



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

+ **Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost** +  
LBW Service of the Word for Healing  
August 29<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

### Meditation and Prayer

### Welcome

### Parish News

### \*Entrance Hymn:

*God Is Here!*

WOV #719

### \*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: (7th Century Gelasian)

**O Lord, mercifully continue to purify and defend your Church. Since she cannot stand firmly without your power, govern her always by your 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

(E/St.M)

## **First Lesson: Deut. 4:1-2, 6-9**

A lesson from Deuteronomy:

So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the Lord, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. [2] You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God with which I am charging you.

[6] You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!" [7] For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is whenever we call to him? [8] And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

[9] But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.

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

## **Psalmody: 15** (Tones: 52-single; 8-double)

O Lord, who may abide / in your tent?\*

**Who may dwell on your / holy hill?**

Those who walk blamelessly, and do / what is right,\*

**and speak the truth / from their heart;**

who do not slander with their tongue,

and do no evil / to their friends,\*

**nor take up a reproach a- / gainst their neighbors;**

in whose eyes the wicked are despised,

but who honor those who / fear the Lord;\*

**who stand by their oath even / to their hurt;**

who do not lend mon- / ey at interest,\*

**and do not take a bribe a- / gainst the innocent.**

Those who / do these things\* **shall nev- / er be moved.**

**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 1:17-27** A lesson from James:

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. [18] In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

[19] You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; [20] for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. [21] Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

[22] But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. [23] For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; [24] for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. [25] But those who look

into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act-- they will be blessed in their doing.

[26] If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. [27] Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world. 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: HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23**

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, [2] they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. [3] (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; [4] and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) [5] So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" [6] He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

"This people honors me with their lips,

but their hearts are far from me;

[7] in vain do they worship me,

teaching human precepts as doctrines."

[8] You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition."

[14] Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: [15] there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile."

[21] For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, [22] adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. [23] All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

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

**\* Gospel Response**

*Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God*

WOV #783 (St 3)

**Children's Sermon/Homily**

Pr. Jim Crouthamel (St. M/ A)  
Deacon Tom Collins (St. J/ Ev)

**Hymn of the Day**

*Healer of Our Every Ill*

WOV #738

**\*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:**

Almighty God, as you give strength and wisdom for our daily work, preserve us from pride when we succeed. And since we give these offerings as signs that we depend on you, teach us to glory only in your love. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**\* Prayers of the Church**

**\*First Intercession:**

Almighty Father, we are at peace in this world of your making, free from concern for illness or injury and safe under your watchful care from all evil. Only from within us comes what is unfit as worship or celebration. Lead us to traditions which reflect your will and promise; help us by your Spirit to practice what will lead to your glory.

**\*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**

LBW #360. 479. 296

(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**

*My Life Flows On in Endless Song*

WOV #781

### **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 8/29**

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

Words vs deeds. Both are important. But what poisons us is what comes out from us not what goes into us! (Gospel). Don't forget the teachings of the Lord, your God: do not let them "slip from your mind...teach them to your children and your children's children." (1st lesson). "Be doers AND hearers" of God's Word. They go together! (2d lesson).

### **Weekly Worship Practice:**

Some Christians (Roman Catholic, Orthodox, Episcopalians, and some Lutherans) make the "sign of the cross" at various times in our liturgies (the LBW & WOV indicate some such places with a small + red cross):

-- at the Trinitarian name of God (Father, Son, & Holy Spirit), as an invocation or at confession and absolution

-- to remember our baptism

-- at the announcement of the Gospel: three small crosses on the forehead, on the lips, & over the heart ("God be in my mind, on my lips, and in my heart")

These are customs of personal piety. Perhaps they will prove helpful to thoughtful devotion and reverence

**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>
Comm. Asst. Asst. Minister Lector Cantor *Altar Care Ushers/Greeters Coffee Hour Acolyte Sound System Bell Ringer Church Cleaner	Martha Messner Joan Carman Martha Messner Eli England John Mushtare  Logan Temming	Mark Howard Esther H  Ilse & Dorothy Dorothy  Pelcer	Robin Bush Dave Forbes

**+OCLP+**

We welcome Pr. Jim Crouthamel to lead worship at Atonement and St. Matthew and Deacon Tom Collins to lead worship at Evangelical and St. John.

