

**+ Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost +**  
**WOV Service of Word & Prayer**  
**October 8<sup>th</sup>, 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**

**Gathering Song**

*Blessed Be the God of Israel*

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**\*Greeting + Dialogue**

*The Word is Near You*

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**\*Scripture Song**

*Salvation Belongs (W st 1, M st 2)*

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**First Prayer** (*7th Century Galasian*)

**Generously pardon and give peace to your faithful people, O Lord, that being cleansed from every sin, they may be free and glad to serve, 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**

**WORD**

**First Lesson: Isaiah 5:1-7**    A lesson from Isaiah:

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard:

My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill.

[2] He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines;  
he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it;  
he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes.

[3] And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah,  
judge between me and my vineyard.

[4] What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes?

[5] And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard.

I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured;

I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down.

[6] I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed,  
and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns;

I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.

[7] For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel,  
and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting;

he expected justice, but saw bloodshed;  
righteousness, but heard a cry!  
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalmody: 80:7-15** (Tones: Single 26 or Double 9)

Restore us, O / God of hosts;\*

let your face shine, that we / may be saved.

**You brought a vine / out of Egypt;\***

**you drove out the nations and / planted it.**

You cleared the / ground for it;\*

it took deep root and / filled the land.

**The mountains were covered / with its shade,\***

**the mighty cedars / with its branches;**

it sent out its branches / to the sea,\*

and its shoots / to the River.

**Why then have you broken / down its walls,\***

**so that all who pass along the way / pluck its fruit?**

The boar from the forest / ravages it,\*

and all that move in the field / feed on it.

**Turn again, O God of hosts; look down from heav- / en, and see;\***

**have regard for this vine, the stock that your / right hand planted.**

**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: Philip. 3:4b-14**

A lesson from Philippians:

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: [5] circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; [6] as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

[7] Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. [8] More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ [9] and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. [10] I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, [11] if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

[12] Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. [13] Beloved, I do not consider that

I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, [14] I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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

**\*Gospel Acclamation**

*Word of Life Jesus Christ  
Glory to you, O Lord*

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**\*Holy Gospel: Matthew 21:33-46**

"Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. [34] When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. [35] But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. [36] Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. [37] Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' [38] But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' [39] So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. [40] Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" [41] They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time."

[42] Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures:

"The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone;  
this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes"?

[43] Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. [44] The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls."

[45] When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. [46] They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet. The Gospel of the Lord.

**\* Gospel Response**

*Praise to you, O Christ*

**Children's Sermon/Homily**

Pr. Jim Crouthamel (A/St.M)  
TBA (E/St.J)

**\*Hymn of the Day**

*You Satisfy the Hungry Heart*

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**RESPONSE to the WORD**

**\*Apostles' Creed**

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**\*Confession and Forgiveness**

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**\*Sharing the Peace**

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**Offering**

**\*Offertory**

*Glory to you God (stz. 3)*

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**\* Offertory Prayer:**

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Heavenly Father, you wait for our support of the Church to help restore our dignity as we learn to live by faith. Through the willingness of Jesus Christ to fulfill your love, inspire us to become partners with him in his saving ministry and then in the glory he has prepared, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**\*Prayers of the Church**

**First Intercession:**

Almighty Father, you created life in this world with the Word of your son, but the greater glory is that you sent him into this world with words about real life, bringing to reality your ancient promises. We worship you for this greater gift and pray that you will help us by the Spirit to attend to the love your redemptive Word still proclaims.

**\*Additional Prayers**

**\*Lord's Prayer**

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**SENDING**

**\*Blessing**

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**\*Recessional Hymn**

*Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

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**Dismissal**

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

**Postlude**

**+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, 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), Valerie England, Jennifer Carman, Lisa Cooper (Syvertsen), Janna Benston (Sherrill), Gary Williams, Jill A. (Cindy), Jason Pallack (Carman), Barb Delaney (Serra-Lima/ Winkler), Stash Tarka (Thompson), Jim Baker, John Cook, Florence Jelliffe (Heaney)

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Dalene & Otto Behrens

For young adult: Catie Cleveland

**+Evangelical+**

**For healing in body, mind and spirit in our own congregation:** 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), Ansley (Butts), Wendy Wenck Craighill (Miller), Julie Sharrett, Lynne Hecker, Roberta Rowland Raybold

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Dorothy LaGasse  
For Young Adult: Alex Reynolds

**+St. Matthew+**

For healing in body, mind and spirit in our own congregation: Scott Forbes, Tina Keator, Sherrie Roy (Lawyer), Barbara Gesile, Gina Pywar, Melissa McLaughlin (S. Eggers), Cathy Walsh (Stevens), Owen Basher (Marsh), Rennie Brown (Janet), Jason Hahn, Kathy Parsons, Maureen McAndrew (Greenleaf), Mike McAndrew (Greenleaf), Jack Anthony (Stevens), Troy Lutz (Bush), Alan & Linda Peeters, Corinne Pollak, James Wikoff (Hulbert), Vicky Vesely (Bush), Helmut Boehl, Anna Elwyn (Rose Nelson), Ellie Bauman, Carol Evans, Patti Hulbert, Howard Turnbull (Stevens), Ann and Mike Monahan, Gus Pfeuffer, Carol (Nelson) Doane, Lynn Robinson, Robin Bush

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Mary Ellen Crawford  
For Young Adult: Terri Bonney

