.

**Righteousness will / go before him,*
and will make a path / for his steps.**

**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 10:5-15 A lesson from Romans:

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that "the person who does these things will live by them." [6] But the righteousness that comes from faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?' " (that is, to bring Christ down) [7] "or 'Who will descend into the abyss?' " (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). [8] But what does it say?

"The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart"
(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); [9] because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. [10] For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. [11] The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." [12] For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. [13] For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

[14] But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? [15] And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

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

***Gospel Acclamation**

*Word of Life Jesus Christ
Glory to you, O Lord*

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***Holy Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33**

Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. [23] And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, [24] but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. [25] And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. [26] But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. [27] But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

[28] Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." [29] He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. [30] But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" [31] Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" [32] When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. [33] And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God." The Gospel of the Lord.

*** Gospel Response**

Praise to you, O Christ

Children's Sermon/Homily

Pr. Paul Messner (A/St.M)
Deacon Deb Lawyer (E/St.J)

***Hymn of the Day**

My Life Flows On in Endless Song

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RESPONSE to the WORD

***Apostles' Creed**

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***Confession and Forgiveness**

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***Sharing the Peace**

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Offering

***Offertory**

Glory to you God (stz. 3)

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*** Offertory Prayer:**

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Almighty God, in the faithful rising of the sun / you promise life and daily bread. We bring our gifts of thanks and praise for what we have received. Use them to serve us with the bread from heaven / with its sign of endless life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

***Prayers of the Church**

First Intercession:

Eternal Father, you made us for yourself, and so we can claim your constant care. We praise you for the endless ways in which you hold us up and rescue us from the pit. Let us see your presence clearly enough to be reminded to worship you, and to trust your help in the responsibilities you assign.

***Additional Prayers**

***Lord's Prayer**

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SENDING

***Blessing**

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***Recessional Hymn**

Blessed Assurance

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Dismissal

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

Postlude

Pastors Pericope Paragraph 8/13

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

"IF it IS you - and not a ghost - command me to walk to you *on the water!*" Does Peter REALLY want to do this? All goes well - until he takes his eyes off Jesus. Then Peter, "the rock", sinks like a stone...(Gospel). "What are you doing here, Elijah?" Like Peter, centuries later, Elijah has lost faith - in whom? God? Or himself? (1st Lesson). If you believe in your heart and confess with your lips, you will be saved. Do we? Do we hear the Word from the preacher (who has beautiful feet, which carry the Word to us)?. (2d Lesson).

Weekly Worship Practice:

When entering the sanctuary, please do so in a quiet manner so as not to disturb parishioners who choose to pray and reflect silently before the service begins. Coffee hour provides a warm and receptive environment for fellowship and conversation. Thank you!

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.

+OCLP+

We welcome Deacon Deb Lawyer to lead worship at Evangelical & St. John
 Next Sunday SAM Tom Collins will lead worship at Atonement & St. Matthew

Serving Today	Atonement	Evangelical	St. Matthew
Asst. Minister			
Comm. Asst.			
Lector	Bob Loitsch	Len P	Jim Crouthamel
Cantor	Bob Loitsch		
*Altar Care	Bob Loitsch	Carol B & Dorothy	
Ushers/Greeters	Dennis S & Victor G	Lane	
Coffee Hour			
Acolyte	Nick Thompson		
Sound System		Brunner	
Bell Ringer			
Church Cleaner			

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, 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), Martha Messner, Janna Benston (Sherrill), Gary Williams, Gary Herion, Jill A. (Cindy), Jason Pallack (Carman), Barb Delaney (Serra-Lima/ Winkler), Stash Tarka (Thompson), Katherine Walters, Ed (Joe Sherrill), Doug & Barbara Gee, Joan Carman on her 90th birthday (8/15), Len & Virginia Pudelka on their 62nd wedding anniversary (8/12)

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Glenn & Terry Stephenson

For young adult: Sam Herion

+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), Martha Messner, Ansley (Butts), Wendy Wenck Craighill (Miller), Julie Sharrett, Lynne Hecker

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Eileen Burda

For Young Adult: Sarah Parr

+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), Martha Messner, Helmut Boehl, Ray Gilmore (Winslow), Anna Elwyn (Rose Nelson), Ellie Bauman, Carol Evans, Patti Hulbert, Roberta Vesely, Kathy Forbes

