



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

+ Second Sunday in Advent +
Holy Communion (LBW Setting 1)
December 4th, 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

- * **Brief Order for Public Confession and Forgiveness** pg.56
- * **Entrance Hymn** *On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry* LBW# 36
- * **Apostolic Greeting & Kyrie** pg. 57
- * **Hymn of Praise** *Glory to God* pg. 58

First Prayer: *(late 6th Century Gregorian)*

Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Protect us from the threatening dangers of our sin and free us with your generous salvation. You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Musical Offering

(St.Matt/Evan)

***Lighting of the Advent Candle & Reading**

Oh, come, oh come, Emmanuel (St. 3-4)

Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah (st.2)

Pew Cards

First Lesson: Isaiah 11:1-10 A lesson from Isaiah:

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

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

Psalmody 72:1-7, 18-19 (Tones: 29-single; 30-double)

Give the king your just- / ice, O God,*and your righteousness to / a king's son.

May he judge your people with / righteousness,* and your / poor with justice.

May the mountains yield prosperity / for the people,* and the hills, in / righteousness.

May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance / to the needy,* and crush / the oppressor.

May he live while the / sun endures,*and as long as the moon, throughout all / generations.

May he be like rain that falls on / the mown grass,* like showers that wa- / ter the earth.

In his days may right- / eousness flourish*and peace abound, until the moon / is no more.

Blessed be the Lord, the God of / Israel,*who alone does / wondrous things.

Blessed be his glorious / name forever;* may his glory fill the whole earth. Amen / and Amen.

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: Romans 15:4-13 A lesson from Romans:

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, [9] and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name"; and again he says, Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people"; and again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him"; and again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope." May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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: Matthew 3:1-12

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.' "Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were

baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. "I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." The Gospel of the Lord.

***Gospel Acclamation** *Praise to you, O Christ* pg. 63

Children's Sermon/Homily Pastor Paul Messner (A/St.M)
SAM Tom Collins (E/St.J)

***Hymn of the Day** *Comfort, Comfort Now My People* LBW #29

RESPONSE

***Nicene Creed** pg. 64

***Prayers of the Church**

First Intercession:

Almighty Father, we love the life you give us though it is difficult and often short; because to live is the opportunity to know you. By your Son who came to redeem us from the death we deserve, we know there is a better world, also of your making, where our loved ones who trusted in you await us. Their spirits are united with yours as you brood over what is to come. Help us with our journey through this wilderness and sustain our hope in that perfect world that we by faith prefer.

*** Sharing of the Peace of the Lord** pg. 66

Offering pg. 66

Musical Offering (A)

*** Offertory** *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* LBW #30

*** Offertory Prayer:**

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Heavenly Father, your daily gifts are only the visible beginning of your eternal love for us. Inspire us with the Spirit of Christ that these offerings may be a new beginning of faithful love for you, 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**

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Agnus Dei (*Lamb of God*)

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Distribution Hymns

LBW #24, 33, 22

*** Post Communion Blessing & Canticle** *Lord, now you let . . .*

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*** Post-Communion Prayer:**

By your sacrificial love, O Lord, you call us to repent that we may be saved. Through your Spirit help us to be changed / that we may embrace your glory which shall always be. We bless you now and evermore. **Amen.**

Sending

***Benediction**

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***Recessional Hymn**

Hark, the Glad Sound!

LBW #35

Dismissal

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

Postlude

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+Second Sunday in Advent 12/4

John is the last of the Old Testament prophets, and the forerunner of the Messiah. He is not worthy to carry the sandals of the Coming One, yet he fulfills his role. De we? (Gospel). Isaiah proclaims a fragile shoot coming from a stump – not a promising start, but one that leads to wolves, lambs, leopards, kids, and a child living in the knowledge and fear of the LORDD (1st lesson). We welcome one another since Christ has welcomed us, and that gives us hope, joy, and peace through the Holy Spirit. (2nd 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.

Be sure there is a pew card with “Oh come, Oh come, Emmanuel” and “Light One Candle” at your place.

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 Heaney	Cindy L	Deb Lawyer
Asst. Minister	Sue Dana		
Lector	Sue Dana	Gabe L	
Cantor	Sue Dana		
*Altar Care	Becky Milford	Carol B & Esther	
Ushers/Greeters	Christine Brown	Ilse S	
Coffee Hour			
Acolyte	Logan Temming	Paxton Hazzard	Victoria Stevens
Sound System		Pelcer	
Bell Ringer			
Church Cleaner			

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We welcome SAM* Tom Collins to lead worship at Evangelical and St. John's.
 Next Sunday Jess Lambert will lead worship at Atonement and St. Matthew
 (* A "SAM" is a Synodically Authorized Minister)

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Readings Through This Week

See website: <https://www.otsegocounty Lutheranparish.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 Ann Ross (Englands), Barbara Loitsch, Sue (M. Messner); Carleen (M. Messner), Valerie England, Alice Burdick, Jennifer Carman, Jaelen (M Messner), Lisa Cooper (Syvertsen), Harold Goss (Leslie Bauer's father)

