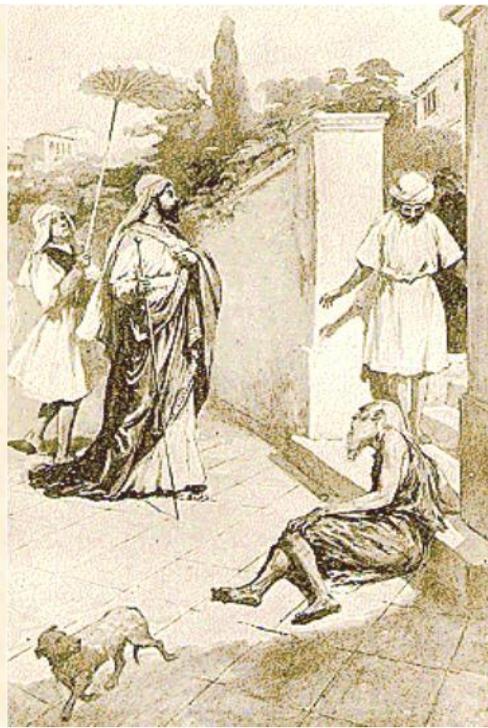


**A Tale of Two
Neighbors
Luke 16:19-31**



ATONEMENT LUTHERAN CHURCH
ONEONTA, NY

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HARTWICK SEMINARY, NY

ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH
LAURENS, NY

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

+ **Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost** +
LBW Service of the Word
September 25th, 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

* **Entrance Hymn**

Whatever God Ordains Is Right

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* **Invocation and Dialog**

Blessed are You

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* **Canticle**

Praise the Lord! O Heavens

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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: Amos 6:1a, 4-7 A lesson from Amos:

Alas for those who are at ease in Zion,

and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria,

[4] Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory,

and lounge on their couches, and eat lambs from the flock,

and calves from the stall;

[5] who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp,

and like David improvise on instruments of music;

[6] who drink wine from bowls,

and anoint themselves with the finest oils,

but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!

[7] Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile,

and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

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

Psalmody: Psalm 146 (Tones: single 22; double 45)

Praise the Lord! / Praise the Lord!*

Praise the Lord, / O my soul!

I will praise the Lord as long / as I live;*

I will sing praises to my God all / my life long.

Do not put your / trust in princes,*

in mortals, in whom there / is no help.

When their breath departs, they return / to the earth;*

on that very day / their plans perish.

Happy are those whose help is the / God of Jacob,*

whose hope is in the / Lord their God,

who made heav- / en and earth,*

the sea, and all that / is in them;

who keeps faith forever; who executes justice for / the oppressed;*

who gives food / to the hungry.

The Lord sets the / prisoners free; *

the Lord opens the eyes / of the blind.

The Lord lifts up those who / are bowed down;*

the Lord / loves the righteous.

The Lord watches ov- / er the strangers;*

he upholds the orphan and the widow,

but the way of the wicked he / brings to ruin.

The Lord will / reign forever, *

your God, O Zion, for all generations. / Praise the Lord!

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 Tim. 6:6-19 A lesson from 1st Timothy:

Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; [7] for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; [8] but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. [9] But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. [10] For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

[11] But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. [12] Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. [13] In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you [14] to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, [15] which he will bring about at the right time--he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. [16] It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

[17] As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. [18] They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and

ready to share, [19] thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

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

***Gospel Hymn:** *Wondrous Are Your Ways, O God!* LBW #311 (St 1)

*** Gospel Acclamation** **Glory to you, O Lord**

Holy Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

"There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. [20] And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, [21] who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. [22] The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. [23] In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. [24] He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.' [25] But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. [26] Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' [27] He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house-- [28] for I have five brothers--that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' [29] Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' [30] He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' [31] He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.' "

The Gospel of the Lord.

*** Gospel Response** **Praise to you, O Christ**

***Gospel Hymn:** *Wondrous Are Your Ways, O God!* LBW #311 (St 2)

Children's Sermon/Homily Pr. Paul Messner (Ev/ St. J)
Pr. Jess Lambert (St. M/ A)

*** Hymn of the Day** *Judge Eternal, Throned in Splendor* LBW #418

RESPONSE

*** Sharing of the Peace of the Lord**
Offering (plates are at the door)

Musical Offering

(A)

*** Offertory**

Take My Life, that I May Be LBW #406 (selected stanzas)

*** Offertory Prayer:**

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**

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First Intercession:

Almighty God, having made us rich in many ways, help us to recognize the responsibility you have thereby laid on us. When we see the needs of our neighbors, remind us that this is the reason for giving us greater gifts than we need. Give us compassion for the poor, satisfaction in easing their pain, and joy to have this celebration of your work of mercy in Christ. Then we shall understand you more fully and have the excitement of already being more like you.

