



In the beginning was the Word,
and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God.
John 1:1

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The Rev. Robert Mansbach, Pastor Emeritus

+ **Second Sunday after Christmass** +
Holy Communion (LBW Setting 1)
January 3rd, 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

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First Prayer: *(7th Century Gelasian)*

Almighty and Everlasting God, direct us to do what pleases you, that being rich in good works of love, we bring honor to your Son. 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: Jeremiah 31:7-14

A lesson from Jeremiah:

Thus says the Lord:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;
proclaim, give praise, and say,
"Save, O Lord, your people,
the remnant of Israel."

[8] See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,
among them the blind and the lame,
those with child and those in labor, together;
a great company, they shall return here.

[9] With weeping they shall come,
and with consolations I will lead them back,
I will let them walk by brooks of water,
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;
for I have become a father to Israel,
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

[10] Hear the word of the Lord, O nations,

and declare it in the coastlands far away;
say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him,
and will keep him as a shepherd a flock."

[11] For the Lord has ransomed Jacob,
and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.

[12] They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion,
and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord,
over the grain, the wine, and the oil,
and over the young of the flock and the herd;
their life shall become like a watered garden,
and they shall never languish again.

[13] Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance,
and the young men and the old shall be merry.

I will turn their mourning into joy,
I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.

[14] I will give the priests their fill of fatness,
and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty,
says the Lord.

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

Psalmody 147:12-20 (Tones: 22-single; 24-double)

Praise the Lord, O Jer/usalem!*

Praise your / God, O Zion!

[13] For he strengthens the bars / of your gates;*

he blesses your child/ren within you.

[14] He grants peace with/in your borders;*

he fills you with the fine/st of wheat.

[15] He sends out his command / to the earth;*

his / word runs swiftly.

[16] He gives / snow like wool;*

he scatters / frost like ashes.

[17] He hurls down / hail like crumbs--*

who can stand be/fore his cold?

[18] He sends out his / word, and melts them;*

he makes his wind blow, and the / waters flow.

[19] He declares his / word to Jacob,*

his statutes and ordinanc/es to Israel.

[20] He has not dealt thus with any / other nation;*

they do not know his ordinances./ Praise the Lord!

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: Ephes. 1:3-14 A reading from Ephesians:

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, [4] just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. [5] He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, [6] to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. [7] In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace [8] that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight [9] he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, [10] as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. [11] In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, [12] so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. [13] In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; [14] this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory. 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 1:1-18 **Glory to you, O Lord.**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. [2] He was in the beginning with God. [3] All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being [4] in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. [5] The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

[6] There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. [7] He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. [8] He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. [9] The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

[10] He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. [11] He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. [12] But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, [13] who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

[14] And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. [15] (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' ") [16] From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. [17] The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. [18] No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

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

***Hymn of the Day**

Of the Father's Love Begotten

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RESPONSE

***Nicene Creed**

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***Prayers of the Church**

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First Intercession:

Heavenly Father, as we celebrate the birth of the Word made flesh, keep us focused on the truth that, more than his being a revelation of your will for our earthly lives, he came as the sacramental Word of your ancient promise to the fathers and mothers of our faith. In his life and work, we have the sufficient evidence that you were, and are, and will ever be.

*** 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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Gracious Father, we can not do justice to the greatness of your gift; consider therefore the hopelessness of our poverty. We have nothing to give in exchange for your Son made flesh. Accept instead we pray these humble offerings which celebrate your love with grateful joy. Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

MEAL

*** Great Thanksgiving/Dialog**

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

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

pew card

Agnus Dei (*Lamb of God*)

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Distribution Hymns

WOV #715, 701, 716

*** Post Communion Blessing & Canticle**

Lord, now you let . . .

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*** Post-Communion Prayer:**

O Lord, at your table of forgiveness, life and salvation, you show the brightness of your glory. Dissolve the darkness of evil in our lives with the gift of faith, that we may see so as to love. You are the Lord forevermore. **Amen.**

Sending

***Benediction**

***Recessional Hymn**

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

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Dismissal

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

Postlude

Pastors Pericope Paragraph +Fourth Sunday in Advent 12/20

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

+ "In the beginning..." No, not baseball - not the Big Inning! □ But THE beginning - Genesis 1 and John 1. The beginning of creation AND the beginning of God's WORD unleashed into our world. As the Holy Spirit brooded over creation "in the beginning", and the Father breathed life into our original forebears, so God's WORD ("let there be...") now has become enfleshed (incarnated) in Jesus, born of Mary. That WORD, "close to the Father's heart", brings light and life! (Gospel). This is the same God who both scatters and gathers, as a shepherd does for a flock - He always preserves a "remnant" (1st lesson). He has adopted us and given us an inheritance through Christ, marking us "with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit" in our baptism. (2d lesson).

