

Greater love has no one
than this: to lay down
one's life for one's
friends.

John 15:13

ATONEMENT LUTHERAN CHURCH
ONEONTA, NY

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HARTWICK SEMINARY, NY

ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH
LAURENS, NY

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

+ **Sixth Sunday of Easter** +
(Mother's Day)

WOV Service of Word and Prayer
May 9th, 2021

(* = stand as you are able; LBW = Lutheran Book of Worship-green book;
+ = hymn requests; WOV = With One Voice Hymnal-blue book)

GATHERING

Prelude

* **Opening Hymn**

Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia

Welcome & Parish News

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* **Invocation and Dialog**

The Word is near you

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* **Scripture Song**

Salvation belongs to our God

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(St 1 – women, St 2 – men, Refrain – all)

First Prayer: *(7th Century Gelasian)*

O God, all good things can come from you alone; generously consider then our humble prayers. Inspire us to consider what is true and direct us to accomplish what is right, 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.M/Evan)

WORD

First Lesson: Acts 10:44-48 A lesson from Acts:

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. [45] The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, [46] for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, [47] "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" [48] So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

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

Psalmody: 98 (Tones: single – 54; double – 10)

O sing to the Lord a new song,

for he has done / marvelous things.*

His right hand and his holy arm have gotten him / victory.

The Lord has made known his / victory;*

he has revealed his vindication in the sight / of the nations. He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness

to the house of / Israel.*

All the ends of the earth have seen

the victory / of our God.

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, / all the earth;*

break forth into joyous song and / sing praises.

Sing praises to the Lord / with the lyre,*
with the lyre and the sound of / melody.

With trumpets and the sound / of the horn*

make a joyful noise before the / King, the Lord.

Let the sea roar, and / all that fills it;*
the world and those who / live in it.

Let the floods / clap their hands;*

let the hills sing togeth- / er for joy

at the presence of the Lord, for he is coming
to / judge the earth.*

He will judge the world with righteousness,
and the peoples with / equity.

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 John 5:1-6 A lesson from First John:

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. [2] By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. [3] For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, [4] for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. [5] Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

[6] This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

* **Gospel Acclamation**

Word of Life

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Holy Gospel: John 15:9-17 **Glory to you, O Lord.**

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. [10] If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. [11] I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

[12] "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. [13] No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. [14] You are my friends if you do what I command you. [15] I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. [16] You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever

you ask him in my name. [17] I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

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

Children's Sermon/Homily

Pastor Paul (St. Matthew and Atonement)
ELCA Deacon (Ret.) Sandy Shear (Evangelical and St. John)

* **Hymn of the Day**

When in Our Music God Is Glorified

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RESPONSE TO THE WORD & PRAYER

Apostles' Creed

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Confession & Forgiveness

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* **Sharing the Peace of the Lord**

Offering

Musical Offering

(A)

* **Offertory**

Glory to You God (St.2)

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* **Offertory Prayer:**

Almighty Father, you wait for our faith as we wait for our daily bread. With these offerings, receive our hopeful prayers / that you will bless our farmers and their fields. As our land is greening for another year, help us rejoice in your gift of life. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

* **Prayers of the Church**

First Intercession:

Heavenly Father, we celebrate the love that we know you have for us. We see how dearly Jesus came to love his disciples; and that he wasted no opportunity to serve anyone in need; and finally, he gave his life for us all. We accept that friendship as being meant to include us who welcome his coming to earth. Help us to abide in our remembrance of him, that by faith, hope and love, we may be prepared to be his eternal friends.

Lord's Prayer

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SENDING

* **Benediction**

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Sending Song:

I Know that My Redeemer Lives

LBW #352

(st. 3 – women, st. 4 harmony, st. 5 men)

Dismissal

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

Postlude

Pastors Pericope Paragraph 5/09

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

Love as I have loved you, says Our Lord. Then you are truly my friends. Now go, bear fruit, and love one another (Gospel). Love entails obedience. Obedience comes from faith (trust). Faith in the Truth. And God's Spirit IS Truth! (2d Lesson). The Holy Spirit comes and astounds! Baptism follows (1st lesson).

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!

Monthly Prayer Lists - Please add any names for our weekly prayer list on the Monthly Prayer List form when you pick up your bulletin. WE are called to pray for one another. Help us do that!

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.

+OCLP+

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

Serving Today	Atonement	Evangelical	St. Matthew
Asst. Minister Comm. Asst. Lector Cantor *Altar Care Ushers/Greeters Coffee Hour Acolyte Sound System Bell Ringer Church Cleaner	Christine Brown Joan Carman Pr. Paul Eli England Dennis Sherrill Thomas Mendes	 Len P Cindy L & Joyce Carol B Brunner	Robin Bush

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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), Stan Whitmore (C. Brown), Jeremy Sorese (C. Heaney), Evelyn Hamilton (Lehenbauer), Beth Gilmore (Pudelka), 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)

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: John Laitsch

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), Gloria Hendricks, Susan Howard, John Miller, David Glynn, Len Price, Esther Hughes, Tom Pritchard, Charlie Hughes

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: John & Pam Miller

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), Sherry family, Mike Mauro, Maureen McAndrew (Greenleaf), Mike McAndrew (Greenleaf)

