



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

+ **Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost** +  
LBW Service of the Word  
September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022

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

## GATHERING

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

\* **Entrance Hymn**

\* **Invocation and Dialog**

\* **The Apostles Creed**

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

\* **Canticle**

**Parish News**

*God the Omnipotent!*

*Blessed are You*

*Praise the Lord! O Heavens*

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

**O Lord, help your people to avoid the infection of the evil one and with pure hearts to follow you our only Lord, 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: Exodus 32:7-14** A lesson from Exodus:

The Lord said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!' "The Lord said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation." But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, "O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.' " And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalmody: Psalm 51:1-10** (Tones: single 22; double 45)

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your / steadfast love;\*

**according to your abundant mercy blot out / my transgressions.**

Wash me thoroughly / from my iniquity,\*

**and cleanse me / from my sin.**

For I know / my transgressions,\*

**and my sin is ev- / er before me.**

Against you, you alone, / have I sinned,\*

**and done what is evil / in your sight,**

so that you are justified / in your sentence\*

**and blameless when / you pass judgment.**

Indeed, I / was born guilty,\*

**a sinner when my moth / er conceived me.**

You desire truth in the / inward being;\*

**therefore teach me wisdom in my / secret heart.**

Purge me with hyssop, and I / shall be clean;\*

**wash me, and I shall be whit- / er than snow.**

Let me hear / joy and gladness;\*

**let the bones that you have / crushed rejoice.**

Hide your face / from my sins,\*

**and blot out all my / iniquities.**

Create in me a clean / heart, O God,\*

**and put a new and right spir- / it within 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 Timothy 1:12-17** A lesson from 1st Timothy:

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners--of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

\*Gospel Hymn:

*Wondrous Are Your Ways, O God!*

LBW #311 (St 1)

\* Gospel Acclamation

**Glory to you, O Lord**

**Holy Gospel: Luke 15:1-10**

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." So he told them this parable: "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. "Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

The Gospel of the Lord.

\* **Gospel Response**

**Praise to you, O Christ**

\***Gospel Hymn:**

*Wondrous Are Your Ways, O God!*

LBW #311 (St 2)

**Children's Sermon/Homily**

Deacon Sandy Shear (Ev/ St. J)

Pr. Paul Messner (St. M/ A)

\* **Hymn of the Day**

*The King of Love My Shepard Is*

LBW #456

### **RESPONSE**

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

**Offering** (plates are at the door)

**Musical Offering**

(A)

\* **Offertory**

*Take My Life, that I May Be*

LBW #406 (selected stanzas)

\* **Offertory Prayer:**

Eternal Father, your Son brought nothing into this world giving us an opportunity to serve you. Show us the needs he still has among us that we may prove our love and our hope in you, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

\* **Prayers of the Church**

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**First Intercession:**

Merciful Lord and God, we worship you for being willing to be known by sinners, and especially that your Son was willing to associate himself with us in our need. We treasure your love for the lost so that they can turn back to trust in you. Forgive our wastefulness, not reaching out to those whom we judge less than ourselves. Prepare us for heaven by teaching us to celebrate the

redemption of all whom you bring to repentance. With our joy for the salvation of the least of your people, build our hope that we too shall live by your grace.

**Lord's Prayer**

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**SENDING**

\* **Benediction**

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\* **Recessional Hymn**

*Blessed Assurance +*

WOV #699

**Dismissal**

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

**Postlude**

**Pastors Pericope Paragraph 9/11**

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

If priorities/choices (even "hating" that which distracts from God) was last week's watchword, this week's is seeking the lost, even at great cost. Today's lost items that focus us on the search til they're found might not be a sheep or a coin, but perhaps a cell phone or wallet - or more seriously a kidnapped child or even a hijacked car. Things/people that are "lost" are not always found. But God never loses anything or anyone. Especially not us. (Gospel). The people of Israel have lost their way - badly. Their impatience and fear have led to a frantic search for any "god" who can satisfy their "felt needs". YHWH is righteously angry. Moses pleads for mercy and reminds Him of His covenant with the ancestors. God changes His mind (1<sup>st</sup> Lesson). "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners". That's the truth Paul knows - and that means Christ saved him! Utmost patience is part of God's merciful seeking (2d lesson).

**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, or another ordained pastor, 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.

**All baptized Christians are welcome to God's Table of Grace.** All the baptized may commune in the OCLP with no age restriction; baptized children may begin communing after parents have consulted with Pastor. 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. 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:

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.