Next week we welcome Deacon Dave Forbes to 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), Jeremy Sorese (C. Heaney), Evelyn Hamilton (Lehenbauer), Rene Prins, Thomas Mendez, Bill Heaney, Allison Heaney, Heather Byrnes, Charlotte Grant, Grace & Chuck Dietzman, Barbara Loitsch, Rita Nelson, Elizabeth Robinson (Messner), Joan Carman, the Grant Family, Doug Gee

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Barbara Ashmore

For young adult: Tom 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 Miller, David Glynn, Len Price (son), Esther Hughes, Tom Pritchard, Gabe Lane, Tad Mahoney, Eric & Amy Burda, Bill Jacobson (D. Brown)

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

For Young Adult: Tyler Loewenguth

## +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), 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 & Rich Parsons, Karen Rollins (Winslow), Terri Ibelle (Wood), Robert & Patricia Psaltz (Sherry), Maureen McAndrew (Greenleaf), Mike McAndrew (Greenleaf), Kathy Forbes, Fred Veseley, Cathy (Struckle)

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Ann Lloyd

For Young Adult: Cooper Poulson

## +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, 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), Eames family, Amy Cooper (Messner), Bill Jay (Messner)

**For those celebrating marriage:** Kaleb & Alexis (Newman) Van Dusen; Randy & Jennifer (Doloff) Chubbuck

**For those preparing for childbirth:** Scott & Kelly Sheldon

**For those in the military, law enforcement and emergency services:** Oneonta Police Officer Scott Sheldon

**In the Foothills Conference:** Campus ministries especially those in our Conference-Hartwick College, SUNY Oneonta, SUNY Delhi, SUNY Cobleskill, Fulton-Montgomery Community College. All those discovering calls to ministry.

**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; for the people of Haiti following the recent earthquake & storms

**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+  
Who Die in the Lord**

**+ 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
8/22	14/ 620	13/ 683	33/ 691 \$396
**	<b>(\$1,290)</b>	<b>(\$705)</b>	<b>(\$1,309)</b>
8/25	2/ 46	1/ 41	7/ 251

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

**+ OCLP +**

**+Evangelical**

Evangelical will hold a large rummage and bake sale on Friday, September 3 and Saturday, September 4. The sale will continue on Friday, September 10 and Saturday, September 11. The sale will begin at 9:00 a.m. each day. DONATED BAKED GOODS WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

**+OCLP**

Sunday September 12<sup>th</sup>, will be our annual Emergency Services Sunday, to recognize those who serve and protect us year-round. We have invited area agencies to send representatives to join us that day. Coffee hour will be in their honor.

**+OCLP**

Donations to the Eames family fire fund may be made by writing a check to: OCLP (memo-Eames Fire Fund), and placing in the offering plate at your congregation or mailing to the OCLP office at 1 Center St., Oneonta NY 13820. If you use cash, please place in an envelope marked Eames Fire Fund. TY. Todd Eames is a deacon from the Binghamton area who has led worship in all our congregations over the past 6 months. He will be serving us again in upcoming weeks. He and his wife, Wendy, lost their home and everything in it, in a house fire several weeks ago. They have insurance. Our gift will support them. Their daughter, Sarah, is a reporter for the Oneonta Daily Star.

+Lutheran Disaster Response

Lutheran Disaster Response responds to natural and man-made disasters domestically and internationally. To assist in their work anytime (for the Haiti earthquake or western wildfires, etc.) use a Lutheran Disaster Response envelope and make out a check to your congregation (or use cash). Thank you.

+OCLP

Please check your mailbox anytime you are in the building. Thanks!  
Remember to sign in for attendance and contact tracing. Thank you

**+ THIS WEEK +**

+Wednesday Services:

7:30am St. Matthew

Noon Evangelical

7:00pm Atonement

+Thursday 9/2: St. Matthew Council Meeting, 7pm

+Friday/ Saturday 9/3-4: Evangelical Rummage Sale

**+ COMING UP+**

+Monday 9/6: Labor Day (OCLP Office closed)

+Friday/ Saturday 9/10-11: Evangelical Rummage Sale

+Sunday 9/12: Emergency Services Sunday

+Thursday 9/16: OCLP Men's Dinner Out, Alfresco's Restaurant Oneonta, 6:30pm

+Sunday 9/19: OCLP Council, St. Matthew, 1pm

+Friday/ Saturday 10/8-9: St. John Rummage Sale

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**+ Thought of the Week +**

It's just a bad day, not a bad life.

## **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 9:30 am (Holy Communion 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays + 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> 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)  
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

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

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.