

**+ Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost +**  
**WOV Service of Word & Prayer**  
**September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

(\* = 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**

*Day by Day*

*The Word is Near You*

*Salvation Belongs (W st 1, M st 2)*

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**First Prayer** (*7th Century Gelasian*)

**Direct our hearts, O Lord, by your merciful reign / because without your help it is impossible to please you, 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: Jonah 3:10--4:11** A lesson from Jonah:

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

[1] But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. [2] He prayed to the Lord and said, "O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. [3] And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." [4] And the Lord said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" [5] Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

[6] The Lord God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. [7] But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. [8] When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live."

[9] But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." [10] Then the Lord said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which

you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. [11] And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?"

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

**Psalmody: 145:1-8** (Tones: Single 26 or Double 9)

I will extol you, my / God and King,\*

and bless your name forev- / er and ever.

**Every day / I will bless you,\***

**and praise your name forev- / er and ever.**

Great is the Lord, and greatly / to be praised,\*

his greatness is un- / searchable.

**One generation shall laud your works / to another,\***

**and shall declare your / mighty acts.**

On the glorious splendor of your / majesty,\*

and on your wondrous works, I will / meditate.

**The might of your awesome deeds shall / be proclaimed,\***

**and I will de- / clare your greatness.**

They shall celebrate the fame of your a- / bundant goodness,\*

and shall sing aloud of your / righteousness.

**The Lord is gra- / cious and merciful,\***

**slow to anger and abounding in / steadfast love.**

**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: Philip. 1:21-30** A lesson from Philippians:

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. [22] If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. [23] I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; [24] but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. [25] Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, [26] so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

[27] Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, [28] and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. [29] For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well-- [30] since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

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

**\*Holy Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16**

"For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. [2] After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. [3] When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; [4] and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. [5] When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. [6] And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' [7] They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' [8] When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' [9] When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. [10] Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. [11] And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, [12] saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' [13] But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? [14] Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. [15] Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' [16] So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**\* Gospel Response**

*Praise to you, O Christ*

**Children's Sermon/Homily**

Pr. Paul Messner (A/St.M)  
Deacon Dave Forbes (E/St.J)

**\*Hymn of the Day**

*Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling*

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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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Lord Jesus Christ, our offerings do not compare to your perfect sacrifice. Nevertheless, see in them our faith through which you have promised that we shall live. You are the Lord forevermore. **Amen.**

## \*Prayers of the Church

### First Intercession:

Merciful Lord and God, we praise and worship you for the generosity of your love and salvation which is overwhelming and mysterious. Forgive our frequent misunderstanding by which we reduce it to our own work and merit. Our glory will always only be your love for us, which for now we cannot understand. Mature our ability to love and forgive so that we can begin to understand.

### \*Additional Prayers

#### \*Lord's Prayer

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### SENDING

#### \*Blessing

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#### \*Recessional Hymn

*Bind Us Together*

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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), Jim Baker

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Carol & Jim Baker

For young adult: Joe Sherrill

#### +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, Roberta Rowland Raybold

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Esther & Charlie Hughes

For Young Adult: Kristoff Jaeck

**+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 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), Ann and Mike Monahan, Gus Pfeuffer, Carol (Nelson) Doane, Lynn Robinson

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

For Young Adult: Catie Cleveland

**+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 & 1<sup>st</sup> Lady Rosalyn Carter, David Wolff, Davilynn Cifonelli (Doane-Nelson), Kathryn Morris (Messner), Sue Stevens (Mansbach), Joe Bales (Messner), Dave Powell (Simmerly), The Rev Richard Johnson (STS, Lutheran Forum Letter, editor), The Rev Pari Bailey (STS Treasurer), Tyler Brazinski (Messner), Dorcas Brown (Christine Brown), Alen Brown (Christine Brown), Karen Flaherty (Crouthamel), Mary Jones (Cooperstown United Methodist Pastor's mother), Davin Ruffles, Dave Delker, Vinny Motellano (Messner)

