



ATONEMENT LUTHERAN CHURCH
ONEONTA, NY

ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH
LAURENS, NY

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
HARTWICK SEMINARY, NY

The Rev. Paul R. Messner, S.T.S., Pastor
The Rev. Robert Mansbach, Pastor Emeritus

+ **Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost** +
Holy Communion (LBW Setting 2)
October 4th, 2020

Festival of St. Francis of Assisi

(* = 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

* **Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness**

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* **Apostolic Greeting**

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First Prayer: *(7th Century Gelasian)*

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.

Psalmody: 80:7-15 (Tones: single – 32; 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.

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.**

* **Alleluia Verse**

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HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 21:33-46 **Glory to you, O Lord.**

"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. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children's Sermon/Homily

Pastor Paul Messner (Evan/ St. J)
Dave Forbes (St. M/ Atone)

* **Hymn of the Day**

All Creatures of Our God and King

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RESPONSE

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* **Prayers of the Church**

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Prayer of St. Francis

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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.

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

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* **Offertory**

Let the Vineyards

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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.**

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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*** Post-Communion Prayer:**

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Lord Jesus, by faith we have tasted the life-giving food of your Kingdom / and hunger to live and reign with you. Help us to make full use of the new strength we have received / to produce the good works that you enjoy. We bless you now and evermore. **Amen.**

SENDING

*** Benediction**

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

Postlude

Weekly Worship Practice:

When entering the sanctuary, please do so in a quiet manner so as not to disturb parishioners who choose to pray and reflect silently before the service begins. Coffee hour provides a warm and receptive environment for fellowship and conversation. Thank you!

Serving Today	Atonement	Evangelical	St. Matthew
Comm. Asst. Asst. Minister Lector Cantor *Altar Care Ushers/Greeters Coffee Hour Acolyte/ Crucifer Sound System Bell Ringer Church Cleaner	Eli England Stevie Mendez	Mark Howard Mark Howard Ilse & Dorothy Esther H. Max Pelcer Lane	Dave Forbes Victoria Stevens

+OCLP+

+ We welcome Dave Forbes to lead worship at St. Matthew and Atonement.

+ Next Sunday Deacon Tom Collins will lead worship at Evangelical and St. John

+Thanks to all who have continued faithfully to send in offerings to each congregation. All bills are current! As our churches re-open more folks will be leaving their offering at the door! If you are not yet able to come, please continue to mail them in. Thanks!

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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), Lewis Sherrill (D. Sherrill), Brian Sherrill (D. Sherrill), Jeremy Sorese (C. Heaney), Evelyn Hamilton (Lehenbauer), Beth Gilmore (Pudelka), Virginia Pudelka, Elizabeth Robinson (Messner), Rene Prins (Roper), Tony and Thoranne Winkler, Thomas Mendez, Sam Sherrill, Eli England, Bill Heaney, Allison Heaney, Heather Byrnes, Victor Grant, and Charlotte Grant

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Grace Dietzman

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), Shannan Mahoney (J. Boyd), Roz Winne (C. Butts), Janet Underwood (Burda), Bob Hazelton (C. Butts), Joyce Boyd (C. Lane), Karen Ingraham (C. Butts), Gloria Hendricks, Mary Peterson,

Susan Howard, John Miller, Charlie Hughes, Donna Robinson (La Gasse)

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Roberta Rowland-Raybold

For Young Adult: Keira Higgins

+St. Matthew+

For healing in body, mind and spirit in our own congregation: Robert Evans, 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), Gabrielle Bush, Priscilla Galbreth (Hulbert), Kelly Ives (Wood), Cathy Walsh (Stevens), Ginny Ganio, Ivan Joubert, Mike Keator, Jill Baumann (Ellie's granddaughter following an amputation), Mary Hartmann (Nelson), Kent Hoyt Jr. (Ganio), Vincent Spataro, Owen Basher (Marsh), Bev Lapp, Linda Peeters (Forbes), Rennie Brown

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Connie Dabreau

For Young Adult: Cooper Pulson

+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), Mark Cook (John's brother)

For those celebrating marriage: Nicole Rothenberger & Tasi Karabinis

For those celebrating childbirth: Those dealing with decisions regarding abortion

For those in the military, law enforcement and emergency services: Laurens Fire Department & EMS. The two Louisville, KY Police Officers shot in the line of duty.

In the Foothills Conference: Immanuel Lutheran Church, Delhi (Pr. John Priest); Trinity Lutheran Church, Stamford, Christ the Shepherd Lutheran Church, Schoharie (Pr. Colleen Quirion)

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; our country during this time of deep division. The people of Rochester, NY.

