



ATONEMENT LUTHERAN CHURCH
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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** +

Holy Communion (LBW Setting 1)
July 18th, 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

* **Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness**

* **Entrance Hymn** *Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty*

* **Apostolic Greeting & Kyrie**

* **Hymn of Praise** *This is the Feast*

(St 1 – Women, St 2 – Men, Refrain – all)

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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

(St.Matt/Evan)

First Lesson: Jeremiah 23:1-6 A lesson from Jeremiah:

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. [2] Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. [3] Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. [4] I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.

[5] The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. [6] In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness." The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalmody 23 (Tones: 52-single; 8-double)

The Lord / is my shepherd,* **I / shall not want.**

He makes me lie down / in green pastures;*

he leads me be- / side still waters;

he re- / stores my soul.*

He leads me in right paths / for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley,

I / fear no evil;*

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff-- / they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me

in the presence of my / enemies;*

you anoint my head with oil;

my cup / overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me

all the days / of my life,*

and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord

my / whole life long.

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: Eph. 2:11-22

A lesson from Ephesians:

So then, remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called "the uncircumcision" by those who are called "the circumcision"--a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands-- [12] remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. [13] But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. [14] For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. [15] He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, [16] and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. [17] So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; [18] for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. [19] So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, [20] built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. [21] In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; [22] in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God. The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

* Alleluia Verse

Holy Gospel: Mark 6:30-34, 53-56 Glory to you, O Lord.

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. [31] He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. [32] And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. [33] Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. [34] As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

[53] When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. [54] When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, [55] and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. [56] And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed. The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children's Sermon/Homily

Deacon Dave Forbes (A/St.M)
ELCA Deacon (Ret.) Sandy Shear (E/St.J)

***Hymn of the Day**

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

LBW #481

RESPONSE

*** Apostles' Creed**

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First Intercession:

Heavenly Father, your compassion for our need is confirmed by Jesus who could not ignore sick and suffering people; he was ready to be their shepherd even when in need of rest. Give us the mind to trust your interest in our wholeness; and above all have mercy and save us from what distracts us from giving attention to your words of life.

*** 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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*** Offertory Prayer:**

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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.

MEAL

* Great Thanksgiving/Dialog	pg. 68
Preface & Sanctus (<i>Holy, Holy, Holy</i>)	pg. 69
Eucharistic Prayer & Lord's Prayer	pg. 69
Agnus Dei (<i>Lamb of God</i>)	pg. 72

Distribution Hymns	LBW #439, 257, 212
* Post Communion Blessing & Canticle <i>Thank the Lord . . .</i>	pg. 72

* Post-Communion Prayer:

O Lord, your eternal will to redeem and restore what fell from glory / shames us for our impatience with each other. Help us to love all who eat with us at your one table / and then work side by side to help your kingdom come. You are the Lord forevermore. **Amen.**

Sending

* Benediction	pg. 74
* Recessional Hymn <i>The Church's One Foundation</i>	LBW #369
Dismissal Go in Peace, Serve the Lord. Thanks be to God.	
Postlude	

Pastors Pericope Paragraph Eighth Sunday after Pentecost 7/18

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

Burnout. The disciples have been busy. They need a rest. But there is none! Jesus and His ministry are not to be missed! (Gospel). God holds His people's leaders to a high standard. They (we) fail...So He comes Himself...(1st Lesson). Jesus breaks down the wall between Jew and gentile. Together we are God's temple on earth - Jesus is the cornerstone! (2d Lesson).

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.

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.

Serving Today	Atonement	Evangelical	St. Matthew
Assisting Minister	Martha Messner	Mark Howard	Robin Bush
Comm. Asst.		Mark Howard	Sara Eggers
Lector		Len P	
Cantor	Christine Brown Dennis Sherriel	Ilse & Dorothy Lane	Alicia Stevens
*Altar Care			
Ushers/Greeters	Megan Cleveland	Max Pelcer Hazzard	
Coffee Hour			
Acolyte			
Sound System			
Bell Ringer			
Church Cleaner			

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We welcome deacon Dave Forbes to lead worship at Atonement and St. Matthew and ELCA Deacon (Ret.) Sandy Shear to lead worship at Evangelical and St. John
Next Sunday deacon Deb Lawyer 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), Ken Nye (S. Dana), Jeremy Sores (C. Heaney), Evelyn Hamilton (Lehenbauer), Virginia Pudelka, Rene Prins, Thomas Mendez, Bill Heaney, Allison Heaney, Heather Byrnes, Charlotte Grant, Grace & Chuck Dietzman, Barbara Loitsch, Rita Nelson, Elizabeth Robinson (Messner), Micheal George (Brown), Joan Carman

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Peg Serra-Lima

For young adult: Patrick Duffy

+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 Miller, David Glynn, Len Price (son), Esther Hughes, Tom Pritchard, Charlie Hughes, Gabe Lane

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Lee Campbell

For Young Adult: Dale 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, Jill Baumann, Mary Hartmann (Nelson), Kent Hoyt Jr. (Ganio), Owen Basher (Marsh), Bev Lapp, Rennie Brown (Janet), Jason Hahn, Kathy Parsons, Omar Andrades, Donna Sorrentino, Karen Smith, Joe Hartmann, Karen Rollins (Winslow), Terri Ibelli (Wood), Robert & Patricia Psaltz (Sherry), Maureen McAndrew (Greenleaf), Mike McAndrew (Greenleaf), Kathy Forbes, Mike Keator

