



“ANYONE WHO WELCOMES A LITTLE CHILD LIKE
THIS ON MY BEHALF WELCOMES ME, AND
ANYONE WHO WELCOMES ME WELCOMES NOT
ONLY ME BUT ALSO MY FATHER WHO SENT ME.”
MARK 9:37

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

+ **Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost** +

Holy Communion (LBW Setting 1)
September 19th, 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 Confession and Forgiveness**

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* **Entrance Hymn** *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

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* **Apostolic Greeting & Kyrie**

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* **Hymn of Praise** *This is the Feast . . . (W-1, M-2)*

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First Prayer: *(7th Century Gelasian)*

Direct our hearts, O Lord, by your merciful reign / because without your help it is impossible to please you, 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: Jeremiah 11:18-20 A lesson from Jeremiah:

[18] It was the Lord who made it known to me, and I knew;
then you showed me their evil deeds.

[19] But I was like a gentle lamb
led to the slaughter.

And I did not know it was against me
that they devised schemes, saying,
"Let us destroy the tree with its fruit,
let us cut him off from the land of the living,
so that his name will no longer be remembered!"

[20] But you, O Lord of hosts, who judge righteously,
who try the heart and the mind,
let me see your retribution upon them,
for to you I have committed my cause.

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

Psalmody 54 (Tones: 52-single; 8-double)

Save me, O God, / by your name,*

and vindicate me / by your might.

Hear my / prayer, O God;*

give ear to the words / of my mouth.

For the insolent have risen / against me,*

**the ruthless seek my life;
they do not set / God before them.**

But surely, God / is my helper;*

the Lord is the upholder / of my life.

He will repay my enemies / for their evil.*

In your faithfulness, put an / end to them.

With a freewill offering I will sacrifice / to you;*

I will give thanks to your name, O Lord, for / it is good.

For he has delivered me from / every trouble,*

and my eye has looked in triumph on my / enemies.

Glory to the Father, and / to the Son,* **and to the / Holy Spirit;** as it was in the beginning,
is now,* **and will be forever.**

Amen.

Second Lesson: James 3:13--4:3, 7-8a

A lesson from James:

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. [14] But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. [15] Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. [16] For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. [17] But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. [18] And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

[4:1] Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? [2] You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. [3] You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

[7] Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. [8] Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

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

* **Alleluia Verse**

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Holy Gospel: Mark 9:30-37 **Glory to you, O Lord.**

They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; [31] for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." [32] But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

[33] Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" [34] But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. [35] He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." [36] Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, [37] "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

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

Children's Sermon/Homily

Pr Jim Crouthamel (A/St.M)
Deacon Tom Collins (E/St.J)

***Hymn of the Day**

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

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RESPONSE

*** Apostles' Creed**

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First Intercession:

Almighty Lord and God, we are overwhelmed by the greatness of your love for us. Knowing that we are of no account, it is a mystery that you came to earth to rescue us from the evil that would have justly destroyed us. We praise and thank you for becoming our servant on the cross, giving us the chance to join those in your presence who will joyfully bless you forever.

*** Sharing the Peace of the Lord**

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Offering

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Musical Offering

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*** Offertory**

Let the Vineyards . . .

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*** Sacrament of Holy Baptism** (St. Matthew)

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*** Offertory Prayer:**

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Lord Jesus Christ, our offerings do not compare to your perfect sacrifice. Nevertheless, see in them our faith / through which you have promised that we shall live. You are the Lord forevermore. **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

“Jesus Loves Me”, LBW #429, 460

* **Post Communion Blessing & Canticle** *Thank the Lord . . .*

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* **Post-Communion Prayer:**

Lord Jesus Christ, we celebrate your exaltation to be the first of all because you humbly served us on the cross. By this communion give us faith to serve as one who is the least of all, trusting our Father’s love to make us one in you. We bless you now and evermore. **Amen.**

Sending

***Benediction**

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***Recessional Hymn**

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

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Dismissal

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

Postlude

Pastors Pericope Paragraph Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost 9/19

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

The Messianic secret. His disciples don't get it. They are self-focused. Jesus uses a child to illustrate being other-focused (Gospel). Choices. Hard choices. With consequences. Serious consequences. Committing oneself to God is not for the faint of heart (1st lesson). Submit. Resist. Draw near. Live the "good life" in service to others (2d lesson).

Weekly Worship Practice:

Please turn off cell phones and pagers or switch to silent mode when entering the sanctuary, so we can all enjoy a quiet and stress-free environment in which to pray and reflect.

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.

All baptized Christians are welcome to God's Table of Grace. All the baptized may commune in the OCLP with no age or education 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
Assisting Minister	Sue Dana	Mark Howard	Dave Forbes
Comm. Asst.	Cindy Heaney	Gabe L	
Lector	Sue Dana	Mark Howard	
Cantor	Sue Dana		
*Altar Care	Bob Loitsch	Carol B & Esther	
Ushers/Greeters	Christine Brown	Dorothy	
Coffee Hour			
Acolyte	Gavin Underwood	Mia Pelcer	Victoria Stevens
Sound System		Brunner	
Bell Ringer			
Church Cleaner			

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We welcome Deacon Tom Collins to lead worship at Evangelical and St. John
 Next Sunday Deacon Todd Eames will lead worship at Atonement and St. Matthew

