



ATONEMENT LUTHERAN CHURCH
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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** +
Commemoration of St. Nicholas, Bishop of Myra
Holy Communion (LBW Setting 1)
December 6th, 2020

(* = 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

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First Prayer: *(7th Century Gelasian)*

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the way of your only begotten Son, that when he comes / he may choose us to serve you in holiness. 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.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 40:1-11 A lesson from Isaiah:

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God.

[2] Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her
that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid,
that she has received from the Lord's hand
double for all her sins.

[3] A voice cries out:

"In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

[4] Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and hill be made low;
the uneven ground shall become level,
and the rough places a plain.

[5] Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,
and all people shall see it together,
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken."

[6] A voice says, "Cry out!"

And I said, "What shall I cry?"

All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field.

[7] The grass withers, the flower fades,

when the breath of the Lord blows upon it;

surely the people are grass.

[8] The grass withers, the flower fades;

but the word of our God will stand forever.

[9] Get you up to a high mountain,

O Zion, herald of good tidings;

lift up your voice with strength,

O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear;

say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!"

[10] See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him;

his reward is with him, and his recompense before him.

[11] He will feed his flock like a shepherd;

he will gather the lambs in his arms,

and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

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

Psalmody 99 (Tones: 22-single; 24-double)

Lord, you were favorable / to your land;*

you restored the for- / tunes of Jacob.

You forgave the iniquity / of your people;*

you pardoned / all their sin.

Let me hear what God the Lord will speak,

for he will speak peace / to his people,*

to his faithful, to those who turn to him / in their hearts.

Surely his salvation is at hand for / those who fear him,*

that his glory may dwell / in our land.

Steadfast love and faithful- / ness will meet;*

righteousness and peace will / kiss each other.

Faithfulness will spring up / from the ground,*

and righteousness will look down / from the sky.

The Lord will give / what is good,*

and our land will / yield its increase.

Righteousness will / go before him,*

and will make a path / for his steps.

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: 2 Peter 3:8-15a

A lesson from Second Peter:

But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. [9] The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. [10] But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed.

[11] Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, [12] waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? [13] But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home.

[14] Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; [15] and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation. 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: Mark 1:1-8 **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. [2] As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; [3] the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,' "

[4] John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. [5] And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. [6] Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. [7] He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. [8] I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

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

Children's Sermon/Homily

Pastor Paul Messner (A/St.M)

ELCA Deacon Sandy Shear (Ret.) (E/St.J)

***Hymn of the Day**

Comfort, Comfort Now My People

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RESPONSE

***Nicene Creed**

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***Prayers of the Church**

First Intercession:

Gracious God, we thank you for sending John the Baptist who by his appearance and preaching warned us not to take comfort in the things of this life. You are great and glorious and we must indeed repent, as he urged, to prepare for meeting you. Nonetheless, we thrill at the prospect of seeing the salvation our Lord Jesus Christ will bring, and pledge ourselves by the Spirit's help to prepare each other for his return.

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

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Offering

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Musical Offering

(Atone)

*** Offertory**

What shall I render . . .

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*** 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**

pew card

Agnus Dei (*Lamb of God*)

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Distribution Hymns

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*** 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**

***Recessional Hymn**

Fling Wide the Door

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Dismissal

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

Postlude

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+Second Sunday in Advent 12/6

"Comfort my people, says your God", for the Word of our God will stand forever" (1st Lesson). This is the text with which G. F Handel begins his famous oratorio "Messiah". "A thousand years as one day; one day as a thousand years"...God's time is not ours. He is patient with us...(2d Lesson). God sends His messenger ahead to prepare the Way. John the baptizer appears! (Gospel).

Weekly Worship Practice:

When the Gospel is read from the center aisle, please feel free to turn and face the reader. In this way we enact the Gospel (the Good News of Jesus Christ) being the center of our lives.

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
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Comm. Asst. Asst. Minister Lector Cantor *Altar Care Ushers/Greeters Coffee Hour Acolyte Sound System Bell Ringer Church Cleaner	Peg Serra-Lima Peg Serra-Lima Peg Serra-Lima Stevie Mendes	Cindy L Esther H Cindy L & Joyce Ilse S Mia Pelcer Pelcer	Robin Bush Megan Cleveland
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+OCLP+

We welcome ELCA Deacon Sandy Shear (Ret.) will lead worship at Evangelical and St. John’s.
Next Sunday Deacon Deb Lawyer will lead worship at Atonement and St. Matthew

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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 (Roper), Tony and Thoranne Winkler, Thomas Mendez, Bill Heaney, Allison Heaney, Heather Byrnes, Charlotte Grant, Barbara Gee, Grace & Chuck Dietzman, Barbara Loitsch, Rebekah Hopkins (Messner), Martha Messner, Mary Mansbach, Mike Lambiaso, Sue Nelson

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Tina Miller

For young adult: Billy King

+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: Esther & Charlie Hughes

For Young Adult: Patrick Duffy

+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 (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 (Janet), Ellie Bauman, Gery "Spike" Dibble (Wood), Jason Hahn, Jeff Hahn, Kathy Parsons, Omar Andrades, Wayne ("Junior") Bush

