

ATONEMENT LUTHERAN CHURCH
ONEONTA, NY

ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH
LAURENS, NY

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
HARTWICK SEMINARY, NY

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

+ **Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost** +
Holy Communion (LBW Setting 2)
October 18th, 2020

Commemoration of St. Luke the Evangelist

(* = 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

*** Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness**

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*** Apostolic Greeting**

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First Prayer: *(7th Century Gelasian)*

O God, our refuge and strength, since you yourself are the author of our devotion, graciously consider the devout prayers of your Church. May what we ask in faith / effectively follow by your grace, through Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord. He lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Psalmody: 96:1-13 (Tones: single – 32; double – 9)

O sing to the Lord / a new song;* sing to the Lord, / all the earth.

Sing to the Lord, / bless his name;*

tell of his salvation from / day to day.

Declare his glory a- / mong the nations,*

his marvelous works among / all the peoples.

For great is the Lord, and greatly / to be praised;*

he is to be revered a- / bove all gods.

For all the gods of the peo- / ples are idols,*

but the Lord / made the heavens.

Honor and majesty / are before him;*

strength and beauty are in his / sanctuary.

Ascribe to the Lord, O families / of the peoples,*

ascribe to the Lord glo- / ry and strength.

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

bring an offering, and come in- / to his courts.

Worship the Lord in / holy splendor,*

tremble before him, / all the earth.

Say among the nations, "The / Lord is king!*

The world is firmly established; it shall never be moved.

He will judge the peoples with / equity."

Let the heavens be glad, and let the / earth rejoice;*

let the sea roar, and / all that fills it;

let the field exult, and every- / thing in it.*

**Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy be- / fore
the Lord;**

for / he is coming,* for he is coming to / judge the earth.

**He will judge the world with / righteousness,*
and the peoples / with his truth.**

**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.

Lesson: Isaiah 45:1-7 A lesson from Isaiah:

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whose right hand I have grasped
to subdue nations before him
and strip kings of their robes,
to open doors before him--
and the gates shall not be closed:

[2] I will go before you
and level the mountains,

I will break in pieces the doors of bronze
and cut through the bars of iron,

[3] I will give you the treasures of darkness
and riches hidden in secret places,
so that you may know that it is I, the Lord,
the God of Israel, who call you by your name.

[4] For the sake of my servant Jacob,
and Israel my chosen,

I call you by your name,
I surname you, though you do not know me.

[5] I am the Lord, and there is no other;
besides me there is no god.

I arm you, though you do not know me,
[6] so that they may know, from the rising of the sun
and from the west, that there is no one besides me;
I am the Lord, and there is no other.

[7] I form light and create darkness,
I make weal and create woe;
I the Lord do all these things.

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

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 22:15-22 Glory to you, O Lord.

Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. [16] So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. [17] Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" [18] But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? [19] Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. [20] Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" [21] They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." [22] When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

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

Children's Sermon/Homily

Deacon Tom Collins (St. M/ Atone)
Pastor Paul Messner (Evan/ St J)

* **Hymn of the Day**

Lift Every Voice and Sing

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RESPONSE

* **Apostles' Creed**

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* **Prayers of the Church**

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First Intercession:

Heavenly Father, you have set leaders over the countries of the world and blessed them with abilities to sufficiently serve your people. Give us the mind to be grateful for their limited gifts and for the benefits that come from you if we live with faith. Help us to be responsible citizens, and give us a vision of the good that you can work through that responsibility.

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

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* **Offertory**

Let the Vineyards

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* **Offertory Prayer:**

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Invisible, Eternal Father, you give each age their signs of grace and glory. Multiply the good effect of all we give and do for you to increase our faith that your Kingdom comes, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

MEAL

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*** Eucharistic Prayer & Lord's Prayer**

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* Post Communion Blessing & Canticle	<i>Thank the Lord</i>	pg. 92
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* <u>Post-Communion Prayer:</u>	pg. 94
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O Lord, you love to give new life through the forgiveness of sin. Complete our prayers by teaching us how to live in the joy of this same love / while we struggle to reach the safety of your home. We bless you now and evermore. **Amen.**

