



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

+ **The Transfiguration of our Lord** +  
Last Sunday after the Epiphany  
Holy Communion (LBW Setting 1)  
February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021

(\* = 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** *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* LBW# 526
- \* **Apostolic Greeting & Kyrie** pg. 57
- \* **Hymn of Praise** *Listen you Nations* LBW# 14  
(St 1 – W, St 2 – M, St 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: 2 Kings 2:1-12** A lesson from Second Kings:

Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. [2] Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. [3] The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent."

[4] Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. [5] The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent."

[6] Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. [7] Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as

they both were standing by the Jordan. [8] Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

[9] When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." [10] He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." [11] As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. [12] Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalmody: 50:1-6** (Tones: 22-single; 24-double)

The mighty one, / God the Lord,\*

speaks and summons the earth

from the rising of the sun / to its setting.

**Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, / God shines forth.\***

**Our God comes and does / not keep silence,**

before him is a de- / vouring fire,\*

and a mighty tempest / all around him.

**He calls to the heavens above and / to the earth,\***

**that he may / judge his people:**

"Gather to me my / faithful ones,\*

who made a covenant with me by / sacrifice!"

**The heavens declare his / righteousness,\***

**for God him- / self is judge.**

**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 Cor. 4:3-6**

A lesson from Second Corinthians:

And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. [4] In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. [5] For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. [6] For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus 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: Mark 9:2-9 Glory to you, O Lord.**

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, [3] and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. [4] And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. [5] Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." [6] He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. [7] Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" [8] Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

[9] As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

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

**Children's Sermon/Homily**

ELCA Deacon Sandy Shear (Ret.) (A/St.M)

Pastor Paul Messner (E/St.J)

\*Hymn of the Day

*Jesus on the Mountain Peak*

WOV #653

**RESPONSE**

\*Apostles' Creed

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\*Prayers of the Church

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**First Intercession:**

Gracious Father, living in unapproachable light, we glorify you for your holiness, but tremble at the thought of meeting you because we are unholy. We thank you that in your faithful love you approach 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 trust him to be your beloved Son. Deal graciously with us through him as he promised, that we may nevertheless also come to live in your holy light.

\* Sharing of the Peace of the Lord

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Offering

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Musical Offering

(Atone)

\* **Offertory** *What shall I render . . .* pg. 6

\* **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# 80, 324, 200

\* **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** *Love Divine, All Love Excelling* LBW #315

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

**Postlude**

Today is also the commemoration of St. Valentine, an early Christian martyr.

## **Pastors Pericope Paragraph 2/14**

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

Is there anything that can "dazzle" you? Make you want to dance ecstatically? Cause you untold amazement? Holding your child for the first time. Bright sunshine on a new snowfall, Standing at the edge of the Grand Canyon. Being told in person by God: " - yes YOU - you are my child the beloved", with Moses and Elijah as witnesses! (Gospel) A chariot of fire pulled by horses of fire. And Elisha inherits a double share of Elijah's spirit! (1st lesson). God commands "let light shine out of darkness!" Then He shines that light into our hearts reflected from Jesus' face! (2d lesson)

### **Weekly Worship Practice:**

In our pews help us maintain the pew holders with pens/pencils, and 4 or 5 *Voice from the Pew* folders. Use the these folders to: record your Holy Communions (at least once a year); request a hymn or prayer; update our records; what else? Check one out!

**All baptized Christians are welcome to God's Table of Grace.** All the baptized may commune in the OCLP with no age restriction. Those who commune in their home parishes are welcome to commune; 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.

<b>Serving Today</b>	<b>Atonement</b>	<b>Evangelical</b>	<b>St. Matthew</b>
Comm. Asst. Asst. Minister Lector Cantor *Altar Care Ushers/Greeters Coffee Hour Acolyte Sound System Bell Ringer Church Cleaner	Bob Laitsch  Stevie Mendes	Mark Howard Mark Howard Ilse S  Ilse & Dorothy Lane  Brunner	Robin Bush

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**+OCLP+**

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

**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, Richard Laitsch (John's brother), John Laitsch, Rebecca Pollack (Joan Carman), Juan Perez (D. Sherrill), Bridgette Shepardson (Thompson), Barbara Richardson (Denise), Patsy (H. Byrnes), Ken Nye (S. Dana), Linda Czernak (P. Serra-Lima), Stan Whitmore (C. Brown), Jeremy Sorese (C. Heaney), Evelyn Hamilton (Lehenbauer), Beth Gilmore (Pudelka), Virginia Pudelka, Rene Prins, Tony and Thoranne Winkler, Thomas Mendez, Bill Heaney, Allison Heaney, Heather Byrnes,

