



ATONEMENT LUTHERAN CHURCH  
ONEONTA, NY

ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH  
LAURENS, NY

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
HARTWICK SEMINARY, NY

The Rev. Paul R. Messner, S.T.S., Pastor  
The Rev. Robert Mansbach, Pastor Emeritus

+ **Festival of Christ the King** +

+ **Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost** +  
Holy Communion (LBW Setting 1)  
November 21<sup>st</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 & Parish News**

- \* **Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness** pg. 56
- \* **Opening Hymn** *Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending* LBW #27
- \* **Apostolic Greeting & Kyrie** pg. 57
- \* **Hymn of Praise** *This is the Feast (1-women, 2-men)* pg. 60

### **First Prayer: (20th Century Roman)**

**Almighty, Everlasting God, you have crowned your Son as King and will by him renew this whole creation. May the families of the earth now torn apart and yoked by sin find liberty in Him and choose to be subjected to His gentle rule, 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.**

### **First Lesson: Daniel 7:9-14** A lesson from Daniel:

As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne, his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire. A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgment, and the books were opened. watched then because of the noise of the arrogant words that the horn was speaking. And as I watched, the beast was put to death, and its body destroyed and given over to be burned with fire. [12] As for the rest of the beasts, their dominion was taken away, but their lives were prolonged for a season and a time. [13] As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him. To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalmody: 93** (Tones: single – 50; double – 9) or “*King of Glory*”

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The Lord is king, he is robed in / majesty;\*

**the Lord is robed, he is gird- / ed with strength.**

He has establish- / ed the world;\*

**it shall nev- / er be moved;**

your throne is established / from of old;\*

**you are from / everlasting.**

The floods have lifted / up, O Lord,\*

**the floods have lifted up their voice;**

**the floods lift / up their roaring.**

More majestic than the thunders of / mighty waters,\*

**more majestic than the waves of the sea,**

**majestic on high / is the Lord!**

Your decrees are / very sure;\*

**holiness befits your house, O Lord, for- / evermore.**

**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: Rev. 1:4b-8** A lesson from Revelation:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

\* **Alleluia Verse**

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**HOLY GOSPEL: John 18:33-37**

Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" [34] Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" [35] Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" [36] Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." [37] Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

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

**Children's Sermon/Homily**

Deacon Todd Eames (St. M/ Atone)

Pastor Paul Messner (Evan/ St. J)

\* **Hymn of the Day**

*Blessing and Honor*

LBW #525

## RESPONSE

- \* **Nicene Creed** pg. 64  
\* **Prayers of the Church/ Blessing of the Harvest** pg. 65/ insert

### First Intercession:

Almighty Father, we praise you for the love by which you create and rule all things. But your greatest glory is the salvation you have provided through the death and new life of Jesus Christ your Son. Rule us graciously by him whom you have crowned as King. He is worthy to be our Lord forevermore.

- \* **Sharing of the Peace of the Lord** pg. 66

**Offering** (plates at the door) pg. 66

- \* **Offertory** *Let the Vineyards* pg. 66

- \* **Offertory Prayer:** pg. 67-68

Eternal God, in death we leave potential gifts behind, that none may cast a shadow on your grace in Christ. We bring our offerings while we still have life that they may follow us as witness to our love for you and Him whom you have made our King. Through this same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## MEAL

- \* **Great Thanksgiving/Dialog** pg. 68

**Preface & Sanctus** *Holy, Holy, Holy* pg. 69

- \* **Eucharistic Prayer & Lord's Prayer**

**Agnus Dei** *Lamb of God* pg. 72

**Distribution** LBW #522, 518, 173

- \* **Post Communion Blessing & Canticle** *Lord, Now You Let* pg. 73

- \* **Post-Communion Prayer:** pg. 74

May your sacrificial love, O Lord, rule us more firmly through each celebration of your gift. Draw us together by its power, and use us to become the King of all. We bless you now and evermore. **Amen.**

## SENDING

\* **Benediction**

**Sending Song:**

*Crown Him with Many Crowns*

(st. 1&2 all, st. 3 women, st. 4 harmony, st. 5 men, st. 6 all)

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**Dismissal**

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

**Postlude**

### Pastors Pericope Paragraph 11/21

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

"Are you the King of the Jews?", Pilate asks. Jesus responds, " I came...to testify to the Truth..." He *is* the Truth of God's love, fulfilled in His sacrifice for us on the Cross (Gospel). The Ancient One gives to one "like a human being" dominion, glory and kingship - which will not pass away. (1st Lesson). "I am the Alpha and Omega", says the Lord God. He is before creation and lives forever. He invites us into His eternal life (2d Lesson).

