



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

+ **Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost** +
Emergency Services Sunday
WOV Service of Word and Prayer
September 12th, 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**

* **Invocation and Dialog**

* **Scripture Song**

Here in This Place

You Are the Treasured People

Salvation belongs to our God

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

Welcome & Parish News

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First Prayer: *(7th Century Gelasian)*

O Lord, help your people to avoid the infection of the evil one / and with pure hearts to follow you our only Lord. 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: Isaiah 50:4-9a A lesson from Isaiah:

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he wakens--wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.

[5] The Lord God has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward.

[6] I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

[7] The Lord God helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;

therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;

[8] he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me.

[9] It is the Lord God who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

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

Psalmody: 116:1-9 (Tones: single – 54; double – 10)

I / love the Lord,*

because he has heard my voice and my / supplications.

Because he inclined his / ear to me,*

therefore I will call on him as long / as I live.

The snares of death en- / compassed me;*

the pangs of Sheol laid / hold on me;

I suffered dis- / tress and anguish. *

Then I called on the name / of the Lord:

O / Lord, I pray,* / save my life!"

Gracious is the / Lord, and righteous;*

our God is / merciful.

The Lord pro- / tects the simple;*

when I was brought low, / he saved me.

Return, O my soul, / to your rest,*

for the Lord has dealt bountiful- / ly with you.

For you have delivered my / soul from death,*

my eyes from tears, my / feet from stumbling.

I walk be- / fore the Lord * in the land / of the living.

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: James 3:1-12 A lesson from James:

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. [2] For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. [3] If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. [4] Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. [5] So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! [6] And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. [7] For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, [8] but no one can tame the tongue--a restless evil, full of deadly poison. [9] With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. [10] From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. [11] Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? [12] Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

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

Holy Gospel: Mark 8:27-38 Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" [28] And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." [29] He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." [30] And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

[31] Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. [32] He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. [33] But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

[34] He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. [35] For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. [36] For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? [37] Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? [38] Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

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

Children's Sermon/Homily

Pastor Paul Messner (Evangelical and St. John)
Deacon Todd Eames (St. Matthew & Atonement)

* **Hymn of the Day**

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

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RESPONSE TO THE WORD & PRAYER

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* **Sharing the Peace of the Lord**

Offering

Musical Offering

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* **Offertory**

Glory to You God (St.3)

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* **Offertory Prayer:**

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Eternal Father, your Son brought nothing into this world / giving us an opportunity to serve you. Show us the needs he still has among us / that we may prove our love and our hope in you. Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

* Prayers of the Church

First Intercession:

Eternal Father, wise but mysterious in your creation and care of all that exists, holy but merciful in your faithful effort to provide even for those who have gone astray, glorious but forgiving to all who need your redeeming love so as to live, we praise and bless you for giving us your Son. In him we can see how much suffering and pain you carry because of your love for us. Help us with our shame and our struggle to be holy by convincing us of the genuineness of your love and the certainty of your victory.

Lord's Prayer

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SENDING

* Benediction

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Sending Song:

Battle Hymn of the Republic

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Dismissal

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

Postlude

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Pastors Pericope Paragraph 9/12

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

"Who do people say...?" "Who do YOU say...?" Peter blurts out the truth: You are the Messiah! Jesus tells what this means. Peter doesn't like the implications of his own proclamation. Jesus asks: what is truly important to you? (Gospel). The Servant of God suffers for His faithfulness to YHWH. YHWH vindicates Him (1st lesson). The tongue is used to bless and curse. Not God's intention...Teachers: beware! (2d lesson).

Weekly Worship Practice:

When entering the sanctuary, please do so in a quiet manner so as not to disturb parishioners who choose to pray and reflect silently before the service begins. Coffee hour provides a warm and receptive environment for fellowship and conversation. Thank you!

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 or education 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.

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.

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+ We welcome Deacon Todd Eames to lead worship at Atonement and St. Matthew
Next week Deacon Tom Collins will lead worship at Evangelical and St. John

Readings Through This Week

See website: <https://www.otsegocountylutheranparish.com>

| Serving Today | Atonement | Evangelical | St. Matthew |
|----------------------|------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Asst. Minister | | | Jim Crouthamel |
| Comm. Asst. | | | |
| Lector | Joan Carman | Gabe L | Sara Eggers |
| Cantor | Peg Serra-Lima | | |
| *Altar Care | Christine Brown | Carol B & Esther | |
| Ushers/Greeters | Dennis Sherrill | Shirley G | |
| Coffee Hour | | | Martha Circle A |
| Acolyte | Stevie Mendes | Paxton Hazzard | Alicia Stevens |
| Sound System | | Lane | |
| Bell Ringer | | | |
| Church Cleaner | | | |

