



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

+ **Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost** +
WOV Service of Word and Prayer
September 26th, 2021

(* = stand as you are able; LBW = Lutheran Book of Worship-green book;
+ = hymn requests; WOV = With One Voice Hymnal-blue book)

GATHERING

Prelude

*** Opening Hymn**

Word of God, Come Down on Earth

Welcome & Parish News

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*** Invocation and Dialog**

You Are the Treasured People

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*** Scripture Song**

Salvation belongs to our God

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

First Prayer: (7th Century Gelasian)

Almighty and merciful God, shield us from what will harm us / that we may be free to be faithful to the end, 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)

WORD

First Lesson: Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

A lesson from Numbers:

The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, "If only we had meat to eat! [5] We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; [6] but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at."

[10] Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the Lord became very angry, and Moses was displeased. [11] So Moses said to the Lord, "Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? [12] Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, 'Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child,' to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors? [13] Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, 'Give us meat to eat!' [14] I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. [15] If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once--if I have found favor in your sight--and do not let me see my misery."

[16] So the Lord said to Moses, "Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you.

[24] So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. [25] Then the Lord came down in the

cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

[26] Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. [27] And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." [28] And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, "My lord Moses, stop them!" [29] But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord's people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his spirit on them!" The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalmody: 19:7-14 (Tones: single – 54; double – 10)

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviv- / ing the soul;*

the decrees of the Lord are sure, making / wise the simple;

the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoic- / ing the heart;*

the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlighten- / ing

the eyes;

the fear of the Lord is pure, endur- / ing forever;*

the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous /

altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, even / much fine gold;*

sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the / honeycomb.

Moreover by them is your / servant warned;*

in keeping them there is / great reward.

But who can de- / tect their errors?*

Clear me from / hidden faults.

Keep back your servant also from the insolent;

do not let them have dominion / over me.*

Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of / great

transgression.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart

be accepta- / ble to you,*

O Lord, my rock and / my redeemer.

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: James 5:13-20 A lesson from James:

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. [14] Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. [15] The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be

forgiven. [16] Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. [17] Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. [18] Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

[19] My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, [20] you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

* **Gospel Acclamation**

Word of Life

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Holy Gospel: Mark 9:38-50 Glory to you, O Lord.

John said to him, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." [39] But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. [40] Whoever is not against us is for us. [41] For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

[42] "If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. [43] If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. [44] [45] And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. [46] [47] And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, [48] where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

[49] "For everyone will be salted with fire. [50] Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

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

Children's Sermon/Homily

Pastor Paul Messner (Evangelical)

ELCA Deacon (Ret.) Sandy Shear (St. John)

Deacon Todd Eames (St. Matthew & Atonement)

* **Hymn of the Day**

God! When Human Bonds Are Broken

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RESPONSE TO THE WORD & PRAYER

Apostles' Creed

Confession & Forgiveness

* **Sharing the Peace of the Lord**

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Offering

Musical Offering

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* Offertory

Glory to You God (St.3)

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* Offertory Prayer:

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Eternal God, as our father Abraham brought gifts through your ancient priest, Melchizedek, so we bring gifts to pray for grace through Christ, your Son. Because He died and lives to be our Priest, forever hear His prayers for us. Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

* Prayers of the Church

First Intercession:

Merciful Father, as we groan under the evil in this world, our greatest pain it what we suffer at the hands of those with good intentions. Help us notice and eliminate whatever is in us which does not serve you and our neighbor, so that we may truly bear the name of Christ your son.

Lord's Prayer

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SENDING

* Benediction

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Sending Song:

In All Our Grief

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Dismissal

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

Postlude

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Pastors Pericope Paragraph 9/26

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

"Whoever is not against us is for us!" The opposite of what we usually think. So be salty and at peace! (Gospel). Joshua is jealous for Moses' sake. Moses is wise enough to see there cannot be too much God's Spirit at work in our world (1st lesson). Sing! Pray! Anoint! Confess! Trust that these things matter. Because they do (2d lesson).

