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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

+First Sunday after Epiphany+
The Baptism of Our Lord
Holy Communion (LBW Setting 2)
January 9th, 2022

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

GATHERING

Prelude		(A)
Welcome	Parish News	
* Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness		pg. 77
* Entrance Hymn	<i>Baptized into Your Name Most Holy</i>	LBW #192
* Apostolic Greeting and Kyrie		pg. 78
* Hymn of Praise:	<i>Glory to God</i>	pg. 79

First Prayer: *(new)*

Father in heaven, as you strengthened Jesus for his ministry by your approving voice and the Spirit's gifts, so you have confirmed that we are your beloved ones. Work faith in his fulfillment of righteousness / that we may pursue our call to serve you in the world, through the same Jesus Christ 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: Isaiah 43:1-7 A lesson from Isaiah:

But now thus says the Lord,

he who created you, O Jacob,

he who formed you, O Israel:

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;

I have called you by name, you are mine.

[2] When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;

and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;

when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,

and the flame shall not consume you.

[3] For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel,
your Savior.

I give Egypt as your ransom,

Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.

[4] Because you are precious in my sight,

and honored, and I love you,

I give people in return for you,

nations in exchange for your life.

[5] Do not fear, for I am with you;

I will bring your offspring from the east,

and from the west I will gather you;
[6] I will say to the north, "Give them up,"
and to the south, "Do not withhold;
bring my sons from far away
and my daughters from the end of the earth--
[7] everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalmsody: 29 (Tones: single 3; double 10)

Ascribe to the Lord, O hea- / venly beings,*

ascribe to the Lord glor- / y and strength.

Ascribe to the Lord the / glory of his name;*

worship the Lord in ho- / ly splendor.

The voice of the Lord is ov- / er the waters;*

the God of glory thunders,

the Lord, over / mighty waters.

The voice of the Lord is / powerful;*

the voice of the Lord is / full of majesty.

The voice of the Lord / breaks the cedars;*

the Lord breaks the ce- / dars of Lebanon.

He makes Lebanon skip / like a calf,*

and Sirion like a / young wild ox.

The voice of the Lord flashes forth / flames of fire. *

The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;

the Lord shakes the wilder- / ness of Kadesh.

The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl,

and strips the / forest bare;*

and in his temple / all say, "Glory!"

The Lord sits enthroned ov- / er the flood;*

the Lord sits enthroned as / king forever.

May the Lord give strength / to his people!*

May the Lord bless his peop- / le with peace!

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: Acts 8:14-17 A lesson from Acts:

Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. [15] The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit [16] (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only

been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). [17] Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received 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: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, [16] John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. [17] His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

[18] So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people. [19] But Herod the ruler, who had been rebuked by him because of Herodias, his brother's wife, and because of all the evil things that Herod had done, [20] added to them all by shutting up John in prison.

[21] Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, [22] and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Gospel Response:

Praise to you, O Christ

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Children's Sermon/Homily

Pr. Paul Messner (St. M/ A)
Deacon Dave Forbes (St. J/ Ev)

* **Hymn of the Day**

Of the Father's Love Begotten

LBW #42

RESPONSE

* **Affirmation of Baptism**

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* **Prayers of the Church**

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First Intercession:

Almighty God, we rejoice in the revelation of yourself at the baptism of our Lord. Announcing your pleasure with your Son, though he had emptied himself and taken on our humanity, you assured him that you would be with him in his ministry. As you gave him faith to give himself to

his work, so also reassure us of your love, providing courage to take up our cross of service to share in his glory.

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

Offering pg. 86

Musical Offering (A)

*** Offertory** *What Shall I Render* pg. 87

*** Offertory Prayer:** pg. 87-88

Heavenly Father, we bring offerings to dedicate ourselves and all we have to you. Since everything is useful to make your kingdom come, encourage us by a vision of your generous salvation / to live for the welfare of your glorious creation. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

MEAL

*** Great Thanksgiving/Dialog** pg. 88

Preface & Sanctus *Holy, Holy, Holy* pg. 89

Eucharistic Prayer #3 & Lord's Prayer pew racks

Agnus Dei *Lamb of God* pg. 92

Distribution Hymns LBW #191, #198 WOV # 647

*** Post Communion Blessing & Canticle** *Lord, Now You let . . .* pg. 93

*** Post-Communion Prayer:** pg. 94

O Lord, our Baptism is your sign which makes us bold to come to eat and drink your sacrament. With the power that comes with its forgiveness and fellowship, strengthen us to serve you when and where you call. We bless you now and evermore. **Amen.**

SENDING

*** Benediction** pg. 94

*** Recessional Hymn** *Baptized in Water* WOV #693

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

Postlude (you may sit to listen)

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Pastors Pericope Paragraph 1/09

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

"People were filled with expectation..." What are you expecting? Who? Some ran to John in hope. But John baptized and pointed to cousin Jesus...John is arrested. Jesus is named by the Father as the beloved Son. (Gospel). Wherever we walk God is there. We are precious. We no longer need to be afraid. (1st Lesson). The Way is spreading. Baptism is happening. The Spirit is descending and blessing! (2d Lesson)

Weekly Worship Practice:

Prior to worship, many take time to reverently prepare themselves for the liturgy by praying, quietly reflecting, marking hymnals and Bibles etc. Please respect those doing this by keeping conversation and greeting whispered or outside the sanctuary (in the narthex or parlor). This also models reverence to our children and youth! 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.

