



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

+ **Fifth Sunday in Lent** +  
Holy Communion (LBW Setting 1)  
March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021

(\* = 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**

**Quiet Entrance**

(St.M)

\* **Order for Confession and Forgiveness**

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\* **Entrance Hymn**

*Beneath the Cross of Jesus*

LBW# 107

\* **Apostolic Greeting**

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\* **Hymn of Praise**

*Keep in Mind that Jesus Christ Has Died for Us*

LBW# 13

(St 1 – W, St 2 – M, St 3 – all)

**First Prayer:** *(7th Century Gelasian, revised)*

**Almighty God, look favorably upon your family. Graciously rule our bodies lest we are enticed to love the world; and guard our spirits lest we fail to recognize your love, 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.Matt/Evan)

**First Lesson: Jeremiah 31:31-34** A lesson from Jeremiah:

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. [32] It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt--a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. [33] But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. [34] No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

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

**Psalmody 119:9-16** (Tones: 51-single; 46-double)

How can young people keep / their way pure?\*

**By guarding it according / to your word.**

With my whole / heart I seek you;\*

**do not let me stray from / your commandments.**

I treasure your word / in my heart,\*

**so that I may not / sin against you.**

Blessed are / you, O Lord;\*

**teach / me your statutes.**

With my lips / I declare\*

**all the ordinances / of your mouth.**

I delight in the way of / your decrees\*

**as much as / in all riches.**

I will meditate / on your precepts,\*

**and fix my eyes / on your ways.**

I will delight / in your statutes;\*

**I will not for- /get your word.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the / Holy Spirit; \*

**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forev- / er.**

**Amen.**

**Second Lesson: Hebrews 5:5-10** A lesson from Hebrews:

So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

"You are my Son, today I have begotten you";

[6] as he says also in another place,

"You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek."

[7] In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. [8] Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; [9] and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, [10] having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

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

\* **Lenten Verse**

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\***Gospel Acclamation**

*Glory to you, O Lord*

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**Holy Gospel: John 12:20-33** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. [21] They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." [22] Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. [23] Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. [24] Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. [25] Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. [26] Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

[27] "Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. [28] Father, glorify your name." Then a voice

came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” [29] The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” [30] Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. [31] Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. [32] And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” [33] He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

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

**Children’s Sermon/Homily**

Pr. Jim Crouthamel (A/St.M)  
Pastor Paul Messner (E/St.J)

**\*Hymn of the Day**

*Oh, Love, How Deep*  
(st 3-women, st 4-men, st 5-quietly, st 6&7-boldly)

LBW# 88

**RESPONSE**

**\*Nicene Creed**

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**\*Prayers of the Church**

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**First Intercession:**

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the yearning you inspire in us to be more like you. But we confess that we are often mired in our own self-important business. As such projects fail, renew in us a zeal like that of your Son, who refused to cling to temporal glory and even life itself. He had a vision of saving his helpless creatures, becoming your willingly instrument, a partner in your love. Help us with the obedience of faith: expecting, awaiting and seizing opportunities to assist you in the unfolding of your gracious work.

**Installation of Council and Officers**

Insert (St. J)

**\* 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, we worship you for our daily bread, but we bring these offerings because you have given us your saving Word. Thank you for this precious food which truly makes us live. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## MEAL

- \* **Great Thanksgiving/Dialog** pg. 68  
\* **Preface & Sanctus** (*Holy, Holy, Holy*) pg. 69  
\* **Eucharistic Prayer & Lord's Prayer** pew card  
**Agnus Dei** (*Lamb of God*) pg. 72
- Distribution Hymns** WOV# 702, 665 (5x), 705  
\* **Post Communion Blessing & Canticle** *Lord, now you let . . .* pg. 73

### \* Post-Communion Prayer:

Lord Jesus, we have celebrated in memory of your gift of life. Make us bold to hope in your victory / so that we strive to imitate your unselfish love. We bless you now and evermore.

