



ON THIS ROCK I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH

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

+ **Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost** +  
WOV Service of Word & Prayer  
August 27<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**

**Welcome**

**Parish News**

**Gathering Song**

*What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine*

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**\*Greeting + Dialogue**

*The Word is Near You*

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**\*Scripture Song**

*Salvation Belongs (W st 1, M st 2)*

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**First Prayer** (*7th Century Galasian*)

**Care for your Church, O Lord, with perpetual mercy. Since we totter and are sure to fall without your grace, remove what will harm us and arrange what will make us whole, 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**

## WORD

**First Lesson: Isaiah 51:1-6** A lesson from Isaiah:

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness,  
you that seek the Lord.

Look to the rock from which you were hewn,  
and to the quarry from which you were dug.

[2] Look to Abraham your father  
and to Sarah who bore you;

for he was but one when I called him,  
but I blessed him and made him many.

[3] For the Lord will comfort Zion;  
he will comfort all her waste places,  
and will make her wilderness like Eden,  
her desert like the garden of the Lord;  
joy and gladness will be found in her,  
thanksgiving and the voice of song.

[4] Listen to me, my people,  
and give heed to me, my nation;  
for a teaching will go out from me,  
and my justice for a light to the peoples.

[5] I will bring near my deliverance swiftly,  
my salvation has gone out  
and my arms will rule the peoples;

the coastlands wait for me,  
and for my arm they hope.  
[6] Lift up your eyes to the heavens,  
and look at the earth beneath;  
for the heavens will vanish like smoke,  
the earth will wear out like a garment,  
and those who live on it will die like gnats;  
but my salvation will be forever,  
and my deliverance will never be ended.  
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalmody: 138** (Tones: Single 26 or Double 9)

I give you thanks, O Lord, with / my whole heart;\*  
before the gods I / sing your praise;

**I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast  
love / and your faithfulness;\***  
**for you have exalted your name and your word  
above / everything.**

On the day I called, you / answered me,\*  
you increased my / strength of soul.

**All the kings of the earth shall praise / you, O Lord,\*  
for they have heard the words / of your mouth.**

They shall sing of the ways / of the Lord,\*  
for great is the glory / of the Lord.

**For though the Lord is high, he re- / gards the lowly;\***  
**but the haughty he perceives from / far away.**

Though I walk in the midst of trouble,  
you preserve me against the wrath of my / enemies;\*  
you stretch out your hand, and your right hand de- / livers me.

**The Lord will fulfill his pur/pose for me;\***  
**your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever.**

**Do not forsake the work / of your hands.**  
**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: Romans 12:1-8** A lesson from Romans:

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. [2] Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God--what is good and acceptable and perfect. [3] For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to

think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. [4] For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, [5] so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. [6] We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; [7] ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; [8] the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness. 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 16:13-20**

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" [14] And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." [15] He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" [16] Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." [17] And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. [18] And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. [19] I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." [20] Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**\* Gospel Response**

*Praise to you, O Christ*

**Children's Sermon/Homily**

Pr. Paul Messner (A/St.M)  
Deacon Dave Forbes (E/St.J)

**\*Hymn of the Day**

*Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*

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**RESPONSE to the WORD**

**\*Apostles' Creed**

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**\*Confession and Forgiveness**

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**\*Sharing the Peace**

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**Offering**

**\*Offertory**

*Glory to you God (stz. 3)*

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**\* Offertory Prayer:**

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Father in heaven, you fatten nature for its winter fast which shows the folly of our fear as we work for daily bread. Accept these offerings made in hope and lead us to glory in your faithful care, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**\*Prayers of the Church**

**First Intercession:**

Almighty Father, we thank you for the church which your son set in order for us by choosing and teaching the apostles, providing the foundation of your kingdom. To this day you continue to call and send new pastors to prepare for the kingdom. Sanctify and inspire all your shepherds so that every Christian may have the certainty of salvation and a living sign of faith, hope and love.

**\*Additional Prayers**

**\*Lord's Prayer**

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**SENDING**

**\*Blessing**

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**\*Recessional Hymn**

*O Christ the Same*

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**Dismissal**

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

**Postlude**

**Pastors Pericope Paragraph 8/27**

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

Who IS He? Peter answers: the Messiah, Son of the Living God! On this faith, God builds His church to this day! (Gospel). "My salvation will be forever, and my deliverance will never be ended". Good news for us all! (1<sup>st</sup> lesson). We are one body, each with different functions to help the body thrive. Our gifts differ, but each is needed and valued...(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.

