



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

+ Seventh Sunday after Epiphany +
Festival of the Transfiguration of our Lord
Holy Communion (LBW Setting 1)
February 19th, 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

- * **Brief Order for Public Confession and Forgiveness** pg.56
- * **Entrance Hymn** *Oh, Wondrous Type! Oh, Vision Fair* LBW #80
- * **Apostolic Greeting & Kyrie** pg. 57
- * **Hymn of Praise** *Listen you Nations* LBW #14
(stz 1- women, stz 2- men, stz 3-all)

First Prayer: *(15th Century Roman)*

O God, at the glorious Transfiguration of your only Son / you confirmed the mystery of our faith by the witness of the fathers / and by your own voice from the cloud. Mercifully complete our adoption as your children / and give us an inheritance with our King of his glory. 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

(St.Matt/Evan)

First Lesson: Exodus 24:12-18 A lesson from Exodus:

The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." [13] So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. [14] To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them."

[15] Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. [16] The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. [17] Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. [18] Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

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

Psalmody 99 (Tones: 1-single; 31-double)

The Lord is king; let the / peoples tremble!*

He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let / the earth quake!

The Lord is / great in Zion;*

he is exalted over / all the peoples.

Let them praise your great and / awesome name.*

Ho- / ly is he!

**Mighty King, lover of justice, you have established / equity;*
you have executed justice and righteous- / ness in Jacob.**

Extol the / Lord our God;*

worship at his footstool. Ho- / ly is he!

Moses and Aaron were a- / mong his priests,*

Samuel also was among those who called / on his name.

They cried to the Lord, and he / answered them. *

He spoke to them in the pil- / lar of cloud;

they kept / his decrees,*

and the statutes / that he gave them.

O Lord our God, you / answered them;*

you were a forgiving God to them,

but an avenger of / their wrongdoings.

**Extol the Lord our God, and worship at his / holy mountain;*
for the Lord our / God is holy.**

**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: 2 Peter 1:16-21 A lesson from 2nd Peter:

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. [17] For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." [18] We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

[19] So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. [20] First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, [21] because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

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

* **Alleluia Verse**

* **Gospel Acclamation**

Glory to you, O Lord

pg. 62

pg. 63

Holy Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. [2] And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. [3] Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. [4] Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." [5] While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" [6] When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. [7] But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." [8] And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

[9] As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

The Gospel of the Lord.

*** Gospel Response**

Praise to you, O Christ

Children's Sermon/Homily

Pastor Paul Messner (St. M/ A)
Deacon Sandy Shear (E/ St. J)

*** Hymn of the Day**

Jesus on the Mountain Peak

WOV #653

RESPONSE

*** Apostles' Creed**

pg. 65

*** Prayers of the Church**

pg. 65

First Intercession:

Gracious Father, living in unapproachable light, we glorify you for your perfect holiness, but tremble at the thought of meeting you by reason of our sin. Therefore, we thank you that in your faithful love you approached us instead through your Son made man. We are at ease with him and see him to be so much one of us that he had to be transfigured for us to know and trust him to be your beloved Son. Deal graciously with us through him as he promised, that we may nevertheless come to live in your light.

Installation of Church Council & Officers

Insert

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

pg. 66

Offering

pg. 66

*** Offertory Prayer:**

pg. 67/ 68

Father of our glorious Lord, be patient with our imperfect offerings. Accept them as our intention to serve your creatures in their need / that your Christ may be all the more glorious through our love. Through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

MEAL

*** Great Thanksgiving/Dialog**

pg. 68

Preface & Sanctus (*Holy, Holy, Holy*)

pg. 69

*** Eucharistic Prayer & Lord's Prayer**

pew card

Agnus Dei (*Lamb of God*)

pg. 72

Distribution Hymns

LBW #89, 198, 219

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

pg. 73

*** Post-Communion Prayer:**

Lord Jesus Christ, you were transfigured in this bread and wine / that we may have your saving presence and the glory of your forgiveness with new life. Come with us now / to the places where we must be your disciples. We bless you now and evermore. **Amen.**

Sending

*** Benediction**

pg. 74

*** Recessional Hymn** *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

LBW #526

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

Postlude

+ + +

+ Seventh Sunday after Epiphany/ Festival of the Transfiguration 2/19

"...we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of His glory...we ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with Him on the holy mountain..." Peter speaks of what he has seen and heard decades after he witnessed the Transfiguration (along with his fellow disciples James and John). (2d lesson). Matthew records the event in its glory and majesty: the dazzling brightness; the appearance of Moses and Elijah (representing Israel's history, tradition and covenant with YHWH); the Voice of the Father (echoing the same voice at Jesus' baptism). If Peter needed "proof", this was it. Yet he still denied Jesus after His arrest. We are human and our faith is always being tested (Gospel). "Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire..." Moses knows God's presence on the mountaintop for 40 days. He survives - and leads Israel to the promised land - after 40 years! (1st 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:

Prior to worship, many take time to reverently prepare themselves for the liturgy by praying, quietly reflecting, marking hymnals and Bibles etc. Please respect those doing this by keeping conversation and greeting whispered or outside the sanctuary (in the narthex or parlor). This also models reverence to our children and youth! 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.