**Amen.**

## Sending

- \* **Benediction** pg. 74  
\* **Recessional Hymn** *What Wondrous Love Is This* LBW# 385  
**Dismissal** Go in Peace, Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**  
**Postlude**

### Pastors Pericope Paragraph +Third Sunday in Lent 3/7

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

"Lifted up" again (as last week!) - to show the method of death that would come to Him. Death precedes life and bears fruit. (Gospel). God remembers our sins "no more" - because He knows us thoroughly... and for Christians, because when He looks on us He sees Jesus (1st lesson). Jesus, our High Priest, makes the once and for all sacrificial offering. It was acceptable to the Father because of Jesus' "reverent submission" (2d lesson).

### **Weekly Worship Practice:**

When entering the sanctuary, please do so in a quiet manner so as not to disturb parishioners who choose to pray and reflect silently before the service begins. Coffee hour provides a warm and receptive environment for fellowship and conversation. Hopefully they will return after Easter! Thank you!

**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.

<b>Serving Today</b>	<b>Atonement</b>	<b>Evangelical</b>	<b>St. Matthew</b>
Comm. Asst.	Peg Serra-Lima	Gabe L	Deb Lawyer
Asst. Minister	Peg Serra-Lima	Mark Howard	
Lector	Peg Serra Lima	Mark Howard	
Cantor	Eli England	Carol B & Esther Dorothy	Alicia Stevens
*Altar Care			
Ushers/Greeters			
Coffee Hour	Grady Loeffler	Mia Pelcer Brunner	
Acolyte			
Sound System			
Bell Ringer			
Church Cleaner			

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+OCLP+

We welcome Pr. Jim Crouthamel to lead worship at Atonement and St. Matthew.  
Next Sunday ELCA Deacon Sandy Shear (Ret.) will lead worship at Evangelical and St. John's.

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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), Stan Whitmore (C. Brown), Jeremy Sorese (C. Heaney), Evelyn Hamilton (Lehenbauer), Beth Gilmore (Pudelka), Virginia Pudelka, Rene Prins, Tony and Thoranne Winkler, Thomas Mendez, Bill Heaney, Allison Heaney, Heather Byrnes, Charlotte Grant, Grace Dietzman, Barbara Loitsch, Rita Nelson, Emilie Stamps, Elizabeth Robinson (Messner)

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Barbara Delaney

For young adult: Elina Martinez

### **+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, Susan Howard, John Miller, David Glynn, Len Price, Esther Hughes, Tom Pritchard

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Yvonne Cornell

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), 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, Jill Baumann, Mary Hartmann (Nelson), Kent Hoyt Jr. (Ganio), Owen Basher (Marsh), Bev Lapp, Rennie Brown (Janet), Jason Hahn, Kathy Parsons, Omar Andrades, Donna Sorrentino, Ron Struckle, Karen Nelson, Joe Hartmann, Karen Rollins (Winslow)

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Tina & Mike Keator

For Young Adult: Terri Bonney

**+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, Warren Robinson (Messner), Julie Steinmueller (Sandy Shear), Hilary Elf (Messner), Rachel Fisher (Messner), Pr. Ameen Aswad (Jail Ministry), Jack Schuck (Sandy Shear), Kerri Gorsch (Messner), Pr. Paul Herpich (Messner), Karla Goss (Bauer), Scott Brasted (Messner)

**For those preparing for marriage:** Nick Meier & Bianca Zapanta

**For those celebrating childbirth:** Kira & Kevin Brady on the birth of Molly Marie (Grandmother Linda Syvertsen)

**For those in the military, law enforcement and emergency services:** Milford Fire Department & EMS

**In the Foothills Conference:** Trinity Lutheran Church, Amsterdam (Pr. William Hodgetts)

**National/ International Concerns:** all victims of religious, ethnic, and racial hatred and prejudice, for victims of genocide and slavery (Uigher Muslims in China); our country in this time of continuing deep division.

