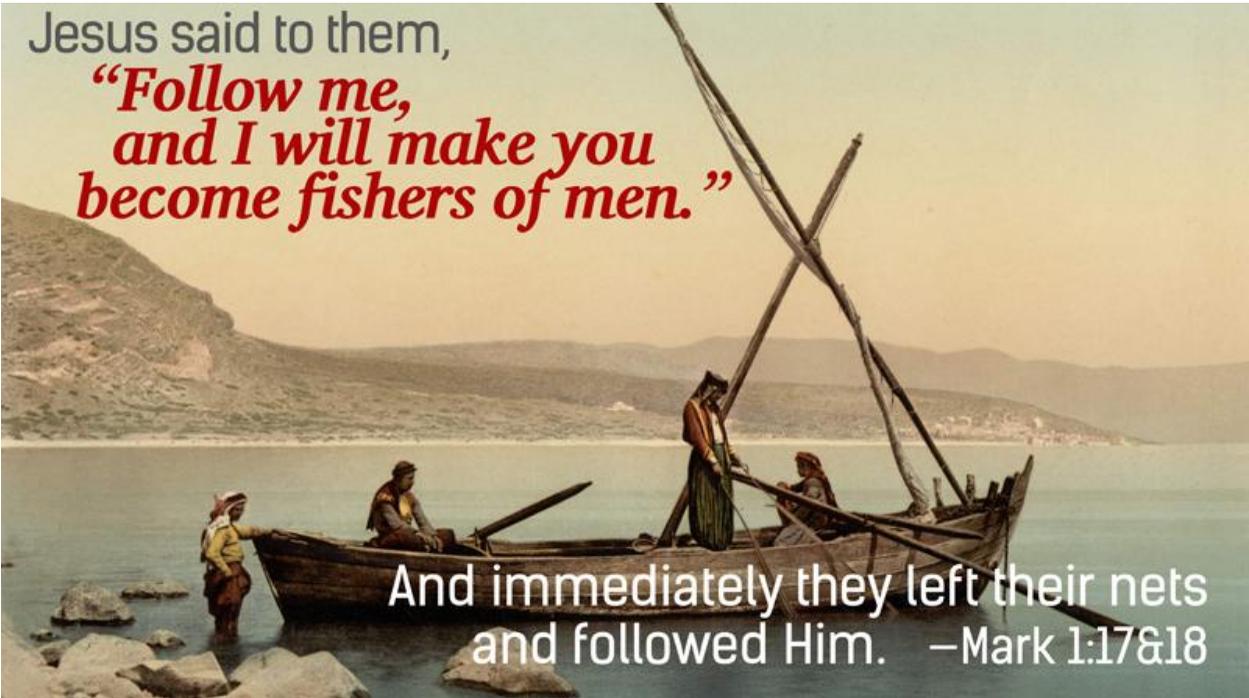


Jesus said to them,

*“Follow me,
and I will make you
become fishers of men.”*



And immediately they left their nets
and followed Him. —Mark 1:17&18

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

+ **Third Sunday after the Epiphany** +
WOV Service of the Word and Prayer
January 24th, 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

* Opening Hymn	<i>O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright</i>	LBW# 76
* Invocation and Dialog	<i>In the Beginning</i>	pg. 46
* Scripture Song	<i>Salvation belongs to our God</i>	pg. 47

(St 1 – women, St 2 – men, Refrain – all)

First Prayer: *(7th Century Galasian)*

Almighty Eternal God, graciously look down on our weakness. Reach out to us with your Majestic Right Hand, and satisfy us with his glory, 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.M/Evan)

WORD

First Lesson: Jonah 3:1-5, 10 A lesson from Jonah:

The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, [2] "Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." [3] So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. [4] Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" [5] And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

[10] When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

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

Psalmody: 62:5-12 (Tones: single – 32; double – 9)

For God alone my soul / waits in silence,*
for my hope / is from him.

**He alone is my rock and / my salvation,*
my fortress; I shall / not be shaken.**

On God rests my deliverance / and my honor;*
my mighty rock, my refuge / is in God.

Trust in him at all / times, O people;*

pour out your heart before him;

God is a refuge for us.

Those of low estate are but a breath,
those of high estate are / a delusion;*
in the balances they go up;
they are together lighter / than a breath.

Put no confidence in extortion,

and set no vain / hopes on robbery;*

if riches increase, do not set your / heart on them.

Once God has spoken; twice / have I heard this:*

that power be- / longs to God,

and steadfast love belongs to / you, O Lord.*

For you repay to all according / to their work.

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: 1 Cor. 7:29-31 A lesson from First Corinthians:

I mean, brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, [30] and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, [31] and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

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

* **Gospel Acclamation**

Word of Life

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Holy Gospel: Mark 1:14-20 **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, [15] and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

[16] As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea--for they were fishermen. [17] And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." [18] And immediately they left their nets and followed him. [19] As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. [20] Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

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

* **Hymn of the Day**

You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore

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RESPONSE

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

Offering

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Musical Offering

(A)

* **Offertory**

Glory to you God (Stz. 1)

* **Offertory Prayer:**

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Heavenly Father, we present gifts on behalf of all your creatures / to praise you for your generous care. Clarify the vision of our mission to represent you in service to your creation / that you may be known and glorified. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

* **Prayers of the Church**

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First Intercession:

Almighty God, you call us to repent and to find our rest in you. As the disciples of our Lord accepted his message of eternal peace, leaving behind the things in which they had hoped, inspire us also to recognize his way of love and sacrifice which alone will abide forever. Give us the wisdom to leave the comforts and pleasures which do not arise from you, and the patience to wait for the glory you will share with all who trust your saving grace.

