

+ Last Sunday after Pentecost +
Festival of Christ the King
Holy Communion (LBW Setting 1)
November 26th, 2023

(* = Stand as you are able; LBW = Lutheran Book of Worship-green book)

GATHERING

Prelude	Welcome	Parish News
* Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness		pg. 56
* Entrance Hymn	<i>Crown Him with Many Crowns</i> (st 3-w, st 4-harmony, st 5-m, st 6 boldly)	LBW #170+
* Apostolic Greeting & Kyrie		pg. 57
* Hymn of Praise:	<i>This is the feast . . .</i> (1-women, 2-men)	pg. 60
* First Prayer (<i>20th Century Roman</i>)		

Almighty, Everlasting God, you have crowned your Son as King and will by him renew this whole creation. May the families of the earth now torn apart and yoked by sin find liberty in Him and choose to be subjected to His gentle rule, 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

WORD

First Lesson: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 A lesson from Ezekiel:

For thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. [12] As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. [13] I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. [14] I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. [15] I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. [16] I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

[20] Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. [21] Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak

animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, [22] I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

[23] I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. [24] And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

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

Psalmody: 95:1-7a (tones 32-single; 24-double)

O come, let us sing / to the Lord;*

let us make a joyful noise to the rock of / our salvation!

Let us come into his presence / with thanksgiving;*

let us make a joyful noise to him with / songs of praise!

For the Lord is / a great God,*

and a great King a- / bove all gods.

In his hand are the depths / of the earth;*

the heights of the mountains / are his also.

The sea is his, / for he made it,*

and the dry land, which his / hands have formed.

O come, let us worship / and bow down,*

let us kneel before the / Lord, our Maker!

For he is our God, and we are the people / of his pasture,*

and the sheep / of his hand.

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. 1:15-23 A lesson from Ephesians:

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason [16] I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. [17] I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, [18] so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, [19] and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. [20] God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, [21] far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. [22] And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, [23] which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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: Matthew 25:31-46

"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. [32] All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, [33] and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. [34] Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; [35] for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, [36] I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' [37] Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? [38] And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? [39] And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' [40] And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' [41] Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; [42] for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, [43] I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' [44] Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' [45] Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' [46] And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

The Gospel of the Lord.

* **Praise to you, O Christ**

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Homily

Pr. Jim Crouthamel (A/ St. M)

Pr. Paul Messner (E/ St. J)

* **Hymn of the Day**

Lo He Comes

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RESPONSE

* **Nicene Creed**

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* **Prayers of the Church**

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* **Blessing of the Harvest**

handout

First Intercession:

Almighty Father, we celebrate your giving all things into the rule of Jesus your Son, so as to bring your kingdom into its fullest glory. We rejoice in your certain victory and worship you for

the promise to bless those who trust the love of Jesus, as they practice the faith to love everyone whom they find to be in need. Strengthen us against what we must yet endure for the sake of this gospel, so that we may stand on the right of the throne you have established for him.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*** Sharing the Peace of the Lord**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Offering (plate at the door)

Musical Offering

*** Presentation of Gifts and Offertory** *Let the Vineyards* pg. 66

*** Offertory Prayer**

Eternal God, in death we leave potential gifts behind, that none may cast a shadow on your grace in Christ. We bring our offerings while we still have life that they may follow us as witness to our love for you and Him whom you have made our King, through this same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

MEAL

*** Great Thanksgiving/Dialog** pg. 68-71

Preface & Sanctus *Holy, Holy, Holy* pg. 69

*** Eucharistic Prayer & Lord's Prayer** pg. 69/ pew card

Agnus Dei *Lamb of God* pg. 72

Distribution Hymns LBW #534, 368, 224

*** Post Communion Blessing & Canticle** *Lord, now let . . .* pg. 73

*** Post Communion Prayer**

May your sacrificial love, O Lord, rule us more firmly through each celebration of your gift. Draw us together by its power, and use us that you become the King of all. We bless you now and evermore. **Amen.**

SENDING

*** Benediction** pg. 74

*** Recessional Hymn** *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* LBW # 328+

*** Dismissal**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

+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), Bridgette Shepardson (Thompson), Rene Prins, Heather Mendoza, Grace & Chuck Dietzman, Rita Nelson, Thoranne Winkler, Monica Koulis (Winkler), Valerie England, Jennifer Carman, Lisa Cooper (Syvertsen), Janna Benston (Sherrill), Gary Williams, Jill A. (Cindy), Jason Pallack (Carman), Barb Delaney (Serra-Lima/ Winkler), Stash Tarka (Thompson), Jim Baker, John Cook, Florence Jelliffe (Heaney)

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Janet England

For young adult: Evan Heaney

+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), Ansley (Butts), Wendy Wenck Craighill (Miller), Julie Sharrett, Lynne Hecker, Roberta Rowland Raybold, Elsie Wells, Davin Ruffles (Messner), Bob Pierro (Butts), Jean Haff, Debbie Kiser (Butts), Dennis Duffy (Patrick's father)

