



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

+ **First Sunday after Epiphany** +
The Baptism of our Lord
Holy Communion (LBW Setting 1)
(With Affirmation of Baptism
January 8th, 2023

(* = 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

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* **Hymn of Praise**

Baptized into Your Name Most Holy

LBW #192

First Prayer: *(new)*

Father in heaven, as you strengthened Jesus for his ministry by your approving voice and the Spirit's gifts, so you have confirmed that we are your beloved ones. Work faith in his fulfillment of righteousness / that we may pursue our call to serve you in the world, through the same Jesus Christ 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: Isaiah 42:1-9 A lesson from Isaiah:

Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;

I have put my spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the nations.

[2] He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street;

[3] a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice.

[4] He will not grow faint or be crushed
until he has established justice in the earth;
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

[5] Thus says God, the Lord,
who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people upon it
and spirit to those who walk in it:

[6] I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness,
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;

I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations,
[7] to open the eyes that are blind,

to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.
[8] I am the Lord, that is my name;
my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols.
[9] See, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

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

Psalmody 29 (Tones: 1-single; 31-double)

Ascribe to the Lord, O / heavenly beings,*
ascribe to the Lord glo- / ry and strength.

Ascribe to the Lord the glory / of his name;*
worship the Lord in / holy splendor.

The voice of the Lord is ov- / er the waters; *
the God of glory thunders,
the Lord, over / mighty waters.

The voice of the Lord is / powerful;*
the voice of the Lord is / full of majesty.

The voice of the Lord / breaks the cedars; *
the Lord breaks the ce- / dars of Lebanon.

He makes Lebanon skip / like a calf,*
and Sirion like a / young wild ox.

The voice of the Lord flashes forth / flames of fire. *
The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;
the Lord shakes the wilder- / ness of Kadesh.

The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl,
and strips the / forest bare;*
and in his temple / all say, "Glory!"

The Lord sits enthroned ov- / er the flood; *
the Lord sits enthroned as / king forever.

May the Lord give strength / to his people!*
May the Lord bless his peo- / ple with peace!

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: Acts 10:34-43 A lesson from Acts:

Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, [35] but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. [36] You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all.

[37] That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: [38] how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. [39] We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; [40] but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, [41] not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. [42] He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. [43] All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

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: Matthew 3:13-17

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. [14] John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" [15] But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. [16] And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. [17] And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

The Gospel of the Lord.

* **Gospel Response**

Praise to you, O Christ

Children's Sermon/Homily

Deacon Sandy Shear (St. M/ A)
Pastor Paul Messner (E/ St. J)

***Hymn of the Day**

Christ Be Our Light

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RESPONSE

***Affirmation of Baptism**

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***Prayers of the Church**

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First Intercession:

Almighty God, we bow before you in grateful praise for the revelations by which we have come to know you. These have come to a climax in the work of Jesus your own Son. In him we are privileged to see you, and we have heard your voice as we listen to him. Because we have also

seen his signs that he is your Son, we need and await no further signs. Nevertheless, we rejoice in our faith that you will not fail to show us where and how to be your servants in your need.

*** Sharing of the Peace of the Lord** pg. 66

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*** Offertory Prayer:** pg. 67/ 68

Heavenly Father, we bring offerings to dedicate ourselves and all we have to you. Since everything is useful to make your kingdom come, encourage us by a vision of your generous salvation / to live for the welfare of your glorious creation. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

MEAL

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*** Eucharistic Prayer & Lord's Prayer** pew card

Agnus Dei (*Lamb of God*) pg. 72

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*** Post Communion Blessing & Canticle** *Lord, now you let . . .* pg. 73

*** Post-Communion Prayer:**

O Lord, our Baptism is your sign which makes us bold to come to eat and drink your sacrament. With the power that comes with its forgiveness and fellowship, strengthen us to serve you when and where you call. We bless you now and evermore. **Amen.**

Sending

***Benediction** pg. 74

***Recessional Hymn** *Songs of Thankfulness and Praise* LBW #90

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

Postlude

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+ First Sunday after Epiphany 1/8

"Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized...". Matthew, the most Jewish of the Gospels, sets Jesus' story in real history, genealogy and geography. Then comes theology, as John demurs: "I need to be baptized by you". But Jesus sees His baptism as a commissioning - setting out on His mission to "fulfill all righteousness". The Father and the Spirit confirm this: The Spirit...alights on Jesus. The Father speaks His approving Word- "This is my Son, the Beloved..." (Gospel). Isaiah speaks of God's servant who comes to save, and does not harm those already broken and dim from life's burdens (1st lesson). Peter has his eyes and ears opened to God's impartiality - even gentiles (Roman occupiers!) are not beyond Israel's God's forgiveness!

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 Lutheran clergy formed in 1997, 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. If you would like to see the STS "rule" see Pr. Paul.