### **Weekly Worship Practice:**

Please turn off cell phones and pagers or switch to silent mode when entering the sanctuary, so we can all enjoy a quiet and stress-free environment in which to pray and reflect.

**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.

**In the OCLP We Practice The "Reserved Sacrament".** When laity "preside" at Holy Communion, they will use sacramental 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.

<b>Serving Today</b>	<b>Atonement</b>	<b>Evangelical</b>	<b>St. Matthew</b>
Comm. Asst.	Cindy Heaney	Mark Howard	Robin Bush Sara Eggers
Asst. Minister	Sue Dana	Mark Howard	
Lector	Sue Dana	Len P	
Cantor	Sue Dana		
*Altar Care	Cindy Heaney	Cindy L & Joyce	
Ushers/Greeters	Christine Brown	Carol B	
Coffee Hour			
Acolyte/ Crucifer	Stevie Mendes		Megan Cleveland
Sound System		Brunner	
Bell Ringer			
Church Cleaner			

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+ We welcome Deacon Todd Eames to lead worship at Atonement and St. Matthew

+ Next Sunday Deacon Deb Lawyer will lead worship at Evangelical and St. John

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**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, 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, Grace & Chuck Dietzman, Barbara Loitsch, Rita Nelson, Elizabeth Robinson (Messner), Thoranne Winkler, Carmen Alvarez (Hopkins), Monica Koulis (Winkler), Joan Carman

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Winnie Lehenbauer

For young adult: Allison Heaney

### **+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, Esther Hughes, Tom Pritchard, Tad Mahoney, Bill Jacobson (D. Brown), Carl Hecker, Eric & Amy Burda, Anthony Scarfuto (Boyd), Dwaine Sharett (Butts), Jim Desrocher (Boyd), Dick Woodhouse (Hazzard)

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Lee Campbell

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, Patricia Psaltz (Sherry), Maureen McAndrew (Greenleaf), Mike McAndrew (Greenleaf), Cathy (Struckle), Bernie Sitts Jr. (Klafehn)

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Marge Bonney

For Young Adult: Zac Dobler

### **+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), Garth Swanson (Messner), Mike Quinn (Messner), Michael & James Wagner (Messner), Edee Cook (Rotolo), Esther Brooker

**For those preparing for marriage:** Mike Estro & Kayla Roberson

**For those preparing for childbirth:** Cheyenne Mertz-Gish & Steven Thomas

**For those in the military, law enforcement and emergency services:** Alex Famolaro, US Army, deployed; for all Veterans and their families

**In the Foothills Conference:** St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Richmondville (seeking new pastoral leadership).

**National/ International Concerns:** all victims of religious, ethnic, and racial hatred, prejudice, genocide and slavery; the people of Afghanistan, Ethiopia, Haiti, Israel & Palestine (for Jews, Muslims, & Christians in the Holy Land); for those involved in the continuing crisis on our Southern border; for refugees & migrants; for Lutheran Immigration & Refugee Services (LIRS); for those living in long term care facilities; for Catholic Charities and all who work with people in need

**Natural and Man-Made Disasters:** Victims of the coronavirus, and those struggling with social isolation. For medical researchers, pharmaceutical companies, hospital workers, and all medical professionals. Victims of drought and famine.

**+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
11/14	18/ 827 \$580	19/ 899 \$535	30/ 948 \$865
**	<b>(\$1,290)</b>	<b>(\$705)</b>	<b>(\$1,309)</b>
11/17	3/ 62	1/ 54	7/ 308

**\*\* 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

### +Atonement

Our sanctuary windows are in increasing need of repair. There are some broken pieces, but the primary and pressing need is re-caulking. Estimates are around \$12,500 for all the work. To help with this capital project, use a special giving envelope and make checks payable to Atonement Lutheran Church (memo: stained glass window project) Thanks!

### +St. Matthew

Food donations to St. Matthew's food pantry are welcome. Please bring the items listed on the bulletin board; canned and boxed goods, designed to provide our recipients with a week's worth of staples. We do not have the capacity to handle baked goods, produce, or other perishables. Please do not donate food items bearing lapsed expiration dates – for health and safety reasons we cannot distribute such items.

Cash donations are always welcome and appreciated. The food pantry is a totally volunteer operation – 100% of your donations go towards the purchase of food and personal care items. Thanks for all of your support, which has enabled us to serve 40-60 families per month! For further questions and comments contact Patty & Rod Klafehn (607) 432-7883

### +Evangelical

Thanks to all who supported this summer and fall school supply and health care “kit” drives, and our recent rummage sales. Our current project is the Steeple Fund. Our estimate is \$15,000. We have been approved for an additional \$3,250 from the O'Connor Fund of Delhi in a dollar for dollar match. To donate, please designate “steeple fund” on your check memo or special giving envelope.

