



**“Do you see all these great buildings?” replied Jesus. “Not one stone here will be left on another; every one will be thrown down.”**

**Mark 13:1-8**

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

+ **Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost** +  
LBW Service of the Word for Healing  
November 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**

**Meditation and Prayer**

**Welcome**

**Parish News**

**\*Entrance Hymn:**

*Come, We That Love the Lord*

WOV #742

**\*Invocation and Dialogue**

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, **and his mercy endures forever.**

They cried to the Lord in their trouble, **and he delivered them from their distress.**

He sent forth his Word and healed them, **and saved them from the grave.**

The Lord is righteous in all his ways, **and loving in all his works.**

The Lord upholds all who fall; **He lifts up those who are bowed down.**

The Lord sustains them on their sickbed, **and ministers to them in their illness.**

The Lord is my strength and my song, **and he has become my salvation.**

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, **and his mercy endures forever.**

**\* The Apostles' Creed**

God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**\*Salutation**

The Lord be with you.      **And also with you.**

Let us pray

**\*First Prayer:** (Swedish *Psalmbok*, 1639)

**Lord God, rule and govern our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit, that while keeping the end of things in mind, we may be stirred up to holiness in this life / and come to be with**

**you forever in that life to come, 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**

(E/St.M)

**First Lesson: Daniel 12:1-3** A lesson from Daniel:

"At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. [2] Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. [3] Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.

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

**Psalmody: 16** (Tones: 52-single; 8-double)

Protect / me, O God,\* for in you / I take refuge.

**I say to the Lord, "You / are my Lord;\***

**I have no good a- / part from you."**

As for the holy ones in the land, they / are the noble,\*  
in whom is all / my delight.

**Those who choose another god multi- / ply their sorrows;\***  
**their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out**  
**or take their names up- / on my lips.**

The Lord is my chosen portion / and my cup;\*  
you / hold my lot.

**The boundary lines have fallen for me in / pleasant places;\***  
**I have a / goodly heritage.**

I bless the Lord who / gives me counsel;\*  
in the night also my / heart instructs me.

**I keep the Lord al- / ways before me;\***  
**because he is at my right hand, I shall / not be moved.**

Therefore my heart is glad, and my / soul rejoices;\*  
my body also / rests secure.

**For you do not give me / up to Sheol,\***  
**or let your faithful one / see the Pit.**

You show me the / path of life.\*  
In your presence there is fullness of joy;  
in your right hand are pleasures / forevermore.

**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: Hebrews 10:11-25

A lesson from Hebrews:

And every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. [12] But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, "he sat down at the right hand of God," [13] and since then has been waiting "until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet." [14] For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. [15] And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying,

[16] "This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds," [17] he also adds, "I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more." [18] Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin. [19] Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, [20] by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), [21] and since we have a great priest over the house of God, [22] let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. [23] Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. [24] And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, [25] not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

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

\* **Gospel Acclamation**

*Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God*

WOV #783 (St 1-2)

### Holy Gospel: HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 13:1-8 **Glory to you, O Lord.**

As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!" [2] Then Jesus asked him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down."

[3] When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, [4] "Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?" [5] Then Jesus began to say to them, "Beware that no one leads you astray. [6] Many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. [7] When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. [8] For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.

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

\* **Gospel Response**

*Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God*

WOV #783 (St 3)

**Hymn of the Day**

*Be Thou My Vision*

WOV #776

**\*Sharing of the Peace**

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

**RESPONSE**

**\* Offertory**

*Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring*

WOV #759

**\*Offertory Prayer:**

O God of time and timelessness, we thrill to think of offerings you will help us make in heaven / when we celebrate your love in Christ. Inspire us in these rehearsals of that heavenly service / with a foretaste of the perfect song we shall there rejoice to sing. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**\* Prayers of the Church**

**\*First Intercession:**

Eternal Father, we who must withstand constant change, worship you for your constant love. While we struggle with life and faith as this world runs through mysterious cycles toward the end, we rejoice in Jesus your Son with reassurance that nothing can separate us from you. Especially in the hour of death, help us to refuse to succumb to fear, confidently making our confession of faith.

