

Matthew 10:40



**Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me,  
and anyone who welcomes me  
welcomes the one who sent me.**

ATONEMENT LUTHERAN CHURCH  
ONEONTA, NY

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ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH  
LAURENS, NY

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

+ **Fourth Sunday after Pentecost** +  
WOV Service of Word & Prayer  
June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023

(\* = 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**

**Gathering Song**

*God is Here!*

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**\*Greeting + Dialogue**

*The Word is Near You*

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**\*Scripture Song**

*Salvation Belongs (W st 1, M st 2)*

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**First Prayer** (*7th Century Gelasian*)

**O God of gods and Lord of lords, you are the author of the best. Graft into us a love for you, increase our devotion, nourish us with what is good, and vigilantly watch over us for whom you care, 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**

## WORD

**First Lesson: Jeremiah 20:7-13** A lesson from Jeremiah:

O Lord, you have enticed me, and I was enticed;  
you have overpowered me, and you have prevailed.

I have become a laughingstock all day long; everyone mocks me. [8] For whenever I speak, I must cry out, I must shout, "Violence and destruction!" For the word of the Lord has become for me a reproach and derision all day long.

[9] If I say, "I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name," then within me there is something like a burning fire shut up in my bones; I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot.

[10] For I hear many whispering: "Terror is all around!  
Denounce him! Let us denounce him!"

All my close friends are watching for me to stumble.  
"Perhaps he can be enticed, and we can prevail against him,  
and take our revenge on him."

[11] But the Lord is with me like a dread warrior;  
therefore my persecutors will stumble, and they will not prevail.

They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed.  
Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten.

[12] O Lord of hosts, you test the righteous, you see the heart and the mind; let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause.

[13] Sing to the Lord; praise the Lord!

For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hands of evildoers.  
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalmody: 69:7-18** (Tones: Single 26 or Double 9)

It is for your sake that I have / borne reproach,\*  
that shame has cover- / ed my face.

**I have become a stranger / to my kindred,\*  
an alien to my / mother's children.**

It is zeal for your house that / has consumed me;\*  
the insults of those who insult you have fall- / en on me.

**When I humbled my / soul with fasting,\*  
they insulted / me for doing so.**

When I made sack- / cloth my clothing,\* I became a by- / word to them.

**I am the subject of gossip for those who sit / in the gate,\*  
and the drunkards make / songs about me.**

But as for me, my prayer is to / you, O Lord.\*

At an acceptable time, O God,  
in the abundance of your steadfast love, / answer me.

**With your faithful help rescue me from sinking / in the mire;\*  
let me be delivered from my enemies and from / the deep waters.**

Do not let the flood sweep over me, or the deep swal- / low me up,\*  
or the Pit close its mouth / over me.

**Answer me, O Lord, for your steadfast / love is good;\*  
according to your abundant mercy, / turn to me.**

Do not hide your face / from your servant,\*  
for I am in distress--make haste to / answer me.

**Draw near to / me, redeem me,\*  
set me free because of my / enemies.**

**Glory to the Father, and / to the Son,\* and to the / Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginn- / ing, is now,\* and will be forev- / er. Amen.**

**Second Lesson: Romans 6:1-11** A lesson from Romans:

What then are we to say? Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? [2] By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? [3] Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? [4] Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

[5] For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. [6] We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. [7] For whoever has

died is freed from sin. [8] But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. [9] We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. [10] The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. [11] So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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

**\*Gospel Acclamation**

*Word of Life Jesus Christ  
Glory to you, O Lord*

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**\*Holy Gospel: Matthew 10:24-39 Glory to you, O Lord.**

"A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; [25] it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

[26] "So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. [27] What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. [28] Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. [29] Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. [30] And even the hairs of your head are all counted. [31] So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

[32] "Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; [33] but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

[34] "Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

[35] For I have come to set a man against his father,  
and a daughter against her mother,  
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;

[36] and one's foes will be members of one's own household.

[37] Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; [38] and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. [39] Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**\* Gospel Response**

*Praise to you, O Christ*

**Children's Sermon/Homily**

Todd Eames (A/St.M)  
Pastor Paul Messner (E/St.J)

**\*Hymn of the Day**

*O Spirit of Life*

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## RESPONSE to the WORD

\*Apostles' Creed

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\*Confession and Forgiveness

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\*Sharing the Peace

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Offering

\*Offertory

*Glory to you God (stz. 2)*

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\* Offertory Prayer:

(or WOVS pg. 51)

Gracious Father, you make our land green with life. By seed and fruit, in wood and root, you store the life your creatures need. We bring these tokens of our thanks, with faith that there is always life with you. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

\*Prayers of the Church

First Intercession:

Almighty Father, though your Son lived among us in danger of his life, yet he freely taught your will and lived in harmony with your ancient plan to save. We worship you for overcoming everything that could have prevented his coming to us. May we, by your Spirit, overcome our fear of openly living according to our hope, and freely speaking of those things that will be forever true.

