



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

+Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost+
LBW Service of the Word
November 8th, 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

* **Invocation and Dialog** *Blessed Are You* pg. 126
* **The Apostles' Creed** pg. 128

First Prayer: *(7th Century Gelasian)*

Almighty, Eternal God, show mercy to your children who humbly pray / that we who have no confidence in our worth / may not be judged but tenderly received. 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 5:18-24 A lesson from Amos:

Alas for you who desire the day of the Lord!

Why do you want the day of the Lord?

It is darkness, not light;

[19] as if someone fled from a lion,

and was met by a bear;

or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall,

and was bitten by a snake.

[20] Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light,

and gloom with no brightness in it?

[21] I hate, I despise your festivals,

and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.

[22] Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,

I will not accept them;

and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals

I will not look upon.

[23] Take away from me the noise of your songs;

I will not listen to the melody of your harps.

[24] But let justice roll down like waters,

and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

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

Psalmody: 70 (Tones: single – 32; double – 9)

Be pleased, O God, to de- / liver me.*

O Lord, make / haste to help me!

Let those be put to shame and confusion
who / seek my life.*

**Let those be turned back and brought to dishonor
who de- / sire to hurt me.**

Let those who say, "A- / ha, Aha!"*

turn back because / of their shame.

Let all who seek you
rejoice and be / glad in you.*

**Let those who love your salvation
say evermore, / "God is great!"**

But I am poor and needy;
hasten to / me, O God!*

You are my help and my deliverer;

O Lord, do / not delay!

**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 Thes. 4:13-18 A lesson from First Thessalonians:

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. [14] For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. [15] For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. [16] For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. [17] Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. [18] Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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

* **Gospel Acclamation**

And Have the Bright Immensities

WOV #391 (st 1)

Holy Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13 **Glory to you, O Lord.**

"Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. [2] Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. [3] When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; [4] but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. [5] As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. [6] But at midnight

there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' [7] Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. [8] The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' [9] But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' [10] And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. [11] Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' [12] But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' [13] Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

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

* **Gospel Response** *And Have the Bright Immensities* **WOV #391 (st 2)**

Children's Sermon/Homily **Pastor Paul Messner (St. Matthew and Atonement)**
Jim Crouthamel (Evangelical and St. John)

* **Hymn of the Day** *Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying* **WOV #31**

RESPONSE

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

Offering **pg. 129**

Musical Offering **(A)**

* **Offertory** *Praise the Lord* **LBW #540**

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

Eternal Father, we have returned a portion of the gifts you gave / to confess that everything is yours. Give us a vision of the glory you will share with us through Christ, so that we do not try to save our life, but gladly use it up for you. Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

* **Prayers of the Church** **pg. 129/ 52**

First Intercession:

Almighty Father, we thank you for the invitation to attend the wedding feast of your Son with his bride, the saints of his church. While you make all things ready and gather all your remaining chosen guests, by your Spirit help us to use the delay to honor you with a full readiness of faith. May ours be an active waiting of words and works which reflect your grace to inspire others to hope.

SENDING

*** Benediction**

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Dismissal

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

Postlude

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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.

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. Asst. Minister Lector Cantor *Altar Care Ushers/Greeters Coffee Hour Acolyte Sound System Bell Ringer Church Cleaner	Ed Pixley Ed Pixley Becky Milford Emma Coppersmith	Ilse S Cindy L & Joyce Joyce B Howard	Robin Bush

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+ We welcome Deb Lawyer to lead worship at Evangelical and St. John.

+ Next Sunday Jim Crouthamel will lead worship at St. Matthew and Atonement

+Thanks to all who have continued faithfully to send in offerings to each congregation. All bills are current! As our churches re-open more folks will be leaving their offering at the door! If you are not yet able to come, please continue to mail them in. Thanks!

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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), Lewis Sherrill (D.

Sherrill), Brian Sherrill (D. Sherrill), 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, Delia Hopkins

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: John Laitsch

For young adult: Sam Herion

+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), Shannan Mahoney (J. Boyd), Roz Winne (C. Butts), Janet Underwood (Burda), Bob Hazelton (C. Butts), Karen Ingraham (C. Butts), Gloria Hendricks, Mary Peterson, Susan Howard, John Miller, and Tad Mahoney

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Lee Campbell

For Young Adult: Alex Reynolds

+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), Gabrielle Bush, Priscilla Galbreth (Hulbert), Kelly Ives (Wood), Cathy Walsh (Stevens), Ginny Ganio, Ivan Joubert, Mike Keator, 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)

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Erika Baker-Heinegg

For Young Adult: Jordan Shaul

+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), Fred Schoellig

For those preparing for marriage: Nick Flemister & Brittany Didio

For those preparing for childbirth: John & Jackie Williams

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

In the Foothills Conference: The Niagara Frontier Conference, its Dean (Pr. Lee Miller), congregations, pastors

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; our country during this time of deep division.

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. Hurricane in the Gulf of Mexico.

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

+ The Rev. Authur Henne +
(former pastor of Atonement & Evangelical)

+ Gert Niggli +

+ Parish News and Notes +

+Pentecost 23 11/08

Trumpets sounding! Christ returning! Death defying! Forever with the Lord (Lesson)! Bridesmaids prepare. They get things done. They are ready. Or not...? Keep awake. Be ready. He IS coming...(Gospel)!

+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
11/1	23/ 670 \$872	21	16/ 645 \$851
**	(\$1,290)	(\$705)	(\$1,309)
11/4	1/ 88	1	7/ 204

**** Needed to meet weekly expenses**

+ OCLP +

+ Thanks to our members and friends worshipping with us. At present, we are using a somewhat abbreviated form of the Holy Communion (Setting 2) and the LBW Service of the Word. 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 Atonement we are not singing
- At St. Matthew 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.

+'Tis the season...already!

Oneonta High School Dollars for Scholars program again is selling pine wreaths. Ginny Pudelka is ordering (4) wreaths, one for each of Atonement's outer doors. Monies are due by December 5th, date of wreath pick-up. Also we plan to purchase a Christmas tree for the sanctuary from the Otego tree farm which has provided us with such long-lived, lovely trees these past few years. Should you wish to honor or memorialize a loved one with a donation toward these adornments for the Advent and Christmas seasons, simply place a check in the offering plate, designating in the Memo section as to which, if any, specific greenery you wish to support. Thank you for your continued generosity to our church family!

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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 +

+Today: Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

+Wednesday Services:

7:30am St. Matthew

Noon Evangelical

7:00pm Atonement

Wednesday: 2pm Pastor Paul to Otsego County Jail

Thursday – Friday: Pastor Paul to STS Upstate Chapter Retreat, Syracuse

Saturday: 9:30am Atonement Worship & Music Committee Meeting

+Next Week+

Wednesday: Pastor Paul to Otsego County Jail

Thursday: 9am Evangelical Council Meeting

Thursday: 4pm St. Matthew Food Distribution

Thursday: 5pm St. Matthew Worship & Music Committee Meeting

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+Cartoon of the Week+

Reaching...



... to hungry people

Otsego Country Lutheran Parish

Lutheran Church of the Atonement, Oneonta, NY

John Mushtare: President

Leslie Bauer: Organist

Barbara Loitsch: Choir Director

Evangelical Lutheran Church, Hartwick Seminary, NY

Vernon Lee Sliviak: President

Donna Brown: Organist

St. John Lutheran Church, West Burlington, NY

Paul Hecker: President

Ethel Mills: Accompanist

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Any news/ announcements/ or other information that you wish to have included in the weekly service bulletin should 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.