



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

+ **First Sunday in Lent** +
WOV-Service of Word & Prayer
February 26th, 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

Lenten Wreath Reading and Extinguishing

(St. Matt)

Gathering Song

The Glory of These Forty Days

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***Greeting + Dialogue**

The Word is Near You

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***Scripture Song**

Salvation Belongs (W st 1, M st 2)

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First Prayer (*7th Century Gelasian*)

O Lord, mercifully hear our prayers / and by your Majestic Right Hand, reach out to defend us against all that endangers our faith / that we may serve and worship you alone. Through the same 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: Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7

A lesson from Genesis:

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. [16] And the Lord God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; [17] but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

[3:1] Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?'" [2] The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; [3] but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" [4] But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; [5] for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." [6] So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. [7] Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

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

Psalmody: 32 (Tones: Single 2 or Double 6)

Happy are those whose transgression / is forgiven,*

whose / sin is covered.

Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no / iniquity,*

and in whose spirit there is / no deceit.

While I kept silence, my body wa- / sted away*

through my groaning / all day long.

For day and night your hand was heav- / y upon me;*

my strength was dried up as by the / heat of summer.

Then I acknowledged my / sin to you,*

and I did not hide my / iniquity;

I said, "I will confess my transgressions / to the Lord,"*

and you forgave the guilt / of my sin.

Therefore let all who are faithful offer / prayer to you;*

at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters / shall not reach them.

You are a hiding place for me; you preserve / me from trouble;*

you surround me with glad cries of / deliverance.

I will instruct you and teach you the way / you should go;*

I will counsel you with my / eye upon you.

Do not be like a horse or a mule, without / understanding,*

whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle,

else it will / not stay near you.

Many are the torments / of the wicked,* **but steadfast love**

surrounds those who trust / in the Lord.

Be glad in the Lord and re- / joice, O righteous,*

and shout for joy, all you up- / right in 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: Romans 5:12-19 A lesson from Romans:

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned-- [13] sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. [14] Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

[15] But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. [16] And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. [17] If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised

dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

[18] Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. [19] For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous. 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 4:1-11**

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. [2] He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. [3] The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." [4] But he answered, "It is written,

'One does not live by bread alone,

but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.' "

[5] Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, [6] saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you,'

and 'On their hands they will bear you up,

so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.' "

[7] Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.' "

[8] Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; [9] and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." [10] Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.' "

[11] Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

The Gospel of the Lord

*** Gospel Response**

Praise to you, O Christ

Children's Sermon/Homily

Pastor Jim Crouthamel (A/St.M)

Pastor Paul Messner (E/St.J)

***Hymn of the Day**

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

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RESPONSE to the WORD

***Apostles' Creed**

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***Confession and Forgiveness**

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Installation of Church Council & Officers (E/ St. J)

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***Sharing the Peace**

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Offering

***Offertory**

Glory to you God (Stanza 2)

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*** Offertory Prayer:**

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Gracious Father, by these offerings we confess that you alone are God. Receive them as our prayer to see your vision for this world / that we may take our proper place among your creatures. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

***Prayers of the Church**

First Intercession:

Father in heaven, we thank you for illustrating your will and promise in the life of Jesus. As you provided him with every kind of bread, so you also provide for us in every way. And as he came to know and implement your redeeming love, so we are learning the serious work of faithfulness. We thank you for the ministry that you assign us to pursue, so as to share the joy of your kingdom. Attend us with you Spirit so that we may praise you forever because of all that you will accomplish through your son.

***Lord's Prayer**

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SENDING

***Blessing**

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***Recessional Hymn**

God! When Human Bonds are Broken

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Dismissal

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

Postlude

+ Pastors Pericope Paragraph 2/26

On Lent 1 each year we always hear the Gospel of Jesus' temptation by the Adversary. Satan knows scripture - but Jesus knows it better. 40 days of hunger and thirst - Satan comes at our weakest times. We too often succumb. Jesus did not - that's why and how He is our savior. (Gospel). The story of "the Fall" - the story of human disobedience and hubris - using our freedom to turn our backs on our relationship with God. We came to "know" "good AND evil". Satan leads us to cover up our bodies, and our covenant with the LORD and with each other. Not "good" (1st lesson). Paul reminds Christians in the empire's capital city that the reality of death - brought into the world by our fore-parent, has been overcome by the self-sacrifice of our heavenly Brother, Jesus, on the cross. Death has been undone (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.