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Sue Smith

For Young Adult: Kyle Sherry

+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: Colleen Fellner & Joseph Tecklenburg

For those preparing for childbirth: Bill & Carrie Hahn

For those in the military, law enforcement and emergency services: Public Works Department, City of Oneonta

In the Foothills Conference: The Southwestern Conference, its Dean, congregations, pastors

Natural/Man-made Disasters: Victims of violence in our cities, suburbs and rural communities; those struggling with economic conditions, food insecurity, and homelessness, those involved in the car accident on Oneonta southside

National/ International Concerns: For all refugees and migrants and those contending with the continuing crisis on our northern & southern borders; the people of Ukraine, Russia, Israel, Palestine, and Niger (following a coup)

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

+ Jillian Hren +
(Messner)

+ Victims of the wildfires in Maui, Hawaii +

+ 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	St. John
8/6	29/ 795	23/ 489	23/ 684	5/ 208
8/9	2/ 97	1/ 57	8/ 265	
**	(\$1,290)	(\$850)	(\$1,309)	

**** Needed to meet weekly expenses**

+ THIS WEEK +

+Today – Service of Word & Prayer

+Tuesday 8/15- Evangelical Women’s Lunch is rescheduled, TBD

+Wednesday Services

7:30am St. Matthew – worship

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

Noon Evangelical – devotions

3:00pm Evangelical Council Meeting

7:00pm Atonement – worship

+Saturday 8/19

OCLP Men’s Breakfast, St. John, 8:30am

Atonement Worship & Music Committee meeting, 11:00am

+ COMING UP +

+Next Sunday 8/20 – Holy Communion

+Saturday 8/26

OCLP Deacon’s Breakfast, St. John, 8:30am

Kevin Bonney Memorial Service, St. Matthew, 11:00am

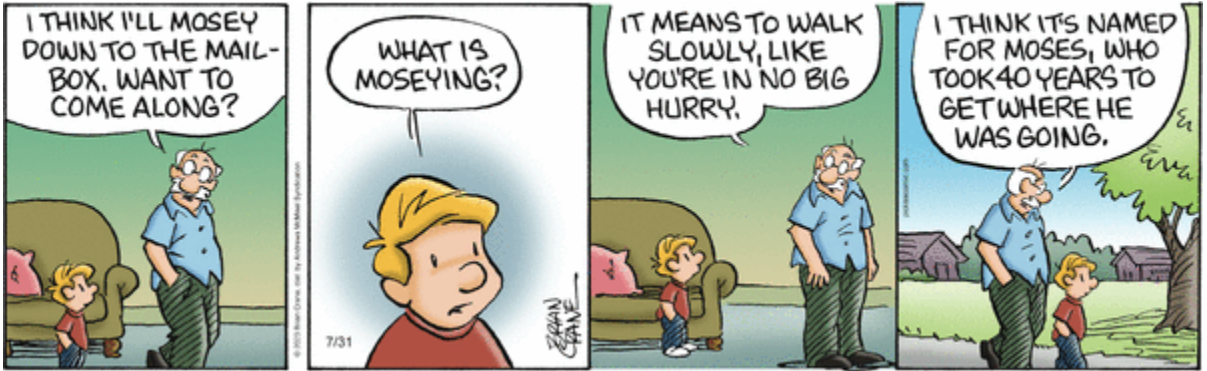
+Sunday 8/27

Atonement Council Meeting follows worship

+Friday – Saturday 9/1-2 & 9/8-9

Evangelical Fall Rummage Sale

+ CARTOON OF THE WEEK +



OCLP DIRECTORY UPDATES

This summer the OCLP office will be updating our membership records and creating a new directory for each of our member churches. To assist in this matter, all members are requested to submit the following information. Please fill out the following form for each member of your family using one form per person. Submissions should be received by the OCLP office ASAP.

Congregation _____

Senior ___ Adult ___ Young Adult ___ Youth ___ Friend of ___

Name _____

Address _____

Phone (Home) _____ (Cell) _____

Email _____

Please do not include the following information in the directory
(Your name will still be listed in the membership roster)

Address _____ Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ Email _____

I would be interested in receiving a digital copy of the directory

Yes _____ No _____

I would be interested in receiving a physical copy of the directory

Yes _____ No _____

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

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

<http://facebook.com/oclpny/>
<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.