



*Then he said to his
disciples, "The harvest is
plentiful but the workers
are few. Ask the Lord of
the harvest, therefore,
to send out workers into his
harvest field."*

Matthew 9:37-38



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ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH
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The Rev. Paul R. Messner, S.T.S., Pastor
The Rev. Robert Mansbach, Pastor Emeritus

+ **Third Sunday after Pentecost** +
Holy Communion (LBW Setting 1)
Father's Day
June 18th, 2023

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

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome

Parish News

* **Entrance Hymn**

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

LBW #250

* **Apostolic Greeting & Kyrie**

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* **Hymn of Praise:**

This is the feast . . .

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* **First Prayer** (*Mid-6th Century Leonine*)

O Lord, our God, arrange the course of this world that peace may come. Then may your tranquil church rejoice through greater service, through Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord. He lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

First Lesson: Exodus 19:2-8 A lesson from Exodus:

They had journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain. [3] Then Moses went up to God; the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the Israelites: [4] You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. [5] Now therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, [6] but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites."

[7] So Moses came, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the Lord had commanded him. [8] The people all answered as one: "Everything that the Lord has spoken we will do." Moses reported the words of the people to the Lord. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalmody: 100 (tones 26-single; 9-double)

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, / all the earth. *

Worship the Lord with gladness;

come into his pre- / sence with singing.

Know that the Lord is God.

It is he that made us, and / we are his;*

we are his people, and the sheep / of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving,

and his / courts with praise.*

Give thanks to him, / bless his name.

For the / Lord is good;*

**his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all / generations.
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 5:1-8 A lesson from Romans:

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, [2] through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. [3] And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, [4] and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, [5] and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

[6] For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. [7] Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person--though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. [8] But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

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 9:35--10:23 **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. [36] When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. [37] Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; [38] therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

[10:1] Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. [2] These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; [3] Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; [4] Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

[5] These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, [6] but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. [7] As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' [8] Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. [9] Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, [10] no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for laborers deserve their food. [11] Whatever town

or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. [12] As you enter the house, greet it. [13] If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. [14] If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. [15] Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town.

[16] "See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. [17] Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; [18] and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles. [19] When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time; [20] for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. [21] Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; [22] and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. [23] When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next; for truly I tell you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

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Homily

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

*** Hymn of the Day**

Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling

LBW #381

RESPONSE

*** Apostles' Creed**

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*** Prayers of the Church**

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First Intercession:

Gracious Father, it is your greatness that you have compassion on those whom you have given the freedom to decide between good and evil. We praise you that, through your Son, you came to rescue us in our helplessness. He became our shepherd, finding us and bringing us home with great joy. Continue your compassion throughout our time and give us the dignity of being useful in bringing your kingdom to the whole world.

*** Sharing the Peace of the Lord**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Offering

Musical Offering

* **Presentation of Gifts and Offertory** *Let the Vineyards* pg. 66

* **Offertory Prayer**

O God, you invest your love where others see no hope. May the tender faith which brings these offerings mature into sturdy sacrifice that you may have pleasure in what your love has brought to life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

MEAL

* **Great Thanksgiving/Dialog** pg. 68-71

Preface & Sanctus *Holy, Holy, Holy*

* **Eucharistic Prayer & Lord's Prayer** pg. 69/ pew card

Agnus Dei *Lamb of God* pg. 72

Distribution Hymns LBW #390, 477, 500

* **Post Communion Blessing & Canticle** *Thank the Lord . . .* pg. 72

* **Post Communion Prayer**

With faith we have come to worship you, O Lord, believing in the new covenant and the kingdom to come. Give us your promised peace, and the patience to wait for its perfect fulfillment of eternal joy. You are the Lord forevermore. **Amen.**

SENDING

* **Benediction** pg. 74

* **Recessional Hymn** *O Zion, Haste* LBW #397

* **Dismissal**

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

Postlude

Pastors Pericope Paragraph 6/18

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

Jesus calls 12 disciples (mirroring the 12 tribes of Israel), sending them out to heal and teach. They did. And here we are! (Gospel). Israel is to be a priestly kingdom, and a holy nation. He will be their God. They will be His unique people - through whom he will save the world (1st lesson). Does suffering produce...hope? Paul says it does because we learn to endure, develop character which leads to a true hope, which does not disappoint us (2^d lesson).

Weekly Worship Practice:

When the Gospel is read from the center aisle, please feel free to turn and face the reader. In this way we enact the Gospel (the Good News of Jesus Christ) being the center of our lives.