## ADOPT A SOLDIER 2021 MILITARY SUPPLY DRIVE

The Laurens American Legion Auxiliary is conducting a supply drive to gather items to mail overseas to a military base for our deployed soldiers. Items can be dropped off at the Laurens American Legion during open hours, 4 to 8, closed on Tuesday. You can also collect items at your location and contact an auxiliary member @ 432-4605 for pick up if needed. Donations to help cover shipping costs are also welcome.

The list of items that are most commonly requested are posted on the bulletin board. Packages will be mailed the first Monday of December 2021. Final pick up will be on November 26, 2021.

**+ Stewardship 2022 +**

Be on the lookout for your 2022 Stewardship Packets in your church mailbox or in the mail. Stewardship commitment Sunday will be on December 12<sup>th</sup>, Advent 3. Plan to return your pledge cards, time, and talent forms that day or as soon after as you can. Thank you for your support of God's Ministry in through and among us!

**+Atonement**

**Flora on the Doors**

In the Advent and Christmass seasons, the four exterior doors of Atonement will, again this year, be graced with lovely wreaths ordered through Oneonta High School *Dollars for Scholars*. Should you wish to underwrite any of this greenery, each wreath costs \$25.00. Your check may be placed in the offering plate with "wreath" noted on the memo line.

Thank you for supporting our community academic achievers *and* helping to adorn church for the birthday of Jesus our King.

**+St. Matthew**

To contribute to the purchase of wreaths or poinsettias, please see Nancy Miller

**+ THIS WEEK +**

+Today Sunday 11/21: Blessing of the harvest

+Today Sunday 11/21: OCLP Finance Meeting, Evangelical, 1pm

+Wednesday Services:

7:30am St. Matthew

Noon Evangelical

7:00pm Atonement

+Thursday 11/25: Thanksgiving Day

**+ COMING UP +**

+Sunday 11/28: 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent – New Church Year

New service times begin: Evangelical 9:15am, St. John 11:15am

+Tuesday 11/30: OCLP Mutual Ministry Committee, St. Matthew, 5pm

+Thursday 12/2: St. Matthew Council Meeting, 7pm

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## OCLP Advent/Christmass/Epiphany Schedule – 2021-2022

Sunday Services: Atonement 10:30am; Evangelical 9:15am; St. Matthew 8:30am; St. John 11:15 am

Sundays in Advent: LBW Holy Communion Setting 2 or LBW Service of the Word & Prayer

Wednesdays: Holy Communion or Morning/Prayer; St.M 7:30am, Evan. Noon, Atonement 7pm

Sunday, 12/?: St. John – Christmass around the World @ 1pm TBA

Saturday: Advent Tea for the Women of Atonement @ 10am-11:30am **Cancelled for 2021**

Sunday, 12/12: St. Matthew - Christmass decorating (to help, contact Nancy Miller) & St. Lucia

Sunday, 12/12: Atonement - Christmass Cookie Smorgasbord/Hanging of the Greens **Cancelled**

Thursday, 12/16: OCLP Men's Group- Christmass Dinner @ Jay's Place, 6:30PM

Sunday, 12/19: Evangelical - Christmass potluck luncheon and decorating

Sunday, 12/19: OCLP- Christmass Caroling- in Cooperstown & Oneonta

Christmass Eve, Friday, 12/24:

**St. John** Candlelight Communion, 6:00 pm

**St. Matthew** Candlelight Family Carol Communion Service, 6:00 pm

**Evangelical** Candlelight Communion Service, 8:00 pm

**Atonement** Candlelight Communion Service, 10:00 pm

Christmass Day, Friday, 12/25:

**Atonement** - Holy Communion, 10am (No Service @ Evan, St. John or St. Matt)

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Christmass, Sunday, 12/26:

**Regular Service Times** – Lessons & Carols

New Year's Eve, Friday, 12/31:

**Atonement** - Holy Communion, 5:00 pm

Second Sunday of Christmass, 1/3: Regular Service Times: Holy Communion

OCLP Epiphany Event, Thursday, 1/6: @ Atonement

- potluck dinner at 6:00 pm, Holy Communion at 7pm, a dessert and gift exchange at

7:30 pm (this replaces St. Matthew First Tuesday for January)

Annual Epiphany Tea for Women of OCLP, Saturday, 1/15:

**Evangelical** – hosted by Pr. Paul and Martha, 10:00 am – 12:00 noon **TBD**

## **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

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<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.