Weekly Worship Practice:

We gather weekly in reverence and awe, in joy and thanksgiving, in hope and peace. We come seeking forgiveness and reconciliation-inspiration and a sense of God's presence. We depart renewed, refreshed and recommitted to serve all God's people in need, as we have opportunity. We come open to God's giving. Having received we depart to share that with which God has blessed us.

Monthly Prayer Lists - Please add any names for our weekly prayer list on the Monthly Prayer List form when you pick up your bulletin. WE are called to pray for one another. Help us do that!

All baptized Christians are welcome to God's Table of Grace. All the baptized may commune in the OCLP with no age or education 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.

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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+ We welcome Deacon Todd Eames to lead worship at Atonement and St. Matthew
Next week Deacon Tom Collins will lead worship at Evangelical and St. John

Readings Through This Week

See website: <https://www.otsegocounty Lutheranparish.com>

Serving Today	Atonement	Evangelical	St. Matthew
Asst. Minister			Robin Bush
Comm. Asst.			
Lector	Peg Serra-Lima		Jim Crouthamel
Cantor			
*Altar Care	Eli England	Carol B & Esther	
Ushers/Greeters	John Mushtare	Hazzards	
Coffee Hour			Martha Circle B
Acolyte	Stevie Mendes	Max Pelcer	
Sound System		Lane	
Bell Ringer			
Church Cleaner			

+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), Jeremy Soresé (C. Heaney), Evelyn Hamilton (Lehenbauer), Rene Prins, Thomas Mendez, Heather Byrnes, Charlotte Grant, Grace & Chuck Dietzman, Barbara Loitsch, Rita Nelson, Elizabeth Robinson (Messner), Micheal George (Brown), Thorane Winkler

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

For young adult: Joe 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, Len Price (son), Esther Hughes, Tom Pritchard, Tad Mahoney, Micheal George (Brown), Bill Jacobson (D. Brown), Carl Hecker

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Mary Peterson

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), Peg Hughes (Janet B.), Lynn Benekin (Forbes), Barbara Gesile (Lapp), Gina Pywar, Erika Baker-Heinegg, Michele Tolen (T. Wood), Melissa McLaughlin (S. Eggers), Triston (Hahn), Cathy Walsh (Stevens), Ginny Ganio, Mary Hartmann (Nelson), Kent Hoyt Jr. (Ganio), Owen Basher (Marsh), Rennie Brown (Janet), Jason Hahn, Kathy & Rich Parsons, Karen Smith, Joe Hartmann, Terri Ibelli (Wood), Robert & Patricia Psaltz (Sherry), Maureen McAndrew (Greenleaf), Mike McAndrew (Greenleaf), Fred Veseley, Cathy (Struckle), Bernie Sitts Jr.

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Gus Pfeuffer

For Young Adult: Kyle Sherry

+Beyond the Parish+

For healing in body, mind and spirit: Nancy Saxton Miller (Mansbach), Jackie Hesse (Lawyer), Rosemary Pepe (Eggers), Dorothy Fernandez, (Eggers), Dick Armstrong, Sue Haney, Rachel Fisher (Messner), Doug Dutcher (Crouthamel), Geoff Murphy (Walters), Helga Lange (Winkler), Elise Zayat, Kelsey Kohler (Mansbach), Judy Carnal (Dana), Gina Utter (Thompson), Cathy Deleski (Thompson), Alicia Biesler (Thompson), Margie Ortega (Thompson), Amy Cooper (Messner)

For those preparing for marriage: Nick Meier & Bianka Zapanta

For those celebrating childbirth: Jon & Nikki Valden on the births of Jonathan Jack & George Ross

For those in the military, law enforcement and emergency services: West Laurens Fire Department & Emergency Squad

In the Foothills Conference: Zion St. John's Lutheran Church, Seward & Sharon Springs (Pr. Wendy Cook)

National/ International Concerns: all victims of religious, ethnic, and racial hatred, prejudice, genocide and slavery; the people of Afghanistan, Haiti, Israel & Palestine (for Jews, Muslims, & Christians in the Holy Land); for those involved in the continuing crisis on our Southern border

