



ATONEMENT LUTHERAN CHURCH
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ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH
LAURENS, NY

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
HARTWICK SEMINARY, NY

The Rev. Paul R. Messner, S.T.S., Pastor
The Rev. Robert Mansbach, Pastor Emeritus

+ **Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost** +
Holy Communion (LBW Setting 1)
October 31st, 2021

+ **Festival of the Reformation** +

(* = 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

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First Prayer: *(16th century Saxon Church Order)*

Lord God, Heavenly Father, we pray that you would give us your Holy Spirit. Keep us in your grace, protect us in all temptations, defend us from all enemies of your Word for the honor of your name; and give to the whole Christian Church on earth your gracious peace, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. He lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Lesson: Jeremiah 31:31-34 A lesson from Jeremiah:

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt--a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

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

Psalmody: 46 (Tones: single – 50; double – 9)

God is our ref/uge and strength,*

a very present / help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the / earth should change,*

though the mountains shake in the heart / of the sea;

though its waters / roar and foam,*

though the mountains tremble / with its tumult.

There is a river whose streams make glad the ci/ty of God,*

the holy habitation of / the Most High.

God is in the midst of the city; it shall / not be moved;*

God will help it when the / morning dawns.

The nations are in an uproar, the / kingdoms totter;*

he utters his voice, / the earth melts.

The Lord of / hosts is with us;*

the God of Jacob / is our refuge.

Come, behold the works / of the Lord;*

see what desolations he has brought / on the earth.

He makes wars cease to the end / of the earth;*

he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear; he burns the / shields with fire.

Be still, and know that / I am God!*

I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted / in the earth."

The Lord of / hosts is with us;*

the God of Jacob / is our refuge.

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: Romans 3:19-28 A lesson from Romans:

Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. For "no human being will be justified in his sight" by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus. Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

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

HOLY GOSPEL: John 8:31-36 Glory to you, O Lord.

Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?"

Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed. The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children's Sermon/Homily

Deacon Tom Collins (Evan/ St. J)
Pastor Paul Messner (St. M/ Atone)

*** Hymn of the Day**

Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

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RESPONSE

*** Nicene Creed**

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*** Prayers of the Church**

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First Intercession:

Merciful Father, your Spirit is always reforming the church to make your kingdom come, yet we may not notice as we look at all its faults. Rouse us from our own convictions to be faithful to your Word, that we may enjoy a foretaste of eternal freedom.

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

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Offering (plates at the door)

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*** Offertory**

Let the Vineyards

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*** Offertory Prayer:**

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Ever living Father, we thank you for a love which will not let you free yourself from our need. Defend us from all idolatry of things that we may enjoy, bringing offerings and being captive to your love, 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**

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God

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*** Post Communion Blessing & Canticle** *Lord, Now You Let*

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*** Post-Communion Prayer:**

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O Lord, in the bread and wine of this Eucharist we have the sign of your death which makes us free. Inspire us to accept your weekly invitation to commune with you, that we may grow in truth and be at peace. You are the Lord forevermore. **Amen.**

SENDING

*** Benediction**

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Sending Song:

Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng!

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(St. 3-women, St. 4-harmony, St. 5-Men, St. 6-quietly, St. 7-Boldly)

Dismissal

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

Postlude

Weekly Worship Practice:

In our pews help us maintain the pew holders with pens/pencils, and 4 or 5 *Voice from the Pew* folders. Use these folders to: record your Holy Communion (at least once a year); request a hymn or prayer; update our records; what else? Check one out!

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 sacramental 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.

Serving Today	Atonement	Evangelical	St. Matthew
Comm. Asst.	Martha Messner	Esther H	
Asst. Minister	Sue Dana	Mark Howard	Deb Lawyer
Lector	Sue Dana	Mark Howard	Cindy Struckle
Cantor	Sue Dana		
*Altar Care	Christine Brown	Cindy L & Joyce	
Ushers/Greeters	Christine Brown	Lanes	
Coffee Hour			
Acolyte/ Crucifer	Erin Coppersmith	Paxton Hazzard	Kayla Joubert
Sound System		Hazzard	
Bell Ringer			
Church Cleaner			

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+ We welcome Deacon Tom Collins to lead worship at Evangelical and St. John
 + Next Sunday Deacon Tom Collins will lead worship at Atonement and St. Matthew

+Thanks to all who have continued faithfully to send in offerings to each congregation. All bills are current! If you are not yet able to come, please continue to mail them in. Thanks!

