



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

+ **Fifth Sunday after Epiphany** +
Holy Communion (LBW Setting 1)
February 5th, 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

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| * Entrance Hymn | <i>God, Whose Almighty Word</i> | LBW #400 |
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| * Hymn of Praise | <i>Listen you Nations</i> | LBW #14 |
- (stz 1- women, stz 2- men, stz 3-all)

First Prayer: *(7th Century Gelasian)*

Stand watch over your family, O Lord, that we who depend entirely on your heavenly grace / may always be protected in the mighty fortress of your love, 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 58:1-12 A lesson from Isaiah:

Shout out, do not hold back!

Lift up your voice like a trumpet!

Announce to my people their rebellion,
to the house of Jacob their sins.

[2] Yet day after day they seek me
and delight to know my ways,
as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness
and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;
they ask of me righteous judgments,
they delight to draw near to God.

[3] "Why do we fast, but you do not see?
Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?"
Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day,
and oppress all your workers.

[4] Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight
and to strike with a wicked fist.

Such fasting as you do today
will not make your voice heard on high.

[5] Is such the fast that I choose,
a day to humble oneself?

Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush,
and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?

Will you call this a fast,
a day acceptable to the Lord?

[6] Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of injustice,
to undo the thongs of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?

[7] Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,
and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover them,
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

[8] Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up quickly;
your vindicator shall go before you,
the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard.

[9] Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer;
you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

If you remove the yoke from among you,
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,

[10] if you offer your food to the hungry
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,
then your light shall rise in the darkness
and your gloom be like the noonday.

[11] The Lord will guide you continually,
and satisfy your needs in parched places,
and make your bones strong;
and you shall be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water,
whose waters never fail.

[12] Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,
the restorer of streets to live in.

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

Psalmody 112:1-10 (Tones: 1-single; 31-double)

Praise the Lord! Happy are those who / fear the Lord,*
who greatly delight in / his commandments.

Their descendants will be mighty / in the land;*
the generation of the upright / will be blessed.

Wealth and riches are / in their houses,*
and their righteousness en- / dures forever.

They rise in the darkness as a light /for the upright;*
they are gracious, merci- / ful, and righteous.

It is well with those who deal generous- / ly and lend,*
who conduct their af- / fairs with justice.

For the righteous will nev- / er be moved;*
they will be remem- / bered forever.

They are not afraid of / evil tidings;*
their hearts are firm, secure / in the Lord.

Their hearts are steady, they will not / be afraid;*
in the end they will look in triumph / on their foes.

They have distributed freely, they have given / to the poor;*
their righteousness endures forever;
their horn is exalt- / ed in honor.

The wicked see it and are angry;
they gnash their teeth and / melt away;*
the desire of the wicked / comes to nothing.

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. 2:1-16

A lesson from First Corinthians:

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. [2] For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. [3] And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. [4] My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, [5] so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

[6] Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. [7] But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. [8] None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. [9] But, as it is written,

"What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,
nor the human heart conceived,

what God has prepared for those who love him"--

[10] these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. [11] For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. [12] Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. [13] And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual.

[14] Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. [15] Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny.

[16] "For who has known the mind of the Lord
so as to instruct him?"

But we have the mind of Christ.

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 5:13-20

"You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled underfoot.

[14] "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. [15] No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. [16] In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

[17] "Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. [18] For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. [19] Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. [20] For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

The Gospel of the Lord.

* **Gospel Response**

Praise to you, O Christ

Children's Sermon/Homily

Dave Forbes (St. M/ A)
Pastor Paul Messner (E/ St. J)

RESPONSE

* Nicene Creed

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* Prayers of the Church

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First Intercession:

Merciful God, we have come to add to your glory by speaking words of praise for your grace. You make us glad by choosing us despite our difficulty of living by the laws of love. It is a mystery that you have chosen to love us; but we join with Christians around the world today to sing with joy. In Jesus Christ your Son, you magnified your eternal love and brought forgiveness for all who dare to hope in you. With this faith and love, help us to be a genuine salt and light for others, confessing and announcing you to everything that lives.