Serving Today	Atonement	Evangelical	St. Matthew
Asst. Minister	Sue Dana		Robin Bush
Comm. Asst.	Cindy Heaney	Lee Sliviak	
Lector	Sue Dana	Gabe L	Jim Crouthamel
Cantor	Sue Dana	Gabe L	
Altar Care	Cindy Heaney	Carol B & Dorothy	
Ushers/Greeters	Denise Richardson	Pelcers	
Coffee Hour			
Acolyte	Emerson Riley	Max Pelcer	Victoria Stevens
Sound System		Sliviak	
Bell Ringer			
Church Cleaner			Sharon

+ + +

+OCLP+

Today we welcome Deacon Sandy Shear to lead worship at Evangelical & St. John
 Next week we welcome Pr. Jim Crouthamel to lead worship at St. Matthew & Atonement

+ + +

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), 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: Barbara Ashmore

For young adult: Billy 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: Roberta Rowland-Raybold

For Young Adult: Blake Rinell

+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)

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Dave & Carolyn Anderson

For Young Adult: Zac Dobler

+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 Robert, Dolores Messner, 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: Joe Tecklenburg & Colleen Fellner

For those preparing for childbirth: Elina Martinez & Taylor Flieg

For those in the military, law enforcement and emergency services: Milford Fire Department & EMS

In the Foothills Conference: Lutheran Care Ministries at Clinton and the Good Samaritan Home, Delmar; ministry to the elderly; hospital chaplaincy; all social ministries of the church (name any chaplains who serve the local community)

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; Josh Messner traveling to Nairobi, Kenya for work

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

+ Frederick Sullivan +
(1940 – 2023)

+ Rev. Mark Bangert +
(church musician)
(1939 – 2023)

+ Michigan State University students killed in the recent campus shooting +

+ 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
2/12	25/ 149	21/ 75	20/ 156	8/ 42
**	(\$1,290)	(\$705)	(\$1,309)	
2/15	1/ 6	1/ 7	7/ 65	

**** Needed to meet weekly expenses**

+ OCLP +

+OCLP

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!

+ 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!

+Two earthquakes of severe magnitude have 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!

+ THIS WEEK +

+Today Sunday 2/19

Holy Communion

Atonement Council follows worship

Installation of St. Matthew & Atonement Council and officers

+Tuesday 2/21

Shrove Tuesday, Pancake Supper & Worship, 6pm @ Atonement

+Ash Wednesday Services:

7:30am St. Matthew

Noon Evangelical

2:00pm Hartwick College Chapel

7:00pm Atonement

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

+ COMING UP +

(See Lent/ Holy Week/ Easter Schedule)

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday 2/22

Lenten Study: “The Chosen” video series

Shrove Tuesday @ Atonement FOR THE PARISH

February 21st, 2023 6:00pm/ 7pm “Burial of the Alleluia” service

MARDI Gras (Fat Tuesday) to the French; Fastnacht (the night before the fast) to the Germans; Carnivale (Meat Go!) to the Spanish, Portuguese, Brazilians, and Hispanics; Shrove Tuesday (Shriving/Confession before Lent) to the English-it goes by many names but the basic theme is the same: before the Lenten season of self-examination, penitence, fasting and a deepening of discipleship which begins the next day, Ash Wednesday, the Advent/Christmas/Epiphany cycle of the Church Year ends with a bang! We have one last feast before the fasting time to rid our homes of all the “leftovers” of pastries and sweetbreads, cookies and fat food; a time to begin our spiritual spring cleaning.

In our parish we will gather this year at Atonement at 6:00PM on February 21st for a traditional **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper**. Bring all the sweetest, luscious goodies you can. Help with set up and clean-up will be appreciated. A free will offering will be taken to assist with any expenses. Join us and invite your friends and neighbors.

After supper we'll join in a simple “Burial of the Alleluia” service-no “alleluias” are sung at worship during Lent.

SHROVE TUESDAY SIGN UP FORM

I/We will be coming to the Pancake Supper @ Atonement, 2/21/23

Name(s) _____ # coming _____

Email: _____ PH# _____

I/We can (*check all that apply*)

Help with set up _____ Help with clean up _____

Provide: Butter _____ Syrup _____ Juice _____ Milk _____

Coffee/Tea/Hot Chocolate _____ Bacon/Sausage _____ Applesauce _____

Make Pancakes _____ Provide griddle _____

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

Parish Office: One Center Street, Oneonta, NY

Tel: 607-432-6852 E-mail: OCLP_NY@outlook.com

Office Manager: Kenneth Sliviak

Pastor: Paul R. Messner, 607-287-4534

prpaul_theoinst@hotmail.com

(texting is often the most effective way to reach pastor)

Services of Healing are usually held on the 5th Sunday of a month

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

<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.