



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

+ **Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany** +  
Holy Communion (LBW Setting 1)

February 7<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**

**Welcome**

**Parish News**

- \* **Brief Order for Public Confession and Forgiveness** pg.56  
\* **Entrance Hymn** *Brightest and Best of the Stars of Morning* LBW#  
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\* **Apostolic Greeting & Kyrie** pg. 57  
\* **Hymn of Praise** *Listen you Nations* LBW# 14  
(St 1 – W, St 2 – M, St 3 – all)

\***First Prayer:** *(7th Century Gelasian)*

**Stand watch over your family, O Lord, that we who depend entirely on your heavenly grace / may always be protected in the mighty fortress of your love, 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: Isaiah 40:21-31** A lesson from Isaiah:

Have you not known? Have you not heard?  
Has it not been told you from the beginning?  
Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?  
[22] It is he who sits above the circle of the earth,  
and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers;  
who stretches out the heavens like a curtain,  
and spreads them like a tent to live in;  
[23] who brings princes to naught,  
and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.  
[24] Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown,  
scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth,  
when he blows upon them, and they wither,  
and the tempest carries them off like stubble.  
[25] To whom then will you compare me,

or who is my equal? says the Holy One.

[26] Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these?

He who brings out their host and numbers them,  
calling them all by name;

because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is  
missing.

[27] Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel,

"My way is hidden from the Lord,  
and my right is disregarded by my God"?

[28] Have you not known? Have you not heard?

The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the  
earth.

He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is  
unsearchable.

[29] He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless.

[30] Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall  
exhausted;

[31] but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength,  
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,

they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

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

**Psalmody: 147:1-11, 20c** (Tones: 22-single; 24-double)

Praise the Lord! How good it is to sing praises / to our God;\*

**for he is gracious, and a song of / praise is fitting.**

The Lord builds up / Jerusalem;\*

**he gathers the outcasts of / Israel.**

He heals the / brokenhearted,\* **and binds / up their wounds.**

He determines the number / of the stars;\*

**he gives to all of / them their names.**

Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;\*

**his understanding is / beyond measure.**

The Lord lifts up / the downtrodden;\*

**he casts the wicked / to the ground.**

Sing to the Lord / with thanksgiving;\*

**make melody to our God / on the lyre.**

He covers the heavens with clouds;\*

**prepares rain for the earth, makes grass grow / on the  
hills.**

He gives to the animals their food;\*

**and to the young ravens / when they cry.**

His delight is not in the strength / of the horse,\*  
**nor his pleasure in the speed / of a runner;**  
but the Lord takes pleasure in / those who fear him,\*  
**in those who hope in his steadfast love. / Praise the Lord!**  
**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: 1 Cor. 9:16-23** A lesson from First Corinthians:

If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! [17] For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. [18] What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel.

[19] For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. [20] To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. [21] To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. [22] To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. [23] I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

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: Mark 1:29-39** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. [30] Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. [31] He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them. [32] That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. [33] And the whole city was gathered around the door. [34] And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

[35] In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. [36] And Simon and his companions hunted for him. [37] When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." [38] He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." [39] And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

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

**Children's Sermon/Homily**

Pastor Jim Crouthamel (A/St.M)

Pastor Paul Messner (E/St.J)

**\*Hymn of the Day**

*O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come*

LBW #360

### **RESPONSE**

**\*Apostles' Creed**

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**\*Prayers of the Church**

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### **First Intercession:**

Merciful God, we thank you for the ministry of Jesus in which he showed himself to be your authentic messiah. Help us understand his miracles as a sign and foretaste of the salvation that you have promised; let us be attracted by them to listen to his message of forgiveness and life, which is your mercy and grace.

**\* Sharing of the Peace of the Lord**

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**Offering**

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**Musical Offering**

(Atone)

**\* Offertory**

*What shall I render . . .*

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### **\* Offertory Prayer:**

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Eternal Father, with your generous gifts / you have aroused this sacrifice of praise. Teach us to live and love more generously / that every creature may be stirred to bless your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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**

LBW# 443, 390, 439

\* **Post-Communion Prayer:**

Lord Jesus, by eating once again with you, we have obeyed your call to celebrate the greatest truth of all. May this teaching of eternal love and peace / change our lives forevermore. **Amen.**

**SENDING**

\***Benediction**

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\***Recessional Hymn**

*Spread, Oh, Spread, Almighty Word*

LBW #379

**Dismissal**

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

**Postlude**

**Pastors Pericope Paragraph 2/7**

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

+ "...they left the synagogue...they entered...they brought to Him all who were sick...and He d=cured many...He got up, went to a deserted place an prayed. Simon and his companions hunted for Him...Let us go on..." . Jesus is on the move - and He inspires others to move with Him! (Gospel). Paul "became al things to all people, that I might by all means save some". He met others where they were (2d Lesson). "Have you not known. Have you not heard? ...He does not faint or grow weary - and neither will we when we "wait for the Lord". (1st Lesson)

**Weekly Worship Practice:**

What does "S.T.S." mean after Pastor Paul's name in our bulletin? "Societas Trinitatis Sanctae" (Latin for the Society of the Holy Trinity.) The S.T.S. is an organization of the Lutheran clergy formed less than a decade ago, to help pastors live out their ordination vows in a disciplined way. Members follow a "rule" of daily prayer, worship, regular retreats and pastoral visitations and oversight.