* Sharing of the Peace of the Lord

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Offering

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* **Offertory Prayer:**

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Eternal Father, with your generous gifts / you have aroused this sacrifice of praise. Teach us to live and love more generously / that every creature may be stirred to bless your name, 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

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Agnus Dei (*Lamb of God*)

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Distribution Hymns

LBW #316, 439, 200

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

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* **Post-Communion Prayer:**

Lord Jesus, by eating once again with you, we have obeyed your call to celebrate the greatest truth of all. May this teaching of eternal love and peace / change our lives forevermore. **Amen.**

Sending

* Benediction

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* Recessional Hymn *Brightest and Best of the Stars of Morning*

LBW #84

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

Postlude

+ Fifth Sunday after Epiphany 2/5

"You ARE the salt of the earth... You ARE the light of the world". As with the beattitudes, Jesus isn't you *should* be salt or light - nor work harder at being salty or brighter - but you already ARE these things. They are gifts of God's undeserved grace. You are already loved and gifted. Even the one who breaks the commandments and leads others astray - and therefore is "least in the kingdom of heaven" is, nevertheless, still IN that kingdom (is not excluded). Non of us can exceed pharisees or scribes in the kingdom - so All will be excluded - save for Jesus' fulfilling of the Law (Torah) on our behalf (Gospel). God's controversy with Israel continues (see Micah last week). He calls His people not to a mere outward show of piety and religiosity, but to live Torah in their relationships (to stop injustice, to free the oppressed, to feed and shelter and clothe an be open to others and treat them as human beings also deserving God's love (1st lesson). The Spirit guides the Church in the wise use of God's gifts - not the wisdom of the world but God's wisdom of wholeness - a crucified and risen savior - who died and rose for all (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:

We gather weekly in reverence and awe, in joy and thanksgiving, in hope and peace. We come seeking forgiveness and reconciliation-inspiration and a sense of God's presence. We depart renewed, refreshed and recommitted to serve all God's people in need, as we have opportunity. We come open to God's giving. Having received we depart to share that with which God has blessed us.

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.

Serving Today	Atonement	Evangelical	St. Matthew
Comm. Asst.	Sue Dana	Cindy L	
Asst. Minister	Sue Dana		Jim Crouthamel
Lector	Sue Dana	Esther H	Dave Forbes
Cantor	Sue Dana	Pr. Paul or Vol	
Altar Care	Christine Brown	Carol B & Dorothy	
Ushers/Greeters	Dennis S & Victor G	Dorothy	
Coffee Hour			
Acolyte	Nick Thompson	Mia Pelcer	Megan Cleveland
Sound System		Pelcer	
Bell Ringer			
Church Cleaner			Sharon

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Today we welcome Dave Forbes to lead worship at St. Matthew & Atonement

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

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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 Ann Ross (Englands), Barbara Loitsch, Sue (M. Messner); Carleen (M. Messner), Valerie England, Alice Burdick, Jennifer Carman, Jaelen (M Messner), Lisa Cooper (Syvertsen), Martha Messner, Penny Baumann, Frank Bagnardi (Mansbach), Lucy (Richardson), Barbara Gee

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Gary & Kathryn Walters

For young adult: Alison Heaney

+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: Jeremiah Parr

+St. Matthew+

For healing in body, mind and spirit in our own congregation: Scott Forbes, Tina Keator, Sherrie Roy (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, Helmut Boehl, Frank Wood

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Roberta Vesely

For Young Adult: Josh Bush

+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), Pr Lynn Ash, Cathy Carroll Ziemba (Messner), Joanne Wilms (Mansbach), Jean Ercole (Crouthamel), Deacon Tom Collins, George Roberts (Messner), Susan Johnson (Serra-Lima), 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: Christian Hargraves & Kelsie Booker

For those preparing for childbirth: Ali & Tim Lehenbauer

For those in the military, law enforcement and emergency services: Lt. Cody DeNapoli, USAF

In the Foothills Conference: Grace Lutheran Church, Johnstown and Gloversville (TEEM
Pastor Melissa Bedell)

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, & Iran

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

+ Dave Loeffler (Sr.) +
(1946 – 2023)

+ Burton Borst +
(1928 – 2023)

+ Tyre Nicols +
(Memphis, TN)

+ Harold Goss +
(1931 – 2023)
(Leslie Bauer's father)

+ Chinese New Year shooting victims, CA +

+ 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
1/29	31/ 102	11/ 45	22/ 114
**	(\$1,290)	(\$705)	(\$1,309)
2/1	1/ 5	1/ 5	8/ 48

** Needed to meet weekly expenses

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Please check your mailbox anytime you are in the building. Thanks!

Remember to sign in for attendance and contact tracing. Thank you

+Offering Envelopes 2023

Our envelope company has had production issues and so our envelopes still have not come. Please use any envelope to place your offerings in the plate at the door, especially if it is cash, and put your name on it. St. Matthew is considering not having church envelopes in the future. You may also consider giving electronically through your bank as others do. Thanks!

+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'd like the bulletin mailed to you because you cannot come to worship and don't have email, or know someone in that situation, let us know the name(s) and mailing address(es). If you wish to add someone to this mailing list, let us know that, too!

