



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

+ **Tenth Sunday after Pentecost** +

Holy Communion (LBW Setting 1)
August 1st, 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

* **Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness**

* **Entrance Hymn** *Whatever God Ordains Is Right*

* **Apostolic Greeting & Kyrie**

* **Hymn of Praise**

This is the Feast

(St 1 – Women, St 2 – Men, Refrain – all)

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First Prayer: *(7th Century Gelasian)*

Almighty, Eternal God, your kindness is far more than we desire or deserve. Generously pour out your mercy to forgive where our conscience is afraid / and to provide what by ourselves we do not even presume to pray, 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

(St.Matt/Evan)

First Lesson: Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15 A lesson from Exodus:

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. [3] The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

[4] Then the Lord said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not.

[9] Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.' " [10] And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. [11] The Lord spoke to Moses and said, [12] "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.' "

[13] In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. [14] When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. [15] When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.

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

Psalmody 78:23-29 (Tones: 52-single; 8-double)

God commanded the / skies above,*

and opened the / doors of heaven;

he rained down on them man- / na to eat,*

and gave them the / grain of heaven.

Mortals ate of the / bread of angels,*

he sent them food / in abundance.

He caused the east wind to blow / in the heavens,*

and by his power he led out / the south wind;

he rained flesh upon / them like dust,*

winged birds like the sand / of the seas;

he let them fall with- / in their camp,*

all a- / round their dwellings.

And they ate and / were well filled,*

for he gave them / what they craved.

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: Ephes. 4:1-16 A lesson from Ephesians:

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, [2] with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, [3] making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. [4] There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, [5] one Lord, one faith, one baptism, [6] one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

[7] But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. [8] Therefore it is said,

"When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive;
he gave gifts to his people."

[9] (When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? [10] He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) [11] The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, [12] to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, [13] until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. [14] We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. [15] But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, [16] from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

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

Holy Gospel: John 6:24-35 Glory to you, O Lord.

So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

[25] When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" [26] Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. [27] Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." [28] Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" [29] Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." [30] So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? [31] Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.' " [32] Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. [33] For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." [34] They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."

[35] Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

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

Children's Sermon/Homily

Pastor Paul Messner (A/St.M)

Deacon Todd Eames (E/St.J)

***Hymn of the Day**

O Lord, We Praise You

LBW #215

Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord

LBW #226 (E/St. J)

RESPONSE

*** Apostles' Creed**

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First Intercession:

Almighty and Eternal Father, we acknowledge that you have made us and all things, and that you will therefore bless us with all we need. You know our needs before we even think to pray, making any worry unnecessary. Nevertheless, inspire us to pray so as to lead us to greater faith in your care, and to enjoy our daily bread as a sign of your eternal love.

*** Sharing the Peace of the Lord**

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Offering

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Musical Offering

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* **Offertory**

Let the Vineyards . . .

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* **Offertory Prayer:**

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Almighty God, with golden fields of grain you offer bread for all. We claim a part through daily work / and hope to stretch your hand to feed the world. Accept our gifts as prayers to find good ways to eat and share this bread / that everyone may taste and trust your love. 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 #213, 200, 370

* **Post Communion Blessing & Canticle** *Thank the Lord . . .*

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* **Post-Communion Prayer:**

O Lord, we came hungry for righteousness / and you have satisfied us with this feast of forgiveness. Help us multiply your generous gift / through mercy and hospitality to all. We bless you now and evermore. **Amen.**

Sending

***Benediction**

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***Recessional Hymn** *Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

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

Postlude

Pastors Pericope Paragraph Tenth Sunday after Pentecost 8/1

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

"What must we do...?" Jesus responds - THIS is the work of God...believe...I am the bread of life - no hunger, nor thirst with me! (Gospel). "What IS it?" Manna! (which means "what is it?"). God's humor and God's mercy (1st lesson). "One body, one Spirit...one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all"! (1st lesson).

Weekly Worship Practice:

What does "S.T.S." mean after Pastor Paul's name in our bulletin? "Societas Trinitatis Sanctae" (Latin for the Society of the Holy Trinity.) The S.T.S. is an organization of the Lutheran clergy formed less than a decade ago, to help pastors live out their ordination vows in a disciplined way. Members follow a "rule" of daily prayer, worship, regular retreats and pastoral visitations and oversight.

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.

Serving Today	Atonement	Evangelical	St. Matthew
Assisting Minister	Sue Dana		Jim Crouthamel
Comm. Asst.	Chris Brown		
Lector	Sue Dana		Dave Forbes
Cantor	Sue Dana		
*Altar Care	Christine Brown		
Ushers/Greeters	Dennis Sherrill		
Coffee Hour			
Acolyte	Steven Mendes	Mia Pelcer	Victoria Stevens
Sound System			
Bell Ringer			
Church Cleaner			

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We welcome Deacon Todd Eames to lead worship at Evangelical and St. John

Next Sunday ELCA Deacon (Ret.) Sandy Shear will lead worship at Atonement and St. Matthew

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), Jeremy Sorese (C. Heaney), Evelyn Hamilton (Lehenbauer), Rene Prins, Thomas Mendez, Bill Heaney, Allison Heaney, Heather Byrnes, Charlotte Grant, Grace & Chuck Dietzman, Barbara Loitsch, Rita Nelson, Elizabeth Robinson (Messner), Micheal George (Brown), Joan Carman, the Grant Family, Peg Serra-Lima

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Emilie Stamps

For young adult: Daniel Herion

+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 Miller, David Glynn, Len Price (son), Esther Hughes, Tom Pritchard, Charlie Hughes, Gabe Lane, Tad Mahoney, Micheal George (Brown), Eric & Amy Burda

