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HARTWICK SEMINARY, NY

ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH
LAURENS, NY

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

+ **Second Sunday after Pentecost** +
WOV Service of Word & Prayer
June 11th, 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

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| Gathering Song | <i>Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading</i> | WOV # 687 |
| *Greeting + Dialogue | <i>The Word is Near You</i> | pg. 46 |
| *Scripture Song | <i>Salvation Belongs (W st 1, M st 2)</i> | pg. 47 |

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

O God, you are the protector of all who trust in you and beside you nothing is strong nor holy. Multiply your mercy and guide us that while using the good things of this fleeting life, we do not lose hold of the things that endure forever, 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: Hosea 5:15 -- 6:6 A lesson from Hosea:

I will return again to my place
until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face.
In their distress they will beg my favor:
[6:1] "Come, let us return to the Lord;
for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us;
he has struck down, and he will bind us up.
[2] After two days he will revive us;
on the third day he will raise us up,
that we may live before him.
[3] Let us know, let us press on to know the Lord;
his appearing is as sure as the dawn;
he will come to us like the showers,
like the spring rains that water the earth."
[4] What shall I do with you, O Ephraim?
What shall I do with you, O Judah?
Your love is like a morning cloud,
like the dew that goes away early.
[5] Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets,
I have killed them by the words of my mouth,

and my judgment goes forth as the light.
[6] For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice,
the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalmody: 50:7-15 (Tones: Single 26 or Double 9)

Hear, O my people, and I will speak, O Israel,

I will testi- / fy against you.* I am / God, your God.

Not for your sacrifices do / I rebuke you;*

your burnt offerings are continual- / ly before me.

I will not accept a bull / from your house,*

or goats / from your folds.

For every wild animal of the for- / est is mine,*

the cattle on a / thousand hills.

I know all the birds / of the air,*

and all that moves in the / field is mine.

"If I were hungry, I / would not tell you,*

for the world and all that is in / it is mine.

Do I eat the / flesh of bulls,* or drink the / blood of goats?

Offer to God a sacrifice / of thanksgiving,*

and pay your vows to / the Most High.

Call on me in the / day of trouble;*

I will deliver you, and you shall / glorify me."

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.

Second Lesson: Romans 4:13-25 A lesson from Romans:

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. [14] If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. [15] For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

[16] For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, [17] as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations")--in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. [18] Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." [19] He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. [20] No distrust made him waver concerning the

promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, [21] being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. [22] Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." [23] Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, [24] but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, [25] who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

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 9:9-13, 18-26**

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him.

[10] And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. [11] When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" [12] But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. [13] Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners."

[18] While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." [19] And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. [20] Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, [21] for she said to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." [22] Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And instantly the woman was made well. [23] When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, [24] he said, "Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. [25] But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. [26] And the report of this spread throughout that district.

The Gospel of the Lord.

*** Gospel Response**

Praise to you, O Christ

Children's Sermon/Homily

Deacon Deb Lawyer (A/St.M)

Pastor Paul Messner (E/St.J)

***Hymn of the Day**

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

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RESPONSE to the WORD

- *Apostles' Creed WOV pg. 49
*Confession and Forgiveness WOV pg. 49-50
*Sharing the Peace WOV pg.50
Offering
*Offertory *Glory to you God (stz. 2)* WOV pg. 50

* Offertory Prayer: (or WOV pg. 51)

Almighty Father, you give the spirit of humble sacrifice to many creatures so that you may point us to the mind of Christ. Accept the young and timid faith of these offerings and gently lead us to the glory that is true, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

- *Prayers of the Church
*Blessing of Seed & Soil

First Intercession:

Father, our life is filled with your gifts; you have given us a foretaste of a more perfect world, where you will always be our gracious host. Use the imperfections of this world to remind us not to make this our home, but only the place where we have come to know you, and to have faith in your full salvation. Draw us together in many different celebrations of your grace, and to praise you for the life to come.

- *Additional Prayers
*Lord's Prayer

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SENDING

- *Blessing pg. 53
*Recessional Hymn *O Holy Spirit, Root of Life* WOV #688

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

Postlude

Pastors Pericope Paragraph 6/11

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

Matthew. St Matthew. Tax Collector Matthew. Collaborator with the Roman oppressors
Matthew. Jesus calls this Matthew: Follow me! Because it's the sick who need the doctor, not the healthy and then he heals a sick girl, whom everyone "knew" was dead. So it was too late. Or was it? And on the way an ill woman touched Him and was healed. Jesus is the "doctor" of our spirits and our lives (Gospel). God, through Hosea, calls us from unfaithfulness to renewed "steadfast love" (1st lesson). Faith is what matters, says Paul: believing the promise made to Abraham and Sarah - the promise made by the God who raised Jesus from the dead (2d 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 Deacon Deb Lawyer to lead worship at Atonement & St. Matthew
Next Sunday ELCA Deacon (Ret.) Sandy Shear will lead worship at Evangelical & St. John

| Serving Today | Atonement | Evangelical | St. Matthew |
|----------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Asst. Minister | | | Robin Bush |
| Comm. Asst. | | | |
| Lector | Joan Carman | Len P | Dave Forbes |
| Cantor | Robert Loitsch | | |
| *Altar Care | Eli England | Carol B & Esther | |
| Ushers/Greeters | Dennis S & Victor G | Hazzards | |
| Coffee Hour | | | |
| Acolyte | Stevie Mendez | | |
| Sound System | | Sliviak | |
| 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, Lucy (Richardson), Barbara Gee, Mark Bauer, (Messner/Dana), Brad Guillerm (Dana), Janna Benston (Sherrill), Gary Williams