**\*Prayers for Healing and Hope**

Let us pray for all who suffer. Merciful Lord, you sent your Son to be our peace. Help all who suffer pain or grief to find in him strength and peace, so that their trust in your promises may be renewed, and that despair may give way to hope; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for recovery from sickness. Oh God, the strength of the weak and the comfort of sufferers: Mercifully hear our prayers on behalf of others whom we name before you now, aloud or in silence. . . . Grant to your servants the help of your power, that their sickness may be turned into health and our sorrow into joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for those in affliction. Almighty and everlasting God, comfort of the sad and strength to those who suffer: Let the prayers of your children who are in any trouble rise to you. To everyone in distress grant mercy, grant relief, grant refreshment; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for those who minister in healing. Almighty God, source of human knowledge and

skill: Guide physicians and nurses and all those you have called to practice the arts of healing. Strengthen them by your life-giving Spirit, that, by their ministries, the health of all people may be promoted and your creation may be glorified; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for the ministry of family and friends. Loving God, our creator and redeemer: Give strength and gentleness, patience and faithfulness to family members and friends. Let their hope be in you, and by their ministry of love let your love be known; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for those who desire our prayers. Blessed Lord, we ask your loving care and protection for those who are sick in body, mind or spirit and who desire our prayers. Take from them all fears and help them put their trust in you, that they may feel your strong arms around them. Touch them with your renewing love, that they may know wholeness in you and glorify your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for those making decisions. Oh Lord our God, send your Holy Spirit to guide us, that we may make our decisions with love, mercy and reverence for your gift of life, especially on behalf of those most vulnerable at the beginning and the ending of life in this world; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Praise to you, almighty God and Father. You sent your Son to live among us and to bring us your salvation. **Blessed be God.**

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, incomparable Son of the Father. You humbled yourself to share in our humanity, and you came to heal all our illnesses. **Blessed be God.**

Praise to you, Holy Spirit, our defender and consoler. You heal our sickness with your mighty and life-giving power. **Blessed be God.**

Holy and blessed Trinity, sustain your servants, whom we have named before you this day, with your presence; drive away their sickness of body, mind and spirit; and give them that victory of life and peace which enable them to serve you now and evermore. **Amen.**

## **Laying on of Hands**

### **Hymns during Laying on of Hands**

LBW #360. 479. 296

(Those who wish to receive laying on of hands (and anointing) come to the altar rail or the foot of the altar and if conditions permit, kneel.  
The minister lays hand(s) on each person's head)

Father in heaven for Jesus' sake, send your Holy Spirit upon your servant, drive away all sickness of body and spirit, make whole that which is broken; deliver *him/her* from the power of evil; and preserve *him/her* in true faith, to share in the power of Christ's resurrection and to serve you with all the saints now and evermore. **Amen.**

(After all have returned to their places)

The almighty Lord-a strong tower to all who put their trust in him, to whom all things in heaven, on earth, and under the earth bow and whom they obey-be now and evermore your defense, and make you know and feel that the only name under heaven given for health and salvation is the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Let us pray in unison.

**Merciful Lord God, constant source of all healing, we give you thanks for all your gifts of strength and life, and above all we thank you for the gift of your Son, through whom we have health and salvation. As we wait for that day when there will be no more pain, help us by your Holy Spirit to be assured of your power in our lives and to trust in your eternal love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

### **SENDING**

#### **\*Benediction**

The Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord make his face shine on us and be gracious to us. The Lord look upon us with favor and give us peace: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

#### **\*Recessional Hymn**

*My Lord of Light*

WOV #796

#### **Dismissal**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### **Postlude**

**Remain to Pray Depart when you wish.**

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## **Pastors Pericope Paragraph 11/14**

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

Anyone who saw the destruction of "large buildings" on September 11, 2001 or in the aftermath of earthquakes and tsunamis...and wars, cannot but be realistic about the temporary nature of almost anything we build. Solomon's great "first" temple was destroyed by the Babylonians around 587 B.C. The Second Temple that Jesus and the disciples, and their fellow Jews, knew (largely built/enlarged by Herod the Great) was destroyed by the Romans in 70 A.D., after the Jews revolted. It has never been rebuilt. All that remains is a foundation (the Wailing Wall). Destruction, not just of buildings, but of lives, hopes, dreams, are all too prevalent in human history. All that lasts is God's love and faithfulness (Gospel). St. Michael, the archangel, is the commander of the Hosts of Heaven. His presence heralds the rising of the dead (1st Lesson). Let us "provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together...encouraging one another". If and when the Last Day(s) come we will do these things because we live in hope (2d Lesson).

### **Weekly Worship Practice:**

The flag passes in a parade, people turn to face it. The pledge of allegiance is recited, hands are placed over hearts. At a sporting event or civic function the national anthem is played, hats are doffed, voices raised, all eyes on the flag. The same is true at Christian worship. Whenever the cross passes in procession (opening or closing hymn, for the reading of the Gospel) it is "customary" (polite) to turn to face our primary Christian symbol the instrument of Jesus crucifixion and victory over sin and death, and the means by which God gained our salvation. It is also "customary" to "reverence" the cross (also the altar and an ambry/tabernacle in which resides the reserved sacrament-the consecrated body & blood of Christ), by bowing as it passes (not to clergy or other worship leaders)! Some Christians also bow at the name of God (Father, Son and Holy Spirit) or make the sign of the cross. These are examples of personal devotion not by any means mandatory, but "customary" and often helpful to our spiritual lives. Try them (you might like them).

