

**+ Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost +**  
**Holy Communion (LBW Setting 1)**  
**November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

(\* = Stand as you are able; LBW = Lutheran Book of Worship-green book)

**GATHERING**

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

**Parish News**

\* **Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness**

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\* **Entrance Hymn**

*Oh, Worship the King*

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\* **Apostolic Greeting & Kyrie**

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\* **Hymn of Praise:**

*This is the feast . . .*

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(1-women, 2-men)

\* **First Prayer** (Swedish *Psalmbok*, 1639)

**Lord God, rule and govern our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit, that while keeping the end of things in mind, we may be stirred up to holiness in this life and come to be with you forever in that life to come, 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: Zeph. 1:7, 12-18** A lesson from Zephaniah:

Be silent before the Lord God!

For the day of the Lord is at hand;  
the Lord has prepared a sacrifice,  
he has consecrated his guests.

[12] At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,  
and I will punish the people  
who rest complacently on their dregs,  
those who say in their hearts,

"The Lord will not do good,  
nor will he do harm."

[13] Their wealth shall be plundered,  
and their houses laid waste.

Though they build houses,  
they shall not inhabit them;  
though they plant vineyards,  
they shall not drink wine from them.

[14] The great day of the Lord is near,

near and hastening fast;  
the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter,  
the warrior cries aloud there.

[15] That day will be a day of wrath,  
a day of distress and anguish,  
a day of ruin and devastation,  
a day of darkness and gloom,  
a day of clouds and thick darkness,  
[16] a day of trumpet blast and battle cry  
against the fortified cities  
and against the lofty battlements.

[17] I will bring such distress upon people  
that they shall walk like the blind;  
because they have sinned against the Lord,  
their blood shall be poured out like dust,  
and their flesh like dung.

[18] Neither their silver nor their gold  
will be able to save them  
on the day of the Lord's wrath;  
in the fire of his passion  
the whole earth shall be consumed;  
for a full, a terrible end  
he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

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

**Psalmody: 90:1-8,12** (tones 32-single; 24-double)

Lord, you have been our / dwelling place\* in all / generations.

**Before the mountains were brought forth,  
or ever you had formed the earth / and the world,\*  
from everlasting to everlasting / you are God.**

You turn us / back to dust,\*  
and say, "Turn / back, you mortals."

**For a thousand years in your sight  
are like yesterday when / it is past,\*  
or like a watch / in the night.**

You sweep them away; they are / like a dream,\*  
like grass that is renewed / in the morning;  
**in the morning it flourishes and / is renewed;\*  
in the evening it / fades and withers.**

For we are consumed / by your anger,\*  
by your wrath we are / overwhelmed.

**You have set our iniquities / before you,\*  
our secret sins in the light / of your countenance.**

So teach us to / count our days\*  
that we may gain / a wise heart.

**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 Thes. 5:1-11** A lesson from First Thessalonians:

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. [2] For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. [3] When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! [4] But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; [5] for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. [6] So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; [7] for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. [8] But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. [9] For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, [10] who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. [11] Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing. 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 25:14-30**

"For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; [15] to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. [16] The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. [17] In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. [18] But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. [19] After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. [20] Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' [21] His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' [22] And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' [23] His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I

will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' [24] Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; [25] so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' [26] But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? [27] Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. [28] So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. [29] For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. [30] As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

\* **Praise to you, O Christ**

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**Homily**

Pr. Paul Messner (A/ St. M)  
ELCA Deacon (Ret.) (E/ St. J)

\* **Hymn of the Day**

*All Depends on Our Possessing*

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**RESPONSE**

\* **Apostles' Creed**

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\* **Prayers of the Church**

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\* **Commemoration of the Faithful Departed**

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**First Intercession:**

Eternal Father, our hearts have been excited by your promise and the good news of salvation. We eagerly await the gift of living in your presence when Christ returns for us. However, since you have given us responsibilities with sufficient corresponding talents, bless us with diligence in our work while there still is time.

