



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

+ **Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost** +  
LBW Service of the Word  
November 13<sup>rd</sup>, 2022

(\* = stand as you are able; LBW = Lutheran Book of Worship-green book;  
+ = hymn requests; WOV = With One Voice Hymnal-blue book)

## GATHERING

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

\* **Entrance Hymn**

\* **Invocation and Dialog**

\* **The Apostles Creed**

\* **Canticle**

**Parish News**

*How Firm a Foundation*

*Blessed are You*

*Praise the Lord! O Heavens*

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**First Prayer:** (Swedish *Psalmbok*, 1639)

**Lord God, rule and govern our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit, that while keeping the end of things in mind, we may be stirred up to holiness in this life and come to be with you forever in that life to come, 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: Malachi 4:1-2a**

A lesson from Malachi:

See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalmody: 98** (Tones: single 22; double 45)

O sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done / marvelous things.\* His right hand and his holy arm have gotten him / victory.

**The Lord has made known his / victory;\* he has revealed his vindication in the sight / of the nations.**

He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness

to the house of / Israel.\* All the ends of the earth have seen the victory / of our God.

**Make a joyful noise to the Lord, / all the earth;\* break forth into joyous song / and sing praises.**

Sing praises to the Lord / with the lyre,\*with the lyre and the sound of / melody.

**With trumpets and the sound / of the horn\* make a joyful noise before the / King, the Lord.**

Let the sea roar, and / all that fills it;\* the world and those who / live in it.

**Let the floods / clap their hands;\*let the hills sing togeth- / er for joy**

at the presence of the Lord, for he is coming to / judge the earth.\* He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with / equity.

**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: Second Thessalonians 3:6-13**

A lesson from Second Thessalonians:

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

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

\* **Gospel Hymn:**

*Wondrous Are Your Ways, O God!*

LBW #311 (St 1)

\* **Gospel Acclamation**

**Glory to you, O Lord**

### **Holy Gospel: Luke 21:5-19**

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down." They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them." When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven." But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; for I will give you words and wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.

The Gospel of the Lord.

\* **Gospel Response**

**Praise to you, O Christ**

\* **Gospel Hymn:**

*Wondrous Are Your Ways, O God!*

LBW #311 (St 2)

**Children's Sermon/Homily**

Pr. Paul Messner (Ev/ St. J)  
Deacon Sandy Shear (St. M/ A)

\* **Hymn of the Day**

*In Heaven Above*

LBW #330

### **RESPONSE**

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

**Offering** (plates are at the door)

**Musical Offering**

(A)

\* **Offertory**

*Take My Life, that I May Be*

LBW #406 (selected stanzas)

\* **Offertory Prayer:**

O God of time and timelessness, we thrill to think of offerings you will help us make in heaven when we celebrate your love in Christ. Inspire us in these rehearsals of that heavenly service with a foretaste of the perfect song we shall there rejoice to sing, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

\* **Prayers of the Church**

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\* **Blessing of the Harvest**

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**First Intercession:**

Heavenly Father, though we are often terrified by natural disasters and world events, our faith in the coming of your kingdom is unshaken, and in you we have delight and peace. Shape us by your design, and fortify us against our disappointments and pain, so as to walk ever more faithfully in the way of him whom you have graciously sent to us in our need, Jesus the Christ.

**Lord's Prayer**

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### **SENDING**

\* **Benediction**

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\* **Recessional Hymn**

*Spread, Oh, Spread, Almighty Word*

LBW #379

**Dismissal**

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

**Postlude**

## **Pastors Pericope Paragraph 11/13**

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

What is your "temple"? What does your security rest on? In difficult and stressful times where can you find a place of stability? If you're reading this you know it's not a "what" but a "who". The "firm foundation" we sing about in our opening hymn is God's Word - which has become One of us in Jesus of Nazareth. We endure in faithfulness, joy and hope because of Him (Gospel). On the Day when all arrogance and evil "will be stubble", God's "sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in (His) wings". (1<sup>st</sup> lesson). In all of this we are encouraged to "not be weary in doing right". (2d lesson).

**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, or another ordained pastor, 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; 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 a 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.

### **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

**+OCLP+**

We welcome Deacon Sandy Shear to lead worship at St. Matthew & Atonement  
Next week we welcome SAM Tom Collins to lead worship at Evangelical & St. John

<b>Serving Today</b>	<b>Atonement</b>	<b>Evangelical</b>	<b>St. Matthew</b>
Asst. Minister			Jim Crouthamel
Comm. Asst.			
Lector	Bob Loitsch	Esther H	Deb Lawyer
Cantor	Bob Loitsch		
Altar Care	Bob Loitsch		
Ushers/Greeters	Dennis & Victor	Eileen B	
Coffee Hour			
Acolyte	Thomas Mendez		
Sound System		Sliviak	
Bell Ringer			
Church Cleaner			Sharon Stevens

**+ 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, John Laitsch, Rebecca Pollack (Joan Carman), Juan Perez (D. Sherrill), Bridgette Shepardson (Thompson), Rene Prins, Heather Mendoza, Grace & Chuck Dietzman, Rita Nelson, Thoranne Winkler, Monica Koullis (Winkler), TJ Dwyer (Sherrill), Mary Ann Ross (Englands), Barbara Loitsch, Sue (M. Messner); Carleen (M. Messner), Valerie England, Alice Burdick, Jennifer Carman, Jaelen (M Messner), Lisa Cooper, Harold Goss (Leslie Bauer's father)

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Robert & Barbara Loitsch

For young adult: Tom King

### **+Evangelical+**

For healing in body, mind and spirit in our own congregation: Kathi Yule (C. Butts), 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), Dwaine Sharett (Butts), Kenny Medor (Butts), Joan Ackerman (Butts), Chuck Scorzafava, Alex Zoeller

