



In the beginning was the Word,
and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God.
John 1:1

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The Rev. Robert Mansbach, Pastor Emeritus

+Second Sunday after Christmas+
Holy Communion (LBW Setting 2)
January 2nd, 2022

(* = stand as you are able; LBW = Lutheran Book of Worship-green book;
+ = hymn requests; WOV = With One Voice Hymnal-blue book)

GATHERING

Prelude		(A)
Welcome	Parish News	
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* Apostolic Greeting and Kyrie		pg. 78
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First Prayer: *(new)*

True to your word, O God, you have made flesh the Seed promised to our ancestors in the Spirit. By the light of his life / show us how to extend your glorious work. Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. He lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Musical Offering (St.M/Evan)

First Lesson: Jeremiah 31:7-14

A lesson from Jeremiah:

Thus says the Lord:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;
proclaim, give praise, and say,
"Save, O Lord, your people,
the remnant of Israel."

[8] See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,
among them the blind and the lame,
those with child and those in labor, together;
a great company, they shall return here.

[9] With weeping they shall come,
and with consolations I will lead them back,
I will let them walk by brooks of water,
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;
for I have become a father to Israel,
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

[10] Hear the word of the Lord, O nations,
and declare it in the coastlands far away;

say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him,
and will keep him as a shepherd a flock."

[11] For the Lord has ransomed Jacob,
and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.

[12] They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion,
and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord,
over the grain, the wine, and the oil,
and over the young of the flock and the herd;
their life shall become like a watered garden,
and they shall never languish again.

[13] Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance,
and the young men and the old shall be merry.

I will turn their mourning into joy,
I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.

[14] I will give the priests their fill of fatness,
and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty,
says the Lord.

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

Psalmody: 147:12-20 (Tones: single 3; double 10)

Praise the Lord, O Jer/usalem!*

Praise your / God, O Zion!

[13] For he strengthens the bars / of your gates;*

he blesses your child/ren within you.

[14] He grants peace with/in your borders;*

he fills you with the fine/st of wheat.

[15] He sends out his command / to the earth;*

his / word runs swiftly.

[16] He gives / snow like wool;*

he scatters / frost like ashes.

[17] He hurls down / hail like crumbs--*

who can stand be/fore his cold?

[18] He sends out his / word, and melts them;*

he makes his wind blow, and the / waters flow.

[19] He declares his / word to Jacob,*

his statutes and ordinanc/es to Israel.

[20] He has not dealt thus with any / other nation;*

they do not know his ordinances./ Praise the Lord!

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: Ephes. 1:3-14 A reading from Ephesians:

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, [4] just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. [5] He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, [6] to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. [7] In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace [8] that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight [9] he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, [10] as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. [11] In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, [12] so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. [13] In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; [14] this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory. 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: John 1:1-18

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. [2] He was in the beginning with God. [3] All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being [4] in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. [5] The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

[6] There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. [7] He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. [8] He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. [9] The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

[10] He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. [11] He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. [12] But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, [13] who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

[14] And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. [15] (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' ") [16] From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. [17] The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. [18] No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Gospel Response: *Praise to you, O Christ* pg. 83

Children's Sermon/Homily Pastor Paul Messner (E/St.J)
Deacon Dave Forbes (A/ St. M)

* **Hymn of the Day** *Cold December Flies Away* LBW #53

RESPONSE

* **Nicene Creed** pg. 84

* **Prayers of the Church** pg. 85

First Intercession:

Heavenly Father, as we celebrate the birth of the Word made flesh, keep us focused on the truth that, more than his being a revelation of your will for our earthly lives, he came as the sacramental Word of your ancient promise to the fathers and mothers of our faith. In his life and work, we have the sufficient evidence that you were, and are, and will ever be.

* **Sharing of the Peace of the Lord** pg. 86

Offering pg. 86

Musical Offering (A)

* **Offertory** *What Shall I Render* pg. 87

* **Offertory Prayer:** pg. 87-88

Gracious Father, we can not do justice to the greatness of your gift; consider therefore the hopelessness of our poverty. We have nothing to give in exchange for your Son made flesh. Accept instead we pray these humble offerings which celebrate your love with grateful joy. Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

MEAL

* **Great Thanksgiving/Dialog** pg. 88

Preface & Sanctus *Holy, Holy, Holy* pg. 89

* **Eucharistic Prayer #3 & Lord's Prayer** pew racks

Agnus Dei *Lamb of God* pg. 92

Distribution Hymns WOV #642, 644, LBW # 57

* **Post Communion Blessing & Canticle** *Lord, Now You let . . .* pg. 93

*** Post-Communion Prayer:**

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O Lord, at your table of forgiveness, life and salvation, you show the brightness of your glory. Dissolve the darkness of evil in our lives with the gift of faith, that we may see so as to love. You are the Lord forevermore. **Amen.**

SENDING

*** Benediction**

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*** Recessional Hymn**

Let All Together Praise Our God

LBW #47

Dismissal

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

Postlude

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Pastors Pericope Paragraph Christmass 2 1/02/02

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

In the beginning - the Word "pitched his tent" among us. That's the literal meeting of "dwelt among us". God in human form to be in our midst. So when you picture a baby. In a barn. That's who and where He is, (Gospel). God has brought His people home - back from exile. A Holy Remnant has survived. And God is both Lion and Shepherd. Both protector and care-giver, (1st Lesson). The writer proclaims All Christ, All the Time. So, we are one community despite our differences - receiving an inheritance -in Christ! (2d Lesson)

Weekly Worship Practice:

When hymns have more than 3 or 4 stanzas we often employ a "varied singing" approach, so that not all stanzas are sung by everyone. This can be fun and helps us to hear and "sing" hymns differently (even when we're not singing but listening as we follow the text-the story- the poetry of the hymn). Singing in this antiphonal way (men/women; organ side/pulpit side, etc.) helps us to hear a hymn in a new way. When we are asked to sing in "harmony" most of us will sing the melody tune, but others the alto, tenor and bass parts so we have a nice 4 part harmony. If you have internet access, Google "singing with Lutherans" by Garrison Keillor to re-learn why we are often called "The Singing Church"

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 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.