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Corinne Pollak

For Young Adult: Josh Bush

+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), Dean Clarke (Pr. Sharon Rankins-Burd, Fly Creek United Methodist Church), Pr. Colleen Quirion (Shear), Upstate NY Synod Bishop the Rev. John Macholz, Pr. Ameen Aswad (Jail Ministry)

For those preparing for marriage: Joanna Rappleyea & Derek Matolka

For those preparing for childbirth: Eric & Amy Burda

For those in the military, law enforcement and emergency services:

In the Foothills Conference: Bishop John Macholz, assistants Lori Kochanski, Michelle Josephson, and Julie Grindle, the staff and ministries of the Upstate NY Synod

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, for peace and reconciliation in our nation, for peace & justice between Armenia and Azerbaijan, and for healing in the civil strife in Ethiopia.

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. For the residents of 68 Clinton St. following a house fire.

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

William Ubner
(1929-2020)

+ 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
11/29	17/ 749 \$520	23/ \$1100	13/ 799 \$1238
**	(\$1,290)	(\$705)	(\$1,309)
12/2	1/ 91	1	6/ 228

**** Needed to meet weekly expenses**

+ OCLP +

+Angel Tree

In light of the restrictions posed by COVID 19 this year, Atonement Angels, who in the past have put together gifts for a specific child in need, are being offered alternative giving opportunities in 2020.

(1) Purchase child appropriate gift(s), leave unwrapped for ease of distribution, and deposit in the Catholic Charities box set up in the narthex at Atonement;

(2) Write a donation check made out to Atonement but with "FRN - Children's Christmas" on the memo line - your monetary gift will enable you to participate from home in making area children's Christmases memorable and uplifting.

Specific gift decisions will be left to the discretion of Family Resource Network.

Your angelic offerings should be brought/sent to Atonement on or before December 20th.

+ Thanks to our members and friends worshiping with us. At present, we are using LBW Holy Communion (Setting 1) and the WOV Service of the Word and Prayer. 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 St. Matthew and Atonement 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 and non-singing.

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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

Have you filled out and returned your Christmas Eve Survey and Poinsettia Order Form yet?

+ THIS WEEK +

+Today: Second Sunday in Advent and Commemoration of St. Nicolas, Bishop of Myra
12/6 Atonement Council follows worship

+Wednesday Services:

7:30am St. Matthew

Noon Evangelical

7:00pm Atonement

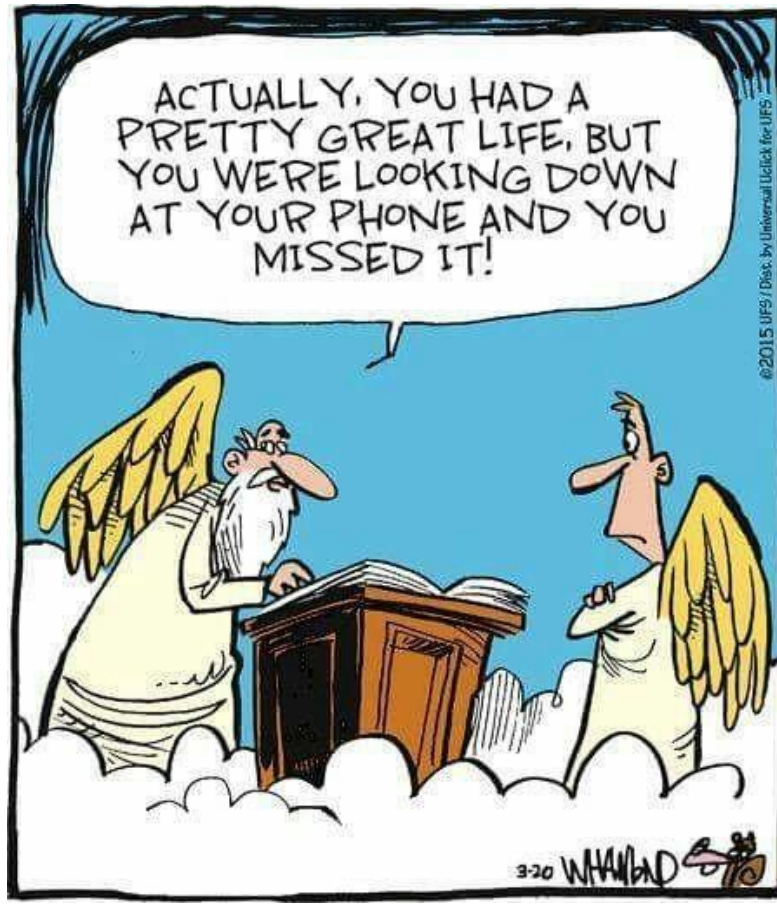
+ COMING UP +

12/17 Food distribution @ St. Matthew
12/17 OCLP Men's Dinner @ Jay's Place

See Advent/ Christmass/ Epiphany Calendar

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+ Cartoon of the Week +



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Items received after this time cannot be guaranteed to appear in that week's bulletin.