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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), Micheal George (Brown), Thoranne Winkler, Carman Alvarez (Hopkins), Monica Koulis (Winkler)

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Aleda Koehn

For young adult: Daniel 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), Gloria Hendricks, Susan Howard, John & Pam Miller, David Glynn, Len Price (son), Esther Hughes, Tom Pritchard, Tad Mahoney, Micheal George (Brown), Bill Jacobson (D. Brown), Carl Hecker, Eric & Amy Burda, Anthony Scarfuto (Boyd), Dwaine Sharrett

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Genie Weber (Florida)

For Young Adult: Blake Rinell

+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: Erika Baker-Heinegg

For Young Adult: Terri Bonney

+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)

For those preparing for marriage: Pat Steves & Taylor Johnson

For those preparing for childbirth: Erica & Brian Sapp

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

In the Foothills Conference: That the Church may continue to be “Re-Formed” under the guidance of the Holy Spirit; Deacons and Deaconesses of the Lutheran Churches, and all who minister to the sick, lonely and destitute

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**

+ Parish News and Notes +

+Reformation Sunday 10/31

"Ecclesia semper reformanda": the Church is ALWAYS in need of being reformed. Martin Luther (1483-1546) saw this. He experienced it. He lived it! He challenged the institutional church of his day to re-form by returning to its origins and exorcising that which was not of God. "God remembers our sin no more" (1st lesson). We are "justified by faith" (2d lesson). The Son makes us free indeed!" (Gospel). Thanks be to God!

+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
10/24	17/ 769 \$834	22/ 831 \$791	16/ 869 \$316
**	(\$1,290)	(\$705)	(\$1,309)
10/27	1/ 55	3/ 51	7/ 286

**** 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 +

- +Tuesday 11/2: Election Day
- +Tuesday 11/2: St. Matthew 1st Tuesday Supper?
- +Wednesday Services:
 - 7:30am St. Matthew
 - Noon Evangelical
 - 7:00pm Atonement
- +Thursday 11/4: St. Matthew Worship & Music, 5pm
- +Thursday 11/4: St. Matthew Council meeting, 7pm
- +Saturday 11/6: OCLP Quarterly Deacon's Breakfast @ Evangelical

+ COMING UP +

- +Next Sunday 11/7: All Saints Sunday
- +Sunday 11/14: Atonement Council meeting follows worship
- +Wednesday 11/17: Evangelical Council meeting, 12:30pm

+ Quote of the Week +

This life, therefore
is not righteousness
but growth in righteousness;
not health but healing;
not being but becoming;
not rest but exercise.
We are not yet what we shall be
but we are growing toward it;
the process is not yet finished,
but it is going on;
this is not the end,
but it is the road.
All does not yet gleam in glory,
but all is being purified.

-- Martin Luther, 1521

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.

+ALL SAINTS SUNDAY+
November 7th, 2021
Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

If someone special to you has died since last year's All Saints' celebration and you would like to remember that person or someone else of significance in your life at our worship, please fill out the form below and give to Pr. Paul or place in the offering plate. Plan to come forward to light a candle as the name(s) are read.

To be listed in the Worship Folder, names must be received by the OCLP office no later than Wednesday November 3rd. Names received after that will still be read, but may not appear in the printed list.

Name: _____

Date of Death: _____

Name: _____

Date of Death: _____

Name: _____

Date of Death: _____

This form completed by Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

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 9:30 am (Holy Communion 1st and 3rd Sundays + festivals)

Joyce Boyd: President

Donna Brown: Organist

St. John Lutheran Church, West Burlington, NY

Sunday Worship 11:00 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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(texting is often the most effective way to reach pastor)

Services of Healing are usually held on the 5th 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.