



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

+ **Third Sunday in Lent** +
Holy Communion (LBW Setting 1)
March 7th, 2021

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

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome

Parish News

Quiet Entrance

(St.M)

* **Order for Confession and Forgiveness**

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* **Entrance Hymn**

Christ, the Life of All the Living

LBW# 97

* **Apostolic Greeting**

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* **Hymn of Praise**

Keep in Mind that Jesus Christ Has Died for Us

LBW# 13

(St 1 – W, St 2 – M, St 3 – all)

First Prayer: *(7th Century Gelasian, revised)*

Almighty God, consider the worthy desires of your humble servants. Reach out to defend us from evil by the word and work of your Majestic Right Hand, 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.Matt/Evan)

First Lesson: Exodus 20:1-17 A lesson from Exodus:

Then God spoke all these words:

[2] I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; [3] you shall have no other gods before me.

[4] You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. [5] You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, [6] but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

[7] You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

[8] Remember the Sabbath day, and keep it holy. [9] Six days you shall labor and do all your work. [10] But the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. [11] For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and consecrated it.

[12] Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

[13] You shall not murder. [14] You shall not commit adultery.

[15] You shall not steal. [16] You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

[17] You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

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

Psalmody 19 (Tones: 51-single; 46-double)

The heavens are telling the glor- / y of God;*

and the firmament proclaims his / handiwork.

Day to day / pours forth speech,*

and night to night / declares knowledge.

There is no speech, nor / are there words;*

their voice / is not heard;

yet their voice goes out through / all the earth,*

and their words to the end / of the world.

In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun, which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding / canopy,*

and like a strong man runs its / course with joy.

Its rising is from the end / of the heavens,*

and its circuit to the end of them; and nothing is hid / from its heat.

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviv- / ing the soul;*

the decrees of the Lord are sure, making / wise the simple;

the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoic- / ing the heart;*

the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlighten- / ing the eyes;

the fear of the Lord is pure, endur- / ing forever;*

the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous / altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, even / much fine gold;*

sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the / honeycomb.

Moreover by them is your / servant warned;*

in keeping them there is / great reward.

But who can de- / tect their errors?*

Clear me from hidd- / en faults.

Keep back your servant also / from the insolent;*

do not let them have dominion / over me.

Then I / shall be blameless,*

and innocent of / great transgression.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be
acceptable to / you, O Lord,*

my rock and / my redeemer.

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

Amen.

Second Lesson: 1 Cor. 1:18-25 A lesson from First Corinthians:

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. [19] For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,

and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

[20] Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? [21] For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. [22] For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, [23] but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, [24] but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. [25] For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.

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

* **Alleluia Verse**

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***Gospel Acclamation**

Glory to you, O Lord

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Holy Gospel: John 2:13-22 **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. [14] In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. [15] Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. [16] He told those who were selling the doves, “Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father’s house a marketplace!” [17] His disciples remembered that it was written, “Zeal for your house will consume me.” [18] The Jews then said to him, “What sign can you show us for doing this?” [19] Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” [20] The Jews then said, “This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?” [21] But he was speaking of the temple of his body. [22] After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

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

***Hymn of the Day**

My Song Is Love Unknown
(st. 3 - women, st. 4 – men, st. 6 – quietly)

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RESPONSE

***Nicene Creed**

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***Prayers of the Church**

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First Intercession:

Eternal God, by his coming to earth, you have provided a new and everlasting temple in the person of your son. May we acknowledge him as he still comes to us in Word and Sacrament, and recognize him in the good things we are therefore able to do. Sanctify us by his Spirit that he may all the more abide with us to the end.

Instillation of Council and Officers

Insert (Ev. & St. J)

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

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Offering

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Musical Offering

(Atone)

*** Offertory**

What shall I render . . .

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*** Offertory Prayer:**

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Eternal Father, we watch and wait in hope for spring. By these offerings we confess our faith / that you will surround us with new life. Revive us with the season / that through us you may provide more daily bread for all. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

MEAL

*** Great Thanksgiving/Dialog**

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Preface & Sanctus (*Holy, Holy, Holy*)

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*** Eucharistic Prayer & Lord's Prayer**

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Agnus Dei (*Lamb of God*)

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Distribution Hymns

LBW# 104, 95, 448

* **Post-Communion Prayer:**

Lord Jesus Christ, you plainly teach that in this meal / there is forgiveness through your body and your blood. By the Holy Spirit, help us trust this promise, building lives of service to those in need. We bless you now and evermore. **Amen.**

Sending

***Benediction**

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***Recessional Hymn**

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

LBW# 487

Dismissal

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

Postlude

Pastors Pericope Paragraph +Third Sunday in Lent 3/7

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

"What sign can you show us?" Jesus IS the sign. His body the Temple. Profane it and you serve God's ultimate will (Gospel). Torah (instructions/commandments) is a sign - from YHWH through Moses. Obey them to the benefit of you, yours and the world. (1st lesson). We try outsmart God or ask Him to justify Himsel. God is smarter than that and works through foolish weakness, which the world doesn't undert=stand (2d lesson)

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

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.