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, Richard Laitsch (John's brother), John Laitsch, Rebecca Pollack (Joan Carman), Juan Perez (D. Sherrill), Bridgette Shepardson (Thompson), Barbara Richardson (Denise), Patsy (H. Byrnes), Jeremy Sorese (C. Heaney), Evelyn Hamilton (Lehenbauer), Rene Prins, Thomas Mendez, Heather Byrnes, Charlotte Grant, Grace & Chuck Dietzman, Barbara Loitsch, Rita Nelson, Elizabeth Robinson (Messner), Micheal George (Brown), Thoranne Winkler

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Barbara Delaney

For young adult: Elina Maretinez

+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), Gloria Hendricks, Susan Howard, John & Pam Miller, David Glynn, Len Price (son), Esther Hughes, Tom Pritchard, Tad Mahoney, Micheal George (Brown), Bill Jacobson (D. Brown), Carl Hecker

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Marshall & Mary Beth Pedersen

For Young Adult: Keira Higgins

+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), Gina Pywar, Erika Baker-Heinegg, Michele Tolen (T. Wood), Melissa McLaughlin (S. Eggers), Triston (Hahn), Cathy Walsh (Stevens), Ginny Ganio, Mary Hartmann (Nelson), Kent Hoyt Jr. (Ganio), Owen Basher (Marsh), Rennie Brown (Janet), Jason Hahn, Kathy & Rich Parsons, Karen Smith, Joe Hartmann, Terri Ibelli (Wood), Robert & Patricia Psaltz (Sherry), Maureen McAndrew (Greenleaf), Mike McAndrew (Greenleaf), Fred Veseley, Cathy (Struckle), Pete Green Jr (Klafehn)

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Rich & Kathy Parsons

For Young Adult: Derek Sherry

We rejoice with the Robinson, Strong, & Nelson families on the baptism today of Lynn Rose at St. Matthew

+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, Sue Haney, Rachel Fisher (Messner), Doug Dutcher (Crouthamel), Geoff Murphy (Walters), Helga Lange (Winkler), Elise Zayat, Kelsey Kohler (Mansbach), Judy Carnal (Dana), Gina Utter (Thompson), Cathy Deleski (Thompson), Alicia Biesler (Thompson), Margie Ortega (Thompson), Amy Cooper (Messner)

For those celebrating marriage: Sydney Flemister & Matt Parnell

For those preparing for childbirth: Brittany & Nick Flemister

For those in the military, law enforcement and emergency services: Joe Gatta, Schenectady Police Department

In the Foothills Conference: Organists/choir directors/choir members (name your own)

National/ International Concerns: all victims of religious, ethnic, and racial hatred, prejudice, genocide and slavery; the people of Afghanistan, Israel & Palestine (for Jews, Muslims, & Christians in the Holy Land); for those involved in the continuing crisis on our Southern border

Natural and Man-Made Disasters: Victims of all debilitating diseases, and those struggling with social isolation; victims of earthquakes, floods, droughts, and shootings in our cities

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

+ Tracy Tilison +
(1976 – 2021)

+ Thomas Tilison +
(1951 – 2021)

+ Donna Sorrentino +
(1959 – 2021)

+ 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

(Last Week/ Year to Date)

Date	Atonement	Evangelical	St. Matthew
9/12	17/ 666 \$1515	21/ 735 \$845	20/ 745 \$1221
**	\$1290	\$705	\$1309
9/15			

**** 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

Heads Up! On many Sundays, our service at St. Matthew may be live streamed. If you can't make worship check it out.

+ THIS WEEK +

+Today: OCLP Council meets at St. Matthew, 1pm

+ Wednesday Services:

7:30am St. Matthew

Noon Evangelical

7:00pm Atonement

+ COMING UP +

+Saturday 10/2: Acolyte Training at Atonement, 10am

+ Saturday 10/2: Memorial Service for Fred Schoellig, Noon



"DO YOU COUNT SHEEP
TO GET TO SLEEP,
GRAMPA?"



"NOPE... I TALK TO
THE SHEPHERD."



Blessing and Prayer Service

For teachers and all school staff, medical personnel, essential workers and any who are tired, anxious, weary, or in need. We see you. We hear you. We are here for you.

Sunday, October 3
4pm

Fly Creek United Methodist Church

852 County Highway 26
Fly Creek, NY
(across from the Post Office)

Otsego Country Lutheran Parish

Lutheran Church of the Atonement, Oneonta, NY

Sunday Worship 10:30 am (Holy Communion 1st and 3rd weekends + festivals)

John Mushtare: President

Leslie Bauer: Organist

Barbara Loitsch: Choir Director

Evangelical Lutheran Church, Hartwick Seminary, NY

Sunday Worship 9:30 am (Holy Communion 1st and 3rd weekends + festivals)

Joyce Boyd: President

Donna Brown: Organist

St. John Lutheran Church, West Burlington, NY

Sunday Worship 11:00 am (Holy Communion 2nd and 4th weekends + festivals)

Paul Hecker: President

Ethel Mills: Accompanist

St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Laurens, NY

Sunday Worship 8:30 am (Holy Communion 1st and 3rd weekends + festivals)

Dave Forbes: 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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Any news/ announcements/ or other information that you wish to have included in the weekly service bulletin should be received by the OCLP office no later than 9am on Thursday. Items received after this time cannot be guaranteed to appear in that week's bulletin.