All baptized Christians are welcome to God's Table of Grace. All the baptized may commune in the OCLP with no age restriction. 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.	Sue Dana		
Asst. Minister	Sue Dana		Jim Crouthamel
Lector	Sue Dana	Ilse S	Dave Forbes
Cantor	Sue Dana		
Altar Care		Ilse & Dorothy	
Ushers/Greeters	Dennis Sherrill	Dorothy	
Coffee Hour			
Acolyte	Liam Thompson		
Sound System		Lane	
Bell Ringer			
Church Cleaner			

+OCLP+

Today we welcome Deacon Sandy Shear to lead worship at St. Matthew & Atonement

Next week we welcome deacon Tom Collins (SAM) to lead worship at Evangelical & St. John

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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, John Laitsch, 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), TJ Dwyer (Sherrill), Mary Ann Ross (Englands), Barbara Loitsch, Sue (M. Messner); Carleen (M. Messner), Valerie England, Alice Burdick, Jennifer Carman, Jaelen (M Messner), Lisa Cooper (Syvertsen), Harold Goss (Leslie Bauer's father)

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Mary Ann Ross

For young adult: Tyler Evans

+Evangelical+

For healing in body, mind and spirit in our own congregation: Kathi Yule (C. Butts), 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), Chuck Scorzafava (Lane)

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Norm & Karen Johannesen

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), Laura Emmet (Lawyer), Barbara Gesile (Lapp), Gina Pywar, Melissa McLaughlin (S. Eggers), Triston (Hahn), Cathy Walsh (Stevens), Mary Hartmann (Nelson),

Owen Basher (Marsh), Rennie Brown (Janet), Jason Hahn, Kathy & Rich Parsons, Maureen McAndrew (Greenleaf), Mike McAndrew (Greenleaf), Bernie Sitts Jr. (Klafehn), Jack Anthony (Stevens), Troy Lutz (Bush), Alan Peeters, Isabell Tophoven, Bev Lapp, Corinne Pollak, James Wikoff (Hulbert), Doris Allen (Klafehn), Wayne Bush Sr (Bush), Vicky Vesely (Bush), Rita Knapp (Klafehn)

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Gus Pfeuffer

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, Helga Lange (Winkler), Gina Utter (Thompson), Cathy Deleski (Thompson), Alicia Biesler (Thompson), Margie Ortega (Thompson), Amy Cooper (Messner), Mike Quinn (Messner), Stash Tarka (Messner), Pr Lynn Ash, Cathy Carroll Ziemba (Messner), Joanne Wilms (Mansbach) Those in hospice care or living in long-term care facilities. Those dealing with Covid, cancer, auto-immune diseases, mental illness, addictions and other debilitating conditions

For those preparing for marriage: Ryan Manning & Jackie Sorensen

For those preparing for childbirth: Elina Martinez & Taylor Flieg

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

In the Foothills Conference: The Hudson-Mohawk Conference of our Synod, its Dean, congregations, and pastors

Natural/Man-made Disasters: Victims of drought in Ethiopia & Afghanistan; victims of violence in our cities, suburbs and rural communities, those struggling with economic conditions, food insecurity, and homelessness

National/ International Concerns: For all refugees and migrants and those contending with the continuing crisis on our southern border, the people of Ukraine and Russia

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

+ Ellen St. John +
(1925-2022)

+ Pope Benedict XVI +
(1927-2022)

+ Larry Yoder +
(teacher of the church)

+ The Rev. James Nestingen +
(theologian)

+ Barbara Walters +
(1929-2022)

+ 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
1/1	No service	No service	25/
**	(\$1,290)	(\$705)	(\$1,309)
1/4	1/ 1	1/ 1	7/ 7

**** Needed to meet weekly expenses**

+ THIS WEEK +

See Advent/ Christmass/ Epiphany Calendar
(Available on the bulletin literature table)

+Today Sunday 1/8 Baptism of our Lord
Holy Communion & Affirmation of Baptism

+Wednesday Services:

7:30am St. Matthew

Noon Evangelical

7:00pm Atonement

11:00am Clergy Bible Study, Christ Church, Cooperstown

+Thursday 1/12
Evangelical Council Meeting, 3:30pm

+Saturday 1/14
Epiphany Tea for parish women @ St. Matthew, 10:00am

+ **COMING UP** +

+Annual Congregational Meetings
End of January/ early February
(get reports to the OCLP office)

+ **Thought of the Week** +

Jesus comes out of the water, drawing the world with him, as it were, and raising it up when it had hitherto been sunk in the abyss. He sees the heavens, not being rent, but opening of their own accord. The first Adam had of old closed heaven to himself and us, just as he had seen the earthly paradise being closed to him, with a fiery sword barring access.

The Holy Spirit bears witness. Here all is in perfect harmony, for the testimony comes from heaven, just as he to whom the Spirit bears witness has come from heaven.

-- Gregory of Nazianzus
Fourth century

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 9:15 am (Holy Communion 1st and 3rd Sundays + festivals)

Tami Pelcer: President

Donna Brown: Organist

St. John Lutheran Church, West Burlington, NY

Sunday Worship 11:15 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)

Ed Winslow: 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 must be received by Pr. Paul no later than 9am on Thursday of that week. 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.