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

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), Barbara Gesile, Gina Pywar, Melissa McLaughlin (S. Eggers), Cathy Walsh (Stevens), Owen Basher (Marsh), Rennie Brown (Janet), Jason Hahn, Maureen McAndrew (Greenleaf), Mike McAndrew (Greenleaf), Jack Anthony (Stevens), Troy Lutz (Bush), Alan & Linda Peeters, Corinne Pollak, James Wikoff (Hulbert), Vicky Vesely (Bush), Helmut Boehl, Anna Elwyn (Rose Nelson), Ellie Bauman, Carol Evans, Patti Hulbert, Ann and Mike Monahan, Gus Pfeuffer, Carol (Nelson) Doane, Lynn Robinson, Larry Winslow, Mary Crouthamel, Jennifer Dilello (Stevens), Alice Flaherty (Smith), Roberta Vesely, Ann Lloyd

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Elsie & Ron Haus

For Young Adult: Courtney 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, David Wolff, Davilynn Cifonelli (Doane-Nelson), Kathryn Morris (Messner), Sue Stevens (Mansbach), Joe Bales (Messner), Dave Powell (Simmerly), Tyler Brazinski (Messner), Dorcas Brown (Christine Brown), Alen Brown (Christine Brown), Karen Flaherty (Crouthamel), Davin Ruffles, Pat Wheeler (Serra-Lima), Marilyn Gonzalez (Messner), John Escobar (Messner)

For those preparing for marriage: Eric Jones & Susan Caramundo

For those preparing for childbirth: Ryan & Jackie Manning

For those in the military, law enforcement and emergency services: Worcester Fire & EMS

In the Foothills Conference: For the Bishops, Patriarchs, Moderators, Presidents, and leaders of the one Holy Catholic & Apostolic Church around the world, and with gratitude to God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, for another year of Grace. ELCA presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton (on a leave of absence)

National/ International Concerns: For all refugees and migrants; victims of violence in our communities; those struggling with economic conditions, food insecurity, and homelessness; the people of Ukraine and Russia; for the victims of the terrorist attacks and war in Israel, Gaza, and Lebanon

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

+ Art Simon +
(1930 – 2023)
(Founder of Bread for the World)

+ Rosalyn Carter +
(1927 – 2023)

+ Parish News and Notes +

Pastors Pericope Paragraph 11/26

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

+How do we care for one another? Jesus is our Savior, Lord , Redeemer, Master, friend, brother - the King of Glory. He saves us - all our good deeds do not "earn us" salvation. They flow from salvation. Jesus as King and Judge has expectations of those who are baptized and believe: kindness, generosity, compassion, servanthood... "as you did it to me...or did not..." So where is our hope? In Him and only in Him...(Gospel). "I will bring back the strayed, bind up the injured,

strengthen the weak", says the Lord God. But woe to those who scatter the flock! (1st lesson). Paul proclaims the Good News of the God who raised Jesus from the dead and who, in so doing, gives us hope (2nd 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 *WOV* (blue book) and a pew *Bible*.
Thanks

+OCLP+

We welcome Pr. Jim Crouthamel to lead worship at St. Matthew & Atonement
Next Sunday Tom Collins will lead worship at Evangelical and St. John

Readings Through This Week

See website: <https://www.otsegocountylutheranparish.com>

Serving Today	Atonement	Evangelical	St. Matthew
Asst. Minister	Sue Dana		Robin Bush
Comm. Asst.	Christine Brown	Dan T	
Lector	Denise Richardson	Len P	
Cantor	Robert Loitsch		
*Altar Care	Eli England	Carol B & Dorothy	
Ushers/Greeters	Christine Brown	Carol B	
Coffee Hour			
Acolyte		Paxton Hazzard	Victoria Stevens
Sound System		Lane	
Bell Ringer			
Church Cleaner			

Attendance & Offering Statistics

Date	Atonement	Evangelical	St. Matthew	St. John
11/19	33/ 1187	23/ 698	27/ 1012	9/ 292
11/22	2/ 147	1/ 72	4/ 373	
**	(\$1,290)	(\$850)	(\$1,309)	

**** Needed to meet weekly expenses**

+ THIS WEEK +

+ Today: Last Sunday of the Church Year – Holy Communion
1:30pm OCLP Finance Committee @ St. Matthew

+ Wednesday 11/29

7:30am St. Matthew – worship

10:30am Clergy Bible Study, Christ Church, Cooperstown

Noon Evangelical – devotions

3:00pm Evangelical Council meeting

7:00pm Atonement – devotions

+ Friday 12/1

Evangelical Ham Dinner (take out only)

+ COMING UP +

+ Sunday 12/3

Holy Communion – First Sunday in Advent (new Church Year begins)

+ Thursday 12/5

4:00pm St. Matthew Worship & Music

6:00pm 1st Tuesday Supper @ St. Matthew – Theme: Merry Food

+ Sunday 12/10

Cookie smorgasbord @ Atonement

St. Lucia @ St. Matthew

+ Wednesday 12/13

Noon: Evangelical Council

+ Thursday 12/14

4:00pm Atonement Worship & Music

6:30pm OCLP Men's Dinner Jay's Place (RSVP to Pr. Paul)

+ Saturday 12/16

10:00 – 11:30am Annual Advent Tea for Women of Atonement