

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

+ **Sixth Sunday after Pentecost** +

Holy Communion (LBW Setting 1)  
July 4<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

\* **Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness**

\* **Entrance Hymn** *Battle Hymn of the Republic*

\* **Apostolic Greeting & Kyrie**

\* **Hymn of Praise**

*This is the Feast*

(St 1 – Women, St 2 – Men, Refrain – all)

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

**O God, you never defeat yourself as you perfectly provide for all that you create. Remove from our way all that is harmful / and give us what will profit / that we may share in your invincible grace. 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: Ezekiel 2:1-5 A lesson from Ezekiel:

He said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you. [2] And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. [3] He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. [4] The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, "Thus says the Lord God." [5] Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalmody 123 (Tones: 52-single; 8-double)

To you I lift / up my eyes,\*

O you who are enthroned / in the heavens!

**As the eyes of servants look to the hand / of their master,\***

**as the eyes of a maid to the hand / of her mistress,**

so our eyes look to the / Lord our God,\*

until he has / mercy upon us.

**Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have / mercy upon us,\***

**for we have had more than enough / of contempt.**

Our soul has had more than its fill of the scorn of those who / are  
at ease,\* of the contempt / of the proud.

**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: 2 Cor. 12:2-10**

A lesson from Second Corinthians:

I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven--whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. [3] And I know that such a person--whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows-- [4] was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. [5] On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. [6] But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, [7] even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. [8] Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, [9] but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. [10] Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

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

\* **Alleluia Verse**

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**Holy Gospel: Mark 6:1-13    **Glory to you, O Lord.****

He left that place and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. [2] On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! [3] Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. [4] Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." [5] And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. [6] And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. [7] He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. [8] He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; [9] but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. [10] He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. [11] If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." [12]

So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. [13] They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

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

**Children's Sermon/Homily**

Pastor Jim Crouthamel (A/St.M)

Deacon Robin Bush (E/St.J)

**\*Hymn of the Day**

*God of Our Fathers*

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**RESPONSE**

**\* Apostles' Creed**

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**First Intercession:**

Almighty Father, we worship you because of your great love which proved itself through inexhaustible and timeless effort. So also when Jesus was rejected by his own, you sent him to preach to others so that not all would be lost. Remember us who are already baptized in your name and are thus called to preach by loving service. Increase in us the power of your Spirit so that Jesus may be recognized in us, leading others to trust your presence to save.

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

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**Offering**

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**Musical Offering**

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**\* Offertory**

*Let the Vineyards . . .*

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**\* Offertory Prayer:**

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Almighty Father, you rule the world with seasons / in a symphony of birth and growth, of play and rest. We who span the seasons and the years, bring these offerings to confess and worship you for giving every kind of bread. 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**

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**\* Post Communion Blessing & Canticle**

*Thank the Lord . . .*

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**\* Post-Communion Prayer:**

O Lord, you invite the weary and the heavy burdened / to come and feast on you; and through your saving sign we have been refreshed. May others see our peace and trust the rest we find in you. We bless you now and evermore. **Amen.**

**Sending**

**\*Benediction**

**\*Recessional Hymn**

*Onward, Christian Soldiers*

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**Dismissal**

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

**Postlude**

**Pastors Pericope Paragraph Second Sunday after Pentecost 7/4**

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

It seems people are easily offended today... Nothing new. Jesus' hometown extended family, neighbors and boyhood friends "took offense at Him". They even blocked His healing ministry ("...And He could do no deed of power there..."). He goes elsewhere and commissions disciples (us!) to go and do deeds of power - and they did. Do we?(Gospel ). God sends mere mortals to speak His word - whether others hear or refuse to listen (1st Lesson). What was Paul's "thorn in the flesh"? Whatever it was it impeded him. God's response: "my power is made perfect in weakness" (2d Lesson).

**Weekly Worship Practice:**

We gather weekly in reverence and awe, in joy and thanksgiving, in hope and peace. We come seeking forgiveness and reconciliation-inspiration and a sense of God's presence. We depart renewed, refreshed and recommitted to serve all God's people in need, as we have opportunity. We come open to God's giving. Having received we depart to share that with which God has blessed us.