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

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

**Offering** (plate at the door)

**Musical Offering**

\* **Presentation of Gifts and Offertory**

*Let the Vineyards*

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\* **Offertory Prayer**

O God of time and timelessness, we thrill to think of offerings you will help us make in heaven when we celebrate your love in Christ. Inspire us in these rehearsals of that heavenly service with a foretaste of the perfect song we shall there rejoice to sing, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## MEAL

* <b>Great Thanksgiving/Dialog</b>		pg. 68-71
<b>Preface &amp; Sanctus</b>	<i>Holy, Holy, Holy</i>	pg. 69
* <b>Eucharistic Prayer &amp; Lord's Prayer</b>		pg. 69/ pew card
<b>Agnus Dei</b>	<i>Lamb of God</i>	pg. 72

<b>Distribution Hymns</b>		LBW #469, 460, 448
* <b>Post Communion Blessing &amp; Canticle</b>	<i>Lord, now let . . .</i>	pg. 73
* <b>Post Communion Prayer</b>		

O Lord, we came to celebrate your cross and immortality by sharing in this bread and wine, through which you gave us your very body and blood. May it point us from our world of death to being raised to live by grace in glory. You are the Lord forevermore. **Amen.**

## SENDING

* <b>Benediction</b>		pg. 74
* <b>Recessional Hymn</b>	<i>Oh, Happy Day When We Shall Stand</i>	LBW # 351
* <b>Dismissal</b>		

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## **Postlude**

### +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), Bridgette Shepardson (Thompson), Rene Prins, Heather Mendoza, Grace & Chuck Dietzman, Rita Nelson, Thoranne Winkler, Monica Koulis (Winkler), Valerie England, Jennifer Carman, Lisa Cooper (Syvertsen), Janna Benston (Sherrill), Gary Williams, Jill A. (Cindy), Jason Pallack (Carman), Barb Delaney (Serra-Lima/ Winkler), Stash Tarka (Thompson), Jim Baker, John Cook, Florence Jelliffe (Heaney)

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

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), Ansley (Butts), Wendy Wenck Craighill (Miller), Julie Sharrett, Lynne Hecker, Roberta Rowland Raybold, Elsie Wells, Davin Ruffles (Messner), Bob Pierro (Butts), Jean Haff, Debbie Kiser (Butts)

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Ilse Seitz

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), Barbara Gesile, Gina Pywar, Melissa McLaughlin (S. Eggers), Cathy Walsh (Stevens), Owen Basher (Marsh), Rennie Brown (Janet), Jason Hahn, Maureen McAndrew (Greenleaf), Mike McAndrew (Greenleaf), Jack Anthony (Stevens), Troy Lutz (Bush), Alan & Linda Peeters, Corinne Pollak, James Wikoff (Hulbert), Vicky Vesely (Bush), Helmut Boehl, Anna Elwyn (Rose Nelson), Ellie Bauman, Carol Evans, Patti Hulbert, Ann and Mike Monahan, Gus Pfeuffer, Carol (Nelson) Doane, Lynn Robinson, Larry Winslow, Mary Crouthamel, Jennifer Dilello (Stevens), Alice Flaherty (Smith)

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

For Young Adult: Spencer 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 & 1<sup>st</sup> Lady Rosalyn Carter, David Wolff, Davilynn Cifonelli (Doane-Nelson), Kathryn Morris (Messner), Sue Stevens (Mansbach), Joe Bales (Messner), Dave Powell (Simmerly), Tyler Brazinski (Messner), Dorcas Brown (Christine Brown), Alen Brown (Christine Brown), Karen Flaherty (Crouthamel), Davin Ruffles, Pat Wheeler (Serra-Lima), Marilyn Gonzalez (Messner)

**For those preparing for marriage:** Alex Vernold & Krista Jones

**For those preparing for childbirth:** Pastor Phil & Rachel Roushey

**For those in the military, law enforcement and emergency services:** Ed Hernandez, NYS Troopers

**In the Foothills Conference:** St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Richmondville (SAMs Stephen & Marie Gerhardt).

