



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

+ **Fourth Sunday of Easter** +  
LBW Service of the Word for Healing  
April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023

(\* = 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:**

*Welcome, Happy Morning!*

LBW #153

**\*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:** (*6th Century Leonine -- revised*)

**O God, you make possible the return of those who stray / by revealing your true and only Light. May all who profess the name of Christ / reject all other lords / and follow him as the people of his pasture, 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**

(E/St.M)

## WORD

### **First Lesson: Acts 2:42-47** A reading from Acts:

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

[43] Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. [44] All who believed were together and had all things in common; [45] they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. [46] Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, [47] praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

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

### **Psalmody: 23** (Tones: single 3; double 8)

The Lord / is my shepherd, \*

I / shall not want.

**He makes me lie down / in green pastures; \***

**he leads me be- / side still waters;**

he res- / tores my soul. \*

He leads me in right paths / for his name's sake.

**Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I / fear no**

**evil; \* for you are with me; your rod and your staff--they /**

**comfort me.**

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my / enemies; \*

you anoint my head with oil; my cup / overflows.

**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days /**

**of my life, \* and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my /**

**whole life long.**

**Glory to the Father, and / to the Son, \* and to the / Holy Spirit;**

**as it was in the beginn- / ing, is now, \* and will be forev- / er. Amen.**

### **Second Lesson: 1 Peter 2:19-25**

A reading from First Peter: For it is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. [20] If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. [21] For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. [22] "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." [23] When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. [24] He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. [25] For you were going astray like sheep,

but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls. 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: John 10:1-10**

"Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. [2] The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. [3] The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. [4] When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. [5] They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." [6] Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. [7] So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. [8] All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. [9] I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. [10] The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly. The Gospel of the Lord.

**\* Gospel Response**

*Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God*

WOV #783 (St 3)

**Children's Sermon/Homily**

Deacon (Ret.) Sandy Shear (St. M/ A)

Pr. Paul Messner (St. J/ Ev)

**Hymn of the Day**

*Soon and Very Soon*

WOV #744

**\*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:**

Gracious Father, it is your glory that you can overcome the wildness of your sheep. When we offer you our gifts, confessing joy for the safety of your fold, show us what profit we can bring you / when we no longer stray. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**\* Prayers of the Church**

### **\*First Intercession:**

Almighty Father, we are like helpless sheep in need of your daily care. We praise you for love which is equal to our need, and that under your care we have come to love and trust you in return. By the good news of Easter, help us face whatever seems too much for us. Forgive and overcome our fears which question the safety of your fold. Help us remember the ministry of our Good Shepherd so that we live to celebrate all the glorious things you do.

### **\*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**

WOV #741, 731, 737

(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**

*Thine Is the Glory*

LBW #145

### **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 4/30**

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

Jesus knows his sheep. His sheep know his voice. He is their shepherd AND the lamb of God who offers his life for theirs. In relationship with him we enter into new life – beyond this one, where we hear his loving voice and dwell in his house forever (Gospel). They were “devoted to the apostles’ teaching, to the breaking of bread and the prayers . . . they would distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need . . . and by day the Lord added to their number . . .” The early Christians, Jews, and Greeks, lived in a community together, in faith and love (1<sup>st</sup> lesson). Peter encourages his readers to endure following Christ’s example of patient suffering, because “by his wounds (we) have been healed!” (2<sup>nd</sup> lesson).

### **Weekly Worship Practice:**

When hymns have more than 3 or 4 stanzas we often employ a "varied singing" approach, so that not all stanzas are sung by everyone. This can be fun and helps us to hear and "sing" hymns differently (even when we're not singing but listening as we follow the text-the story- the poetry of the hymn). Singing in this antiphonal way (men/women; organ side/pulpit side, etc.) helps us to hear a hymn in a new way. When we are asked to sing in "harmony" most of us will sing the melody tune, but others the alto, tenor and bass parts so we have a nice 4 part harmony. If you have internet access, Google "singing with Lutherans" by Garrison Keillor to re-learn why we are often called "The Singing Church"

### **All baptized Christians are welcome to God's Table of Grace.**

All the baptized may commune in the OCLP with no age restriction. 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 will lead worship at Atonement & St. Matthew  
 Next Sunday ELCA Deacon (Ret.) Sandy Shear will lead worship at Evangelical & St. John

<b>Serving Today</b>	<b>Atonement</b>	<b>Evangelical</b>	<b>St. Matthew</b>
Asst. Minister			Jim Crouthamel
Comm. Asst.			
Lector	Christine Brown	Ilse S	Cindy Struckle
Cantor	Christine Brown		
*Altar Care	Bob Loitch	Dorothy & Ilse	
Ushers/Greeters	Victor G	Eileen Burda	
Coffee Hour			
Acolyte	Emerson Riley		Paxton Hazzard
Sound System	Brunner	Hazzard	
Bell Ringer			
Church Cleaner			