Weekly Worship Practice:

Please turn off cell phones and pagers or switch to silent mode when entering the sanctuary, so we can all enjoy a quiet and stress-free environment in which to pray and reflect.

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.		Cindy L	
Asst. Minister	Peg Serra-Lima		
Lector	Peg Serra-Lima	Mark Howard	
Cantor			
*Altar Care	Laura Sherrill	Ilse & Dorothy	
Ushers/Greeters		Ellen B	
Coffee Hour			
Acolyte	Gavin Underwood	Luka Hendricks	Victoria Stevens
Sound System		Howard	
Bell Ringer			
Church Cleaner			

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We welcome ELCA Deacon Sandy Shear (Ret.) will lead worship at Evangelical and St. John’s.
Next Sunday Deb Lawyer will lead worship at Atonement and St. Matthew

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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), Linda Czernak (P. Serra-Lima), 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, Barbara Gee, Grace & Chuck Dietzman, Barbara Loitsch, Rebekah Hopkins (Messner), Mary Mansbach, Mike Lambiaso, Sue Nelson, Emily Bassett (France)

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Len & Ginny Pudelka

For young adult: Sam Sherrill

+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, Mary Peterson, Susan Howard, John Miller, Tad Mahoney, Roxanna Sliviak, David Glynn, Len Price, Esther Hughes

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: John & Pam Miller

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), Tennison (T. Wood), Gina Pywar, Erika Baker-Heinegg, Michele Tolen (T. Wood), Melissa McLaughlin (S. Eggers), Triston (Hahn), Priscilla Galbreth (Hulbert), Kelly Ives (Wood), Cathy Walsh (Stevens), Ginny Ganio, Jill Baumann, Mary Hartmann (Nelson), Kent Hoyt Jr. (Ganio), Vincent Spataro, Owen Basher (Marsh), Bev Lapp, Linda Peeters (Forbes), Rennie Brown (Janet), Jason Hahn, Jeff Hahn, Kathy Parsons, Omar Andrades, Wayne ("Junior") Bush

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Erika Baker-Heinegg

For Young Adult: Shanna Hitchcock

+Beyond the Parish+

For healing in body, mind and spirit in our own congregation: 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), Dean Clarke (Pr. Sharon Rankins-Burd, Fly Creek United Methodist Church), Pr. Colleen Quirion (Shear), Pr. Ameen Aswad (Jail Ministry)

For those preparing for marriage: Randy Chubbuck & Jen Doloff

For those preparing for childbirth: Scott & Stephanie Lehenbauer

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

In the Foothills Conference: Evangelical Lutheran Church, Hartwick Seminary (Pr. Paul Messner)

National/ International Concerns: People of Hong Kong, China; the Uigher (“we-ger”) Muslims, Christians, Buddhists, and other faith communities of China under persecution by the Chinese government, for peace and reconciliation in our nation, for peace & justice between Armenia and Azerbaijan, and for healing in the civil strife in Ethiopia.

Natural and Man-Made Disasters: Victims of the coronavirus, and those struggling with social isolation. For medical researchers, pharmaceutical companies, hospital workers, and all medical professionals.

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

+ Carl Gronlund +
(1935-2020)

+ Henry Decker III+
 (“Hank”)

+ 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
12/ 27	18/ 818	18/	14/ 770 \$1892
**	(\$1,290)	(\$705)	(\$1,309)
12/ 30			

** Needed to meet weekly expenses

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+ ATONEMENT

ENVELOPES – At Atonement, envelope boxes for 2021 will be available by the end of December, and will be placed in your church mailbox. If you have had envelopes this year, you will have envelopes assigned automatically, so you do not need to do anything. If you do NOT have envelopes and would like a box, please print your name on the sheet on the table in the Narthex. Use of envelopes helps in several ways. They are a good reminder of your commitment to the church’s well-being; they help you keep up with your pledge to the church; they make it much easier for the financial secretary to keep the records of giving. Envelopes are dated for each week of the year, as well as Church holidays, but you can use them as you wish – weekly, monthly, quarterly, annually, etc. If you turn in several weeks’ pledge at one time, you can put the total, (check or cash) in **one** envelope as your donations will only be recorded on the date they are received. It is important to use only the current year’s envelopes as they are assigned alphabetically by number, and your number may change from one year to the next.

Virginia Pudelka, Financial Secretary, 432-0825

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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

Dear OCLP Parish family,

A thank you, for all the generous gifts, cards, and prayers from our congregation and from many individuals, Martha & I want to say a sincere thank you! It truly is a blessing to serve in this parish with you. May God the Father bless our ministry together in 2021, in Jesus’ name by the power of the Holy Spirit – Pr. Paul & Martha

+ THIS WEEK +

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

+ COMING UP +

See Advent/ Christmass/ Epiphany Calendar

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+ Cartoon of the Week +



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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.