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Patty Rotolo

For Young Adult: Cooper Poulson

+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, Warren Robinson (Messner), Julie Steinmueller (Sandy Shear), Rachel Fisher (Messner), Pr. Ameen Aswad (Jail Ministry), Kerri Gorsch (Messner), Pr. Paul Herpich (Messner), Scott Brasted (Messner), Doug Dutcher (Crouthamel), Brock Patrick Miller (Crouthamel), Dave Platt (Messner), Jim Sippel (Velez), Geoff Murphy (Walters), Steven Morris (Messner), Dave Clapp, Helga Lange (Winkler) , Henry Gregory (St. John)

For those preparing for marriage: Alex Tesariero & Sara Baum

For those preparing for childbirth: Tim & Ali Lehenbauer

For those in the military, law enforcement and emergency services: Oneonta Police Officer Phil Kraft

In the Foothills Conference: Zion Lutheran Church, Cobleskill (Pr. Sarah Lintzner)

National/ International Concerns: all victims of religious, ethnic, and racial hatred and prejudice, for victims of genocide and slavery (Uigher Muslims in China, Tibetan Buddhists, other religious and ethnic minorities); the people of Afghanistan

Natural and Man-Made Disasters: Victims of all debilitating diseases, and those struggling with social isolation; our country in this time of continuing deep division, for those involved in the crisis on our Southern border

For all mothers, grandmothers, mothers in law, God mothers, foster mothers, and all who “mother” us.

**+Blessed are the Dead+
Whom We Commend to the Lord**

+ Jeff Milavec +
(1965 – 2021)

+ Richard Stalker +
(Mary Crouthamel’s brother-in-law)

+ Pr. Richard Niebanck +

+ 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
5/2	20/ 321 \$1455	22/ 370 \$937	19/ 376 \$1205
**	(\$1,290)	(\$705)	(\$1,309)
5/5	2/ 28	1/ 27	9/ 150

**** Needed to meet weekly expenses**

+ OCLP +

+ OCLP RUMMAGE SALES

Evangelical: 9/3-4 & 9/10-11

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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

5/9: Mother's Day

5/13: Ascension Day Worship & Salad Supper, @ Atonement 6pm

5/15: SUNY Oneonta Spring Graduation

+ Coming Up +

5/16: Blessing of Seed & Soil

5/16: St. John Council Meeting follows worship

5/18: Evangelical Women's lunch, location TBA 11:30am

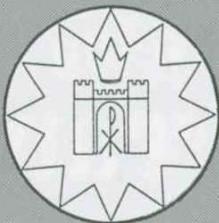
5/19: Evangelical Council Meeting 3:00pm

5/20: Foothills Council Ministerium @ Evangelical

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Thought of the Week

Physical strength is measured by what we can carry, spiritual by what we can bear.



About Being Lutheran

V: Holy Communion: The Sunday Service

Q: *Why is Holy Communion the chief Sunday Service of the Lutheran Church?*

A: Holy Communion (also called the Holy Eucharist, the Lord's Supper, or the Mass by Lutherans) is the ultimate and central worship for Christians, and has been so from the beginning. In this worship, God's Word is proclaimed (1) in audible words, reading and preaching on the Bible; and (2) in the following of Jesus' command, "Do this for the remembrance of me". In no other experience is the presence of Christ promised so fully or ultimately.

Jesus used a Jewish meal to become the vehicle to focus His Presence (I Cor. 11:23-26 and other texts), having identified Himself as Living Bread (St. John 6:48-58). After Easter, He showed Himself to His own at "the Breaking of Bread" (St. Luke 24:13-35). The first Christians shared the Lord's Supper as a part of their regular worship gatherings (Acts 2:42), which were daily in Jerusalem (Acts 2:46). As the Gospel spread, Sunday (called, "The Lord's Day") became the primary day in all Christian communities for this worship, as evidenced in Acts 20:7. The Eucharist was the primary purpose to meet as a Church in Corinth (I Cor. 11:20a) and it was on Sunday (I Cor. 16:2). Pagan and Christian writings alike witness the universal practice of first and second generation Christians celebrating the Eucharist each Sunday before the year 100 (e.g., **The Didache** and the **Letter of Pliny**.)

Though theological and liturgical emphases changed, the chief service of Sunday through the centuries remained Holy Communion until the Reformation (16th century). Martin Luther and his followers, however, continued the practice of weekly Sunday communion, and the **Apology of the Augsburg Confession** stated, "In our churches Mass is celebrated every Sunday and on other festivals."

Later influences created in Lutheranism a situation where weekly Sunday communion was lost in many places. Weekly Communion is again being restored to: (1) more fully obey the command of Christ as witnessed in Scripture, early church practice, and the teaching of the Reformation; (2) make more available the gracious gifts of God given in the sacrament for His baptized people; (3) exhibit more fully the meaning of the Church as "the Body of Christ", seeing the Eucharist as binding together God's people into Christ's Body; (4) respond more fully to the contemporary biblical, liturgical, ecumenical, and confessional movements which have all rediscovered the central place of the Eucharist in the life of the Church; and (5) claim the promises God gives in Communion, which are only available when the command "Do This" is obeyed.

RED GERANIUMS FOR PENTECOST

To have your geraniums (or other red flowers) listed in the bulletin for Pentecost Sunday (May 23rd, 2021), please fill out the form below and return via the offering plate or the parish office (1 Center St., Oneonta NY 13820) by Wednesday May 19th. You may provide your own flowers. Atonement members may bring a check made payable to Atonement Lutheran Church. Cost is \$10.00 per plant, and comes in a six-inch pot if ordering thru your local congregation.

NAME _____ PHONE _____

PENTECOST FLOWERS given (check one)

IN LOVING MEMORY _____ OR IN HONOR OF _____

NAMES _____



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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.