+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), Jeremy Sorese (C. Heaney), Evelyn Hamilton (Lehenbauer), Rene Prins, Thomas Mendez, Heather Byrnes, Charlotte Grant, Grace & Chuck Dietzman, Barbara Loitsch, Rita Nelson, Elizabeth Robinson (Messner), Micheal George (Brown), Thorane Winkler

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Joan Carman

For young adult: Carly King

+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 & Pam Miller, David Glynn, Len Price (son), Esther Hughes, Tom Pritchard, Tad Mahoney, Micheal George (Brown), Bill Jacobson (D. Brown), Carl Hecker

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

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, Mary Hartmann (Nelson), Kent Hoyt Jr. (Ganio), Owen Basher (Marsh), Rennie Brown (Janet), Jason Hahn, Kathy & Rich Parsons, Karen Smith, Joe Hartmann, Terri Ibelli (Wood), Robert & Patricia Psaltz (Sherry), Maureen McAndrew (Greenleaf), Mike McAndrew (Greenleaf), Fred Veseley, Cathy (Struckle)

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Rose Nelson

For Young Adult: Courtney Sherry

+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, Rachel Fisher (Messner), Doug Dutcher (Crouthamel), Geoff Murphy (Walters), Helga Lange (Winkler), Elise Zayat, Kelsey Kohler (Mansbach), Judy Carnal (Dana), Gina Utter (Thompson), Cathy Deleski (Thompson), Alicia Biesler (Thompson), Margie Ortega (Thompson), Amy Cooper (Messner)

For those preparing for marriage: Ericha and Brian Sapp

For those preparing for childbirth: Joanne Rappleveya & Derek Matolka

For those in the military, law enforcement and emergency services: On this 20th anniversary weekend of the events of September 11, 2001, we remember all who died at the Pentagon, Washington D.C.; the Twin Towers, N.Y.C. and in Shanksville, PA; and all those who protect us in the military, law enforcement and emergency services (first responders)

In the Foothills Conference: For all law enforcement and emergency services personnel, (State troopers, County Sheriff, local police, fire and rescue personnel, and all jail and prison ministries). Military Chaplains and those serving in the armed forces (name your own)

For the Rev. Lee Miller II, new Bishop, Upstate NY Synod

For our Jewish Brothers and Sisters as they observe Rosh Hoshannah (New Year's) and Yom Kippur (the Day of Atonement)

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

Natural and Man-Made Disasters: Victims of all debilitating diseases, and those struggling with social isolation; victims of earthquakes, floods, droughts, and shootings in our cities

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

+ Trey Killenberger,+
(2009-2021)

+ Karin Rollins +
(1943-2021)

+ Kathleen Liitt +
(1951-2021)

+ Hunter Hornbeck +
(2014-2021)

+ The Rev Philip H. Pfatteicher +
(compiler of "New Book of Festivals and Commemorations:
A Proposed Common Calendar of Saints")

+ Lt. Bradley A. Foster, California +
Age 29

+ Lt. Paul R. Fridley, Virginia +
Age 28

+ Naval Air Crewman 2nd Class James P. Buriak, Virginia +

+ Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class Sarah F. Burns, Maryland +
Age 31

+ Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class Bailey J. Tucker, Missouri +
Age 21

+ 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 |
|------|------------------|----------------|------------------|
| 9/5 | 14/ 649 \$5625 | 16/ 714 | 18/ 725 \$1664 |
| ** | (\$1,290) | (\$705) | (\$1,309) |
| 9/8 | 1/ 51 | 1/ 43 | 7/ 244 |

**** 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

+ THIS WEEK +

Today 9/12: Emergency Services Sunday

+Wednesday Services:

7:30am St. Matthew

Noon Evangelical

7:00pm Atonement

Thursday 9/16: Foothills Conference Ministerium, Canajoharie, 10:30am

Thursday 9/16: St. Matthew Food Distribution, 4pm

Thursday 9/16: OCLP Men's Dinner, Alfresco's, Main St. Oneonta, 6:30pm

Saturday 9/11: Installation, the Rev. Lee Miller II as 5th Bishop, Upstate NY Synod

+ Coming Up +

Next Sunday 9/19: Holy Communion

Next Sunday 9/19: Sacrament of Holy Baptism, St. Matthew

Next Sunday 9/19: OCLP Council (all council members & officers from our congregations)
St. Matthew, 1pm