\*Additional Prayers

\*Lord's Prayer

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### SENDING

\*Blessing

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\*Recessional Hymn

*I, the Lord of Sea and Sky*

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Dismissal

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

Postlude

Pastors Pericope Paragraph 6/25

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

Jesus is continuing His teaching ministry. And it causes division. Will we give up our life for His sake? (Gospel). Jeremiah is frustrated that God's call to speak leads to him being mocked. It would be easier to keep silent, but he finds he cannot. So he sings a song of praise to this very same God! A metaphor for us in 2023? (1<sup>st</sup> lesson). "...if we have been united with Him in a death like His, we will certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His." Our baptism is the downpayment on this promise (2<sup>d</sup> lesson).

## Weekly Worship Practice:

What does "S.T.S." mean after Pastor Paul's name in our bulletin? "Societas Trinitatis Sanctae" (Latin for the Society of the Holy Trinity.) The S.T.S. is an organization of Lutheran clergy formed in 1997, to help pastors live out their ordination vows in a disciplined way. Members follow a "rule" of daily prayer, worship, regular retreats and pastoral visitations and oversight. If you would like to see the STS "rule" see Pr. Paul.

## All baptized Christians are welcome to God's Table of Grace.

All the baptized may commune in the OCLP with no age restriction. 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.

## +OCLP+

We welcome Todd Eames to lead worship at Atonement & St. Matthew  
Next Sunday Tom Collins will lead worship at Evangelical & St. John

<b>Serving Today</b>	<b>Atonement</b>	<b>Evangelical</b>	<b>St. Matthew</b>
Asst. Minister			Jim Crouthamel
Comm. Asst.			
Lector	Martha Messner	Ilse S	Rod Klafehn
Cantor	Denise Richardson		
*Altar Care	Cindy Heaney	Carol B & Esther	
Ushers/Greeters	Denise Richardson	Ilse S	
Coffee Hour			
Acolyte	Emerson Riley		
Sound System		Pelcer	
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, 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), Sue (M. Messner), Valerie England, Jennifer Carman, Lisa Cooper (Syvertsen), Martha Messner, Barbara Gee, Mark Bauer, (Messner/Dana), Brad Guillerm (Dana), Janna Benston (Sherrill), Gary Williams, Gary Herion, Penny Baumann

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

For young adult: Sam Sherrill

#### **+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), Kenny Medor (Butts), Joan Ackerman (Butts), Chuck Scorzafava, Martha Messner, Ansley (Butts)

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

For Young Adult: Keira Higgins

#### **+St. Matthew+**

For healing in body, mind and spirit in our own congregation: Scott Forbes, Tina Keator, Sherrie Roy (Lawyer), Barbara Gesile, Gina Pywar, 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), Jack Anthony (Stevens), Troy Lutz (Bush), Alan & Linda Peeters, Isabell Tophoven, Corinne Pollak, James Wikoff (Hulbert), Vicky Vesely (Bush), Martha Messner, Helmut Boehl, Frank Wood, Ray Gilmore (Winslow), Judy Berkshire (Crouthamel), Janet Brown, Kevin Bonney, Robin Bush

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Dottie Marsh

For Young Adult: Zac Dobler

**+Beyond the Parish+**

For healing in body, mind and spirit: Jackie Hesse (Lawyer), Rosemary Pepe (Eggers), Dorothy Fernandez, (Eggers), Dick Armstrong, Gina Utter (Thompson), Cathy Deleski (Thompson), Alicia Biesler (Thompson), Margie Ortega (Thompson), Amy Cooper (Messner), Pr Lynn Ash, former President Jimmy Carter, Phil Roberts (Messner), David Wolff, Davilynn Cifonelli (Doane-Nelson), Jim McCoy, Spike Dibble (Frank & Toni Wood), Kathryn Morris (Messner).

**For those preparing for marriage:** Maria Cooper & Russell Romero

**For those preparing for childbirth:** Lucia & Jeff Schmidt

**For those in the military, law enforcement and emergency services:** all state, county, and town road crews

**In the Foothills Conference:** For our church secretaries, office staff, for sextons/custodians, property and finance committees (name your own), Pope Francis

