



ATONEMENT LUTHERAN CHURCH
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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

+**Sixth Sunday after Epiphany**+
LBW Service of the Word
February 13th, 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

(A)
Parish News

* Entrance Hymn	<i>O God of Light</i>	LBW #237
* Invocation and Dialog	<i>Blessed is he who comes</i>	pg. 127
* The Apostles' Creed		pg. 128
* Canticle	<i>Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies</i>	LBW #265

First Prayer: (7th Century Gelasian, Revised)

O Lord, graciously hear the requests of your people. May we who are afflicted for our sins / be mercifully relieved for the sake of your glory / to find new life through the love of Jesus Christ, your Son. He lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Musical Offering

(St.M/Evan)

WORD

First Lesson: Jeremiah 17:5-10 A lesson from Jeremiah:

Thus says the Lord:

Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals
and make mere flesh their strength,
whose hearts turn away from the Lord.

[6] They shall be like a shrub in the desert,
and shall not see when relief comes.

They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness,
in an uninhabited salt land.

[7] Blessed are those who trust in the Lord,
whose trust is the Lord.

[8] They shall be like a tree planted by water,
sending out its roots by the stream.

It shall not fear when heat comes,
and its leaves shall stay green;
in the year of drought it is not anxious,
and it does not cease to bear fruit.

[9] The heart is devious above all else;
it is perverse-- who can understand it?

[10] I the Lord test the mind
and search the heart,
to give to all according to their ways,
according to the fruit of their doings.
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalmody: 1 (Tones: single 3; double 10)

Happy are those who do not follow the advice / of the wicked,*
**or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the / seat of
scoffers;**

but their delight is in the law / of the Lord,*
and on his law they meditate / day and night.

They are like trees planted by / streams of water,*
**which yield their fruit in its season,
and their leaves / do not wither.**

In all that they / do, they prosper.*
**The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind
/ drives away.**

Therefore the wicked will not stand / in the judgment,*
nor sinners in the congregation / of the righteous;

for the Lord watches over the way / of the righteous,
but the way of the wick- / ed will perish.

**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: 1 Cor. 15:12-20

A lesson from First Corinthians:

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? [13] If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; [14] and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. [15] We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ--whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. [16] For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. [17] If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. [18] Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. [19] If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

[20] But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel: Luke 6:17-26 Glory to you, O Lord.

He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. [18] They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. [19] And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

[20] Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

"Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

[21] "Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.

"Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

[22] "Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. [23] Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

[24] "But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

[25] "Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry.

"Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep.

[26] "Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

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

*** Gospel Response**

And Have the Bright Immensities

LBW #30 (st. 2)

Children's Sermon/Homily

Deacon Dave Forbes (St. M/ A)

Pr. Paul Messner (Ev)

Deacon Robin Bush (St. J)

*** Hymn of the Day**

The Only Son from Heaven

LBW #86

RESPONSE

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

Offering (plates are at the door)

Musical Offering

(A)

*** Offertory**

Wonderous Are Your Ways, O God!

LBW #311

*** Offertory Prayer:**

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O Lord, we have experienced a fraction of the glory of your vast creation. Accept our offerings as a prayer to discover a better life for all, that we may have new reasons to praise you for your power and love. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

First Intercession:

Almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, accept our worship for the love by which you took pity on our fallen world. You not only healed many who had faith in your Son, but through him you taught the truth of your gracious eternal promises. We ask not for further signs of your power and love, but for the wisdom to see beyond the necessities of this life.

Lord's Prayer

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SENDING

* **Benediction**

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* **Recessional Hymn**

On What Has Now Been Sown

LBW #261

Dismissal

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

Postlude

Pastors Pericope Paragraph 2/13

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

In Luke we hear Jesus' Sermon on the Plain (contrast with Matthew's Sermon on the Mount, Ch.5). four blessings; four "woes". Jesus heals. Jesus challenges (Gospel). Whom do we trust - "mere mortals" or the Lord? Jeremiah knows the God who "tests the mind and searches the heart" (1st lesson). Did Jesus rise or didn't He? Are we liars or deluded to believe He did? It's one or the other...(2d lesson).

Weekly Worship Practice:

The flag passes in a parade, people turn to face it. The pledge of allegiance is recited, hands are placed over hearts. At a sporting event or civic function the national anthem is played, hats are doffed, voices raised, all eyes on the flag. The same is true at Christian worship. Whenever the cross passes in procession (opening or closing hymn, for the reading of the Gospel) it is "customary" (polite) to turn to face our primary Christian symbol, the instrument of Jesus crucifixion and victory over sin and death, and the means by which God gained our salvation. It is also "customary" to "reverence" the cross (also the altar and an ambry/tabernacle in which resides the reserved sacrament-the consecrated body & blood of Christ), by bowing as it passes (not to clergy or other worship leaders)! Some Christians also bow at the name of God (Father, Son and Holy Spirit) or make the sign of the cross. These are examples of personal devotion not by any means mandatory, but "customary" and often helpful to our spiritual lives. Try them (you might like them).

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. 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.

