



ATONEMENT LUTHERAN CHURCH  
ONEONTA, NY

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

+ **Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost** +  
Holy Communion (LBW Setting 2)  
September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022

(\* = 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**

Ringing of the Church Bell (StM/Ev)

\* **Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness**

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\* **Entrance Hymn**

*Lift High the Cross*

LBW #377 +

\* **Apostolic Greeting and Kyrie**

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\* **Hymn of Praise:**

*This is the Feast of Victory* (cantor and congregation)

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\* **Salutation**

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**First Prayer:** *(7th Century Gelasian)*

**O Lord, always lead and follow us with your grace, that we may be still more intent on doing good, 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**

(St.M/Evan)

**First Lesson: Deut. 30:15-20** A lesson from Deuteronomy:

See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. [16] If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. [17] But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, [18] I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. [19] I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, [20] loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

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

**Psalmody: 1** (Tones: Single 26; double - 6)

Happy are those who do not follow the advice / of the wicked,\*

**or take the path that sinners tread,**

**or sit in the / seat of scoffers;**

but their delight is in the law / of the Lord,\*

**and on his law they meditate / day and night.**

They are like trees planted by / streams of water,\*

**which yield their fruit in its season,**

**and their leaves / do not wither.**

In all that they / do, they prosper.\*

**The wicked are not so,**

**but are like chaff that the wind / drives away.**

Therefore the wicked will not stand / in the judgment,\*

**nor sinners in the congregation / of the righteous;**

for the Lord watches over the way / of the righteous,\*

**but the way of the wick / ed will perish.**

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: Philemon 1-21** A lesson from Philemon:

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, [2] to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house:

[3] Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

[4] When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God [5] because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. [6] I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. [7] I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

[8] For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, [9] yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love--and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. [10] I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. [11] Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. [12] I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. [13] I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; [14] but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. [15] Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, [16] no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother--especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

[17] So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. [18] If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. [19] I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. [20] Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. [21] Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

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

\* **Alleluia Verse** pg. 83

\* **Gospel Acclamation** **Glory to you, O Lord** pg. 83

**Holy Gospel: Luke 14:25-33**

Now large crowds were traveling with him; and he turned and said to them, [26] "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. [27] Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. [28] For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? [29] Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, [30] saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' [31] Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? [32] If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. [33] So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

The Gospel of the Lord.

\* **Gospel Response** **Praise to you, O Christ** pg. 83

**Children's Sermon/Homily** Deacon Tom Collins (St.M/ A)  
Pr. Paul Messner (Ev/ St. J)

\* **Hymn of the Day** *Around You, O Lord Jesus* LBW #496

**RESPONSE**

\* **Apostles Creed** pg. 85

\* **Prayers of the Church** pg. 85

**First Intercession:**

Eternal Father, full of mercy and gifts to all, we worship you and proclaim to the world that there is more to life than the daily food you provide. We know that our struggles are only a beating of the air unless it is your will to give success. It was your will that your Son endured suffering and death on our behalf; and by his being raised from the dead, you gave him the victory of life for us all. With praise and thanksgiving for that salvation, we are bold to come with faith that you will also turn our work and pain to the success of peace and joy.

\* **Sharing of the Peace of the Lord** pg. 86

**Offering** pg. 86

**Musical Offering** (A)

\* **Offertory Prayer:**

pg. 87-88

Almighty Father, with autumn's golden seeds / you soothe our loss of summer's green. And thus you change our fear of death / into the hope that we will live again. Ripen as well the faith by which we bring these offerings / so as to gather from us a harvest of good works. Through 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**

pg. 89-91

**Agnus Dei**

*Lamb of God*

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**Distribution Hymns**

LBW #469, 224, 331

\* **Post Communion Blessing & Canticle**

*Thank the Lord . . .*

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\* **Post-Communion Prayer:**

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Lord Jesus Christ, just as this bread and wine was gathered into one from scattered plants and vines, so you have by this food drawn us into one in you. Gather thus your Church from everywhere / to be your blessed kingdom without end. You are the Lord forevermore. **Amen.**