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. The victims of hurricane Laura. Victims losing life or property, those enduring terrible air quality, those braving exhaustion to fight the western U.S. wild fires.

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

+ Michelle Winslow +
(-- 2020)

+ Parish News and Notes +

+Pentecost 18 10/04

Murder. Mayhem. Death. Destruction. Revenge. No it's not an episode of Game of Thrones or a Zombie Apocalypse. It's a parable of Jesus.

A parable of judgement. Consequences for bad behavior. A rejected quarry stone becomes THE cornerstone of life (Gospel). Paul lists his worldly credentials and then confesses - they amount to an ash heap in comparison to "the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord". So we share His sufferings, the power of the resurrection and press forward to the future goal of responding to the call Of God in Christ Jesus (Lesson).

+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
9/27	17/ 573 \$675	15/	16/ 565
**	(\$1,290)	(\$705)	(\$1,309)
9/30			

**** Needed to meet weekly expenses**

+ OCLP +

+ Thanks to our members and friends worshipping with us. At present, we are using a somewhat abbreviated form of the Holy Communion (Setting 2) and the LBW Service of the Word. Our four congregations have come to different choices regarding singing of the liturgy, psalmody, and hymns for the present.

- At Evangelical and St. John we are singing (masks on)

- At Atonement we are not singing

- At St. Matthew we are singing the 1st & 4th Sundays of the month, and not singing on the 2nd and 3rd Sundays. The 5th Sunday of the month will alternate singing.

+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, cannelloni, 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 +

+Today: Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost – Holy Communion (LBW Setting 2)

+Wednesday Services:

7:30am St. Matthew

Noon Evangelical

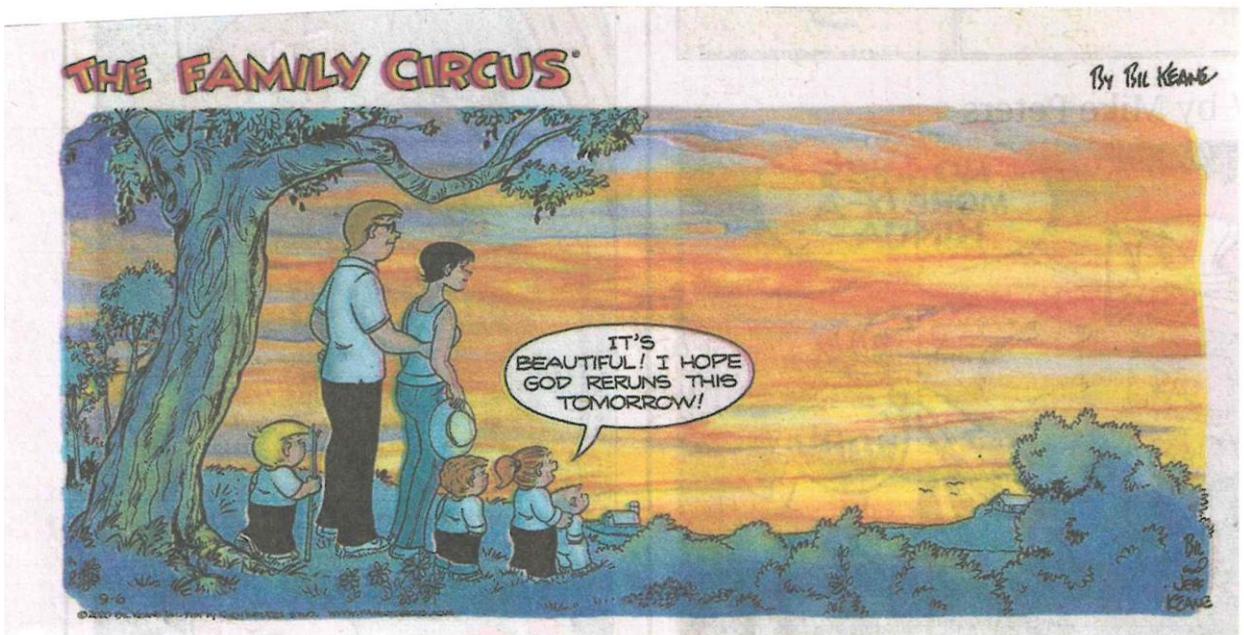
7:00pm Atonement

+ COMING UP +

+ Sunday School and Confirmation (Stay Tuned)

+ St. John Rummage Sale, Fri-Sat Oct. 16-17

+ Cartoon of the Week +



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.

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Barbara Loitsch: Choir Director

Evangelical Lutheran Church, Hartwick Seminary, NY

Donna Brown: Organist

St. John Lutheran Church, West Burlington, NY

Tessa Hecker, and Ethel Mills: Accompanists

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