**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.

**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.

<b>Serving Today</b>	<b>Atonement</b>	<b>Evangelical</b>	<b>St. Matthew</b>
Assisting Minister	Peg Serra-Lima	Mark Howard	
Comm. Asst.	Chris Brown	Cindy L	
Lector	Ed Pixley	Ilse S	
Cantor	Ed Pixley		
*Altar Care	Bob Loitsch	Ilse & Dorothy	
Ushers/Greeters	John Mushtare	Dorothy	
Coffee Hour			
Acolyte	Ethan Tamming	Mia Pelcer	Kayla Joubert
Sound System		Lane	
Bell Ringer			
Church Cleaner			

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

**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), Ken Nye (S. Dana), Jeremy Sorese (C. Heaney), Evelyn Hamilton (Lehenbauer), 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), Joan Carman

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Ed Pixley

For young adult: Sam Sherrill

**+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 (son), Esther Hughes, Tom Pritchard, Charlie Hughes, Pete Lane

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Elise Zayat (Oklahoma)

For Young Adult: Patrick Duffy

**+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), Maureen McAndrew (Greenleaf), Mike McAndrew (Greenleaf), Kathy Forbes, Mike Keator

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

For Young Adult: Catie Cleveland

**+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, Julie Steinmueller (Sandy Shear), Rachel Fisher (Messner), Kerri Gorsch (Messner), Doug Dutcher (Crouthamel), Jim Sippel (Velez), Geoff Murphy (Walters), Steven Morris (Messner), Helga

Lange (Winkler), Henry Gregory (St. John), Lacey Hecker (St. John), Elise Zayat, Pete Bade

**For those celebrating marriage:** Leah Holt & Wolfgang Shafer; Eric Vandenberg & Abby Forman today in New Jersey (Pr. Paul presiding)

**For those preparing for childbirth:** Kyle & Jillian (Skidmore) Besemer

**For those in the military, law enforcement and emergency services:** Anthony Casimano (NYS Troopers)

**In the Foothills Conference:** For our church secretaries, office staff, for sextons/custodians, property and finance committees (name your own), especially our Office Manager Ken Sliviak

**National/ International Concerns:** all victims of religious, ethnic, and racial hatred and prejudice, for victims of genocide and slavery; the people of Afghanistan, Israel & Palestine (for Jews, Muslims, & Christians in the Holy Land); victims of anti-Semitism and anti-Asian hatred; for those involved in the continuing crisis on our Southern border; our country in this time of continuing deep division

**Natural and Man-Made Disasters:** Victims of all debilitating diseases, and those struggling with social isolation; victims of the apartment building collapse in Miami, FL

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

+ 26 Police Officers killed in the line of duty so far in 2021 +

+ Donald Gary Hulbert +  
(1949 – 2021)

+ Wes Coddington +

**+ Parish News and Notes +**

**+ Disaster Response:** The COVID-19 Pandemic is running amok in India & elsewhere, and there are still those feared dead and missing in Miami. To contribute to Lutheran World Relief efforts in crisis situations anytime, use a Lutheran Disaster Response envelope. Make check payable to your congregation, and designate the crisis to which you are contributing. Thank you.



**+ 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**

(Last Week/ Year to Date)

Date	Atonement	Evangelical	St. Matthew
6/27	18/ 481	31/ 546	22/ 538
**	<b>\$1290</b>	<b>\$705</b>	<b>\$1309</b>
6/30	1/ 38	1/ 35	6/ 192

**\*\* Needed to meet weekly expenses**

**+ OCLP +**

**+Evangelical**

From now through Labor Day, members of Evangelical Lutheran Church are gathering items for personal care kits which will be sent to the Lutheran World Relief program for distribution to those in need. If you would like to assist in this matter, please collect the following items:

- Dark color, light-weight bath-size towel (between 20”x 40” and 52”x27”) – one per kit
- Bath size bars of soap equaling 8 to 9 oz.
- Any brand in original wrapping – 2 or 3 per kit
- Adult -size toothbrush in original packing; multi-packs may be used if each individual toothbrush is sealed in a business-size envelope - one per kit
- Sturdy comb – one per kit
- Metal nail clippers (attached file optional) - one per kit

Items are to be placed in the designated collection bin at the rear of the sanctuary for assembly into kits in the Fall. Thank You!

**+Evangelical & St. John**

We are considering a change of times, to allow more time for Pr. Paul and our Supply Worship leaders to get between Evangelical and St. John on time, while also allowing time to enjoy fellowship with the Evangelical family. You have received (in person, or in your church mailbox) or will receive in the mail a survey on the topic. Please return yours at worship via the offering plate, place in Pr. Paul’s mailbox, or mail them to the OCLP main office.

