



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

+ **Eighth Sunday after Pentecost** +
WOV Service of Word & Prayer
July 23rd, 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

Gathering Song	<i>All Things Bright and Beautiful</i>	WOV # 767+
*Greeting + Dialogue	<i>The Word is Near You</i>	pg. 46
*Scripture Song	<i>Salvation Belongs (W st 1, M st 2)</i>	pg. 47

First Prayer (*6th Century Leonine*)

Mercifully open your ears, O Lord, to all who humbly pray. May you be able to give what they desire, because you have taught them what they should ask, 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: Isaiah 44:6-8 A reading from Isaiah:

Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel,
and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts:
I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god.
[7] Who is like me? Let them proclaim it,
let them declare and set it forth before me.
Who has announced from of old the things to come?
Let them tell us what is yet to be.
[8] Do not fear, or be afraid;
have I not told you from of old and declared it?
You are my witnesses! Is there any god besides me?
There is no other rock; I know not one.
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalmody: 86:11-17 (Tones: Single 26 or Double 9)

Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk / in your truth; *
give me an undivided heart to re- / vere your name.

**I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with / my whole heart, *
and I will glorify your / name forever.**

For great is your steadfast / love toward me; *

you have delivered my soul from the / depths of Sheol.

O God, the insolent rise / up against me;*
a band of ruffians seeks my life,
and they do not set / you before them.

But you, O Lord, are a God merci- / ful and gracious,*
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast / love and
faithfulness.

Turn to me and be gracious to me;
give your strength / to your servant;*
save the child of your serv- / ing girl.

Show me a sign of your favor,
so that those who hate me may see it and be / put to shame,*
because you, Lord, have helped me and com- / forted me.

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 8:12-25 A lesson from Romans:

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh-- [13] for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. [14] For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. [15] For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" [16] it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, [17] and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ--if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

[18] I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. [19] For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; [20] for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope [21] that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. [22] We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; [23] and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. [24] For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? [25] But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. 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: Matt.13:24-30, 36-43**

He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; [25] but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and

sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. [26] So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. [27] And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' [28] He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' [29] But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. [30] Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.' "

[36] Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." [37] He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; [38] the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, [39] and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. [40] Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. [41] The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, [42] and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. [43] Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

The Gospel of the Lord.

*** Gospel Response**

Praise to you, O Christ

Children's Sermon/Homily

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

***Hymn of the Day**

As the Grains of Wheat

WOV #705

RESPONSE to the WORD

Sacrament of Holy Baptism (Evangelical)

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***Apostles' Creed**

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***Confession and Forgiveness**

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***Sharing the Peace**

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Offering

***Offertory**

Glory to you God (stz. 2)

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*** Offertory Prayer:**

(or WOV pg. 51)

Open our eyes, O God, to your generous care of everything that lives so that we do not struggle by and for ourselves. Accept these offerings as our pledge that we will work and wait with you until you have subdued all things unto your Son, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

***Prayers of the Church**

First Intercession:

Heavenly Father, we worship you for having once again heard the gracious words of your son, confirming your promise of old. May we grow to produce the glorious eternal harvest you foresaw in us. Reassure us and help us stand when besieged by evil, though we would prefer to be already free. But let your will be done as we learn to appreciate your patient confidence.

***Additional Prayers**

***Lord's Prayer**

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SENDING

***Blessing**

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***Recessional Hymn**

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

WOV #721+

Dismissal

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

Postlude

Pastors Pericope Paragraph 7/23

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

Weeds and wheat; intended crops and unwelcome ones. They both grow in us. Jesus promises : God will handle the harvest. And we (even we!) will be gathered into an eternity of blessing. (Gospel).