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.

Serving Today	Atonement	Evangelical	St. Matthew
Asst. Minister			Deb Lawyer
Comm. Asst.			
Lector		Esther	Nancy Boulay
Cantor			
Altar Care	Becky Milford	Carol B & Dorothy	
Ushers/Greeters	Dennis S & Victor G	Eileen B	
Coffee Hour			
Acolyte	Carter Thompson		
Sound System		Lane	
Bell Ringer			
Church Cleaner			

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We welcome Pr. Jim Crouthamel to lead worship at Atonement and St. Matthew.
Next Sunday Tom Collins will lead worship at Evangelical and St. John.

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, 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), 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, Joan Carman

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Carol & Jim Baker

For young adult: Carly King

+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), Dawn Schidzick

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

For Young Adult: Tyler Loewenguth

+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), Wayne Bush Sr (Bush), Vicky Vesely (Bush), Martha Messner, Helmut Boehl, Frank Wood, Ray Gilmore (Winslow), Patty Hulburt

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Elly Baumann

For Young Adult: Jenna Ganio

+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 Ziembra (Messner), Joanne Wilms (Mansbach), Jean Ercole (Crouthamel), former President Jimmy Carter, Phil Roberts (Messner), David Wolff, 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: John Joslin & Myranda Davies

For those preparing for childbirth: Chelsea & Anthony Casimano

For those in the military, law enforcement and emergency services: Edward Knowles, USMC Officer candiate

In the Foothills Conference: Bethany Lutheran Church, Central Bridge (SAM Robert Holt)

Ordination/Commissioning anniversaries connected to our parish or conference:

Pr. Alice Moberg-Sarver, 48 years – 1/11/75

Pr. Paul Rees-Rohrbacher, 45 years – 2/5/78

Pr. Ernie Varga, 44 years – 1/1/79

Pr. Wendy Cook, 11 years – 1/15/12

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; victims of the earthquake in Turkey & Syria

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, Turkey, & Syria

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

+ Charles Rabeler +

+ Christopher Fitzgerald +
Temple University Police Officer, Philadelphia, PA

+ The Rev. David O'Donnel +
Auxiliary Bishop, Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Los Angeles
(1954 – 2023)

+ 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
2/19	24/ 173	12/ 87	21/ 177	10/ 52
**	(\$1,290)	(\$705)	(\$1,309)	
2/21	10			
2/22	11/17	7/14	7/ 72	15 (Hartwick)

**** 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

+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!

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

+A third earthquake has now devastated southern Turkey & northern Syria. To assist with relief efforts anytime please use a Lutheran Disaster Response envelope. Make a check out to your congregation and designate LDR or Lutheran World Relief on the memo line.

+”Back to Basics” class for new and renewing church members is coming! Stay tuned. It’s for everyone!

+The Souper Bowl was super! Thank you to all who donated!

+ THIS WEEK +

(see the Lent/ Holy Week/ Easter Calendar)

+Today Sunday 2/26
Service of Word & Prayer

+Tuesday 2/28
Lenten Supper, video, and discussion, 6pm @ St. Matthew

+Wednesday Services:
7:30am St. Matthew
Noon Evangelical, with lunch, video, and discussion
5:30pm Atonement supper, video, and discussion
7:00pm Atonement
11:00am Clergy Bible Study, Christ Church, Cooperstown

+ COMING UP +

(See Lent/ Holy Week/ Easter Schedule)

+Next Sunday 3/5

Lenten Study: “The Chosen” video series

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Thoughts of the Week

I wail and moan as I think of death, and see that our human splendor created in God’s image, now shapeless, uncomely and unattractive, is laid in the grave. Oh, the secret of this mystery befalling me! How did we come to be handed down to this corruption? How did death become our partner?

-- Byzantine Vespers

The cross, with which the ashes are traced upon us, is the sign of Christ’s victory over death. The words “Remember that thou art dust and to that dust thou shall return” are not to be taken as the quasi-form of a kind of “sacrament of death” (as if such a thing were possible). It might be good stoicism to receive a mere reminder of our condemnation to die, but it is not Christianity.

-- Thomas Merton

LENT SCHEDULE 2023

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

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

February 22nd ASH WEDNESDAY-Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes
7:30 am-St. Matthew, 10 am / 2 pm Shineman Chapel, Hartwick College (TBA)
Noon-Evangelical
7:00 pm-Atonement

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

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.