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Patty & Cliff Brunner

For Young Adult: Dale Higgins

### **+St. Matthew+**

For healing in body, mind and spirit in our own congregation: Scott Forbes, Tina Keator, Sherrie Roy (Lawyer), Laura Emmet (Lawyer), Lynn Benekin (Forbes), Barbara Gesile (Lapp), Gina Pywar, Melissa McLaughlin (S. Eggers), Triston (Hahn), Cathy Walsh (Stevens), Mary Hartmann (Nelson), Owen Basher (Marsh), Rennie Brown (Janet), Jason Hahn, Kathy & Rich Parsons, Maureen McAndrew (Greenleaf), Mike McAndrew (Greenleaf), Bernie Sitts Jr. (Klafehn), Jack Anthony (Stevens), Troy Lutz (Bush), Alan Peeters, Isabell Tophoven, Bev Lapp, Corinne Pollak, James Wikoff (Hulbert), Doris Allen (Klafehn), Wayne Bush Sr (Bush), Vicky Vesely (Bush), Rita Knapp (Klafehn)

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Tina & Mike Keator

For Young Adult: Jenna Ganio

### **+Beyond the Parish+**

For healing in body, mind and spirit: Jackie Hesse (Lawyer), Rosemary Pepe (Eggers), Dorothy Fernandez, (Eggers), Dick Armstrong, Helga Lange (Winkler), Gina Utter (Thompson), Cathy Deleski (Thompson), Alicia Biesler (Thompson), Margie Ortega (Thompson), Amy Cooper (Messner), Mike Quinn (Messner), Stash Tarka (Messner), Pr Lynn Ash, Cathy Carroll Ziemba (Messner), Cadence Love (Messner), the Rev. Ken Hunter (St. James Episcopal Church), those in hospice care or living in long-term care facilities. Those dealing with Covid, cancer, auto-immune diseases, mental illness, addictions and other debilitating conditions

**For those celebrating marriage:** Patrick & Diana (Crean) Sherry

**For those preparing for childbirth:** Brendan & Staci Cahill

**For those in the military, law enforcement and emergency services:** Oneonta Fire Department and EMS

**In the Foothills Conference:** The Niagara Frontier Conference, its Dean, congregations, and pastors

**Ordination/Commissioning anniversaries connected to our parish or conference:**

Pr. John Califano, 10/29/77 – 45 years

Pr. Ken Simurro, 10/30/83 – 39 years

Pr. Laura Csellak, 10/26/86 – 36 years

Pr. Gary Edmister, 10/18,97 – 25 years

Pr. Phil Roushey STS, 10/30/12 – 10 years

**Natural/Man-made Disasters:** Victims of drought in Ethiopia & Afghanistan; 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 southern border, the people of Ukraine and Russia

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

+ Harriet C. Ulland +  
(1927 – 2022)  
(Pelcer)

**+ 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
11/6	27/ 993	22/ 775	18/ 894
**	<b>(\$1,290)</b>	<b>(\$705)</b>	<b>(\$1,309)</b>
11/9	1/ 93	1/ 72	7/ 373

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

### **+OCLP**

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

### **+ OCLP +**

+Missing a Favorite Hymn?

Request it using a “Voice From the Pew” folder (VFTP).

Have a prayer request? Use a VFTP folder or put it on the prayer list in the narthex (foyer).

Want Pr. Paul to visit you or someone else? Use a VFTP folder.

Have a sermon topic you want addressed? Suggest it in a VFTP folder or speak with Pr. Paul.

The VFTP folder has many practical uses. Use them any time. Place them in the offering plate.

Thank you for your part in our ministry of worship and service.

+All active members and friends should normally be receiving our weekly bulletin via email before Sunday each week. If you are not please let the OCLP office or Pastor Paul know. Be sure we have your current email address. TY! If you'd like the bulletin mailed to you because you cannot come to worship and don't have email, or know someone in that situation, let us know the name(s) and mailing address(es). If you wish to add someone to this mailing list, let us know that, too!

+Stewardship includes our giving of time, talent, and treasure. As we soon head into a new year, we need to stay faithful in paying our bills and fulfilling our commitments for this year. In difficult economic times and high inflation many of us are concerned about our own financial security. Sometimes we face difficult choices. Thanks to all of you for your faithfulness to the ministry of our parish. In this season of gratitude, we give thanks for all the ways you support the OCLP.

**+ THIS WEEK +**

+Today Sunday 11/13  
Service of the Word  
Atonement Council Meeting follows worship

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

+Thursday & Friday 11/17-18  
Pr. Paul to STS Upstate NY Chapter Retreat, Syracuse

+Friday 11/18  
Evangelical Fall Ham Dinner (take out only), see details on bulletin board

+Saturday 11/19  
Atonement Worship & Music Committee, 9:30am

**+ COMING UP +**

+Sunday 11/20  
Festival of Christ the King, Holy Communion  
Last Sunday of the Church Year  
Sacrament of Holy Baptism, Atonement

+Tuesday 11/22  
Laurens Community Thanksgiving Service, St. Matthew 7pm

+Wednesday 11/23  
Thanksgiving Services  
St. Matthew, 8:30am  
Evangelical, Noon  
Atonement, 7pm

+Thursday 11/24  
Thanksgiving Day (pause to give thanks)

+Sunday 11/27  
Advent Begins  
LBW Setting 1 (Holy Communion) &  
WOV Service of Word & Prayer return

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**+ THOUGHT OF THE WEEK +**

He who sows courtesy reaps friendship, and he who plants kindness gathers love.  
-- St. Basil the Great

## **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 9:15 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 that you wish to have included in the weekly service bulletin must be received by Pr. Paul no later than 9am on Tuesday 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.