

+ Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost +
WOV Service of Word & Prayer
September 10th, 2023
Emergency Services Sunday

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

GATHERING

Prelude

Gathering Song

***Greeting + Dialogue**

***Scripture Song**

Welcome

Earth and All Stars! (W st 1, M st 2)

The Word is Near You

Salvation Belongs (W st 1, M st 2)

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First Prayer (*7th Century Gelasian*)

O Lord, always lead and follow us with your grace, that we may be still more intent on doing good, 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

WORD

First Lesson: Ezekiel 33:7-11 A lesson from Ezekiel:

So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. [8] If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. [9] But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life. [10] Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" [11] Say to them, As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

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

Psalmody: 119:33-40 (Tones: Single 26 or Double 9)

Teach me, O Lord, the way / of your statutes,*
and I will observe it / to the end.

Give me understanding, that I may / keep your law*

and observe it with / my whole heart.

Lead me in the path of / your commandments,*
for I de- / light in it.

Turn my heart to / your decrees,*
and not to / selfish gain.

Turn my eyes from looking at / vanities,*
give me life / in your ways.

Confirm to your ser- / vant your promise,*
which is for those / who fear you.

Turn away the disgrace / that I dread,*
for your ordinan- / ces are good.

See, I have longed / for your precepts;*
in your righteousness / give me life.

Glory to the Father, and / to the Son,* and to the / Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginn- / ing, is now,* and will be forev- / er. Amen.

Second Lesson: Romans 13:8-14 A lesson from Romans:

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. [9] The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." [10] Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

[11] Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; [12] the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; [13] let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. [14] Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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

***Gospel Acclamation**

Word of Life Jesus Christ
Glory to you, O Lord

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***Holy Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20**

If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. [16] But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. [17] If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. [18] Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. [19] Again, truly I tell you, if

two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. [20] For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

The Gospel of the Lord.

* **Gospel Response**

Praise to you, O Christ

Children's Sermon/Homily

Pr. Paul Messner (A/St.M)
Deacon Deb Lawyer (E/St.J)

***Hymn of the Day**

For the Fruit of All Creation

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RESPONSE to the WORD

***Apostles' Creed**

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***Confession and Forgiveness**

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***Sharing the Peace**

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Offering

***Offertory**

Glory to you God (stz. 3)

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* **Offertory Prayer:**

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Almighty Father, with autumn's golden seeds you soothe our loss of summer's green, and thus you change our fear of death into the hope that we will live again. Ripen as well the faith by which we bring these offerings so as to gather from us a harvest of good works, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

***Prayers of the Church**

First Intercession:

Eternal Father, we need the Spirit of Jesus your son, who for our sake went to the cross without complaint in love with us all. As we wait for the fullness of your presence, help us listen to each other, trusting that Jesus is among us. Then, letting go of our concern to rule and control, we can agree and ask for what is good and true.

***Additional Prayers**

***Lord's Prayer**

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SENDING

***Blessing**

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***Recessional Hymn**

The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve

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Dismissal

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

Postlude

+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, Rebecca Pollack (Joan Carman), Juan Perez (D. Sherrill), Bridgette Shepardson (Thompson), Rene Prins, Heather Mendoza, Grace & Chuck Dietzman, Rita Nelson, Thoranne Winkler, Monica Koulis (Winkler), Valerie England, Jennifer Carman, Lisa Cooper (Syvertsen), Janna Benston (Sherrill), Gary Williams, Jill A. (Cindy), Jason Pallack (Carman), Barb Delaney (Serra-Lima/ Winkler), Stash Tarka (Thompson), Doug & Barbara Gee, Ruth Laird

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Thoranne & Tony Winkler

For young adult: Billy King

+Evangelical+

For healing in body, mind and spirit in our own congregation: 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), Kenny Medor (Butts), Joan Ackerman (Butts), Ansley (Butts), Wendy Wenck Craighill (Miller), Julie Sharrett, Lynne Hecker

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Mark & Susan Howard

For Young Adult: Keira Higgins

+St. Matthew+

For healing in body, mind and spirit in our own congregation: Scott Forbes, Tina Keator, Sherrie Roy (Lawyer), Barbara Gesile, Gina Pywar, Melissa McLaughlin (S. Eggers), Cathy Walsh (Stevens), Owen Basher (Marsh), Rennie Brown (Janet), Jason Hahn, Kathy & Rich Parsons, Maureen McAndrew (Greenleaf), Mike McAndrew (Greenleaf), Jack Anthony (Stevens), Troy Lutz (Bush), Alan & Linda Peeters, Corinne Pollak, James Wikoff (Hulbert), Vicky Vesely (Bush), Helmut Boehl, Ray Gilmore (Winslow), Anna Elwyn (Rose Nelson), Ellie Bauman, Carol Evans, Patti Hulbert, Howard Turnbull (Stevens)