**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, 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), Barbara Loitsch, Sue (M. Messner); Carleen (M. Messner), Valerie England, Alice Burdick,



Jennifer Carman, Jaelen (M Messner), Lisa Cooper (Syvertsen), Martha Messner, Lucy (Richardson), Barbara Gee, Mark Bauer, Joanne Burdick, (Messner/Dana), Brad Guillerm (Dana), Donna Coyne (Serra-Lima), Janna Benston (Sherrill)

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Sandee Fleisher

For young adult: Daniel 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, Ansley (Butts), Dawn Schidzick

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Gloria Hendricks

For Young Adult: Gunnar 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), Jack Anthony (Stevens), Troy Lutz (Bush), Alan & Linda Peeters, Isabell Tophoven, Corinne Pollak, James Wikoff (Hulbert), Vicky Vesely (Bush), Martha Messner, Helmut Boehl, Frank Wood, Ray Gilmore (Winslow), Judy Berkshire (Crouthamel), Janet Brown, Kevin Bonney

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Carol Evans

For Young Adult: Cordell Shaul

**+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, former President Jimmy Carter, Phil Roberts (Messner), David Wolff, Octavia Bradshaw (Grandparents Toni & Frank Wood), Davilynn Cifonelli (Doane-Nelson)

**For those preparing for marriage:** Christian Hargraves & Kelsie Booker

**For those celebrating childbirth:** Ali & Tim Lehenbauer on the birth of Caden

**For those in the military, law enforcement and emergency services:** Oneonta F.D & E.M.S

**In the Foothills Conference:** St. John Lutheran Church, W. Burlington (Pr. Paul Messner)

**Natural/Man-made Disasters:** Victims of drought in Ethiopia, Somalia & 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 northern & southern borders, the people of Ukraine, Russia, China, Taiwan, and the Sudan

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

Wayne Bush Sr.  
1941 – 2023

Barbara Loitsch  
1932 – 2023

**+ Parish News and Notes +**

+Evangelical

Today is the annual Seminary Sunday at Evangelical, celebrating the heritage and historic connections between Evangelical and Hartwick College - the origins of which go back to the establishment of Hartwick Seminary as the oldest Lutheran Seminary in North America, and our building as the Seminary's chapel from 1839 until the Seminary officially closed during World War II.

We welcome, for the first time, Hartwick's 14<sup>th</sup> President, Darren Reisberg, and anticipate a fruitful relationship under his leadership. We also welcome Hartwick staff, students and alumni who have joined us. This event originated in the annual Seminarians' Reunion, which for decades was held in August each year. Now that there are no more living seminarians to gather,

we renew the connection with this event when 50 year graduates of the college are invited to join us. We always look forward to the Presidents' participation in worship leadership, and his presentation after brunch, of the current state of the college and of the hopes and realities of private colleges in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Thanks also to Devin White, head of Hartwick Food Services (and a member of Atonement, Oneonta), for the lovely brunch we are all invited to, in the Hayes room after worship.

+Evangelical

The list to sign up to mow our lawn is posted on the bulletin list. Pick your favorite month! Thanks!

+St Matthew/ Atonement

The option of coming to the communion rail to receive holy communion returns May 7th. Those coming to the rail will be invited first to receive the sacrament, standing or kneeling. Then the eucharistic ministers will come to the nave (floor) level, for those who wish to continue receiving in that way. Both will receive the sacrament via intinction. We will still offer communion in the pew for those who desire us to come to you. No matter how we receive, it is still the Lord's true body and blood that is "given and shed for you".

+Atonement

Isaiah 2:5 "...come let us walk in the light of the Lord."

At Atonement we are blessed to have wall candelabras to light our way into worship. Thanks to the artistry of Robert Loitsch, the tremulous metal sconces will this Spring be replaced by solid wooden candle holders to light our path.

Six sconces are being crafted, three to grace each side wall of the sanctuary. Their design, in color and shape, will echo the architecture and wood tones of the sanctuary ceiling, furniture and windows. Each sconce will hold three oil-filled pillar candles.

We propose to dedicate this safe, permanent lighting to loved ones who have shown *us* the way of Christ. The approximate cost per sconce is \$500 (construction, candles and oil).

Should you wish to honor or memorialize loved one(s) by donating toward the cost, in part or in whole, of a sconce, plaques noting the donor(s) as well as the honoree(s) for each light will be placed at a designated space in the sanctuary.

Please speak to Pr. Paul, Council President John Mushtare, or Worship and Music convener Peg Serra-Lima regarding your wish to participate in this project. A donation form is available on the literature table for you to specify your loved one(s).

Surely these additions to our sacred space will speak to God's abiding presence and our own gratitude to Jesus, the light on our way to the Father.

+OCLP

"The Chosen" video series, Season 1, is being offered this Spring for anyone (OCLP members/friends and others - invite a friend!)

When - Wednesdays 5:30-6:30 pm

Location - Atonement

Food -Bring movie/finger food snacks to share (popcorn, chips, cheese and crackers) and beverage of choice.