**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 Deacon Dave Frobes to lead worship at Evangelical & St. John  
 Next Sunday SAM Tom Collins will lead worship at Atonement & St. Matthew

<b>Serving Today</b>	<b>Atonement</b>	<b>Evangelical</b>	<b>St. Matthew</b>
Asst. Minister			Dave Forbes
Comm. Asst.			
Lector	Christine Brown	Esther H	Nancey Boulay
Cantor	Christine Brown		
*Altar Care	Becky Milford	Carol B & Dorothy	
Ushers/Greeters	Denise Richardson	Eileen B	
Coffee Hour			
Acolyte	Emerson Riley		
Sound System		Lane	
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), Valerie England, Jennifer Carman, Lisa Cooper (Syvertsen), Janna Benston (Sherrill), Gary

Williams, Jill A. (Cindy), Jason Pallack (Carman), Barb Delaney (Serra-Lima/ Winkler), Stash Tarka (Thompson), Ed (Joe Sherrill), Doug & Barbara Gee

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Dorothy Vay

For young adult: Alison Heaney

**+Evangelical+**

For healing in body, mind and spirit in our own congregation: 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), Ansley (Butts), Wendy Wenck Craighill (Miller), Julie Sharrett, Lynne Hecker

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Shirley Gomiller

For Young Adult: Hazel Lippitt

**+St. Matthew+**

For healing in body, mind and spirit in our own congregation: Scott Forbes, Tina Keator, Sherrie Roy (Lawyer), Barbara Gesile, Gina Pywar, Melissa McLaughlin (S. Eggers), Cathy Walsh (Stevens), 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, Corinne Pollak, James Wikoff (Hulbert), Vicky Vesely (Bush), Helmut Boehl, Ray Gilmore (Winslow), Anna Elwyn (Rose Nelson), Ellie Bauman, Carol Evans, Patti Hulbert

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Jo-Ann & Ed Winslow

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, Gina Utter (Thompson), Cathy Deleski (Thompson), Alicia Biesler (Thompson), Margie Ortega (Thompson), Pr Lynn Ash, former President Jimmy Carter & 1<sup>st</sup> Lady Rosalyn Carter, David Wolff, Davilynn Cifonelli (Doane-Nelson), Kathryn Morris (Messner), Sue Stevens (Mansbach), Joe Bales (Messner), Dave Powell (Simmerly), The Rev Richard Johnson (STS, Lutheran Forum Letter, editor), The Rev Pari Bailey (STS Treasurer), Robert Potter (Crouthamel)

**For those celebrating marriage:** Maria (Cooper) & Russell Romero

**For those preparing for childbirth:** Ryan & Jackie Manning

**For those in the military, law enforcement and emergency services:** Eric Berger, Lieutenant Oneonta PD

**In the Foothills Conference:** Women of the ELCA in our congregations/ conferences and all women's ministries; for Lutheran Men in Mission and all men's ministries

**Natural/Man-made Disasters:** 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, Israel, Palestine, and Niger (following a coup)

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

+ Steven Katalina +  
(1993 – 2023)

**+ 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.

**+OCLP** Fire & Hurricanes out west

Reminder that if you wish to make a donation to the Maui, Hawaii fire disaster, and/ or to the assistance with the aftermath of the flooding on the west coast from Hurricane Hillary, please:

- ❖ Use a disaster response, or plain envelope
- ❖ Make a check to your congregation, or use cash
- ❖ Designate to Lutheran World Relief or Lutheran Disaster Response
- ❖ Place it in the offering plate, or mail to your congregation

Thank you for being a blessing!



## Attendance & Offering Statistics

Date	Atonement	Evangelical	St. Matthew	St. John
8/20	18/ 846	14/ 512	25/ 721	7/ 215
8/23	1/ 99	1/ 59	6/ 273	
**	<b>(\$1,290)</b>	<b>(\$850)</b>	<b>(\$1,309)</b>	

\*\* Needed to meet weekly expenses

### + THIS WEEK +

+ Today Sunday 8/27– Service of Word & Prayer  
Atonement Council Meeting follows worship

+ Wednesday Services  
7:30am St. Matthew – worship  
10:30am Clergy Bible Study, Christ Church, Cooperstown  
Noon Evangelical – devotions  
7:00pm Atonement – worship

+Thursday 8/24

+ Saturday 9/1 – 9/2  
Evangelical Fall Rummage Sale

### + COMING UP +

+ Next Sunday 9/3 – Holy Communion  
“Sundae Sunday” St. Matthew community event follows worship

+ Friday – Saturday 9/8-9  
Evangelical Fall Rummage Sale

+ Wednesday 9/6  
“The Chosen” video series beings at Atonement

+ Thursday 9/7  
St. Matthew council meeting, 7:00 pm

+ Sunday 9/10  
OCLP Emergency Services Sunday

+ Monday 9/11  
OCLP Craft Group @ Eileen Burda's, Marble Rd., Richfield Springs

+ **BIBLE VERSE OF THE WEEK** +

"Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls."

1 Peter: 1:8-9

# OCLP DIRECTORY UPDATES

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 ASAP.

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

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

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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

<http://facebook.com/oclpny/>

<http://otsegocountylutheranparish.com>

Any news/ announcements/ or other information t

hat 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.