**For those preparing for marriage:** Steven Heater & Marissa Pizzarello

**For those preparing for childbirth:** Josh Bush & Faith Gruver

**For those in the military, law enforcement and emergency services:** Laurens FD & EMS

**In the Foothills Conference:** Immanuel Lutheran Church, Delhi, Trinity Lutheran Church, Stamford (Pr. Robert Wilson); Christ the Shepherd Lutheran Church, Schoharie (Pr. Colleen Quirion), Evangelical Lutheran Church Gallupville (Pr. Peter DeBartolo); St. Marks Lutheran Church, Middleburgh

**National/ International Concerns:** For all refugees and migrants; victims of violence in our communities; those struggling with economic conditions, food insecurity and homelessness; the people of Ukraine, Russia, Israel, Palestine, Morocco & Libya following the devastating earthquake and floods; the Christians of Eritrea and Armenia during severe persecution

**+Blessed are the Dead+**

## **Who Die in the Lord**

+ Victims of the current Armenian genocide in central Asia +

### **+ 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 9/24**

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

What is the value of work? How do you put a price on your labor? What if someone works for less time but maybe just as hard? What of those who just put in their time, but their heart isn't in it. What of the slow and steady who faithfully do the job for a lifetime - no glamour, no glory, just good work. Or those who come to the job (faith) late in life. Who gets the bigger paycheck; the greater reward? What kind of God, then, do we have? (Gospel). Jonah hates the Ninevites, and God's intention to show mercy to them angers him. He will NOT be the mouthpiece of God's generous kindness. God uses a fish and a plant and a worm to teach Jonah a lesson. Did he learn it? (1<sup>st</sup> lesson). Suffering is the destiny of believers. So do we hope for death as a way to end suffering here? Or do we do God's will here - and suffer for it - because God still has work for us to do now? Whatever our circumstances, living or dying, we are in Christ's service, (2<sup>d</sup> 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.

+ Our Jewish brothers & sisters are observing Rosh Hashanah (New Year) this week. Next Monday, 9/25, is Yom Kippur (the day of Atonement) – the holiest day of the year. Wish them well!

### +OCLP+

We welcome Deacon Dave Forbes to lead worship at Evangelical and St. John  
Next Sunday will lead worship at Evangelical and St. John

## Readings Through This Week

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

<b>Serving Today</b>	<b>Atonement</b>	<b>Evangelical</b>	<b>St. Matthew</b>
Asst. Minister			David Forbes
Comm. Asst.			
Lector	Cindy Heaney	Len P	Nancy Boulay
Cantor	Cindy Heaney		
*Altar Care	Bob Laitsch	Cindy & Esther	
Ushers/Greeters	Denise Richardson	Dorothy	
Coffee Hour			Sue & Valery
Acolyte	Emerson Riley		
Sound System		Brunner	
Bell Ringer			
Church Cleaner			

## Attendance & Offering Statistics

Date	Atonement	Evangelical	St. Matthew	St. John
9/17	23/ 964	12/ 557	27/ 814	235
9/20			9/ 311	
**	<b>(\$1,290)</b>	<b>(\$850)</b>	<b>(\$1,309)</b>	

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

**+ THIS WEEK +**

+ Today Sunday 9/24  
Service of Word & Prayer

+ Monday 9/25  
1:00pm OCLP craft group @ Eileen Burda's, 165 Marble Rd. Richfield Springs

+ Wednesday 9/27  
7:30am St. Matthew – worship  
10:30am Clergy Bible Study, Christ Church, Cooperstown  
Noon Evangelical – devotions  
1:00pm Evangelical Council Meeting  
5:30pm “The Chosen” Season 2, episode 4 Atonement  
7:00pm Atonement – devotions

+Saturday 9/30  
10:00am Fall Alter Server training, St. Matthew

**+ COMING UP +**

+ Next Sunday 10/1  
Service of Holy Communion  
Atonement Council follows worship

+ Tuesday 10/3  
6:00pm First Tuesday Fellowship event @ St. Matthew

+ Thursday 10/5  
7:00pm St. Matthew Council meeting

+ Saturday 10/14  
8:30am OCLP Men's Breakfast  
Time TBA Atonement Neighborhood Block Party