



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

**+Fourth Sunday of Easter+**  
LBW Service of the Word  
May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
Mother's Day

(\* = 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**

**Parish News**  
*When Morning Gilds the Skies*  
(Stanza 3-women; St 4 - men)

LBW # 546

\* **Invocation and Dialog**

*Holy is the Lord*

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\* **The Apostles Creed**

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\* **Canticle**

*He Is Arisen! Glorious Word!*

LBW #138

**First Prayer:** *(6th Century Leonine -- revised)*

**O God, you make possible the return of those who stray by revealing your true and only Light. May all who profess the name of Christ reject all other lords and follow him as the people of his pasture, 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.**

**Musical Offering**

(St.M/Evan)

## WORD

**First Lesson: Acts 9:36-43** A lesson from Acts:

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalmody: Psalm 23** (Tones: single 22; double 24) or LBW #451

The Lord / is my shepherd,\* I / shall not want.

**He makes me lie down / in green pastures;\***

**he leads me be- / side still waters;**

he re- / stores my soul.\* He leads me in right paths / for his name's sake.

**Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I / fear no evil;\* for you are with me; your rod and your staff--they com- / fort me.**

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my / enemies;\* you anoint my head with oil; my cup / overflows.

**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days / of my life,\*and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my / whole life long.**

**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: Revelation 7:9-17** A lesson from Revelation:

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes." The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**\*Gospel Hymn:**

*In Thee is Gladness*

LBW #552 (St 1)

**\* Gospel Acclamation**

**Glory to you, O Lord**

**Holy Gospel: John 10:22-30**

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

The Gospel of the Lord.

\* **Gospel Response**

**Praise to you, O Christ**

\***Gospel Hymn: In Thee... LBW 552 (St 2)**

**Children's Sermon/Homily**

Pr. Jim Crouthamel (St. M/ A)

Pr. Paul Messner (Ev/ St. J)

\* **Hymn of the Day**

*Our Father, by Whose Name*

LBW #357

**RESPONSE**

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

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

**Musical Offering**

(A)

\* **Offertory**

*Peace to Soothe our Bitter Woes*

LBW #338

\* **Offertory Prayer:**

Gracious Father, it is your glory that you can overcome the wildness of your sheep. When we offer you our gifts, confessing joy for the safety of your fold, show us what profit we can bring you when we no longer stray, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

\* **Prayers of the Church**

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**First Intercession:**

Eternal Father, we rejoice and give thanks for our Good Shepherd who laid down his life to lead us to eternal pasture. We praise you for your faithful love and constant care. Bring home those who are lost, keep calling us to follow you with faith in your promises, and bless us with the peace of knowing that we are yours, trusting that no one can snatch us from your fold.

**Lord's Prayer**

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**SENDING**

\* **Benediction**

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\* **Recessional Hymn**

*Thine Is the Glory*

LBW #145

**Dismissal**

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

**Postlude**

## **Pastors Pericope Paragraph 5/8**

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

Sheep know their Shepherd's voice. They follow and cannot be snatched away (Gospel). "Tabitha! Get up!" And she does. Peter channels Jesus' post resurrection power to raise the dead! (1<sup>st</sup> Lesson). Often read at funerals, Revelation 7 proclaims a vision of a glorious future where the dead - once persecuted - now praise God eternally. They are beyond hunger and thirst, and all tears of sorrow and pain have been wiped away! (2d Lesson).

### **Weekly Worship Practice:**

Please help us keep our sanctuaries neat by placing worship resources in their appropriate places. Each pew rack should hold two *LBWs* (green book); one *WOV* (blue book) and a pew *Bible*. Thanks

**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; 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.

### **+OCLP+**

We welcome Pr. Jim Crouthamel to lead worship at St. Matthew & Atonement

Next week we welcome Deacon Tom Collins to lead worship at Evangelical & St. John

<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	Joan Carman  Eli England  Logan Temming	Mark Howard Ilse S  Cindy L & Joyce Joyce B  Howard	Jim Crouthamel      Victoria Stevens

**+ 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, John Laitsch, Rebecca Pollack (Joan Carman), Juan Perez (D. Sherrill), Bridgette Shepardson (Thompson), Barbara Richardson (Denise), Rene Prins, Heather Mendoza, Grace & Chuck Dietzman, Rita Nelson, Thoranne Winkler, Monica Koulis (Winkler), TJ Dwyer (Sherrill), Mary Carol Hart (Walters), Mary Ann Ross (Englands); Kathy Beach (Joan Lambiaso); Heidi Davis (M. Messner); Duane Wikoff (M. Messner); Margo Graham (Sue Dana), Barbara Loitsch, Doris Quinn (Brown), David Kelefant (Walters), Carmen Alvarez (Hopkins)