Charlotte Grant, Barbara Gee, Grace Dietzman, Barbara Loitsch, Mike Lambiaso, Rita Nelson, Randy Webb (Sherrill), Margaret Ahlqvist, Emilie Stamps

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Thoranne & Tony Winkler

For young adult: Evan Heaney

**+Evangelical+**

For healing in body, mind and spirit in our own congregation: Kathi Yule (C. Butts), Yvonne Cornell, Dan Barrows (John and Pam Miller), Alex Reynolds (C. Butts), Marilyn Urbiss (Burda), Roz Winne (C. Butts), Janet Underwood (Burda), Bob Hazelton (C. Butts), Karen Ingraham (C. Butts), Gloria Hendricks, Mary Peterson, Susan Howard, John Miller, Tad Mahoney, David Glynn, Len Price, Esther Hughes

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Joan & Harold Taylor

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), Laura Emmet (Lawyer) , Peg Hughes (Janet B.), Lynn Benekin (Forbes), Barbara Gesile (Lapp), Tennison (T. Wood), Gina Pywar, Erika Baker-Heinegg, Michele Tolen (T. Wood), Melissa McLaughlin (S. Eggers), Triston (Hahn), Priscilla Galbreth (Hulbert), Kelly Ives (Wood), Cathy Walsh (Stevens), Ginny Ganio, Jill Baumann, Mary Hartmann (Nelson), Kent Hoyt Jr. (Ganio), Owen Basher (Marsh), Bev Lapp, Linda Peeters (Forbes), Rennie Brown (Janet), Jason Hahn, Kathy Parsons, Omar Andrades, Wayne (“Junior”) Bush, Donna Sorrentino, Ron Struckle, Margaret Ahlqvist, Karen Nelson

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Sara Eggers

For Young Adult: Kyle Sherry

**+Beyond the Parish+**

For healing in body, mind and spirit: Nancy Saxton Miller (Mansbach), Jackie Hesse (Lawyer), Rosemary Pepe (Eggers), Dorothy Fernandez, (Eggers), Dick Armstrong, David Brenner (Former Oneonta Mayor), Sue Haney, Warren Robinson (Messner), Julie Steinmueller (Sandy Shear), Hilary Elf (Messner), Rachel Fisher (Messner), Pr. Ameen Aswad (Jail Ministry), Jack Schuck (Sandy Shear), Kerri Gorsch (Messner)

**For those preparing for marriage:** Joanna Rapplelea & Derek Matolka

**For those preparing for childbirth:** Angelika & Brian Underwood

**For those in the military, law enforcement and emergency services:** Brian Buygi, NYS Trooper

**In the Foothills Conference:** St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Laurens (Pr. Paul Messner)

**National/ International Concerns:** all victims of religious, ethnic, and racial hatred and prejudice, our country in this time of continuing deep division

**Natural and Man-Made Disasters:** Victims of the coronavirus, and those struggling with social isolation. For medical researchers, pharmaceutical companies, hospital workers, and all medical professionals. Victims of the Indonesian plane crash

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

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**+ 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
2/7	13/ 114	24/ 106	21/ 114
**	<b>(\$1,378)</b>	<b>(\$705)</b>	<b>(\$1,347)</b>
2/10			

**\*\* 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

**+ THIS WEEK +**

Lent Begins!

+Wednesday Services for Ash Wednesday

7:30am St. Matthew

Noon Evangelical

7:00pm Atonement

+Thursday 2/18

Foothills Conference Ministerium

Food Distribution @St. Matthew 4pm

**+ COMING UP +**

See the Lent-Holy Week-Easter calendar on the literature tables

Wednesday 2/24

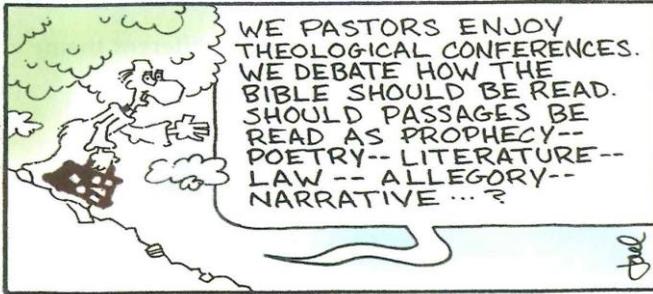
Pr. Paul to county jail

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+ Thought of the Week +



**Pontius' Puddle**



## **Otsego Country Lutheran Parish**

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Barbara Loitsch: Choir Director

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Items received after this time cannot be guaranteed to appear in that week's bulletin.