**+Beyond the Parish+**

For healing in body, mind and spirit: Jackie Hesse (Lawyer), Rosemary Pepe (Eggers), Dorothy Fernandez, (Eggers), Dick Armstrong, Gina Utter (Thompson), Cathy Deleski (Thompson), Alicia Biesler (Thompson), Margie Ortega (Thompson), Pr Lynn Ash, former President Jimmy Carter & 1<sup>st</sup> Lady Rosalyn Carter, David Wolff, Davilynn Cifonelli (Doane-Nelson), Kathryn Morris (Messner), Sue Stevens (Mansbach), Joe Bales (Messner), Dave Powell (Simmerly), Tyler Brazinski (Messner), Dorcas Brown (Christine Brown), Alen Brown (Christine Brown), Karen Flaherty (Crouthamel), Mary Jones (Cooperstown United Methodist Pastor's mother), Davin Ruffles, Dave Delker, Vinny Mortellaro (Messner)

**For those celebrating marriage:** Christian & Kelsie Hargraves

**For those celebrating childbirth:** Lizzette Hopkins & Ed Hatch on the birth of Leidiyen Edette

**For those in the military, law enforcement and emergency services:** Dale Higgins USMC, deployed

**In the Foothills Conference:** The Society of the Holy Trinity (STS) and its member pastors (Pr. Paul Messner), especially its senior pastor, (Pr. Patrick Rooney) and its secretary, (Pr. Pari Bailey); for all clergy support groups

**National/ International Concerns:** For all refugees and migrants; victims of violence in our communities; those struggling with economic conditions, food insecurity, and homelessness; the people of Ukraine, Russia, Israel, and Palestine

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

+ Wendel Tripp +  
(1928 – 2023)

Former Mayor of Cooperstown

+ Senator Diane Feinstein +  
(1933 – 2023)

**+ Parish News and Notes +**

### **Pastors Pericope Paragraph 10/8**

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

+The conflict between Jesus and His religious opponents intensifies, He tells pointed parables against them and they know it They need Him silenced and plot to make it happen, but His popularity (for now) protects Him (Gospel). YHWH's disappointment with the people of Israel is palpable. He sings a song for His vineyard - a metaphor for Israel - but to no avail. Judgment will come and it will not be pretty (1<sup>st</sup> lesson). Paul lays out his credentials to the Christians of Phillipi. Yet he says these are nothing compared to being a follower of Jesus and His resurrection (2d lesson).

### **Weekly Worship Practice:**

In our pews help us maintain the pew holders with pens/pencils, and 4 or 5 *Voice from the Pew* folders. Use these folders to: record your Holy Communion (at least once a year); request a hymn or prayer; update our records; what else? Check one out!

**+OCLP+**

We welcome Pr. Jim Crouthamel to lead worship at Atonement & St. Matthew  
Next Sunday TBA will lead worship at Evangelical and St. John

+ While Pr. Paul is away this weekend, Pr. Jim Crouthamel is on call for pastoral emergencies.  
(607 293-7729 or 201 317-5610) Thanks Pr. Jim!

### **Readings Through This Week**

See website: <https://www.otsegocountylutheranparish.com>

<b>Serving Today</b>	<b>Atonement</b>	<b>Evangelical</b>	<b>St. Matthew</b>
Asst. Minister			Deb Lawyer
Comm. Asst.			
Lector	Robert Loitsch	Len P	Robin Bush
Cantor	Robert Loitsch		
*Altar Care	Cindy Heaney	Cindy & Esther	
Ushers/Greeters	Christine Brown	Dan T	
Coffee Hour			
Acolyte	Logan Temming		
Sound System		Pelcer	
Bell Ringer			
Church Cleaner			

### **Attendance & Offering Statistics**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Atonement</b>	<b>Evangelical</b>	<b>St. Matthew</b>	<b>St. John</b>
10/1	22/ 1016	10/ 580	15/ 854	7/ 246
10/4	5/ 134	-- / 64	7/ 325	
**	<b>(\$1,290)</b>	<b>(\$850)</b>	<b>(\$1,309)</b>	

**\*\* Needed to meet weekly expenses**

#### **+ THIS WEEK +**

+ Today Sunday 10/8  
Service of Word & Prayer  
(Pr. Paul at family wedding, Madison WI)

+ Wednesday 10/11  
7:30am St. Matthew – worship  
10:30am Clergy Bible Study, Christ Church, Cooperstown  
Noon Evangelical – devotions  
5:30pm “The Chosen” Season 2, episode 5 Atonement  
7:00pm Atonement – devotions

+ Thursday 10/12  
5:00pm St. Matthew Worship & Music Committee

+ Saturday 10/14  
8:30am OCLP Men’s Breakfast, St. Matthew  
10:00am – Noon Foothills Conference Fall assembly

+ **COMING UP** +

+ Next Week Sunday 10/15  
Service of Holy Communion

+Tuesday 10/17  
4:00pm Atonement Worship & Music Committee

+ Wednesday 10/18  
7:30am St. Matthew – worship  
10:30am Clergy Bible Study, Christ Church, Cooperstown  
Noon Evangelical – devotions  
3:00pm Evangelical Council meeting  
5:30pm “The Chosen” Season 2, episode 6 Atonement  
7:00pm Atonement – devotions

+ Friday 10/20 – Saturday 10/21  
Adult Education Retreat, St. Margaret Retreat Center, New Hartford

+ **SMILE OF THE WEEK** +

A man and his wife were having an argument about who should brew coffee each morning. The wife said, “You should do it, because you get up first, and then we don’t have to wait as long to get our coffee.”  
The husband said, “You are in charge of the cooking around here, and you should do it because you are better at it. I can just wait for my coffee.”  
His wife replies, “No, you should do it, and besides, it is in the Bible that the man should do the coffee.”  
The husband replies, “I can’t believe that, show me.”  
So she fetched the Bible, opened the New Testament and showed him . . . “HEBREWS”  
(Shared by Diann Price)