**Ordination/Commissioning anniversaries connected to our parish or conference:**

Pr. Robert Mansbach, 67 years – 6/17

Pr. William Clasen, 63 years – 6/15

Pr. William Wittcopp, 58 years – 6/9

Pr. Bill Siiss, 52 years – 6/14

Pr. Kenneth Dingman, 51 years – 6/14

Pr. William Preuss, 51 years – 6/11

Pr. James Crouthamel, 48 years – 6/15

Pr. Richard Johnson, 46 years – 6/19

Pr. Marie Jerge, 45 years – 6/3

Pr. Craig Herrick, 44 years – 6/4

Pr. David Almleaf, 44 years – 6/10

Pr. Paul Herpich, 43 years – 6/8

Pr. Rick Klafehn, 40 years – 6/26

Pr. Diane Wheatley, 39 years – 6/17

Pr. Jeff Silvernail, 25 years – 6/6

Bishop Lee Miller II, 25 years – 6/20

Pr. Dick Yost, 18 years – 6/11



**Natural/Man-made Disasters:** Victims of drought in Ethiopia, Somalia & Afghanistan; victims of violence in our cities, suburbs and rural communities; those struggling with economic conditions, food insecurity, and homelessness; Victims of the severe heat wave in India; the five people on the Titanic submersible

**National/ International Concerns:** For all refugees and migrants and those contending with the continuing crisis on our northern & southern borders, the people of Ukraine, Russia, China, Taiwan, and the Sudan; Victims of the recent Uganda school massacre by ISIS

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

+ the crew of the Ocean Gate submersible Titan +

**+ Parish News and Notes +**

**+Evangelical**

Calling all bakers! Bake sale at Evangelical, Saturday July 15<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am to 1:00pm. Please bake as much as you can. Bake breads, muffins, cookies, brownies, cake, pies, or your specialty! Freeze ahead of time! Drop off on Friday July 14<sup>th</sup> from 3:00pm to 5:00pm, or day of sale from 7:30am to 9:00am.

Pathfinder Lodge, an American Baptist camp, is located on East Lake Road just north of Cooperstown and offers day camp and overnight camps for youth, offsite adventure camps for young adults, family camping, and retreat facilities for groups. Activities include swimming, boating, crafts, and hiking. Pathfinder Lodge provides faith-based programming and teaches that God loves everyone, just as they are. Pathfinder welcomes campers of all faith traditions or none at all to grow in body, mind, and spirit, in a safe and caring environment. For more information and registration information, go to <https://www.vpccministries.org/summer-camp/>.

Blessings,

Cindy Falk ~ [cynthia.g.falk@gmail.com](mailto:cynthia.g.falk@gmail.com)

**+ 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	St. John
6/18	23/ 616	11/ 372	22/ 549	6/ 173
6/21	1/ 89	1/ 47	6/ 216	
**	<b>(\$1,290)</b>	<b>(\$850)</b>	<b>(\$1,309)</b>	

\*\* Needed to meet weekly expenses

**+ THIS WEEK +**

Tues 6/27 - Primary Election Day

Wednesday Services:

7:30am St. Matthew

10:30am Clergy Bible Study, Christ Church, Cooperstown

Noon Evangelical

**+ COMING UP +**

Next Sunday - Holy Communion

Atonement Council follows worship

Joyce Boyd burial

Thurs, 7/6 - St Matt Worship and Music, 5pm

Mon. 7/10 - OCLP Craft Group

Saturday, 7/15 - Evangelical bake sale

July 23-28

32<sup>nd</sup> Hartwick Seminary Summer Institute of Theology, Hartwick College

All are welcome to attend

+ **SMILE OF THE WEEK** +

Squirrels had overrun three local churches in town. After much prayer, the elders of the first church determined that the animals were predestined to be there. Who were they to interfere with God's will? they reasoned. Soon, the squirrels multiplied.

The elders of the second church, deciding they could not harm any of God's creatures, humanely trapped the squirrels and set them free outside of town. Three days later, the squirrels were back.

It was only the third church that succeeded in keeping the pests away. The elders baptized the squirrels and registered them as members of the church. Now they only see them on Christmas and Easter.

## **Otsego County Lutheran Parish**

Lutheran Church of the Atonement, Oneonta, NY

Sunday Worship 10:30 am (Holy Communion 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays + festivals)

John Mushtare: President

Leslie Bauer: Organist

Evangelical Lutheran Church, Hartwick Seminary, NY

Sunday Worship 9:15 am (Holy Communion 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays + festivals)

Tami Pelcer: President

Donna Brown: Organist

St. John Lutheran Church, West Burlington, NY

Sunday Worship 11:15 am (Holy Communion 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays + festivals)

Paul Hecker: President

Ethel Mills: Accompanist

St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Laurens, NY

Sunday Worship 8:30 am (Holy Communion 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays + festivals)

Ed Winslow: President

Janet Brown: Organist

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(texting is often the most effective way to reach pastor)

Services of Healing are usually held on the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of a month

<http://facebook.com/oclpny/>

<http://otsegocountylutheranparish.com>

Any news/ announcements/ or other information t

hat you wish to have included in the weekly service bulletin must be received by Pr. Paul no later than 9am on Thursday 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.