**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.

**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.

<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	Peg Serra-Lima Peg Serra-Lima  Becky Milford  Thomas Mendes	     Mia Pelcer	Dave Forbes     Victoria Stevens

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We welcome ELCA Deacon Sandy Shear (Ret.) to lead worship at Evangelical and St. John  
Next Sunday ELCA Deacon Sandy Shear (Ret.) will lead worship St. Matthew and Atonement.

**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), Linda Czernak (P. Serra-Lima), Stan Whitmore (C. Brown), Jeremy Sorese (C. Heaney), Evelyn Hamilton (Lehenbauer), Beth Gilmore (Pudelka), Virginia Pudelka, Rene Prins, Tony and Thoranne Winkler, Thomas Mendez, Bill Heaney, Allison Heaney, Heather Byrnes, Charlotte Grant, Barbara Gee, Grace Dietzman, Barbara Loitsch, Mike Lambiaso, Rita Nelson, Randy Webb (Sherrill), Margaret Ahlqvist

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

For young adult: Sam Herion

## **+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), Bob Hazelton (C. Butts), Karen Ingraham (C. Butts), Gloria Hendricks, Mary Peterson, Susan Howard, John Miller, Tad Mahoney, David Glynn, Len Price, Esther Hughes

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Ilse Seitz

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), Tennison (T. Wood), Gina Pywar, Erika Baker-Heinegg, Michele Tolen (T. Wood), Melissa McLaughlin (S. Eggers), Triston (Hahn), Priscilla Galbreth (Hulbert), Kelly Ives

(Wood), Cathy Walsh (Stevens), Ginny Ganio, Jill Baumann, Mary Hartmann (Nelson), Kent Hoyt Jr. (Ganio), Owen Basher (Marsh), Bev Lapp, Linda Peeters (Forbes), Rennie Brown (Janet), Jason Hahn, Kathy Parsons, Omar Andrades, Wayne (“Junior”) Bush, Donna Sorrentino, Ron Struckle, Margaret Ahlqvist

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Connie Dabreau

For Young Adult: Derek Sherry

### **+Beyond the Parish+**

For healing in body, mind and spirit in our own congregation: Nancy Saxton Miller (Mansbach), Jackie Hesse (Lawyer), Rosemary Pepe (Eggers), Dorothy Fernandez, (Eggers), Dick Armstrong, David Brenner (Former Oneonta Mayor), Sue Haney, Warren Robinson (Messner), Julie Steinmueller (Sandy Shear), Hilary Elf (Messner), Rachel Fisher (Messner), Pr. Ameen Aswad (Jail Ministry), Jack Schuck (Sandy Shear), Kerri Gorsch (Messner)

**For those preparing for marriage:** Randy Chubbuck & Jen Doloff

**For those preparing for childbirth:** Scott and Stephanie Lehenbauer

**For those in the military, law enforcement and emergency services:** Damian Laird, USMC, North Carolina

**In the Foothills Conference:** Grace Lutheran Church, Johnstown and Gloversville (Pr. Tonya Eza)

**National/ International Concerns:** all victims of religious, ethnic, and racial hatred and prejudice, our country in this time of continuing deep division

**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.

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

+Frank S. Siewic+  
(1931-2021)

+Hal Holbrook+

+Cicely Tyson+

Law Enforcement Officers/FBI Officers killed in the line of duty this past week

The 4 Chaplains who volunteered to go down with the USS Dorchester, 2/3/1943,  
to give their places in lifeboats to 4 other sailors.

**+ Parish News and Notes +**

+Today is Souper Bowl Sunday - a day across the country which asks people to give their "pocket change" to go directly for local food banks. It began years ago at one Presbyterian Church in South Carolina and has grown into a nationwide effort.

Leave you contribution with a youth or in a plate at the door. Thanks!

**+ 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
1/31	19/ 101 \$700	13/ 82 \$1042	22/ 90 \$1631
**	<b>(\$1,290)</b>	<b>(\$705)</b>	<b>(\$1,309)</b>
2/3	1/ 3	1/ 4	7/ 38

**\*\* 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

**+ THIS WEEK +**

+Wednesday Services:

7:30am St. Matthew

Noon Evangelical

7:00pm Atonement

**+ COMING UP +**

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**+ Thought of the Week +**

You can't do everything,  
but you can do something.

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Items received after this time cannot be guaranteed to appear in that week's bulletin.