**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.

<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	Joan Carman  Eli England John Mushtare  Logan Temming	Mark Howard  Cindy L & Joyce Eileen B  Sliviak	Dave Forbes Dave Forbes   Victoria Stevens

**+OCLP+**

We welcome ELCA Deacon (Ret.) Sandy Shear to lead worship at Evangelical and St. John. Next week we welcome Deacon Todd Eames to lead worship at St. Matthew and Atonement

**+ 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), 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), Thoranne Winkler, Carmen Alvarez (Hopkins), Monica Koulis (Winkler), Joan Carman

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Mike & Joan Lambiaso

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), Gloria Hendricks, Susan Howard, John & Pam Miller, David Glynn, Len Price (son), Esther Hughes, Tom Pritchard, Tad Mahoney, Bill Jacobson (D. Brown), Carl Hecker, Eric & Amy Burda, Anthony Scarfuto (Boyd), Dwaine Sharett (Butts), Jim Desrocher (Boyd), Dick Woodhause (Hazzard)

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Donna Brown & Bill Jacobson

For Young Adult: Kevin Burda

**+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.

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Helmut & Lois Boehl

For Young Adult: Gabrielle 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, 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), Michael & James Wagner (Messner), Edee Cook (Rotolo), Esther Brooker

**For those preparing for marriage:** Todd Bates & Sarah Gosek

**For those celebrating childbirth:** Marcus & Natalia Hudson on the birth of Marcus Hudson III

**For those in the military, law enforcement and emergency services:** for all Veterans and their families

**In the Foothills Conference:** The Niagara Frontier Conference, its Dean, congregations, and pastors

**National/ International Concerns:** all victims of religious, ethnic, and racial hatred, prejudice, genocide and slavery; the people of Afghanistan, Ethiopia, Haiti, Israel & Palestine (for Jews, Muslims, & Christians in the Holy Land); 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 and all who work with people in need

**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 drought and famine.

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

+ Mary Durson +  
(2/3/1943 – 11/1/2021)

**+ 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**

Date	Atonement	Evangelical	St. Matthew
11/7	19/ 809 \$1861	21/ 880	28/ 918 \$1426
**	<b>(\$1,290)</b>	<b>(\$705)</b>	<b>(\$1,309)</b>
11/10	2/ 59	1/ 54	2/ 59

**\*\* Needed to meet weekly expenses**

## + OCLP +

### +OCLP

Please check your mailbox anytime you are in the building. Thanks!  
Remember to sign in for attendance and contact tracing. Thank you

### +Atonement

Our sanctuary windows are in increasing need or repair. There are some broken pieces, but the primary and pressing need is re-caulking. Estimates are around \$12,500 for all the work. To help with this capital project, use a special giving envelope and make checks payable to Atonement Lutheran Church (memo: stained glass window project) Thanks!

### +St. Matthew

Food donations to St. Matthew's food pantry are welcome. Please bring the items listed on the bulletin board; canned and boxed goods, designed to provide our recipients with a week's worth of staples. We do not have the capacity to handle baked goods, produce, or other perishables. Please do not donate food items bearing lapsed expiration dates – for health and safety reasons we cannot distribute such items.

Cash donations are always welcome and appreciated. The food pantry is a totally volunteer operation – 100% of your donations go towards the purchase of food and personal care items.

Thanks for all of your support, which has enabled us to serve 40-60 families per month!  
For further questions and comments contact Patty & Rod Klafehn (607) 432-7883

### +Evangelical

Thanks to all who supported this summer and fall school supply and health care “kit” drives, and our recent rummage sales. Our current project is the Steeple Fund. Our estimate is \$15,000. We have been approved for an additional \$3,250 from the O'Connor Fund of Delhi in a dollar for dollar match. To donate, please designate “steeple fund” on your check memo or special giving envelope.

## ADOPT A SOLDIER 2021 MILITARY SUPPLY DRIVE

The Laurens American Legion Auxiliary is conducting a supply drive to gather items to mail overseas to a military base for our deployed soldiers. Items can be dropped off at the Laurens American Legion during open hours, 4 to 8, closed on Tuesday. You can also collect items at your location and contact an auxiliary member @ 432-4605 for pick up if needed. Donations to help cover shipping costs are also welcome.