Who: All Welcome!

Coming Up - Season 2 Fall 2023 & Season 3 Spring 2024

+OCLP

Rummage Sales are happening in our Parish. They're fun, helpful and a good way to be involved.

-Atonement Spring Sale - 9am-2pm Saturday, May 13

We are looking for volunteers to assist. If interested please call 607-432-7532

Cindy Heaney, Coordinator.

Bring items any time to the downstairs fellowship Hall

-St John Spring Sale, Friday May 5, 9- 4; Saturday May 6, 9-1.

Lynn Hecker, Elsie Wells, Coordinators

Bring items any time to the fellowship hall

-Evangelical Fall Rummage Sale, Friday/Saturday, September 1-2; Friday/Saturday Sept 8-9

Lee Sliviak and Carol Butts, Coordinators

bring items anytime to the downstairs Hayes Room

Thanks!

+OCLP

The OCLP office is in the process of updating the mailing lists for our congregations. If you would like to receive an electronic copy of the weekly service bulletin, as well as other announcements about special events please submit the following to the OCLP office ASAP: your name, home congregation, and email address. Thank you for your cooperation!

**+ 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	St. John
4/23	25/ 422	13/ 239	24/ 395	7/ 115
4/26	3/ 62	1/ 39	8/ 156	
**	<b>(\$1,290)</b>	<b>(\$850)</b>	<b>(\$1,309)</b>	

\*\* Needed to meet weekly expenses

### + THIS WEEK +

Sun 4/30 - Healing Service (invite others!)

Seminary Sunday at Evangelical - Hartwick College President Darren Reissberg present.  
College sponsored brunch follows worship.

Tuesday 5/2 - First Tuesday supper @ St Matthew – Theme: Picnic Foods

Wednesday Services:

7:30am St. Matthew

10:30am Clergy Bible Study, Christ Church, Cooperstown

Noon Evangelical

7:00pm Atonement

Wednesday 5/3 – The Chosen Season 1, Episode 3 Atonement 5:30pm

Thursday 5/4 - 5:00pm - St Matt Worship and Music Comm; 7pm St Matt Council

Sat. 5/6 - 9 AM Spring Altar Server Training, Atonement

10:30 AM - First (of 4) "Back to Basics" New & Renewing Members class - 10:30 am, @  
Atonement

Please register using the forms on the literature table

+ **COMING UP** +

+Sunday May 7, Holy Communion

Option to receive Communion at the altar rail resumes (St Matthew and Atonement

+Wednesday 5/10 - midweek worship, Clergy B St

The Chosen, Season 1, Episode 4...

+Thursday 6:30 pm - Men's Dining Out, Upstate Bar & Grill, Cooperstown

+Saturday May 13 - Atonement Spring Rummage Sale, 9am-2pm

"Back to Basics" New & Renewing class 2, 10:30 am, St John

+Sunday May 14, Easter 6, Service of Word & Prayer- Mother's Day/ Church Music Sunday

Foothills Conference Ministerium meeting @ Atonement, 9:30-am to Noon

3:30 pm - Evangelical Council

+Saturday May 20 OCLP Deacons' Breakfast, 8:30 am, St Matt

10 AM - Acolyte/Crucifer Training, St Matt

11Am - "Back to Basics" Class 3, St Matt

+Sunday May 21, Easter 7

(Last Sunday of Easter; Holy Communion, Extinguishing of the Paschal Candle)

**Smile of the Week**

Adam and Eve had an ideal marriage. He didn't have to hear about all the men she could have married, and she didn't have to hear about the way his mother cooked.

+OCLP

This summer the OCLP office will be updating our membership records and creating a new directory for each of our member churches. To assist in this matter, all members are requested to submit the following information. Please fill out the following form for each member of your family using one form per person. Submissions should be received by the OCLP office no later than Sunday June 4<sup>th</sup>.

Congregation \_\_\_\_\_

Senior \_\_\_ Adult \_\_\_ Young Adult \_\_\_ Youth \_\_\_ Friend of \_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ (Cell) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please do not include the following information in the directory  
(Your name will still be listed in the membership roster)

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

I would be interested in receiving a digital copy of the directory

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

I would be interested in receiving a physical copy of the directory

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

## **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 9:15 am (Holy Communion 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays + festivals)  
Tami Pelcer: President  
Donna Brown: Organist

St. John Lutheran Church, West Burlington, NY  
Sunday Worship 11:15 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)  
Ed Winslow: President  
Janet Brown: Organist

Parish Office: One Center Street, Oneonta, NY  
Tel: 607-432-6852 E-mail: [OCLP\\_NY@outlook.com](mailto:OCLP_NY@outlook.com)  
Office Hours: Monday – Friday, 11:00am – 3:00pm  
Office Manager: Kenneth Sliviak  
Pastor: Paul R. Messner, 607-287-4534  
[prpaul\\_theoinst@hotmail.com](mailto:prpaul_theoinst@hotmail.com)  
(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

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