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Shirley Gomiller

For Young Adult: Gunnar 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, Karen Smith, Joe Hartmann, Karen Rollins (Winslow), Terri Ibelli (Wood), Robert & Patricia Psaltz (Sherry), Maureen McAndrew (Greenleaf), Mike McAndrew (Greenleaf), Kathy Forbes, Mike Keator

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

For Young Adult: Zac Dobler

+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, Sue Haney, Julie Steinmueller (Sandy Shear), Rachel Fisher (Messner), Kerri Gorsch (Messner), Doug Dutcher (Crouthamel), Jim Sippel (Velez), Geoff Murphy (Walters), Steven Morris (Messner), Helga Lange (Winkler), Henry Gregory (St. John), Elise Zayat, Pete Bade, Judy Cody (Messner), Joe Guerin (Messner), Kelsey Kohler (Mansbach), Judy Carnal (Dana), Gina Utter (Thompson), Cathy Deleski (Thompson), Alicia Biesler (Thompson), Margie Ortega (Thompson), Eames family

For those celebrating marriage: Randy Chubbuck & Jennifer Doloff

For those preparing for childbirth: those struggling after a miscarriage

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

In the Foothills Conference: The Hartwick Seminary Institute of Theology and all deacon training programs of our synod (name your own deacon); for all deacons and synod authorized ministries (SAMs)

National/ International Concerns: all victims of religious, ethnic, and racial hatred and prejudice, for victims of genocide and slavery; the people of Afghanistan, Cuba, Israel & Palestine (for Jews, Muslims, & Christians in the Holy Land); victims of anti-Semitism and anti-Asian hatred; for those involved in the continuing crisis on our Southern border; our country in this time of continuing deep division

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

Foothills Conference Ordination Anniversary:

For Pastor Marsha Irmer on the 48th anniversary of her ordination, 7/7

For Pastor Hans Irmer on the 48th anniversary of his ordination, 7/29

For Pastor Daniel Hoffman on the 41st anniversary of his ordination, 7/27

For Pastor Rahel Hahn on the 21st anniversary of her ordination, 7/23

For Pastor William Hodgetts on the 14th anniversary of his ordination, 7/27

+Blessed are the Dead+ Who Die in the Lord

+ the family killed at a soccer game in Texas +

+ Parish News and Notes +

+ Disaster Response: The COVID-19 Pandemic is running amok in India & elsewhere, and there are still those feared dead and missing in Miami. To contribute to Lutheran World Relief efforts in crisis situations anytime, use a Lutheran Disaster Response envelope. Make check payable to your congregation, and designate the crisis to which you are contributing. 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

(Last Week/ Year to Date)

Date	Atonement	Evangelical	St. Matthew
7/25	19/ 571 \$480	12/ 649	12/ \$416
**	\$1290	\$705	\$1309
7/28		-/ 40	

**** Needed to meet weekly expenses**

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School Supplies Collection 2021

School supplies will be collected over the summer to be donated to Laurens Central School.

Basic supplies are requested such as:

- 1 subject notebooks – red/green/purple/blue
- Pocket folders with prongs – red/green/purple/blue
- Composition notebooks
- Glue sticks
- #2 pencils and erasers
- Packages of loose-leaf paper
- Packages of 4x6 index cards
- Crayons or colored pencils
- Washable markers

+ SIGN UP NOW FOR A FALL LUTHERAN MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND!

We pray that you are enjoying the blessings of summer, but hope you might take a minute to plan an important fall weekend for your marriage whether you have been married 1 year or 60+ years. Because the pandemic has put a lot of stress on marriages, and we want to give many couples an opportunity to renew and revitalize your marital relationship, the registration fee has been waived for this year. You pay only the amount specified on the website which includes 2 nights in your group-rate hotel room and meals. Also, scholarship funds are available for anyone in need—simply e-mail or call us at the information below before you register.

Which weekend will work for you:

October 1-3, 2021 — Heritage Hotel Lancaster in Lancaster, PA—Famous for its Robin Hood-inspired restaurant, Loxleys

October 15-17, 2021 — Hyatt Place, Pittsburgh/Cranberry—spacious modern decor guestrooms with couches—a half hour north of Pittsburgh

Should complications arise, your payment is refundable up to a month before the weekend.

Weekends begin at 8 PM on Friday night and end at approximately 3 PM on Sunday. REGISTRATIONS WILL BE LIMITED, so sign up NOW while there are still openings. Simply go to: www.GodLovesMarriage.org and find your chosen weekend, fill out the form, and pay the amount specified with a credit card; or print the form and mail with a check. Don't miss this opportunity to create a more intimate and joyful marital relationship! For questions, please contact Northeast US Directors of Lutheran Marriage Encounter, Fred & Julie Chamber, fjschamber@comcast.net or 724-325-3166.

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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

Heads Up! On many Sundays, our service at St. Matthew may be live streamed. If you can't make worship check it out.

+ **THIS WEEK** +

+ Today Sunday 8/1: Evangelical Coffee Hour

+ Wednesday Services:

7:30am St. Matthew

Noon Evangelical

7:00pm Atonement

+ **COMING UP** +

Thursday 8/5: St. Matthew Council meeting, 7pm

+ **Thought of the Week** +

Let's spend time on God's book, not Facebook

Otsego Country Lutheran Parish

Lutheran Church of the Atonement, Oneonta, NY

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

Joyce Boyd: President

Donna Brown: Organist

St. John Lutheran Church, West Burlington, NY

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

Paul Hecker: President

Ethel Mills: Accompanist

St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Laurens, NY

Sunday Worship 8:30 am (Holy Communion 1st and 3rd weekends + 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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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.