**National/ International Concerns:** For all refugees and migrants; victims of violence in our communities; those struggling with economic conditions, food insecurity, and homelessness; the people of Ukraine and Russia; for the victims of the terrorist attacks and war in Israel, Gaza, and Lebanon

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

+ Julianne Sharett +  
(1957 – 2023)

**Pastors Pericope Paragraph 11/19**

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

How do we handle responsibilities? Do we take risks or try to cut potential losses? When it comes to trusting Jesus and talking about him to others are we intimidated, unsure, feeling inarticulate? What difference does he mean to us anyway? (Gospel) Zephaniah lives in a time of religious and political strife. God is not pleased with his faithless people. Their possessions will not save them. (1<sup>st</sup> lesson) Jesus will come "like a thief". How will we welcome him? (2<sup>nd</sup> lesson)

**Weekly Worship Practice:**

Please help us keep our sanctuaries neat by placing worship resources in their appropriate places. Each pew rack should hold two *LBWs* (green book); one *WOV* (blue book) and a pew *Bible*.

Thanks

**+ Parish News and Notes +**

**+OCLP**

As winter approaches, fuel costs go up for us at home and for our congregations as well. Your faithful and steady offerings help us be good stewards and pay our bills. Thank you.

**+OCLP**

The Voices of Cooperstown is excited to offer a traditional Festival of Lessons and Carols on Saturday December 16 at 4pm. Rehearsals are on Sundays at 6pm in the church at Christ Church. Mark Johnson, the Director of Music at Christ Church will be conducting and leading our rehearsals and Peter Deysenroth will be playing the organ. We look forward to getting together and singing again!

**+OCLP**

We welcome ELCA Deacon (Ret.) Sandy Shear to lead worship at Evangelical and St. John Next Sunday Pr. Jim Crouthamel will lead worship at St. Matthew and Atonement

**Readings Through This Week**

See website: <https://www.otsegocountylutheranparish.com>

<b>Serving Today</b>	<b>Atonement</b>	<b>Evangelical</b>	<b>St. Matthew</b>
Asst. Minister	Peg Serra-Lima		Dave Forbes
Comm. Asst.	Cindy Heaney	Cindy L	
Lector	Cindy Heaney	Esther H	Rich Parsons
Cantor	Cindy Heaney		
*Altar Care	Laura Sherrill	Carol B & Dorothy	
Ushers/Greeters	Denise R & Victor G	Sliviak	
Coffee Hour			
Acolyte	Grady Loeffler	Mia Pelcer	Lynn Myers
Sound System		Sliviak	
Bell Ringer			
Church Cleaner			

### Attendance & Offering Statistics

Date	Atonement	Evangelical	St. Matthew	St. John
11/12	18/ 1154	12/ 672	26/ 985	9/ 285
11/15	1/ 145	1/ 70	6/ 369	
**	<b>(\$1,290)</b>	<b>(\$850)</b>	<b>(\$1,309)</b>	

\*\* Needed to meet weekly expenses

### Smile of the Week

Don't give up! Moses was once a basket case!









**+ THIS WEEK +**

+ Sunday 11/29+

Holy Communion

Atonement Council meets after worship

+ Tuesday 11/21

7:00pm Laurens Community Thanksgiving service @ Presbyterian church

+ Wednesday 11/22

7:30am St. Matthew – Thanksgiving worship

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

Noon Evangelical – Thanksgiving worship

7:00pm Atonement – Thanksgiving worship

+ Thursday 11/23

Thanksgiving Day

+ **COMING UP** +

+ Sunday 11/26

Festival of Christ the King – Holy Communion

+ Wednesday 11/29

7:30am St. Matthew – worship

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

Noon Evangelical – devotions

7:00pm Atonement – devotions

+ Friday 12/1

Evangelical Ham Dinner (take out only)