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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 +**

+ Today Sunday July 4<sup>th</sup>: Independence Day

+ Monday – Thursday: Pr. Paul on vacation

+ Wednesday Services:

7:30am St. Matthew

Noon Evangelical

7:00pm Atonement

+ Saturday 7/10: Atonement Worship & Music Committee meeting, 9:30am

While Pr. Paul is away, Pr. Jim Crouthamel is on call for pastoral emergencies  
(607) 293-7729

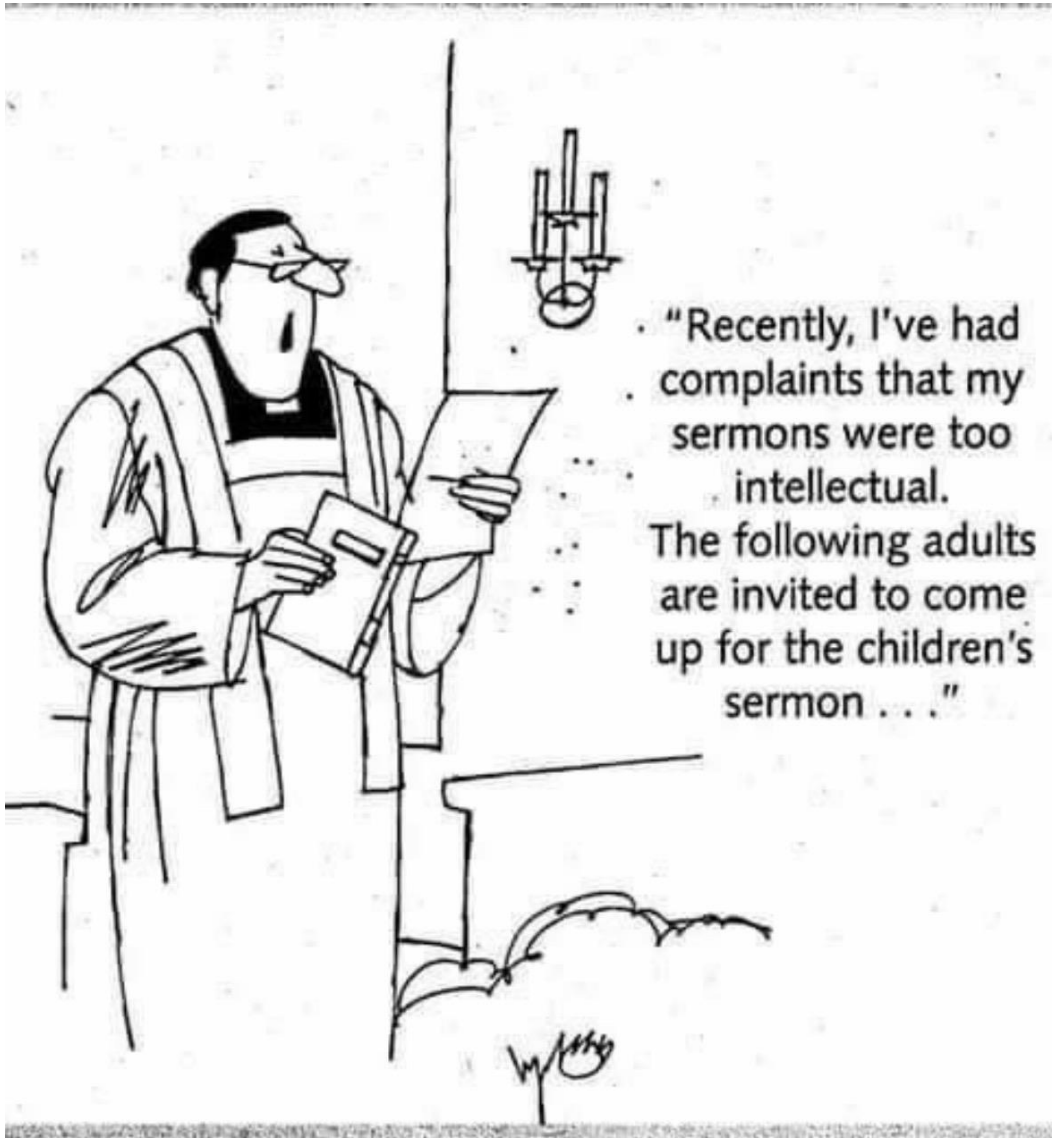
**+ COMING UP +**

+ Next Sunday July 11<sup>th</sup>: Coffee Hour resumes at St. Matthew (non-HC Sundays)

+ Next Sunday July 11<sup>th</sup>: Sacrament of Holy Baptism at Atonement

+ 30<sup>th</sup> Hartwick Seminary Summer Institute of Theology, at Hartwick College, 7/25 – 7/30

+ Cartoon of the Week +



## **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> weekends + festivals)

John Mushtare: President

Leslie Bauer: Organist

Barbara Loitsch: Choir Director

Evangelical Lutheran Church, Hartwick Seminary, NY

Sunday Worship 9:30 am (Holy Communion 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> weekends + festivals)

Joyce Boyd: President

Donna Brown: Organist

St. John Lutheran Church, West Burlington, NY

Sunday Worship 11:00 am (Holy Communion 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> weekends + 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> weekends + 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 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of a month



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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.