+Last call for gifts for:

- the Lutheran Homes @ Clinton (our seniors love being remembered)
- the sailors at the Port of Albany (its still cold out there for sailors from warmer climates)
- Catholic Charities (local needs are great, cash gifts welcome through our pastor's fund)
- and don't forget the Oneonta Warming Station!

+ Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, 2/22. Bring in your palm branches and crosses by Shrove Tuesday, 2/21.

+Have you signed up to host coffee hour? Check the bulletin board! And Thanks!

+ **THIS WEEK** +

+Today Sunday 2/5

Holy Communion

St. John annual meeting follows worship

+Tuesday 2/7

1st Tuesday Potluck @ St. Matthew

Theme: Foods with five ingredients or less
(short month – short recipes)

+Wednesday Services:

7:30am St. Matthew

Noon Evangelical

7:00pm Atonement

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

+ **COMING UP** +

+Sunday 2/12

Service of Word & Prayer

Evangelical annual meeting follows worship

Souper-bowl cash collection for local food pantries

“Back to Basics” class with Pr. Paul
(for new and renewing church members)

Stay tuned!

LENT. HOLY WEEK. EASTER SCHEDULE 2023

+ Midweek Weekly Worship & Study (during the 5 weeks of Lent) +

February 21st Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, 6pm, Atonement; “Burial of the Alleluia Service” 7pm

February 22nd ASH WEDNESDAY-Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes

7:30 am-St. Matthew

Noon-Evangelical

2 pm Shineman Chapel, Hartwick College

7:00 pm-Atonement

Sundays in Lent: “*Lutheran Book of Worship*” Setting 1-Holy Communion, or “*With One Voice*”, Service Word & Prayer

8:30 am-St. Matthew

9:15 am-Evangelical

10:30 am-Atonement

11:15 am-St. John

Weekly Study “The Chosen” (weekly video & discussion)

TUESDAYS in Lent:

6:00 pm - St. Matthew: Soup & Bread Supper, Video & Discussion

WEDNESDAYS in Lent:

7:30 am - St. Matthew Worship

Noon - Evangelical Devotions; Soup & Bread Lunch, Video & Discussion

5:30 pm - Atonement - Soup & Bread Supper; Video and Discussion

+HOLY WEEK+

April 2nd SUNDAY OF THE PASSION (Palm Sunday)

Holy Communion with blessing, distribution and Procession with Palms

Gather outside sanctuary, reading of the Passion from Matthew

April 3rd HOLY MONDAY - Individual Confession & Forgiveness

(*Pastor Paul will hear your confession and offer God's absolution; you can call him for evening or weekend appointment*)

10:00 am - 12:00 noon - St. Matthew

1:00 - 3:00 pm - St. John

April 4th HOLY TUESDAY - Individual Confession & Forgiveness

(Pastor Paul will hear your confession and offer God's absolution-call him for evening or weekend appointment)

10:00 am -12:00 noon - Evangelical

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm Atonement

April 5th HOLY WEDNESDAY Worship:

No service -- St. Matthew

12:00 noon – Evangelical

7:00 pm - Atonement

April 6th MAUNDY THURSDAY- Holy Communion - *(optional foot washing & stripping the altar)*

7:30 am – St. Matthew

10:00 am -- Atonement

12:00 noon – Evangelical

2:00 pm – Shineman Chapel, Hartwick College

5:00 pm -- St. John?

6:30 pm – Evangelical OCLP Seder Supper/ Holy Communion for the parish *(confirmands & Communion class presence required)*

April 7th GOOD FRIDAY Worship:

10:00 am – Atonement

12:00 noon- Evangelical

2:00 pm – Shineman Chapel, Hartwick College

5:00 pm - St. John?

7:00 pm - St. Matthew at Laurens Presbyterian Church

April 8th HOLY SATURDAY - Vigil of Easter

9PM- at St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, 39 Walnut St. Oneonta (Pr. Paul participating)

April 17th +EASTER+ FESTIVAL OF THE RESURRECTION

Regular Service Times at each church

(The Easter Season lasts seven weeks – until Sunday, May 21st this year)

May 18th Ascension of Our Lord

6:00 pm – Atonement, light salad supper

7:00 pm – Atonement, Worship

May 28th Festival of Pentecost (wear red)

(Regular Sunday Worship times)

+ Quote of the Week +

The Peace

He brought peace on earth and wants to bring it also into your soul – that peace which the world cannot give. He is the One who would save His people from their sins.

-- Corrie Ten Boom

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

Barbara Loitsch: Choir Director

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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<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.