Lord's Prayer

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SENDING

*** Benediction**

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*** Recessional Hymn**

Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

LBW #429

Dismissal

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

Postlude

Pastors Pericope Paragraph 9/25

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

(Not) even if someone rises from the dead", it is not necessarily a blessing to be rich. Nor is it necessarily one to be poor. Whatever a person's situation in life, do we see them as a fellow human being, and treat them as if they matter? Or are we only concerned with how they can serve us or get out of our way? What will convince us to recognize they, too, are God's well-loved child, regardless? (Gospel). "Alas", says the prophet, Amos. Woe to you who have it good and are complacent about the needs of others. There are consequences. (1st lesson). "Trust God and do as you please". Because if you truly trust God, what you please to do will be to pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love...and to fight the good fight of the faith. Rich or poor, the Good News calls us all to set our hopes on God" (2d lesson).

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.

Weekly Worship Practice:

When hymns have more than 3 or 4 stanzas we often employ a "varied singing" approach, so that not all stanzas are sung by everyone. This can be fun and helps us to hear and "sing" hymns differently (even when we're not singing but listening as we follow the text-the story- the poetry of the hymn). Singing in this antiphonal way (men/women; organ side/pulpit side, etc.) helps us to hear a hymn in a new way. When we are asked to sing in "harmony" most of us will sing the melody tune, but others the alto, tenor and bass parts so we have a nice 4 part harmony. If you have internet access, Google "singing with Lutherans" by Garrison Keillor to re-learn why we are often called "The Singing Church"

+OCLP+

We welcome Pr. Jess Lambert to lead worship at St. Matthew & Atonement

Next week we welcome Deacon Sandy Shear to lead worship at Evangelical & St. John

Serving Today	Atonement	Evangelical	St. Matthew
Asst. Minister			Jim Crouthamel
Comm. Asst.			
Lector	Bob Loitsch	Gabe L	
Cantor			
Altar Care	Eli England	Carol B & Esther	
Ushers/Greeters	Christine Brown	Hazzards	
Coffee Hour			
Acolyte	Logan Temming		
Sound System		Lane	
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, Nancy Lehenbauer

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Sandee Fleisher

For young adult: Tyler Evans

+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), Dwaine Sharett (Butts), Kenny Medor (Butts), Joan Ackerman (Butts), Mary Beth Pedersen, Chuck Scorzafava

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Len & Diann Price

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, 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: Sara Eggers

For Young Adult: Marissa Struckle

+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), Cadence Love, Pr Dan Hoffman (Messner)

For those celebrating marriage: Nancy Miller and Gil Boulay

For those preparing for childbirth: Josh and Jenna Bennington

For those in the military, law enforcement and emergency services: For all law enforcement and emergency services personnel, (State troopers, County Sheriff, local police, fire and rescue personnel, and all jail and prison ministries). Military Chaplains and those serving in the armed forces (name your own); the US Border Patrol

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; 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; Those struggling with cancer. The mentally ill and those who care for them.

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

+Jillian Hren+
(Pr Paul's cousin)

+Rick Steinmuller+
(Sandy Shear's neighbor)

+ 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.

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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

Attendance & Offering Statistics

Date	Atonement	Evangelical	St. Matthew
9/18	26/	14/ 633	18/ 759
**	(\$1,290)	(\$705)	(\$1,309)
9/21			

**** Needed to meet weekly expenses**

+ OCLP +

+We celebrate with Erin Grant Van Keuren and Ward Van Keuren at the baptisms at Atonement (9/11) of Jhailyn Hailey Romano and Brookelyn and Grant -Decker.

+Consider remembering your congregation in your will with a bequest and/or including it in a request for memorial gifts in lieu of fowers, when a loved one dies.

+All active members and friends should normally be receiving our weekly bulletin via email before Sunday each week. If you are not please let the OCLP office or Pastor Paul know. Be sure we have your current email address. TY! If you wish to add someone to this mailing list, let us know that, too!

+ THIS WEEK +

+9/25 - Atonement Council follows worship
+Atonement Council after worship
3PM -Concert, Old Palatine, Rte 5, just east of St Johnsville

+Wednesday Services:
7:30am St. Matthew
Noon Evangelical
7:00pm Atonement
10:00am Clergy Bible Study, Christ Church, Cooperstown

+9/29 - OCLP Men's dinner out, Cooperstown area.

+ COMING UP +

+Sun, 10/2 - Reception honoring Virginia Pudelka for years of service as Atonement's Financial Secretary (after worship)

+Tues 10/4 - First Tuesday Supper, 6 pm, St Matthew - "We're Back" (favorite foods)

+Thurs, 10/6 - St Matt Council

+Fri/Sat 10/14/15 - Adult Education Retreat, St Margarets Retreat Center, New Hartford

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+ QUOTE OF THE WEEK +

"We are all just visitors, this time, this place;
we are just passing through.
Our purpose here is to learn, to grow, to love,
and then we return home."

-Queen Elizabeth II on the death of her father, 1953

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

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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 Tuesday 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.