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.

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	Christine Brown Emma Coppersmith	Mark Howard Mark Howard Ilse S Carol B & Esther Lane Paxton Hazzard Sliviak	Dave Forbes Megan Cleveland

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+OCLP+

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

Next Sunday ELCA Deacon Sandy Sheer (Ret.) will lead worship at Evangelical and St. John's.

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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. Byrnes), Ken Nye (S. Dana), Stan Whitmore (C. Brown), Jeremy Sorese (C. Heaney), Evelyn Hamilton (Lehenbauer), Beth Gilmore (Pudelka), Virginia Pudelka, Rene Prins, Tony and Thoranne Winkler, Thomas Mendez, Bill Heaney, Allison Heaney, Heather Byrnes, Charlotte Grant, Grace Dietzman, Barbara Loitsch, Rita Nelson, Randy Webb (Sherrill), Margaret Ahlqvist, Emilie Stamps, Elizabeth Robinson (Messner), for Rita Nelson on her 80th birthday (March 11) 1 Norton Ave., Oneonta, NY 13820

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

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), Bob Hazelton (C. Butts), Karen Ingraham (C. Butts), Gloria Hendricks, Susan Howard, John Miller, David Glynn, Len Price, Esther Hughes, for Ilse Seitz on her 92nd birthday (March 10)

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Donna & Bill Brown

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), 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), Ginny Ganio, Jill Baumann, Mary Hartmann (Nelson), Kent Hoyt Jr. (Ganio), Owen Basher (Marsh), Bev Lapp, Rennie Brown (Janet), Jason Hahn, Kathy Parsons, Omar Andrades, Donna Sorrentino, Ron Struckle, Margaret Ahlqvist, Karen Nelson, Joe Hartmann, Karen Rollins (Winslow)

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Corinne Hahn

For Young Adult: Marissa Struckle

+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, David Brenner (Former Oneonta Mayor), Sue Haney, Warren Robinson (Messner), Julie Steinmueller (Sandy Shear), Hilary Elf (Messner), Rachel Fisher (Messner), Pr. Ameen Aswad (Jail Ministry), Jack Schuck (Sandy Shear), Kerri Gorsch (Messner), Pr. Paul Herpich (Messner), Karla Goss (Bauer)

For those preparing for marriage: Alex Tesarario & Sarah Baum

For those preparing for childbirth: Tim & Ali Lehenbauer

For those in the military, law enforcement and emergency services:

In the Foothills Conference: For the evangelism work of the Lutheran church and all mission congregations of our synod.

National/ International Concerns: all victims of religious, ethnic, and racial hatred and prejudice, our country in this time of continuing deep division.

Natural and Man-Made Disasters: Victims of the all debilitating diseases, and those struggling with social isolation.

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

+ Linda Czernak +

+ Irma Ouimet +

+ 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
2/28	16/ 159 \$1210	18/ 165	25/ 183 \$1562
**	(\$1,290)	(\$705)	(\$1,309)
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**** Needed to meet weekly expenses**

+ OCLP +

+Atonement

We are pleased to report that plans are moving ahead toward installing a sanctuary lamp. Donations continue to be gathered for a lamp for the altar area, as approved by the Atonement Worship and Music Committee and the Church Council. The lamp will have an electric light and will replace the candle near the window. The existing candle has a red glass sleeve that has been broken multiple times over the years. The cost of replacing the sleeve and concerns about having an open flame were among reasons considered in reviewing options.

We welcome contributions.

If you would like to donate toward the \$1,000 cost of the lamp, please make a check payable to Atonement with "Sanctuary Lamp" on the notes line.

If you would like to donate in memory of or to honor a loved one, or for another reason, please write a brief note and submit it with your check. Put the check and note in the collection plate or send them to the church office.

Thank you for your consideration and support. This lamp will be a beautiful addition to the sanctuary and a glowing enhancement to our services.

+St. Matthew

Food donations to St. Matthew's Food Pantry are welcome and accepted. We would ask those who donate to do so with the items listed for our standard distribution bag, comprised of canned and boxed goods, designed to provide our recipients with a week's worth of staples. We do not have the capacity to handle baked goods, produce, or other perishables.