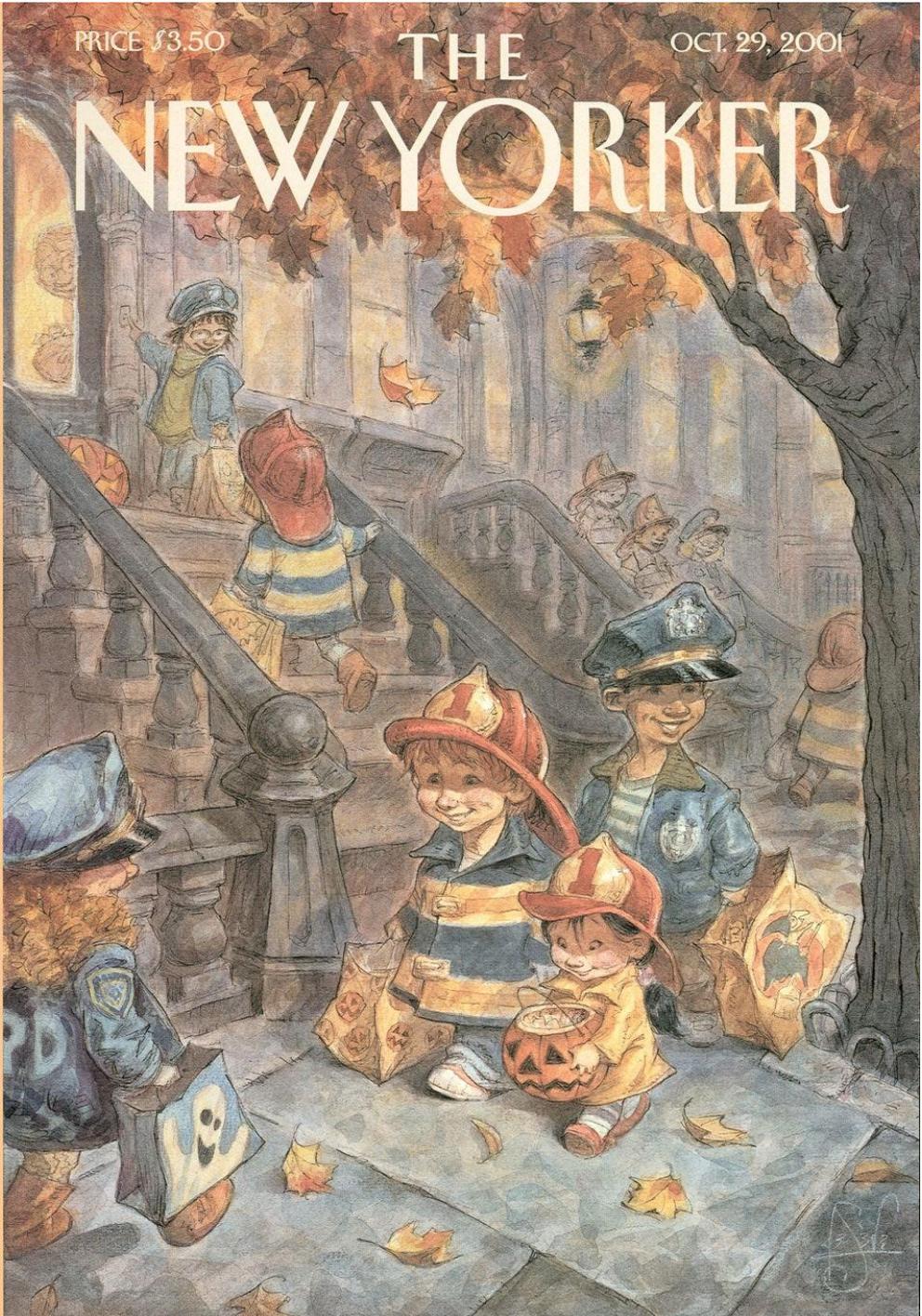
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John Mushtare: President
Leslie Bauer: Organist
Barbara Loitsch: Choir Director

Evangelical Lutheran Church, Hartwick Seminary, NY
Sunday Worship 9:30 am (Holy Communion 1st and 3rd Sundays + festivals)
Joyce Boyd: President
Donna Brown: Organist

St. John Lutheran Church, West Burlington, NY
Sunday Worship 11:00 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)
Dave Forbes: 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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Any news/ announcements/ or other information that you wish to have included in the weekly service bulletin must 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.

Items should be emailed to the OCLP office and appear exactly as you wish them to in the bulletin.