+OCLP+

We welcome Deacon Dave Forbes to lead worship at St. Matthew and Atonement

Next week we welcome Deacon Deb Lawyer to lead worship at Evangelical and St. John

Serving Today	Atonement	Evangelical	St. Matthew
Comm. Asst.		Mark Howard	
Asst. Minister		Mark Howard	Robin Bush
Lector	Ed Pixley	Len P	Jim Crouthamel
Cantor	Ed Pixley		
*Altar Care		Ilse & Dorothy	
Ushers/Greeters	Dennis Sherrill	Eileen B	
Coffee Hour			
Acolyte	Ethan Temming	Mia Pelcer	Kayla Joubert
Sound System		Howard	
Bell Ringer			
Church Cleaner			

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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), Evelyn Hamilton (Lehenbauer), Rene Prins, Thomas Mendez, Heather Byrnes, Grace & Chuck Dietzman, Barbara Loitsch, Rita Nelson, Elizabeth Robinson (Messner), Thoranne Winkler,

Carmen Alvarez (Hopkins), Monica Koulis (Winkler), Pr. Jack Stennett, Doris Quinn (Brown),
Family of Michael Mackey (Messner)

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Ed Pixley

For young adult: Sam Sherrill

+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, Esther Hughes, Tom Pritchard, Tad Mahoney, Bill Jacobson (D. Brown), Carl Hecker, Eric & Amy Burda, Anthony Scarfuto (Boyd), Dwaine Sharett (Butts), Jim Desrocher (Boyd), Richard Woodhouse (Hazzard)

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Dorothy LaGasse

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), 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, Patricia Psaltz (Sherry), Maureen McAndrew (Greenleaf), Mike McAndrew (Greenleaf), Cathy (Struckle), Bernie Sitts Jr., Pr. Jack Stennett, Ann Lloyd, Marge Bonney

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Corinne Hahn

For Young Adult: Courtney 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, 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), Garth Swanson (Messner), Mike Quinn (Messner), Edee Cook (Rotolo)

For those preparing for marriage:

For those preparing for childbirth:

For those in the military, law enforcement and emergency services:

In the Foothills Conference: Evangelical Lutheran Church, Hartwick Seminary (Pr. Paul Messner)

National/ International Concerns: all victims of religious, ethnic, and racial hatred, prejudice, genocide and slavery; the people of Afghanistan, Ethiopia; for those involved in the continuing crisis on our Southern border; for refugees & migrants; for those living in long term care facilities; for Catholic Charities, Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services, Lutheran Disaster Response, and all who work with people in need; for an end to violence in our schools and communities

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

+ John Madden +
(NFL Commentator & Coach)

+ Harry Reid +
(Former US Senator)

+ Victims of the Typhoon in the Philippines +

+ 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
12/24 & 25	38 & 6	36	41
12/26	16/ 1007 \$2041	9/ 1052	13/ 1123 \$1023
**	(\$1,290)	(\$705)	(\$1,309)
12/29	1/ 72	1/ 66	5/ 358

**** Needed to meet weekly expenses**

+ OCLP +

+ Atonement

CHURCH ENVELOPES - At Atonement, envelopes for 2022 are in your church mailbox. If you have not used envelopes in the past and would like a box, please let Virginia Pudelka know. You can leave a note in her mailbox or email her at vpudelka@gmail.com Please use the current year's envelopes beginning in January as your number may have changed.

+ Atonement

Our thanks to Lundin's Christmas Tree Farm in Otego for the donation of the beautiful tree which lights up the Sanctuary and gives joy to all those who drive by and see it in the window.

+ Stewardship

If you have not turned in your 2022 Time & Talent forms or Pledge Cards, please do so as soon as possible. Thanks!

+ Gifts

It is not too late to remember:

- The residents of the Lutheran Home in Clinton (near Utica)
- Sailors in the Port of Albany
- Local needs through Catholic Charities

Gift boxes are available to receive your donations. Thanks to all who have already given!

+ THIS WEEK +

(see the Advent – Christmass – Epiphany Schedule)

+Wednesday Services:

7:30am St. Matthew

Noon Evangelical

7:00pm Atonement

+Thursday 1/6: Feast of the Epiphany, Atonement, 7pm

+Next Week+

+Thursday 1/13: St. Matthew Council Meeting, 7pm, (postponed from 1/6)

+Saturday 1/15: Epiphany Tea, for the women of the Evangelical parish, 10am – Noon
Hosted by Martha & Pr. Paul

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+ Thought of the Week +

Some say, that ever 'gainst that season comes
Wherein our Savior's birth is celebrated,
The bird of dawning singeth all night long;
And then, they say, no spirit dare stir abroad;
The nights are wholesome; then no planets strike,
No fairy takes, no witch hath power to charm;
So hallow'd and so gracious is the time.

-- Shakespeare
Hamlet

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)

Joyce Boyd: 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)

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 must 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.

Items should be emailed to the OCLP office and appear exactly as you wish them to in the bulletin.