The list of items that are most commonly requested are posted on the bulletin board. Packages will be mailed the first Monday of December 2021. Final pick up will be on November 26, 2021.

**+ Stewardship 2022 +**

Be on the lookout for your 2022 Stewardship Packets in your church mailbox or in the mail. Stewardship commitment Sunday will be on December 12<sup>th</sup>, Advent 3. Plan to return your pledge cards, time, and talent forms that day or as soon after as you can. Thank you for your support of God's Ministry in thought and among us!

**+ THIS WEEK +**

- +Today Sunday 11/14: Atonement Council meeting after worship
- +Wednesday 11/17: Evangelical Council meeting, 12:30pm
- +Wednesday Services:
  - 7:30am St. Matthew
  - Noon Evangelical
  - 7:00pm Atonement
- +Thursday 11/18: Foothills Conference Ministerium, 2pm
- Thursday – Friday 11/18-19: STS Upstate NY Chapter Retreat, New Hartford

**+ COMING UP+**

- +Next Sunday 11/21: Blessing of the harvest
  - +Thursday 11/25: Thanksgiving Day
  - +Sunday 11/28: 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent – New Church Year
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+ Cartoon of the Week +



## OCLP Advent/Christmas/Epiphany Schedule – 2021-2022

Sunday Services: Atonement 10:30am; Evangelical 9:30am; St. Matthew 8:30am; St. John 11am

Sundays in Advent: LBW Holy Communion Setting 2 or LBW Service of the Word & Prayer

Wednesdays: Holy Communion or Morning/Prayer; St.M 7:30am, Evan. Noon, Atone 7pm

Sunday, 12/?: **St. John** – Christmass around the World @ 1pm TBA

Saturday: **Advent Tea** for the Women of Atonement @ 10am-11:30am **Cancelled for 2021**

Sunday, 12/12: **St. Matthew** - Christmass decorating (to help, contact Nancy Miller) & St. Lucia

Sunday, 12/12: **Atonement** - Christmass Cookie Smorgasbord/Hanging of the Greens **Cancelled**

Thursday, 12/16: **OCLP Men's Group**- Christmass Dinner @ Jay's Place, 6:30PM

Sunday, 12/19: **Evangelical** - Christmass potluck luncheon and decorating

Sunday, 12/19: **OCLP**- Christmass Caroling- in Cooperstown & Oneonta

Christmass Eve, Friday, 12/24:

**St. John** Candlelight Communion, 6:00 pm

**St. Matthew** Candlelight Family Carol Communion Service, 6:00 pm

**Evangelical** Candlelight Communion Service, 8:00 pm

**Atonement** Candlelight Communion Service, 10:00 pm

Christmass Day, Friday, 12/25:

**Atonement** - Holy Communion, 10am (No Service @ Evan, St. John or St. Matt)

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Christmas, Sunday, 12/26:

**Regular Service Times** – Lessons & Carols

New Year's Eve, Friday, 12/31:

**Atonement** - Holy Communion, 5:00 pm

Second Sunday of Christmass, 1/3: **Regular Service Times:** Holy Communion

OCLP Epiphany Event, Thursday, 1/6: @ Atonement

- potluck dinner at 6:00 pm, Holy Communion at 7PM, a dessert and gift exchange at

7:30 pm (this replaces St. Matthew First Tuesday for January)

Annual Epiphany Tea for Women of OCLP, Saturday, 1/15:

**Evangelical** – hosted by Pr. Paul and Martha, 10:00 am – 12:00 noon **TBD**

## **Otsego Country Lutheran Parish**

Lutheran Church of the Atonement, Oneonta, NY  
Sunday Worship 10:30 am (Holy Communion 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays + festivals)  
John Mushtare: President  
Leslie Bauer: Organist  
Barbara Loitsch: Choir Director

Evangelical Lutheran Church, Hartwick Seminary, NY  
Sunday Worship 9:30 am (Holy Communion 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays + festivals)  
Joyce Boyd: President  
Donna Brown: Organist

St. John Lutheran Church, West Burlington, NY  
Sunday Worship 11:00 am (Holy Communion 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays + festivals)  
Paul Hecker: President  
Ethel Mills: Accompanist

St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Laurens, NY  
Sunday Worship 8:30 am (Holy Communion 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays + festivals)  
Dave Forbes: President  
Janet Brown: Organist

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(texting is often the most effective way to reach pastor)

Services of Healing are usually held on the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of a month

<http://facebook.com/oclpny/>  
<http://otsegocountylutheranparish.com>

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.