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Rita Nelson

For young adult: Elina Martinez

+Evangelical+

For healing in body, mind and spirit in our own congregation: Kathi Yule (C. Butts), 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), Chuck Scorzafava,

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Yvonne Cornell

For Young Adult: Jeremiah Parr

+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, 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), 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: Ann Lloyd

For Young Adult: Spencer 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), Stash Tarka (Messner), Pr Lynn Ash, Cathy Carroll Ziemba (Messner), those in hospice care or living in long-term care facilities. Those dealing with Covid, cancer, auto-immune diseases, mental illness, addictions and other debilitating conditions

For those preparing for marriage: John Joslin & Myranda Davies

For those preparing for childbirth: Tim & Ali Lehenbauer

For those in the military, law enforcement and emergency services: Davenport EMS & Fire Department

In the Foothills Conference: Bishop Lee Miller II, assistants Lori Kohanski, Imam Olear, and Julie Grindle the staff and ministries of the Upstate NY Synod

Natural/Man-made Disasters: Victims of drought in Ethiopia & Afghanistan; victims of violence in our cities, suburbs and rural communities, those struggling with economic conditions, food insecurity, and homelessness

National/ International Concerns: For all refugees and migrants and those contending with the continuing crisis on our southern border, the people of Ukraine and Russia

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

+ Dwaine Sharrett +
(1955-2022)

+ Taki Karabinis +
(1954-2022)

+ 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
11/27	34/ 1090	18/ 811	14/ 945
**	(\$1,290)	(\$705)	(\$1,309)
11/30			

** Needed to meet weekly expenses

+ OCLP +

+A message from our neighbors at First United Presbyterian

The Oneonta Community Warming Station for our neighbors who are unhoused has moved from 189 Chestnut Street, Oneonta to First Presbyterian (269 Main St., Oneonta).

Help is needed to move items and set up the new location.

It is our intention to be open on November 1st. We believe that we will be able to move into the space in the coming week, but we will need help moving items from our office to the church. If you are able to donate, time, muscles, or a truck to this please call our office at 607-432-0061.

Once we are in the space and ready to operate, we will be accepting donations of items from our wonderful supporters including:

- Non-skid socks, hats and gloves
- Ready to eat/ shelf stable foods, and grab and go foods
- Juice, bottled water
- Coffee, tea, hot cocoa, cream, sugar, sugar substitute

+Evangelical

Evangelical's Christmas project this year will be sponsoring a young family from the Riverside Elementary School. We will be buying gifts for a family with six children. The mom was very excited and appreciative of being selected for this project. There will be a list in the narthex for folks to sign up for a child or certain items and a little something for mom and dad. An asterisk will be next to items specifically requested by the children. We ask that gifts be unwrapped and returned to church no later than December 18th. Catie Lane, a nurse at Riverside, is coordinating this event. She states the children who attend Riverside are kind, hardworking, and always looking out for each other at school. Thanks everyone for your generosity and Christmas Spirit.

+St. Matthew

St. Matthew will be helping two families this Christmas. The needs of the children are on tags that can be found on the tree in the fellowship hall. Please bring the gifts wrapped and with the tags attached by Sunday, December 11th.

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Check the Giving Tree at St. Matthew and Atonement to help families in need

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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

+OCLP

The OCLP Advent/ Chirstmass/ Epiphany schedule will be out this week. Watch for opportunities to worship, serve, & celebrate! The form for designating Christmass poinsettia memorials and honorees will be coming out soon as well.

+ THIS WEEK +

See Advent/ Christmass/ Epiphany Calendar
(Available on the bulletin literature table)

+Tuesday 12/6

1st Tuesday at St. Matthew
St. Nicholas Day, Christmas Food

+Thursday 12/8

Evangelical Council, 3:30pm
St. Matthew Council, 7pm

+Saturday 12/10

Women's Advent Tea, Atonement 10-11:30am (hosted by Sandy Shear)

+ COMING UP +

+Sunday 12/11

Installation of Christian Educators
OCLP Council, St. Matthew 1:30pm

+Sunday 12/25
Christmass Day (Sunday)
Service Times & Locations TBA

+Sunday 1/1/23
New Year's Day (Sunday)
Service Times & Locations TBA

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+ Thought of the Week +

Hair of the camel furnished a coarse raiment
To your blessed members; leather your girdle;
You drink the cold spring, food for you wild honey
Mingled with locusts.

All other prophets, in their hearts divining,
Sang of the light coming to the people;
Your finger touched the Lamb of God who takes
Sing from the world.

None has arisen in the mighty spaces
Of round earth's borders holier than John was;
Great was his grace who poured the mystic waters
O'er the Redeemer.

-- Paul, deacon of Apulia
Eighth century

Otsego Country Lutheran Parish

Lutheran Church of the Atonement, Oneonta, NY

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

Tami Pelcer: President

Donna Brown: Organist

St. John Lutheran Church, West Burlington, NY

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

Paul Hecker: President

Ethel Mills: Accompanist

St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Laurens, NY

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

Ed Winslow: President

Janet Brown: Organist

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Services of Healing are usually held on the 5th 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 of that 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.