



ATONEMENT LUTHERAN CHURCH
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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

+ **Third Sunday after Epiphany** +
WOV-Service of Word & Prayer
January 22nd, 2023

(* = 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

Gathering Song

Shine, Jesus, Shine

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***Greeting + Dialogue**

In the Beginning . . .

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***Scripture Song**

Salvation Belongs (W st 1, M st 2)

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First Prayer (*7th Century Gelasian*)

Almighty Eternal God, graciously look down on our weakness. Reach out to us with your Majestic Right Hand, and satisfy us with his glory, 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: Isaiah 9:1-4 A lesson from Isaiah:

But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

[2] The people who walked in darkness

have seen a great light;

those who lived in a land of deep darkness--

on them light has shined.

[3] You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy;

they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest,

as people exult when dividing plunder.

[4] For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders,

the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalmody: 27:1, 4-9 (Tones: Single 1 or Double 31)

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom / shall I fear?*

The Lord is the stronghold of my life;

of whom shall I / be afraid?

One thing I asked of the Lord,
that will / I seek after:*

**to live in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life,
to behold the beauty of the Lord,
and to inquire / in his temple.**

For he will hide me in his shelter
in the / day of trouble;*

**he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;
he will set me high / on a rock.**

Now my head is lifted up
above my enemies / all around me,*

**and I will offer in his tent
sacrifices with shouts of joy;
I will sing and make melody / to the Lord.**

Hear, O Lord, when I / cry aloud,*

be gracious to me and / answer me!

"Come," my heart says, / "seek his face!"*

Your face, Lord, / do I seek.

Do not hide your face from me.
Do not turn your servant away in anger,
you who have / been my help.*

**Do not cast me off, do not forsake me,
O God of / my salvation!**

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. 1:10-18 A lesson from First Corinthians:

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. [11] For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. [12] What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." [13] Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? [14] I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, [15] so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. [16] (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) [17] For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

[18] For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**

*Word of Life Jesus Christ
Glory to you, O Lord*

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***Holy Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23**

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. [13] He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, [14] so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

[15] "Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,

on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles--

[16] the people who sat in darkness

have seen a great light,

and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death

light has dawned."

[17] From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

[18] As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea--for they were fishermen. [19] And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." [20] Immediately they left their nets and followed him. [21] As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. [22] Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

[23] Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

The Gospel of the Lord.

*** Gospel Response**

Praise to you, O Christ

Children's Sermon/Homily

Pastor Jess Lambert (A/St.M)

Pastor Paul Messner (E/St.J)

***Hymn of the Day**

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

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***Sharing the Peace**

RESPONSE to the WORD

***Apostles' Creed**

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***Confession and Forgiveness**

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Offering

***Offertory**

Glory to you God (Stanza 1)

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*** Offertory Prayer:**

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Heavenly Father, we present gifts on behalf of all your creatures / to praise you for your generous care. Clarify the vision of our mission to represent you in service to your creation / that you may be known and glorified. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

***Prayers of the Church**

First Intercession:

Eternal God, we glorify you for the great light whom you sent to shine on our hopelessness. In your own Son you have come to end our death, just like the dawn brings us a new day. We thank you for the good news that though he was born in answer to your promise to Israel, yet your love and salvation is for all the people of the earth. Help us to mend our ways to be consistent with our faith that you have redeemed us, and that you will come again to rule us with all your benefits.

***Lord's Prayer**

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SENDING

***Blessing**

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***Recessional Hymn**

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

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Dismissal

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

Postlude

+ Pastors Pericope Paragraph 1/22

Jesus lives in the current reality of His time and its historical antecedents. The remnants of two of the "lost" tribes still have a claim on their ancient territory. It is there, on the shores of the Galilean Sea that Jesus calls His first disciples. They leave family and life's work to become followers of a Rabbi, long after the time to begin such a calling. Good News and healing come to their home region - Jesus' ministry has begun (Gospel). Isaiah knows these territories, too: "People who have walked in darkness - light on them has shined". Destroyed by the Assyrian Empire 150 years earlier, YHWH, through His prophet predicts a bright future of joy (1st Lesson). A "foolish message" of God's power shown in the weakness of crucifixion, should bring God's people together, not cause them to split into factions. A lesson for the Church at all times, and in all places! (2d 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

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, or another ordained pastor, 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; baptized children may begin communing after parents have consulted with Pastor. 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. 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.

Serving Today	Atonement	Evangelical	St. Matthew
Comm. Asst. Asst. Minister Lector Cantor Altar Care Ushers/Greeters Coffee Hour Acolyte Sound System Bell Ringer Church Cleaner	Cindy Heaney Cindy Heaney Becky Milford Denise Richardson Gavin Underwood	Len P Ilse & Dorothy Lane Brunner	Robin Bush JoAnn Winslow

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We welcome Pr. Jess Lambert to lead worship at Atonement and St. Matthew.
Next Sunday SAM* Todd Eames will lead worship at Evangelical and St. John.
*Synodically Authorized Minister