SENDING

* Benediction	pg. 94
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Dismissal	Go in Peace, Serve the Lord. Thanks be to God.
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Postlude

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 sacramental 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.	Peg Serra-Lima	Esther H	Deb Lawyer	
Asst. Minister	Peg Serra-Lima	Len P		
Lector	Peg Serra-Lima			
Cantor	Aleda Koehn	Ilse & Dorothy Dorothy	Kayla Joubert	
*Altar Care				
Ushers/Greeters	Megan Cleveland	Mia Pelcer Lane		
Coffee Hour				
Acolyte/ Crucifer				
Sound System				
Bell Ringer				
Church Cleaner				

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- + We welcome Deacon Tom Collins to lead worship at St. Matthew and Atonement.
- + Next Sunday Sandy Shear will lead worship at Evangelical and St. John

+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, Elizabeth Robinson (Messner), Rene Prins (Roper), Tony and Thoranne Winkler, Thomas Mendez, Sam Sherrill, Eli England, Bill Heaney, Allison Heaney, Heather Byrnes, Victor Grant, and Charlotte Grant

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Doug & Barbara Gee

For young adult: Patrick Duffy

+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: Joan & Harold Taylor

For Young Adult: Kristoff Jaeck

+St. Matthew+

For healing in body, mind and spirit in our own congregation: Robert Evans, 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

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Dave & Kathy Forbes

For Young Adult: Courtney Sherry

+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)

For those preparing for marriage: Alex Teseriero & Sarah Baum

For those celebrating or seeking adoption

For those in the military, law enforcement and emergency services: Laurens Fire Department & EMS. The two Louisville, KY Police Officers shot in the line of duty.

In the Foothills Conference: The Society of the Holy Trinity (STS) and its member pastors (Pr. Paul Messner), especially its senior pastor, Pr. Patrick Rooney and its secretary (Pr. Pari Bailey)

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. Tropical storms along the Gulf coast. Fires out west.

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

+ Larry Schiniedel +
(1962 -- 2020)

+ Mark Cook +
(John's brother)

+ Charles Schneider +
Catskill Symphony Orchestra Maestro

+ Parish News and Notes +

+Pentecost 20 10/18

What belongs to God? Everything! What "belongs" to the Emperor (the government) - that which legally the government has the "right" to. We "give" our taxes. Do we give to God ALL that belongs to Him (Gospel)?

The Christians in Thessalonica became a positive example for the Word of God at work not only in Macedonia and Achaia and beyond. Are we positive examples for God's Word in Otsego County and beyond (Lesson)? We also remember St. Luke, the evangelist and medical doctor, on this date.

+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
10/11	18/ 612/	20/	14/ 596
**	(\$1,290)	(\$705)	(\$1,309)
10/14			

**** Needed to meet weekly expenses**

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+ 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.

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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: Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost – Holy Communion (LBW Setting 2)

+Wednesday Services:

7:30am St. Matthew

Noon Evangelical

7:00pm Atonement

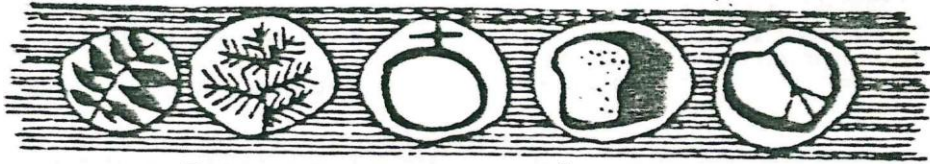
+ COMING UP +

Saturday 10/24 – Acolyte/ Crucifer Training, Atonement, 11:30am

Sunday 10/25 – Reformation Sunday

All are encourage to wear red in celebration (not a requirement)

TODAY
THERE IS NEITHER
THE GLORIFYING OF GOD
NOR PEACE
ON EARTH



AS LONG AS A HUNGER
IS NOT YET STILLED
AND AS LONG AS WE HAVE
NOT UPROOTED
VIOLENCE
FROM OUR CIVILIZATION
CHRIST IS NOT
YET BORN

GANDHI

Otsego County 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

St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Laurens, NY

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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.