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Robert Loitsch

For young adult: Carly King

+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: John & Pam Miller

For Young Adult: Hazel Lippitt

+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: Rod & Patty Klafehn

For Young Adult: Josh Bush

+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, Octavia Bradshaw (Grandparents Toni & Frank Wood), Davilynn Cifonelli (Doane-Nelson)

For those preparing for marriage: Dave & Kim Lawyer on their 10th Anniversary and wedding renewal

For those preparing for childbirth: Chelsea & Anthony Casimano

For those in the military, law enforcement and emergency services: Damian Laird, USMC stationed in North Carolina

In the Foothills Conference: The Genesee Finger Lakes Conference, its Dean, congregations, Pastors

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

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

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

+ Those who died in the train crash in India +

+ Helga Lange +
(1944 – 2023)

+ Parish News and Notes +

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

+ 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 |
|------|------------------|----------------|------------------|----------|
| 6/4 | 22/ 568 | 19/ 349 | 22/ 511 | 8/ 161 |
| 6/7 | 4/ 82 | - / 43 | 6/ 94 | |
| ** | (\$1,290) | (\$850) | (\$1,309) | |

**** Needed to meet weekly expenses**

+ THIS WEEK +

Wednesday Services:

7:30am St. Matthew

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

Noon Evangelical

Evangelical Council Meeting, 3:00pm

The Chosen Episode 8 (last one until spring), 5:30pm Atonement

Thursday 6/15

St. Matthew Food Distribution, 4:00pm

+ COMING UP +

Monday 6/19: Bev Lapp burial, Leesville Cemetery (US Rt. 20)

Tuesday 6/20: Evangelical Womens picnic lunch @ Ilse Seitz's Rt. 165, Pleasant Brook

Sunday 7/2: Atonement Council meeting follows worship

THE BLESSING OF SEED & SOIL

Pastor/ Leader: We learn from Holy Scripture that in the beginning God created the heavens and the earth, and caused the sun to shine and the rain to fall, the plants to grow and the earth to give forth its increase. God is the giver of life in the seed, in the soil, and in the sowers. We affirm our baptismal creed where, in the first Article, we acknowledge that God “makes all creation help provide the comforts and necessities of life: sun, moon, and stars in the heavens, day and night, air, fire, water, the earth and all that it brings forth, birds and fish, beasts, grain and all kinds of produce” (Luther’s Large Catechism). We gather today to ask God’s blessing on the seed that has been or will be planted, the soil that has been cultivated, and the farmers who labor to the service of God and for the good of all humanity. Let all here give high praise to our Creator, that He may crown the year with His goodness. For from God comes every good and perfect gift: the rich soil, the smell of fresh-turned earth, the keenness of the winter’s frost, the rumble of the machine, the gleam of a cutting blade; the blistered hand, the sweat of the brow, the skill of those who plow; the beauty of a clean-cut furrow, the sweep of a well-plowed field; all reveal the mind of the Creator. Blessed be God in all His gifts, and holy in all His works.

The Prayers are said.

Assisting Minister. Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

A brief silence.

A. For the whole Church, that it may lead a lifeworthy of its high calling, minister to those in need, and be joined in common prayer and work, let us pray to the Lord. **C. Lord, have mercy.**

A. For the nations of the world, their leaders and their people, that we may see with clear eyes the plight of those who suffer in our lands, be moved to compassion and stirred to action on their behalf, let us pray to the Lord. **C. Lord have mercy.**

A. For those who cultivate the soil and those who fish the waters, that they may know the presence of the creator and sustainer of life, let us pray to the Lord.

C. Lord, have mercy.

A. For those in places of power and authority, that they may not be shielded from those who labor, nor deaf to their cries, but may show compassion, competence, and care, let us pray to the Lord. **C. Lord, have mercy.**

A. For all whose work is providing the food we eat: for farmers, migrants, and harvesters; for miners and laborers and seafarers; for energy producers, engineers, and designers; for grocers; for bankers and lending agencies; for legislators and courts; let us pray to the Lord. **C.**

Lord, have mercy.

A. For those with special needs, the desperate, the ill, the despairing, for those we name in our hearts and minds, or on our lips before you _____, let us pray to the Lord.

C. Lord, have mercy.

A. For those for whom work has lost its meaning, and for those who can find no work, let us pray to the Lord. **C. Lord, have mercy.**

Here additional intercessions may be offered.

A. Remembering those who have gone before us, that by holy angels we may be gathered with them into the heavenly garner and ever more rejoice in the abundance of the kingdom of heaven, let us pray to the Lord.

C. Lord, have mercy.

Pastor/ Leader: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through you Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C. Amen

The service continues with the Lord's Prayer or The Sharing of the Peace.

Benediction:

Pastor/ Leader: May God the Father, God the Son, (+) and God the Holy Spirit bless the pastures and meadows, all growing grass and green fields. May the soil be wholesome and all the crops good. May the weather be favorable and the workers of good heart; and may God who gives breath and life to the sower, multiply the seed sown and increase its fruits. May God be with us and among us and around us now and forever more. **C. Amen.**

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

Evangelical Lutheran Church, Hartwick Seminary, NY

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

Tami Pelcer: 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)

Ed Winslow: 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 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.