**SENDING**

\* **Benediction**

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\* **Recessional Hymn**

*All My Hope on God is Founded*

WOV #782 +

**Dismissal**

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

**Postlude**

**Pastors Pericope Paragraph 9/4**

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

"Hate " is a strong word. Yet that's the word Jesus intentionally uses. Hate! It's about priorities. In the war raging between good and evil... deceit and truth...life and death...there comes a time - a moment of decision. We have to choose. After all, we're talking about the God of the Universe: the creator of everything that lives and breathes and has being...who demands our ultimate and total loyalty. And His love, at great cost, in the end wins out. Love wins! (Gospel). Joshua calls the Israelites, centuries before Jesus, and shortly after Moses death, to also make a choice. As they stand on the cusp of returning to the Land of Promise - the inheritance of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, and now them, Joshua offers them a clear choice - renew the covenant with YHWH or begin to follow the gods of Canaan. The choice is life...or not (1<sup>st</sup> lesson). Onesimus made a choice to be a fugitive. To runaway from slavery, He runs to Paul.

They talk. They pray. Paul sends him back. Now Philemon has to make a choice: take back the runaway - again as a slave. OR, receive him back as a beloved brother in Christ. What's the rest of the story?

### **Weekly Worship Practice:**

Don't take a vacation from God this Summer! If the regular time of worship doesn't suit you on Summer Sundays consider worshipping at one of the other congregations in our parish (earlier or later than your own). Or come on Wednesdays: 7:30 AM-St. Matthew / Noon-Evangelical/7PM Atonement. Be Faithful to God and His Church!

**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, or another ordained pastor, 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.

**All baptized Christians are welcome to God's Table of Grace.** All the baptized may commune in the OCLP with no age restriction; baptized children may begin communing after parents have consulted with Pastor. 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. 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.

We welcome Deacon Tom Collins to lead worship at St. Matthew & Atonement  
Next week we welcome Deacon Sandy Shear to lead worship at Evangelical and St. John

| <b>Serving Today</b> | <b>Atonement</b> | <b>Evangelical</b>      | <b>St. Matthew</b> |
|----------------------|------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Asst. Minister       | Peg Serra-Lima   | Cindy Lane<br>Len Price | Deb Lawyer         |
| Comm. Asst.          | Christine Brown  |                         |                    |
| Lector               | Cindy Heany      |                         |                    |
| Cantor               | Cindy Heany      |                         |                    |
| Altar Care           |                  |                         |                    |
| Ushers/Greeters      | Christine Brown  |                         |                    |
| Coffee Hour          |                  |                         |                    |
| Acolyte              |                  |                         |                    |
| Sound System         |                  |                         |                    |
| Bell Ringer          |                  |                         |                    |
| Church Cleaner       |                  |                         |                    |

**+ 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 Carol Hart (Walters), Mary Ann Ross (Englands), Margo Graham (Sue Dana), Barbara Loitsch, David Kelefant (Walters), Allen and Ted Case (uncle/nephew) (Messner), Sue (M. Messner); Carleen (M. Messner), Valerie England, Alice Burdick, Jennifer Carman; Len Siwik (Bauer)

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Barbara Delaney

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), Gloria Hendricks, Susan Howard, John & Pam

Miller, David Glynn, Esther Hughes, Bill Jacobson (D. Brown), Anthony Scarfuto (Boyd), Dwaine Sharett (Butts), Jim Desrocher (Boyd), Dick Woodhouse (Hazzard), Kenny Medor (Butts), Joan Ackerman (Butts), Mary Beth Pedersen

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Pr. Paul & Martha Messner

For Young Adult: Dale Higgins

**+St. Matthew+**

For healing in body, mind and spirit in our own congregation: Scott Forbes, Tina Keator, Sherrie Roy (Lawyer), Laura Emmet (Lawyer), Lynn Benekin (Forbes), Barbara Gesile (Lapp), Gina Pywar, Michele Tolen (T. Wood), 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), Marge Bonney, 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: Marge Bonney