God - who is beginning and end of all existence - calls us to fearlessness and faithfulness. And we give witness to all He has done. (1st lesson). Our Abba ("daddy") leads us as well-loved children, to a future of hope, for which we patiently wait (2d 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 or two *WOV* (blue books) and a pew *Bible*. Thanks

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 Deacon Dave Forbes to lead worship at Atonement & St. Matthew
 Next Sunday Pastor Jim Crouthamel will lead worship at Evangelical & St. John

Serving Today	Atonement	Evangelical	St. Matthew
Asst. Minister			Jim Crouthamel
Comm. Asst.			
Lector	Christine Brown	Len P	Deb Lawyer
Cantor	Christine Brown		
*Altar Care	Christine Brown	Ilse & Dorothy	
Ushers/Greeters	Dennis S & Victor G	Lane	
Coffee Hour			
Acolyte	Stevie Mendez		
Sound System		Hazzard	
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), Valerie England, Jennifer Carman, Lisa Cooper (Syvertsen), Martha Messner, Janna Benston (Sherrill), Gary Williams, Gary Herion, Jill A. (Cindy), Jason Pallack (Carman), Barb Delaney (Serra-Lima/ Winkler), Stash Tarka (Thompson), Kathryn Walters

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Len & Ginny Pudelka

For young adult: Patrick Duffy

+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), Chuck Scorzafava, Martha Messner, Ansley (Butts), Wendy Wenck Craighill (Miller)

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Genie Weber

For Young Adult: Alex Reynolds

+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, Kathy & Rich Parsons, Maureen McAndrew (Greenleaf), Mike McAndrew (Greenleaf), Jack Anthony (Stevens), Troy Lutz (Bush), Alan & Linda Peeters, Corinne Pollak, James Wikoff (Hulbert), Vicky Vesely (Bush), Martha Messner, Helmut Boehl, Frank Wood, Ray Gilmore (Winslow), Anna Elwyn (Rose Nelson), Ellie Bauman

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Gus Pfeuffer

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 & 1st Lady Rosalyn Carter, David Wolff, Davilynn Cifonelli (Doane-Nelson), Jim McCoy, Spike Dibble (Frank & Toni Wood), Kathryn Morris (Messner), Sue Stevens (Mansbach), Joe Bales (Messner), Oneonta Mayor Mark Drnek, Dave Powell (Simmerly), The Rev Richard Johnson (STS, Lutheran Forum Letter, editor), The Rev Pari Bailey (STS Treasurer)

For those preparing for marriage: Gabrielle Bush & Junean Xiao (“Show”)

For those preparing for childbirth: Scott & Stephanie Lehenbauer

For those in the military, law enforcement and emergency services: Michael Dietzman, US Coast Guard

In the Foothills Conference: Atonement Lutheran Church, Oneonta (Pr. Paul Messner)

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; Victims of the severe heat wave in our southern states, and flooding in various places

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, Israel & Palestine

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

+ Foster Salisbury +
(1964-2023)

+ Amy Cooper +
(1973-2023)

+ Kurt Hecker +
(1946-2023)

+ Kathi Yule +
(1942 – 2023)

+ Andre Watts +
internationally renowned concert pianist.
(1946-2023)

+ 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.

+ OCLP

The 32nd Hartwick College Seminary Summer Institute of Theology opens tonight with an orientation and reception at Hartwick College's Shineman Chapel at 7:30pm, and opening worship at 9:15pm.

It is not too late to register and come to any one-time seminar or a Monday – Friday course. Pick up a brochure and registration form and once completed return it to either Dave Forbes or Pr. Paul when you arrive (Clark Hall room 252). All are welcome. Costs are reasonable and payment arrangements can be made.

Worship is open to anyone whether or not you are coming to a class. Daily worship will be at 7:15am and 9:15pm. Service of Holy Communion will be at 7:15pm on Wednesday.

Attendance & Offering Statistics

Date	Atonement	Evangelical	St. Matthew	St. John
7/16	25/ 717	13/ 437	19/ 623	6/ 190
7/19	1/ 93	1/ 51	10/ 250	
**	(\$1,290)	(\$850)	(\$1,309)	

**** Needed to meet weekly expenses**

+ THIS WEEK +

+Today – Service of Word & Prayer

Hartwick Seminary Institute of Theology begins tonight and runs all week

+Wednesday services are being held at Shineman Chapel, Hartwick College

+ **COMING UP** +

+ Next Sunday – Service of Healing

+ Sunday 7/30

Pr. Paul leads worship at the Otsego County jail

+Sunday 8/6

OCLP Musical Ministry Committee meeting, 1:30pm at St. Matthew

+Thursday 8/10

St. Matthew Council Meeting, 7:00pm

+ CARTOON OF THE WEEK +



"They broke all the Commandments. Can they have some more?"

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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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<http://otsegocounty.lutheranparish.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.