Natural and Man-Made Disasters: Victims of all debilitating diseases, and those struggling with social isolation; victims of earthquakes, floods, droughts, and shootings in our cities

**+Blessed are the Dead+
Whom We Commend to the Lord**

+ 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
9/19	12/ 678 \$635		26/ 771 \$170
**	(\$1,290)	(\$705)	(\$1,309)
9/22	- / 51	- / 43	7/ 257

** 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

+ THIS WEEK +

+ Tuesday – Thursday: Pr. Paul in IL for S.T.S. National Retreat

+Wednesday Services:

7:30am St. Matthew

Noon Evangelical

7:00pm Atonement

+ Saturday: Acolyte Training & Review, 10am Atonement

+Saturday: Fred Schoelling Memorial Service, Noon family farm in Garratsville

+ Coming Up +

- + Next Sunday: Holy Communion & Sacrament of Holy Baptism at Atonement
- + 10/5 Tuesday: 1st Tuesday Oktoberfest, 6pm St. Matthew
- 10/7 Thursday: St. Matthew Worship & Music Committee, 5pm
- 10/7 Thursday: St. Matthew Council Meeting, 7pm

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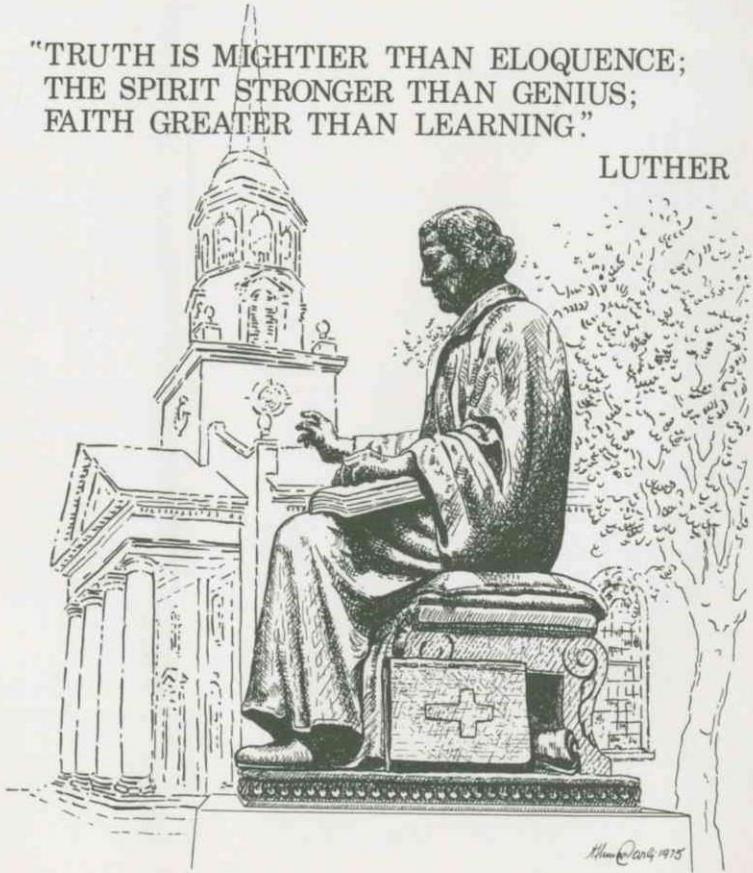
Thought of the Week

We lift our gazes not to what stands between us but what stands before us. We close the divide because we know to put our future first, we must first put our differences aside. We lay down our arms so we can reach out our arms to one another. We seek harm to none and harmony for all.

-- Amanda Gorman, poet

"TRUTH IS MIGHTIER THAN ELOQUENCE;
THE SPIRIT STRONGER THAN GENIUS;
FAITH GREATER THAN LEARNING."

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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 9:30 am (Holy Communion 1st and 3rd Sundays + festivals)

Joyce Boyd: President

Donna Brown: Organist

St. John Lutheran Church, West Burlington, NY

Sunday Worship 11:00 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)

Dave Forbes: 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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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.