For Young Adult: Kyle Sherry

**+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), Ashwin Kalyandurg (Bush), Larry Antemann (Messner), Stash Tarka (Messner), Carl Roberts (Messner), Pr Lynn Ash, Cathy Carroll Ziemba (Messner), Cadence Love

**For those preparing for marriage:** Mike Estro and Kayla Roberson

**For those preparing for childbirth:** Mentor and Jehona Ferataj

**For those in the military, law enforcement and emergency services:** The "Afghan 13", U.S. military personnel killed at the Kabul Airport gate one year ago this past week, along with nearly 200 Afghans.



**In the Foothills Conference:** Women of the ELCA in our congregations/ conferences and all women's ministries; for Lutheran Men in Mission and all men's ministries; All college students, faculty and staff arriving or returning to our communities. A special welcome to incoming Hartwick College President Fred Reissberg. For all students, faculty and staff of our local public, parochial and private schools for a full year of good, healthy and safe in-person learning.

**National/ International Concerns:** all victims of religious, ethnic, and racial hatred; the people of Afghanistan, Ethiopia, Ukraine, Russia and Taiwan; for those involved in the continuing crisis on our Southern border; for refugees & migrants; for those living in long term care facilities; for an end to violence in our schools and communities; for those suffering from Summer's extreme heat; Those struggling with cancer. The mentally ill and those who care for them.

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

+Lauren Dutcher+  
(1939-2022)

+Jacob Mayer Jr.+  
(1969-2022)

We Commend to the Lord:

Mikhail Gorbachev  
(1931-2022)  
Last Prime Minister of the Soviet Union

**+ 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: Last Sun/ YTD | Atonement        | Evangelical    | St. Matthew      |
|---------------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|
| 8/28                | 34/              | 19/ 583        | 23/ 698          |
| **                  | <b>(\$1,290)</b> | <b>(\$705)</b> | <b>(\$1,309)</b> |
| 8/31                | 1/ 84            | 1/ 63          | 7/ 302           |

\*\* Needed to meet weekly expenses

### + OCLP +

+Thanks to Victoria Stevens and her fellow LCS students for the clothing drive hosted at St Matthew last week to assist those in need before school begins

### + THIS WEEK +

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

10:00am Clergy Bible Study, Christ Church, Cooperstown

+Friday - Sandy Shear Commissioned as an ELCA Deacon (Associate in Ministry) 2003

+Friday-Sat - Ev. Rummage Sale (2d wknd)

+Saturday - Estro-Roberson Wedding, Unadilla

### + COMING UP +

9/11 - Emergency Services Sunday

Atonement and Evangelical - Coffee hours in honor of our law enforcement, military and emergency services members and neighbors.

+St Matthew Welcome Back Picnic Brunch after worship

(bring a dish to pass, table service. Beverages provided

+Atonement - Sacrament of Holy Baptism

9/13 - Evangelical Women's Lunch at the Jive Cafe, Hartwick Seminary; 11:30am. Let Ilse Seitz know if you can come

9/15 - 4pm - monthly Food distribution at St. Matthew

5:30 pm - Evangelical Council at church

9/19 - 2pm - Joe Rotolo Memorial Calling Hours and Service , Bookhouts Funeral Home, Oneonta

## **Quote of the Week**

The right to do something doesn't mean it's right to do it.  
-anonymous

## **Otsego Country Lutheran Parish**

Lutheran Church of the Atonement, Oneonta, NY

Sunday Worship 10:30 am (Holy Communion 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays + festivals)

Joyce Boyd: President

Donna Brown: Organist

St. John Lutheran Church, West Burlington, NY

Sunday Worship 11:15 am (Holy Communion 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays + festivals)

Paul Hecker: President

Ethel Mills: Accompanist

St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Laurens, NY

Sunday Worship 8:30 am (Holy Communion 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays + festivals)

Ed Winslow: President

Janet Brown: Organist

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Services of Healing are usually held on the 5<sup>th</sup> 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 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.