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 ELCA Deacon (Ret.) Sandy Shear to lead service at Evangelical and St. John
Next Sunday OCLP Deacon Deb Lawyer will lead service at Atonement and St. Matthew

Serving Today	Atonement	Evangelical	St. Matthew
Asst. Minister	Peg Serra-Lima		Deb Lawyer
Comm. Asst.	Peg Serra-Lima	Gabe L	
Lector	Cindy Heaney	Gabe L	
Cantor	Cindy Heaney	Gabe L	
*Altar Care	Christine Brown	Carol B & Esther	
Ushers/Greeters	John Mushtare & Victor G	Dan T	
Coffee Hour			
Acolyte	Nick Thompson	Levi VanDeusen	Kayla Joubert
Sound System		Lane	
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), Sue (M. Messner), Valerie England, Jennifer Carman, Lisa Cooper (Syvertsen), Martha Messner, Barbara Gee, Mark Bauer, (Messner), Brad Guillerm (Dana), Janna Benston (Sherrill), Gary Williams

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Bob & Mary Mansbach

For young adult: Joe Sherrill

+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, Ansley (Butts)

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Marshall & Mary Beth Pedersen

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), 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), Jack Anthony (Stevens), Troy Lutz (Bush), Alan & Linda Peeters, Isabell Tophoven, Corinne Pollak, James Wikoff (Hulbert), Vicky Vesely (Bush), Martha Messner, Helmut Boehl, Frank Wood, Ray Gilmore (Winslow), Judy Berkshire (Crouthamel), Janet Brown, Kevin Bonney, Robin Bush

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Ann Lloyd

For Young Adult: Gabrielle Bush

+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), Amy Cooper (Messner), Pr Lynn Ash, former President Jimmy Carter, Phil Roberts (Messner), David Wolff, Davilynn Cifonelli (Doane-Nelson), Jim McCoy, Spike Dibble(Frank & Toni Wood)

For those preparing for marriage: Ashley Stack & Matt Sivacek

For those preparing for childbirth: Scott & Stephanie Lehenbauer

For those in the military, law enforcement and emergency services: Walter Schlierman, NYS Trooper

In the Foothills Conference: Retired pastors/pastors' spouses, families, and ELCA Deacons: including Bob Mansbach (Mary), Jim Crouthamel (Mary), Lynn Ash, Bill Siiss (Bonnie), Sandy Shear, Dave Almleaf (Nancy), Ken Dingman (Carol), Stef Zehrhuhs (Sue)

Ordination/Commissioning anniversaries connected to our parish or conference:

Pr. Robert Mansbach, 67 years – 6/17
Pr. William Clasen, 63 years – 6/15
Pr. William Wittcopp, 58 years – 6/9
Pr. Bill Siiss, 52 years – 6/14
Pr. Kenneth Dingman, 51 years – 6/14
Pr. William Preuss, 51 years – 6/11
Pr. James Crouthamel, 48 years – 6/15
Pr. Richard Johnson, 46 years – 6/19
Pr. Marie Jerge, 45 years – 6/3
Pr. Craig Herrick, 44 years – 6/4
Pr. David Almleaf, 44 years – 6/10
Pr. Paul Herpich, 43 years – 6/8
Pr. Rick Klafehn, 40 years – 6/26
Pr. Diane Wheatley, 39 years – 6/17
Pr. Jeff Silvermail, 25 years – 6/6
Bishop Lee Miller II, 25 years – 6/20
Pr. Dick Yost, 18 years – 6/11

Natural/Man-made Disasters: Victims of drought in Ethiopia, Somalia & 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 northern & southern borders, the people of Ukraine, Russia, China, Taiwan, and the Sudan

For all fathers, grandfathers, fathers-in-law, God fathers, step fathers, foster fathers, and all who “father” us.

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

Max Gollmer
(1935 – 2023)

+ Parish News and Notes +

+OCLP

We are updating our membership records. PLEASE fill out the form on the literature table or in your mailbox as soon as possible. One per person, please! TY!

+OCLP

Please sign up to host a coffee hour. Anyone can - as a family or small group! It's not that hard - the sign-up forms are on the bulletin board. Thanks!

+OCLP

Finances are tight at this 1/3 point of the year. Please help us stay current on our responsibilities to our vendors and staff.

+ 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
6/11	26/ 594	18/ 361	16/ 527	6/ 167
6/14	4/ 88	1/ 46	9/ 210	
**	(\$1,290)	(\$850)	(\$1,309)	

**** Needed to meet weekly expenses**

+ THIS WEEK +

+ Today Sunday June 18th
Father's Day/ Holy Communion

+Monday 6/19
Bev Lapp burial, Leesville Cemetery, 2:00pm

+Tuesday 6/20
Evangelical Women's Picnic Lunch
Ilse Seitz's home, St. Rt. 165, Pleasant Brook

+Wednesday 6/21
7:30am St. Matthew - worship
10:30am Clergy Bible Study, Christ Church, Cooperstown
Noon Evangelical - devotions
7:00pm Atonement - worship

+ COMING UP +

+Next Sunday 6/25
Service of Word & Prayer

+Sunday 7/2
Atonement Council meeting follows worship

+July 23-28
32nd Hartwick Seminary Summer Institute of Theology, Hartwick College
All are welcome to attend

Thought of the Week

May your life in every way
bring glory to the Father
and blessing to you.

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

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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.