**Natural and Man-Made Disasters:** Victims of all debilitating diseases, and those struggling with social isolation; for those involved in the crisis on our Southern border

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

+ Elizabeth O'Donnell +

+ Reuben James +

+ Ellen Sturgess +  
(9/1/33 – 3/9/21)

+ Helen J. Winne-Mulligan +  
(4/13/19 – 3/15/21)  
(Carol Butt's Mother)

**+ 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
3/14	22/ 208 \$1095	18/ 204	18/ 222 \$836
**			
3/17	3/ 19	3/ 18	7/ 84

**\*\* Needed to meet weekly expenses**

**+ OCLP +**

**+Atonement**

Our sanctuary windows are in increasing need of repair. There are some broken pieces, but the primary and pressing need is re-caulking. Estimates are around \$12,500 for all the work. To help with this capital project, use a special giving envelope and make checks payable to Atonement Lutheran Church (memo: stained glass window project) Thanks!

### +Atonement

We are pleased to report that plans are moving ahead toward installing the new sanctuary lamp. Donations continue to be gathered for a lamp in the altar area, as approved by the Atonement Worship and Music Committee and the Church Council. The lamp has an electric light and replaces the candle near the window. The existing candle has a red glass sleeve that has been broken multiple times over the years. The cost of replacing the sleeve and concerns about having an open flame were among reasons considered in reviewing options.

We welcome contributions.

If you would like to donate toward the \$1,000 cost of the lamp, please make a check payable to Atonement with “Sanctuary Lamp” on the notes line.

If you would like to donate in memory of or to honor a loved one, or for another reason, please write a brief note and submit it with your check. Put the check and note in the collection plate or send them to the church office.

Thank you for your consideration and support. This lamp will be a beautiful addition to the sanctuary and a glowing enhancement to our services.

### +St. Matthew

Food donations to St. Matthew’s Food Pantry are welcome and accepted. We would ask those who donate to do so with the items listed for our standard distribution bag, comprised of canned and boxed goods, designed to provide our recipients with a week’s worth of staples. We do not have the capacity to handle baked goods, produce, or other perishables.

Please do not donate food items bearing lapsed expiration dates – for health and safety reasons we cannot distribute such items to our recipients.

Cash donations are always welcome and appreciated. The Food Pantry is a totally volunteer operation – 100% of your cash donations go towards the purchase of food and personal care items.

Thanks to all our parishioners for your support, which has enabled us to serve 40-60 families per month!

For further questions and comments contact Patty & Rod Klafehn 607-432-7883.

### **St. Matthew Lutheran Church Food Bank Ongoing Items Needed**

Macaroni and Cheese

Pasta

Pasta Sauce

Cereal

Soup

Peanut Butter

Jelly/ Jam

Vegetables

Fruit

Tuna (or substitute protein)

Beans (kidney, black, etc.)

+Evangelical

Evangelical is now collecting items for their Labor Day Rummage Sale. Bring donations to the church anytime.

+OCLP

Please check your mailbox anytime you are in the building. Thanks!  
Remember to sign in for attendance and contact tracing. Thank you

**+ THIS WEEK +**

Monday-Tuesday: Pr. Paul & Martha in Jamestown

Tuesday: St. Matthew Lenten Evening 6:30pm

+Wednesday Services:

7:30am St. Matthew

Noon Evangelical

7:00pm Atonement

Saturday: Acolyte/ Crucifer training, St. Matt 10:30am

**+ COMING UP +**

Next Sunday is Palm/ Passion Sunday, Holy Week Begins

See Lent/ Holy Week/ Easter Calendar

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**+ Thought of the Week +**

Language is the dress of thought; everytime you talk your mind is on parade.

- Anonymous

## **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

Joyce Boyd: President

Donna Brown: Organist

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Ethel Mills: Accompanist

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