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Carol Evans

For Young Adult: Josh Bush

+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, Julie Steinmueller (Sandy Shear), Rachel Fisher (Messner), Kerri Gorsch (Messner), Doug Dutcher (Crouthamel), Jim Sippel (Velez), Geoff Murphy (Walters), Steven Morris (Messner), Helga Lange (Winkler), Henry Gregory (St. John), Lacey Hecker (St. John), Elise Zayat, Pete Bade, Judy Cody (Messner)

For those celebrating marriage: Alex Tesoriero & Sarah Baum

For those preparing for childbirth: Marcus & Natalie Hudson

For those in the military, law enforcement and emergency services: Will Sherrill, US Air Force Reserves

In the Foothills Conference: The Hartwick Seminary Institute of Theology and all deacon training programs of our synod (name your own deacon); for all deacons and deacon candidates and synod authorized ministries (SAMs)

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

Natural and Man-Made Disasters: Victims of all debilitating diseases, and those struggling with social isolation; victims of the apartment building collapse in Miami, FL

Foothills Conference Ordination Anniversary:

For Pastor Marsha Irmer on the 48th anniversary of her ordination, 7/7

For Pastor Hans Irmer on the 48th anniversary of his ordination, 7/29

For Pastor Daniel Hoffman on the 41st anniversary of his ordination, 7/27

For Pastor Rahel Hahn on the 21st anniversary of her ordination, 7/23

For Pastor William Hodgetts on the 14th anniversary of his ordination, 7/27

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

+ Michael Vargas +
(1984 – 2021)

+ Parish News and Notes +

+ **Disaster Response:** The COVID-19 Pandemic is running amok in India & elsewhere, and there are still those feared dead and missing in Miami. To contribute to Lutheran World Relief efforts in crisis situations anytime, use a Lutheran Disaster Response envelope. Make check payable to your congregation, and designate the crisis to which you are contributing. Thank you.

+ **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
7/11	37/ 535 \$1280	14/ 578	27/ 579 \$1471
**	\$1290	\$705	\$1309
7/14	1/ 40	1/ 36	8/ 206

**** Needed to meet weekly expenses**

+ OCLP +

+ The 30th Hartwick Seminary Summer Institute of Theology will be held on the Hartwick College campus July 25-30 this year. A total of 12 Monday – Friday classes will be offered, each lasting for one hour during the morning or early afternoon. Additionally, 18 one-time seminars will be held during the afternoon and evening hours. Topics include biblical studies, theology, current issues, spirituality, worship, and faith foundation. A diverse faculty from a variety of Christian traditions will be teaching again this year.

Worship will be held at 7:30am and 9:15am each day at Shineman Chapel on campus. Wednesday evening worship is the service of Holy Communion at 7:30pm. Pre-service music will begin at 7:15pm. All are welcome to any service, even if not taking any classes.

The 30th Institute Banquet is Wednesday evening at 5:30pm, Dewar Hall dining facility. Cost is \$14 and reservations are required. The banquet speaker will be Dr. Gary Herion. Brochures are available at church, or from Pr. Paul via e-mail (prpaul_theoinst@hotmail.com).

Hartwick College does require all those who will be on campus to be fully vaccinated for **SIGN UP NOW FOR A FALL LUTHERAN MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND!**

We pray that you are enjoying the blessings of summer, but hope you might take a minute to plan an important fall weekend for your marriage whether you have been married 1 year or 60+ years. Because the pandemic has put a lot of stress on marriages, and we want to give many couples an opportunity to renew and revitalize your marital relationship, the registration fee has been waived for this year. You pay only the amount specified on the website which includes 2 nights in your group-rate hotel room and meals. Also, scholarship funds are available for anyone in need—simply e-mail or call us at the information below before you register.

Which weekend will work for you:

October 1-3, 2021 — Heritage Hotel Lancaster in Lancaster, PA—Famous for its Robin Hood-inspired restaurant, Loxleys

October 15-17, 2021 — Hyatt Place, Pittsburgh/Cranberry—spacious modern decor guestrooms with couches—a half hour north of Pittsburgh

Should complications arise, your payment is refundable up to a month before the weekend.

Weekends begin at 8 PM on Friday night and end at approximately 3 PM on Sunday. **REGISTRATIONS WILL BE LIMITED**, so sign up **NOW** while there are still openings. Simply go to: www.GodLovesMarriage.org and find your chosen weekend, fill out the form, and pay the amount specified with a credit card; or print the form and mail with a check. Don't miss this opportunity to create a more intimate and joyful marital relationship! For questions, please contact Northeast US Directors of Lutheran Marriage Encounter, Fred & Julie Schamber, fjschamber@comcast.net or 724-325-3166.

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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 is live streamed. If you can't make worship check it out.

+ THIS WEEK +

+ Wednesday Services:
7:30am St. Matthew
Noon Evangelical
7:00pm Atonement

+ COMING UP +

+ 30th Hartwick Seminary Summer Institute of Theology, at Hartwick College, 7/25 – 7/30
Sunday 7/25: Next St. Matthew Coffee Hour
Sunday 8/1: Evangelical Coffee Hour

+ Cartoon of the Week +



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.