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.

+OCLP+

We welcome Deacon Dave Forbes to lead worship at Evangelical and St. John.

Next week we welcome ELCA Deacon Sandy Shear (Ret.) to lead worship at St. Matthew and Atonement

Serving Today	Atonement	Evangelical	St. Matthew
Comm. Asst.	Cindy Heaney		
Asst. Minister	Peg Serra-Lima		Deb Lawyer
Lector	Cindy Heaney	Ilse S	Rod Klafehn
Cantor	Cindy Heaney		
*Altar Care	Laura Sherrill	Ilse & Dorothy	
Ushers/Greeters	John Mushtare	Dorothy	
Coffee Hour	Cindy Heaney		
Acolyte	Megan Cleveland		
Sound System		Lane	
Bell Ringer			
Church Cleaner			Sharon

+ 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, Richard Laitsch (John's brother), John Laitsch, Rebecca Pollack (Joan Carman), Juan Perez (D. Sherrill), Bridgette Shepardson (Thompson), Barbara Richardson (Denise), Patsy (H. Byrnes), Evelyn Hamilton (Lehenbauer), Rene Prins, Heather Mendoza, Grace & Chuck Dietzman, Rita Nelson, Elizabeth Robinson (Messner), Thoranne Winkler, Monica Koulis (Winkler)

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Len & Ginny Pudelka

For young adult: Anna Boerner

+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, Tom Pritchard, Tad Mahoney, Bill Jacobson (D. Brown), Carl Hecker, Anthony Scarfuto (Boyd), Dwaine Sharett (Butts), Jim Desrocher (Boyd), Dick Woodhouse (Hazzard)

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

For Young Adult: Blake Rinell

+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, Patricia Psaltz (Sherry), Maureen McAndrew (Greenleaf), Mike McAndrew (Greenleaf), Cathy (Struckle), Bernie Sitts Jr. (Klafehn)

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Elsie & Ron Haus

For Young Adult: Derek 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), Garth Swanson (Messner), Mike Quinn (Messner), Edee Cook (Rotolo), Esther Brooker (Messner/ Seitz)

For those preparing for marriage: Todd Bates & Sarah Gosek

For those preparing for childbirth: Sarah & Connor Chapman

For those in the military, law enforcement and emergency services: Lt. Eric Berger, OPD

In the Foothills Conference: The Hudson-Mohawk Conference of our synod, its Dean (Pr. Jo Page), congregations, and pastors

National/ International Concerns: all victims of religious, ethnic, and racial hatred; the people of Afghanistan, Ethiopia; for those involved in the continuing crisis on our Southern border; for refugees & migrants; for those living in long term care facilities; for Catholic Charities, Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services, Lutheran Disaster Response, and all who work with people in need; for an end to violence in our schools and communities

Foothills Conference Ordination Anniversary:

Pr. Neil Kattermann on the 49th anniversary of his ordination
Pr. Alice Moberg-Sarver on the 47th anniversary of her ordination
Pr. Greg Tennermann on the 46th anniversary of his ordination
Pr. Ernie Varga on the 43rd anniversary of his ordination

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

+ The Rev Desmond Tutu +
Anglican Archbishop, Johannesburg, South Africa

+ Victims of the fire in Philadelphia +

+ Anna G. Dahms +
(1937 – 2022)

+ Elizabeth Robinson +
(1950 – 2021)

+ 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
1/02	17/ 17 \$291	11/ 11	12/ 12
**	(\$1,290)	(\$705)	(\$1,309)
1/05			

**** Needed to meet weekly expenses**

+ OCLP +

+ Atonement

CHURCH ENVELOPES - At Atonement, envelopes for 2022 are in your church mailbox. If you have not used envelopes in the past and would like a box, please let Virginia Pudelka know. You can leave a note in her mailbox or email her at vpudelka@gmail.com Please use the current year's envelopes beginning in January as your number may have changed.

+ Atonement

Our thanks to Lundin's Christmas Tree Farm in Otego for the donation of the beautiful tree which lights up the Sanctuary and gives joy to all those who drive by and see it in the window.

+ Evangelical

Thank you to those of you in our congregation that purchased poinsettias in support of Relay for Life for our Christmas season.

+ Stewardship

If you have not turned in your 2022 Time & Talent forms or Pledge Cards, please do so as soon as possible. Thanks!

+ Gifts

It is not too late to remember:

- The residents of the Lutheran Home in Clinton (near Utica)
- Sailors in the Port of Albany
- Local needs through Catholic Charities

Gift boxes are available to receive your donations. Thanks to all who have already given!

+ THIS WEEK +

+Wednesday Services:

7:30am St. Matthew

Noon Evangelical

7:00pm Atonement

+ COMING UP+

+Thursday 1/13: St. Matthew Council Meeting, 7pm, (postponed from 1/6)

+Saturday 1/15: Epiphany Tea, for the women of the Evangelical parish, 10am – Noon
Hosted by Martha & Pr. Paul

+ Smile of the Week +

“So wash your hands and say your prayers, because germs and Jesus are everywhere!”

(submitted by Carole Hendricks)

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)

Joyce Boyd: 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)

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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Any news/ announcements/ or other information that you wish to have included in the weekly service bulletin must be received by the OCLP office no later than 9am on Thursday.

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.