Please do not donate food items bearing lapsed expiration dates – for health and safety reasons we cannot distribute such items to our recipients.

Cash donations are always welcome and appreciated. The Food Pantry is a totally volunteer operation – 100% of your cash donations go towards the purchase of food and personal care items.

Thanks to all our parishioners for your support, which has enabled us to serve 40-60 families per month!

For further questions and comments contact Patty & Rod Klafehn 607-432-7883.

St. Matthew Lutheran Church Food Bank Ongoing Items Needed

Macaroni and Cheese
Pasta
Pasta Sauce
Cereal

Soup
Peanut Butter
Jelly/ Jam

Vegetables
Fruit
Tuna (or substitute protein)
Beans (kidney, black, etc.)

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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

+ THIS WEEK +

Tuesday: St. Matthew Lenten Evening 6:30pm

+Wednesday Services:
7:30am St. Matthew
Noon Evangelical
7:00pm Atonement

Saturday: Atonement Worship & Music Meeting 9:30am

+ COMING UP +

See Lent/ Holy Week/ Easter Calendar

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+ Cartoon of the Week +



LENT. HOLY WEEK. EASTER SCHEDULE 2021

+ Midweek Weekly Worship & Study (during the 5 weeks of Lent) +

February 16th Shrove Tuesday

Canceled this year

February 17th ASH WEDNESDAY-Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes

7:30 am-St. Matthew

Noon-Evangelical

7:00 pm-Atonement

Sundays in Lent: "Lutheran Book of Worship" Setting 1-Holy Communion

LBW Service of the Word non-communion

8:30 am-St. Matthew

9:30 am-Evangelical

10:30 am-Atonement

11:00 am-St.John

Weekly Study TBA

TUESDAYS in Lent:

6:00 pm - St. Matthew: Soup & Bread Supper with Program & Discussion; 7:00 pm Worship

WEDNESDAYS in Lent:

7:30 am - St. Matthew Worship

Noon - Evangelical Worship; 12:30-2 pm-Soup & Bread Lunch with Program & Discussion

5:30 pm - Atonement - Soup & Bread Supper, Program and Discussion; 7:00 pm Worship

+HOLY WEEK+

March 28th SUNDAY OF THE PASSION (Palm Sunday)

Holy Communion with blessing, distribution and Procession with Palms

Gather outside sanctuary, reading of the Passion from Matthew

March 29th HOLY MONDAY - Individual Confession & Forgiveness

(Pastor Paul will hear your confession and offer God's absolution; you can call him for evening or weekend appointment)

10:00 am - 12:00 noon - St. Matthew

1:00 - 3:00 pm - St. John

March 30th HOLY TUESDAY - Individual Confession & Forgiveness

(Pastor Paul will hear your confession and offer God's absolution-call him for evening or weekend appointment)

10:00 am -12:00 noon - Evangelical

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm Atonement

March 31st HOLY WEDNESDAY Worship:

St. Matthew (Transferred to Maundy Thursday, this week only)

12:00 noon – Evangelical

7:00 pm - Atonement

April 1st MAUNDY THURSDAY- Holy Communion - (*representative foot washing & stripping the altar*)

7:30 am – St Matthew (Transferred from Holy Wednesday)

12:00 noon – Evangelical

5:00 pm - St. John?

6:30 pm – Atonement OCLP Seder Supper/ Holy Communion for the parish (*confirmands & Communion class presence required*)

April 2nd GOOD FRIDAY Worship:

10:00 am – Atonement

12:00 noon- Evangelical

5:00 pm - St. John?

7:00 pm - St. Matthew (with Laurens, Presbyterian Church)

April 3rd HOLY SATURDAY - Vigil of Easter

9PM- at St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, 39 Walnut St. Oneonta (Pr. Paul participating)

April 4th +EASTER+ FESTIVAL OF THE RESURRECTION

Regular Service Times at each church

Otsego County Lutheran Parish

Lutheran Church of the Atonement, Oneonta, NY

John Mushtare: President

Leslie Bauer: Organist

Barbara Loitsch: Choir Director

Evangelical Lutheran Church, Hartwick Seminary, NY

Vernon Lee Sliviak: President

Donna Brown: Organist

St. John Lutheran Church, West Burlington, NY

Paul Hecker: President

Ethel Mills: Accompanist

St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Laurens, NY

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Any news/ announcements/ or other information that you wish to have included in the weekly service bulletin should be received by the OCLP office no later than 9am on Thursday.

Items received after this time cannot be guaranteed to appear in that week's bulletin.