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Ellie Baumann

For Young Adult: Matt Struckle

+Beyond the Parish+

For healing in body, mind and spirit: Jackie Hesse (Lawyer), Rosemary Pepe (Eggers), Dorothy Fernandez, (Eggers), Dick Armstrong, Gina Utter (Thompson), Cathy Deleski (Thompson), Alicia Biesler (Thompson), Margie Ortega (Thompson), Pr Lynn Ash, former President Jimmy

Carter & 1st Lady Rosalyn Carter, David Wolff, Davilynn Cifonelli (Doane-Nelson), Kathryn Morris (Messner), Sue Stevens (Mansbach), Joe Bales (Messner), Dave Powell (Simmerly), Robert Potter (Crouthamel)

For those celebrating marriage: Myranda (Davies) & John Joslin

For those celebrating childbirth: Melissa (Herion) & Alberto Bonilla on the birth of Victoria Mary (grandparents Carol & Gary Herion)

For those in the military, law enforcement and emergency services: Austin Wells, US Marine Corps

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); for the Episcopal Diocese of Albany as they elect a new bishop this weekend.

National/ International Concerns: For all refugees and migrants; victims of violence in our cities; those struggling with economic conditions, food insecurity, and homelessness the people of Ukraine, Russia, Israel, Palestine; victims of hurricanes, fires, & floods

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

All who died on September 11th, 2001 and since, from the attacks on NYC, the Pentagon, and Shanksville, PA

+ 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.

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.

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.

Pastors Pericope Paragraph 9/10

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

How do we resolve differences - 1 on 1? Facebook posts? Angry texts? Yelling at the bank teller, the restaurant server, the person at the grocery checkout, cancer? Jesus, in today's Gospel, offers a blueprint for how we deal with "sin" in personal, familial/friendship and communal settings. It focuses on confession and absolution ("binding and loosing") - honesty, and the gathering ("where 2 or 3...") of God's people who truly care about one another (Gospel). Similarly, in Ezekiel, God holds all responsible for warning one another of sin and disobedience to His ways. He does not desire our death (the inevitable consequence of sin) but life! (1st lesson). All the commandments are summed up in this: "love your neighbor as yourself". Turn from darkness and sin, and to light and life! (2d lesson).

Weekly Worship Practice:

When the Gospel is read from the center aisle, please feel free to turn and face the reader. In this way we enact the Gospel (the Good News of Jesus Christ) being the center of our lives.

+OCLP+

We welcome Deacon Deb Lawyer to lead worship at Evangelical and St. John
Next Sunday SAM Tom Collins will lead worship at Evangelical and St. John

+ Today is our annual Emergency Services Sunday – a day to pray, reflect, and to give thanks for those who continue to protect us here at home and around the globe. Some may be with us today – in and out of uniform from our parish family, or the wider community. We recognize and salute them. Join us for coffee hour in their honor!

Readings Through This Week

See website: <https://www.otsegocounty Lutheranparish.com>

Serving Today	Atonement	Evangelical	St. Matthew
Asst. Minister Comm. Asst. Lector Cantor *Altar Care Ushers/Greeters Coffee Hour Acolyte Sound System Bell Ringer Church Cleaner	Denise Richardson Denise Richardson Christine Brown	Ilse S Cindy & Esther Lanes Sliviak	Deb Lawyer

Attendance & Offering Statistics

Date	Atonement	Evangelical	St. Matthew	St. John
9/3	26/909	14/ 534	25/ 764	5/ 223
9/6	4/ 104	1/ 61	9/ 295	
**	(\$1,290)	(\$850)	(\$1,309)	

**** Needed to meet weekly expenses**

+ THIS WEEK +

+ Today Sunday 9/10

Emergency Services Sunday

Service of Word & Prayer

1:30pm, OCLP Mutual Ministry, St. Matthew

+ Monday 9/11

OCLP Craft Group @ Eileen Burda's, Marble Rd., Richfield Springs

+ Wednesday 9/13

7:30am St. Matthew – worship

10:30am Clergy Bible Study, Christ Church, Cooperstown

Noon Evangelical – devotions

5:30pm “The Chosen” Season 2, episode 2 Atonement

7:00pm Atonement – devotions

+ Thursday 9/14

6:30pm OCLP Men's Dinner Out, Alfrescos, Main St. Oneonta

+ Saturday 9/16
10:00am Acolyte/ Crucifer Fall training, Atonement

+ **COMING UP** +

+ Next Sunday 9/17
Service of Word & Prayer

+ Saturday 9/23
10:00am Acolyte/ Crucifer Fall training, Evangelical

+ Wednesday 9/27
1:00pm Evangelical Council Meeting

+ Thursday 9/28
11:30am Women's Lunch, Ilse Seitz's home, Pleasant Brook

+ Saturday 9/30
10:00am Acolyte/ Crucifer Fall training, St. Matthew