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We welcome Deacon Dave Forbes to lead worship at St. Matthew and Atonement

We welcome Deacon Robin Bush to lead worship at St. John

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

Serving Today	Atonement	Evangelical	St. Matthew
Comm. Asst. Asst. Minister Lector Cantor *Altar Care Ushers/Greeters Coffee Hour Acolyte Sound System Bell Ringer Church Cleaner	Ed Pixley Ed Pixley Cindy Heaney John Mushtare Liam Thompson	Ilse S Joyce B & Cindy L Lane Brunner	Jim Crouthamel Nancy Miller

+ 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. Mendoza), Rene Prins, Heather Mendoza, Grace & Chuck Dietzman, Rita Nelson, Thoranne Winkler, Monica Koulis (Winkler), TJ Dwyer (Sherrill), Winnie Lehenbauer, Vincent Hopkins

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Dorothy Vay

For young adult: Evan 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), Anthony Scarfuto (Boyd), Dwaine Sharett (Butts), Jim Desrocher (Boyd), Dick Woodhouse (Hazzard), Glenn Linsenbardt, Ilse Seitz, Tom Underwood (Burda), Kenny Medor (Butts)

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Ilse Seitz

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), 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), Kent Hoyt Jr. (Ganio), Owen Basher (Marsh), Rennie Brown (Janet), Jason Hahn, Kathy & Rich Parsons, Maureen McAndrew (Greenleaf), Mike McAndrew (Greenleaf), Cathy (Struckle), Bernie Sitts Jr. (Klafehn), Marge Bonney, Jack Anthony (Stevens), Flora Pouleck (Bush), Troy Lutz (Bush), Kayla Joubert (Vesely), Geoff Smith, Alan Peeters, Isabell Tophaven, Bella Saggese

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Rose Nelson

For Young Adult: Catie Cleveland

+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, Judy Carnal (Dana), Gina Utter (Thompson), Cathy Deleski (Thompson), Alicia Biesler (Thompson), Margie Ortega (Thompson), Amy Cooper (Messner), Mike Quinn (Messner), Esther Brooker (Messner/ Seitz), Will Burdick, Rev Judy Thistle (following a car accident)

For those preparing for marriage: Maarten van't Oever & Andrea Knols

For those preparing for childbirth: Eric & Amy Burda

For those in the military, law enforcement and emergency services: Damian Laird, USMC, North Carolina

In the Foothills Conference: St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Laurens (Pr. Paul Messner)

National/ International Concerns: all victims of religious, ethnic, and racial hatred; the people of Afghanistan, Ethiopia; 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; for the Uyghur Muslims & Tibetan Buddhists of China; children killed in violence in our cities (Chicago, NYC); for safe travel and participation at the Olympic games

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

+ Parish News and Notes +

+Lutheran Homes Foundation

To Our Great Friends at the Otsego County Lutheran Parish:

On behalf of The Lutheran Homes Foundation, please allow me to express our most heartfelt thanks for your very kind gifts of lap robes, wall calendars, body lotions and more. Your Thoughtfulness means so much and will assist us immeasurably in our efforts to provide for the individuals we care for and care so deeply about here at Lutheran Care.

For over 100 years, Lutheran Care has been making a positive difference in the lives of the people of our community in need of compassionate care and has relied on the generosity of our staunchest supporters to enable us to do so. Now, after a most challenging and devastating nearly

two years, our organization is moving forward into a new day and a revitalized future. Your gifts to our residents through the Foundation will assist us tremendously in our efforts to rebuild and restore and we are extremely grateful for your support in doing so.

Once again, our sincerest appreciation for your very kind and generous gifts to the residents of Lutheran Care.

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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

+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
2/6	21/ 106 \$660	11/ 59	23/ 103 \$2399
**	(\$1,290)	(\$705)	(\$1,309)
2/9	2/ 9	1/ 6	6/ 48

**** Needed to meet weekly expenses**

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+ THIS WEEK +

+Wednesday Services:

7:30am St. Matthew

Noon Evangelical

7:00pm Atonement

11:00am Clergy Bible Study

+Thursday 2/17: Foothills Conference Ministerium

+Friday 2/18: Memorial Service for Carl Hecker, 1pm St. John

+ COMING UP+

+Tuesday 2/22: OCLP Craft Group Meeting

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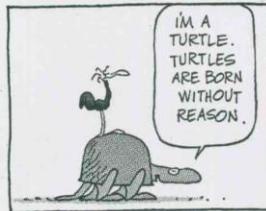
+ Thought of the Week +

13 Things Mentally Strong Congregations Don't Do

1. Waste time feeling sorry for themselves
2. Give away their power
3. Shy away from change
4. Focus on things they can't control
5. Worry about pleasing everyone
6. Fear taking calculated risks
7. Dwell on the past
8. Make the same mistake over and over
9. Resent other's success
10. Give up after the first failure
11. Fear alone time
12. Feel the world owes them anything
13. Expect immediate results

(submitted by Pr. Diane Wheatley)

B.C.
BY JOHNNY HART



Otsego Country Lutheran Parish

Lutheran Church of the Atonement, Oneonta, NY

Sunday Worship 10:30 am (Holy Communion 1st and 3rd 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 1st and 3rd Sundays + festivals)

Joyce Boyd: President

Donna Brown: Organist

St. John Lutheran Church, West Burlington, NY

Sunday Worship 11:00 am (Holy Communion 2nd and 4th Sundays + festivals)

Paul Hecker: President

Ethel Mills: Accompanist

St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Laurens, NY

Sunday Worship 8:30 am (Holy Communion 1st and 3rd Sundays + festivals)

Dave Forbes: President

Janet Brown: Organist

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Services of Healing are usually held on the 5th Sunday of a month

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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.