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, John Laitsch, Rebecca Pollack (Joan Carman), Juan Perez (D. Sherrill), Bridgette Shepardson (Thompson), Rene Prins, Heather Mendoza, Grace & Chuck Dietzman, Rita Nelson, Thoranne Winkler, Monica Koulis (Winkler), TJ Dwyer (Sherrill), Mary Ann Ross (Englands), Barbara Loitsch, Sue (M. Messner); Carleen (M. Messner), Valerie England, Alice Burdick, Jennifer Carman, Jaelen (M. Messner), Lisa Cooper (Syvertsen), Harold Goss (Leslie Bauer's father), Martha Messner, Penny Baumann, Frank Bagnardi (Mansbach), Dave Loeffler (Sr.), Lucy (Richardson), Barbara Gee

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Linda Syvertsen

For young adult: Sam Herion

+Evangelical+

For healing in body, mind and spirit in our own congregation: Kathi Yule (C. Butts), 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), Chuck Scorzafava, Martha Messner

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Pr. Paul & Martha Messner

For Young Adult: Kristoff Jaeck

+St. Matthew+

For healing in body, mind and spirit in our own congregation: Scott Forbes, Tina Keator, Sherrie Roy (Lawyer), Barbara Gesile (Lapp), Gina Pywar, Melissa McLaughlin (S. Eggers), Triston (Hahn), Cathy Walsh (Stevens), Mary Hartmann (Nelson), Owen Basher (Marsh), Rennie Brown (Janet), Jason Hahn, Kathy & Rich Parsons, Maureen McAndrew (Greenleaf), Mike McAndrew (Greenleaf), Bernie Sitts Jr. (Klafehn), Jack Anthony (Stevens), Troy Lutz (Bush), Alan Peeters, Isabell Tophoven, Bev Lapp, Corinne Pollak, James Wikoff (Hulbert), Doris Allen (Klafehn), Wayne Bush Sr (Bush), Vicky Vesely (Bush), Martha Messner, Helmut Boehl, Gil Boulay

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Deb & Herb Simmerly

For Young Adult: Catie Cleveland

+Beyond the Parish+

For healing in body, mind and spirit: Jackie Hesse (Lawyer), Rosemary Pepe (Eggers), Dorothy Fernandez, (Eggers), Dick Armstrong, Helga Lange (Winkler), Gina Utter (Thompson), Cathy Deleski (Thompson), Alicia Biesler (Thompson), Margie Ortega (Thompson), Amy Cooper (Messner), Pr Lynn Ash, Cathy Carroll Ziembra (Messner), Joanne Wilms (Mansbach), Jean Ercole (Crouthamel), Deacon Tom Collins, those in hospice care or living in long-term care facilities. Those dealing with Covid, cancer, auto-immune diseases, mental illness, addictions and other debilitating conditions

For those preparing for marriage: John Joslin & Myranda Davies

For those preparing for childbirth: Mentor & Jehona Ferataj

For those in the military, law enforcement and emergency services: the Otsego County Jail Corrections officers

In the Foothills Conference: For all church council members and officers of congregations (name your own)

Natural/Man-made Disasters: Victims of drought in Ethiopia & Afghanistan; victims of violence in our cities, suburbs and rural communities, those struggling with economic conditions, food insecurity, and homelessness

National/ International Concerns: For all refugees and migrants and those contending with the continuing crisis on our southern border, the people of Ukraine, Russia, China, and Iran

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

+ Alex Shields +
(1936-2023)

+ Louie Fish +

+ 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
1/15	27/ 48	9/ 19	28/ 73
**	(\$1,290)	(\$705)	(\$1,309)
1/18	1/ 3	1/ 3	7/ 33

** 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

+Christmas Flowers

Thanks again to all who have beautified our sanctuaries over the Advent/ Christmas/ Epiphany seasons. Please feel free to take your poinsettias anytime. If you would like to deliver them to a shut in need a name, contact Pr. Paul

+Offering Envelopes 2023

Our envelope company has had production issues and so our envelopes still have not come. Please use any envelope to place your offerings in the plate at the door, especially if it is cash, and put your name on it. St. Matthew is considering not having church envelopes in the future. You may also consider giving electronically through your bank as others do. Thanks!

+All active members and friends should normally be receiving our weekly bulletin via email before Sunday each week. If you are not please let the OCLP office or Pastor Paul know. Be sure we have your current email address. TY! If you'd like the bulletin mailed to you because you cannot come to worship and don't have email, or know someone in that situation, let us know the name(s) and mailing address(es). If you wish to add someone to this mailing list, let us know that, too!

+ THIS WEEK +

+Today Sunday 1/22

+Wednesday Services:

7:30am St. Matthew

Noon Evangelical

7:00pm Atonement

11:00am Clergy Bible Study, Christ Church, Cooperstown

+ **COMING UP** +

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday 2/22

Lenten Study: “The Chosen” video series

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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 9:15 am (Holy Communion 1st and 3rd Sundays + festivals)

Tami Pelcer: President

Donna Brown: Organist

St. John Lutheran Church, West Burlington, NY

Sunday Worship 11:15 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)

Ed Winslow: President

Janet Brown: Organist

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Services of Healing are usually held on the 5th Sunday of a month

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<http://otsegocountylutheranparish.com>

Any news/ announcements/ or other information that you wish to have included in the weekly service bulletin must be received by Pr. Paul no later than 9am on Thursday of that week. 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.