+OCLP+

We welcome Deacon Sandy Shear to lead worship at Evangelical & St. John

Next week we welcome to lead worship at St. Matthew & Atonement

| Serving Today   | Atonement | Evangelical | St. Matthew    |
|---|-----------|-------------|----------------|
| Asst. Minister<br>Comm. Asst.<br>Lector<br>Cantor<br>Altar Care<br>Ushers/Greeters<br>Coffee Hour<br>Acolyte<br>Sound System<br>Bell Ringer<br>Church Cleaner |           |             | Jim Crouthamel |

## + 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, 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 Carol Hart (Walters), Mary Ann Ross (Englands), Margo Graham (Sue Dana), Barbara Loitsch, David Kelefant (Walters), Allen and Ted Case (uncle/nephew) (Messner), Sue (M. Messner); Carleen (M. Messner), Valerie England,

Alice Burdick, Jennifer Carman;

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Grace & Chuck Dietzman

For young adult: Anna Boerner

**+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, Esther Hughes, Bill Jacobson (D. Brown), Anthony Scarfuto (Boyd), Dwaine Sharett (Butts), Jim Desrocher (Boyd), Dick Woodhouse (Hazzard), Kenny Medor (Butts), Joan Ackerman (Butts), Mary Beth Pedersen

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: John & Pam Miller

For Young Adult: Kristoff Jaeck

**+St. Matthew+**

For healing in body, mind and spirit in our own congregation: Scott Forbes, Tina Keator, Sherrie Roy (Lawyer), Laura Emmet (Lawyer), Lynn Benekin (Forbes), Barbara Gesile (Lapp), Gina Pywar, Michele Tolen (T. Wood), 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), Marge Bonney, 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: Pr. Jim & Mary Crouthamel

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), Ashwin Kalyandurg (Bush), Larry Antemann (Messner),

Stash Tarka (Messner), Carl Roberts (Messner), Pr Lynn Ash, Cathy Carroll Ziemba (Messner), Cadence Love

**For those celebrating marriage:** Kayla (Roberson) and Mike Estro

**For those preparing for childbirth:** all those who work in maternity wards and birthing centers and who care for new mothers and newborn children.

**For those in the military, law enforcement and emergency services:** For all law enforcement and emergency services personnel, (State troopers, County Sheriff, local police, fire and rescue personnel, and all jail and prison ministries). Military Chaplains and those serving in the armed forces (name your own); for all those who lost their lives at the Twin Towers, NYC; the Pentagon; and in Shanksville, PA.

**In the Foothills Conference:** For all law enforcement and emergency services personnel, (State troopers, County Sheriff, local police, fire and rescue personnel, and all jail and prison ministries). Military Chaplains and those serving in the armed forces (name your own)

**National/ International Concerns:** all victims of religious, ethnic, and racial hatred; the people of Afghanistan, Ethiopia, Ukraine, Russia and Taiwan; for those involved in the continuing crisis on our Southern border; for refugees & migrants; for those living in long term care facilities; for an end to violence in our schools and communities; Those struggling with cancer. The mentally ill and those who care for them.

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

those killed in the car crash in Bridgewater last week.

**+ 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.

**+OCLP**

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

## Attendance & Offering Statistics

| Date | Atonement        | Evangelical    | St. Matthew      |
|------|------------------|----------------|------------------|
| 9/4  | 25/              | 24/ 607        | 20/ 718          |
| **   | <b>(\$1,290)</b> | <b>(\$705)</b> | <b>(\$1,309)</b> |
| 9/7  | 1/ 85            | 3/ 66          | 8/ 310           |

**\*\* Needed to meet weekly expenses**

### + OCLP +

+Consider remembering your congregation in your will with a bequest and/or including it in a request for memorial gifts in lieu of flowers, when a loved one dies.

+All active members and friends should normally be receiving our weekly bulletin via email before Sunday each week. If you are not please let the OCLP office or Pastor Paul know. Be sure we have your current email address. TY! If you wish to add someone to this mailing list, let us know that, too!

+Thanks to all who donated to, worked at, supported and came to Evangelical's rummage sale the past two weekends. Well over \$1000 was raised for our congregational ministries.

### + THIS WEEK +

+ 9/11 - Emergency Services Sunday

Atonement and Evangelical - Coffee hours in honor of our law enforcement, military and emergency services members and neighbors.

+St Matthew Welcome Back Picnic Brunch after worship  
(bring a dish to pass, table service. Beverages provided)

+Atonement - Sacrament of Holy Baptism

+Evangelical Rummage Sale  
Sept. 3-4 & 10-11

+ 9/13 - Evangelical Women's Lunch at the Jive Cafe, Hartwick Seminary; 11:30am.  
Let Ilse Seitz know if you can come

+Wednesday Services:

7:30am St. Matthew

Noon Evangelical

7:00pm Atonement

10:00am Clergy Bible Study, Christ Church, Cooperstown

+ 9/15 - 4pm - monthly Food distribution at St. Matthew

5:30 pm - Evangelical Council at church

**+ COMING UP +**

+ 9/19 - 2pm - Joe Rotolo Memorial Calling Hours and Service , Bookhouts Funeral Home,  
Oneonta

9/20-22 Pr Paul at Society of the Holy Trinity (STS) national retreat, Mundelein IL

9/24 - Atonement Worship and Music Comm., 9:30am

9/25 - Atonement Council follows worship

9/29 - OCLP Men's dinner out, Cooperstown area.

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**+ PRAYER OF THE WEEK +**

O God, Lord of all, your Son commanded us to love our enemies and to pray for them. Lead us from prejudice to truth, deliver us from hatred, cruelty and revenge, and enable us to stand before you, reconciled through your Son, Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen (LBW p. 44).



**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

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

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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 Tuesday 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.