Lord's Prayer

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SENDING

* **Benediction**

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Sending Song:

The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve

WOV# 723

Dismissal

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

Postlude

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Pastors Pericope Paragraph 1/24

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

"Now after John was arrested, Jesus came..." He calls disciples. They follow Him (Gospel). Jonah reluctantly proclaims God's Word to his enemies. They heed God's call - they repent, and God relents (1st lesson). "The present form of this world is passing away." Christians do not belong solely to this world. They engage with it here and now, and look forward to a better world yet to be (2d lesson).

Weekly Worship Practice:

Prior to worship, many take time to reverently prepare themselves for the liturgy by praying, quietly reflecting, marking hymnals and Bibles etc. Please respect those doing this by keeping conversation and greeting whispered or outside the sanctuary (in the narthex or parlor). This also models reverence to our children and youth! Thank you!

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. Asst. Minister Lector Cantor *Altar Care Ushers/Greeters Coffee Hour Acolyte Sound System Bell Ringer Church Cleaner	Becky Milford Megan Cleveland	Len P Ilse & Dorothy Lane	Deb Lawyer

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+ We welcome ELCA Deacon Sandy Shear (Ret.) to lead worship at Evangelical and St. John and Pastor Jim Crouthamel to lead at St. Matthew and Atonement.

+ Next Sunday Jim Crouthamel will lead worship at Evangelical and 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, 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 Dietzman, Barbara Loitsch, Mike Lambiaso, Rita Nelson

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

For young adult: Tyler Evans

+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: Len & Diann Price

For Young Adult: Blake Rinell

+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), Owen Basher (Marsh), Bev Lapp, Linda Peeters (Forbes), Rennie Brown (Janet), Jason Hahn, Kathy Parsons, Omar Andrades, Wayne (“Junior”) Bush, Donna Sorrentino, Ron Struckle

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Marge Bonney

For Young Adult: Spencer Sherry

+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), Pr. Ameen Aswad (Jail Ministry), Jack Schuck (Sandy Shear)

For those preparing for marriage: Randy Chubbuck & Jennifer Doloff

For those preparing for childbirth: Scott & Stephanie Lehenbauer

For those in the military, law enforcement and emergency services: Alex Famolaro, U.S. Army, Middle East

In the Foothills Conference: For all church council members and officers of congregations (name your own)

National/ International Concerns: all victims of religious, ethnic, and racial hatred and prejudice, our country in this time of continuing deep division.

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+
Whom We Commend to the Lord**

Caitlin Kelley
(Former member of Atonement)

+ 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
1/17	20/ 68	8/ 54	15/ 49 \$837
**	(\$1,290)	(\$705)	(\$1,309)
1/ 20	4/		

**** Needed to meet weekly expenses**

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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

+Atonement

Our sanctuary windows are in increasing need of repair. There are some broken pieces, but the primary and pressing need is re-caulking. Estimates are around \$12,500 for all the work. To help with this capital project, use a special giving envelope and make checks payable to Atonement Lutheran Church (memo: stained glass window project) Thanks!

+ THIS WEEK +

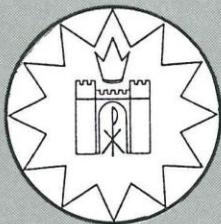
+Wednesday Services:
7:30am St. Matthew
Noon Evangelical
7:00pm Atonement

1/31 Atonement and St. Matthew Annual Meetings

+Next Week+

Service of Healing

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About Being Lutheran

I: The Altar

Q: *Why do many Lutheran churches have people bow towards the altar, when they pass it or as they enter their pew?*

A: From the very beginnings of the Church, the significance of the altar has influenced the ceremonial actions of the Liturgy. In the Letter to the Hebrews, Christ is depicted as the High Priest who is also the living altar of the heavenly temple. In the Book of Revelation, Jesus appears as the Lamb who has been sacrificed and whose offering is taken by the holy angel to the altar in heaven. From these and other passages in the Old and New Testaments the Church came to say that Jesus Christ was the victim, priest, and altar of His own sacrifice — and that the altar in the church building represented both the throne of God in heaven and the person of Christ.

The fundamental importance of the altar, though, derives from its place in our celebration of the Eucharist. When He instituted, in the form of a meal, the memorial of the sacrificial offering. He was about to offer the Father on the altar of the cross, Jesus sanctified, or made holy, the table where the community of the faithful would gather to *celebrate* that meal. Thus, our altar is the place on which, in a mysterious way, the sacrifice of the cross is perpetuated throughout the ages until Christ comes again, and it is the holy table at which the children of God gather to give Him praise and receive the Body and Blood of Christ.

Since, in a special way, the altar represents God's presence, it is fitting that we act appropriately when in its presence, and we express our reverence in a variety of ways, in actions as well as words, one of which is bowing. Bowing is a way of showing our adoration and respect for the God who comes among us; it is a way of giving flesh to our faith; of expressing and reinforcing our reverence for the holiness of the God made present on and at the altar.

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