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Mike & Joan Lambiaso

For young adult: Billy 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, Esther Hughes, Bill Jacobson (D. Brown), Anthony Scarfuto (Boyd),

Dwaine Sharett (Butts), Jim Desrocher (Boyd), Dick Woodhouse (Hazzard), Glenn Linsenbardt, Tom Underwood (Burda), Eileen Burda, Joyce Boyd

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Pr. Paul & Martha Messner

For Young Adult: Jeremiah Parr

**+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), Mary Hartmann (Nelson), Owen Basher (Marsh), Rennie Brown (Janet), Jason Hahn, Kathy & Rich Parsons, Maureen McAndrew (Greenleaf), Mike McAndrew (Greenleaf), Bernie Sitts Jr. (Klafehn), Marge Bonney, Jack Anthony (Stevens), Troy Lutz (Bush), Alan Peeters, Isabell Tophoven, Bev Lapp, Corinne Pollak, Joe Rotolo, James Wikoff (Hulbert)

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Carol Evans

For Young Adult: Derek 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, Helga Lange (Winkler), Elise Zayat, Gina Utter (Thompson), Cathy Deleski (Thompson), Alicia Biesler (Thompson), Margie Ortega (Thompson), Amy Cooper (Messner), Mike Quinn (Messner), Rev Judy Thistle (following a car accident), Carman Alvarez (Hopkins), Rita Gallipani (Messner), Ashwin Kalyandurg (Bush), Rosemary Sobol (Messner), Larry Antemann (Messner); Helen Sagendorf (Messner); Stash Tarka; Carl Roberts (Messner), Laurence Messner (Pr. Paul), Pr Lynn Ash, Pam Olsson (Messner), Helen Sagendorf (Messner), Dr Louis ("Akua") Dodley

**For those preparing for marriage:** Brandon Damiani & Samantha Howard

**For those celebrating childbirth:** Eric & Amy Burda

**For those in the military, law enforcement and emergency services:** All the Linemen and others who assisted us during the decent snowstorm and its aftermath

**In the Foothills Conference:** Zion Lutheran Church, anticipating Holy Closure (Pr. Sarah Lintzner)

**National/ International Concerns:** all victims of religious, ethnic, and racial hatred; the people of Afghanistan, Ethiopia, Ukraine, Russia and Taiwan; for the Uyghur Muslims, Tibetan Buddhists, and Christians of China; for those involved in the continuing crisis on our Southern border; for refugees & migrants; for those living in long term care facilities; for an end to violence in our schools and communities; All journalists killed and wounded in the Ukraine; 137 Police officers shot in the line of duty so far this year

+ For all mothers, step mothers, grandmothers, Godmothers, foster mothers and all who "mother" us...

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

+Naomi Judd+

+The Rev. James Christ+  
(former Atonement pastor)

**+ Parish News and Notes +**

+ Pr Lynn Ash (St Matthew and Evangelical) , recently had a stroke while staying with her daughter in Arkansas. She is in occupational and physical therapy; a nurse comes to the home. She is improving slowly and steadily and is in good spirits. She appreciates the prayers and concern. She's staying with her daughter, Eileen (probably will not go back to Florida). The address is 1618 West Emma Ave., Springdale AR 72762.

**+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**

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

## Attendance & Offering Statistics

Date	Atonement	Evangelical	St. Matthew
5/1	28/ 405	15/ 282	31/ 376
**	<b>(\$1,290)</b>	<b>(\$705)</b>	<b>(\$1,309)</b>
5/4	1/ 69	1/ 48	8/ 190

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

### + OCLP +

+Notice of Atonement Congregational Mtg after worship, Sunday 5/15, to discuss and vote on proposed changes to our congregational constitution. Copies of the constitution draft AND the proposed changes are available on the literature table in the narthex (foyer).

### + THIS WEEK +

+Sunday 5/8: Mother's Day  
+Wednesday Services:  
7:30am St. Matthew  
Noon Evangelical  
7:00pm Atonement  
10:00am Clergy Bible Study  
+Thursday 5/12: OCLP Men's Dinner Out, 6:30pm

### + COMING UP+

+Sunday 5/15: Atonement Congregational Meeting Re. Constitution  
+Saturday 5/21: Atonement Worship & Music Committee, 9:30am  
May 19-21 - Pr Paul to STS Upstate NY Chapter Retreat, Syracuse  
Saturday May 21 - Hartwick and SUNY-O graduations  
Sunday May 22 - St John Council follows worship

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### +QUOTE OF THE WEEK+

Faith is not believing that God CAN, but THAT God will!  
-- Abraham Lincoln





## **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)

Joyce Boyd: 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

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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 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.