



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

+ **Ninth Sunday after Pentecost** +
Holy Communion (LBW Setting 2)
August 7th, 2022

(* = 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

Ringing of the Church Bell (StM/Ev)

* **Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness**

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* **Entrance Hymn** *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

LBW #543

* **Apostolic Greeting and Kyrie**

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* **Hymn of Praise:** *This is the Feast of Victory* (cantor and congregation)

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* **Salutation**

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First Prayer: *(6th Century Leonine)*

Almighty and merciful God, only by your gift can the faithful offer service / that is worthy of you and deserving of praise. Keep us from stumbling as we run to receive your promises, 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)

First Lesson: Genesis 15:1-6 A lesson from Genesis:

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." [2] But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" [3] And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." [4] But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." [5] He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." [6] And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

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

Psalmody: 33:12-22 (Tones: Single 26; double - 6)

Happy is the nation whose God / is the Lord,*

the people whom he has chosen as his / heritage.

The Lord looks / down from heaven;*

he sees all / humankind.

From where he sits enthroned he watches all the inhabitants / of the earth-- *

he who fashions the hearts of them all, and observes / all their deeds.

A king is not saved by / his great army;*

a warrior is not delivered by / his great strength.

The war horse is a vain / hope for victory,*

and by its great might it / cannot save.

Truly the eye of the Lord is on / those who fear him,*

on those who hope in his / steadfast love,

to deliver their / soul from death,*

and to keep them a- / live in famine.

Our soul waits / for the Lord;* he is our / help and shield.

Our heart is / glad in him,*

because we trust in his / holy name.

Let your steadfast love, O Lord, / be upon us,*

even as we / hope in you.

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: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

A lesson from Hebrews:

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. [2] Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. [3] By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

[4] By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain's. Through this he received approval as righteous, God himself giving approval to his gifts; he died, but through his faith he still speaks. [5] By faith Enoch was taken so that he did not experience death; and "he was not found, because God had taken him." For it was attested before he was taken away that "he had pleased God." [6] And without faith it is impossible to please God, for whoever would approach him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. [7] By faith Noah, warned by God about events as yet unseen, respected the warning and built an ark to save his household; by this he condemned the world and became an heir to the righteousness that is in accordance with faith.

[8] By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. [9] By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. [10] For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. [11] By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old--and Sarah herself was barren--because he considered him faithful who had promised. [12] Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

[13] All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, [14] for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. [15] If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return.

[16] But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

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

* **Alleluia Verse** pg. 83

* **Gospel Acclamation** **Glory to you, O Lord** pg. 83

Holy Gospel: Luke 12:32-40

"Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. [33] Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. [34] For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

[35] "Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; [36] be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. [37] Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. [38] If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

[39] "But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. [40] You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

The Gospel of the Lord.

* **Gospel Response** **Praise to you, O Christ** pg. 83

Children's Sermon/Homily ELCA Deacon (Ret.) Sandy Shear (St.M/ A)
Pr. Jim Crouthamel (Ev/ St. J)

* **Hymn of the Day** *Have No Fear, Little Flock* LBW #476

RESPONSE

* **Apostles Creed** pg. 85

* **Prayers of the Church** pg. 85

First Intercession:

Eternal Father, we feel all the weakness of a little flock as we make our way through our demanding and overcrowded life. Help us to be more conscious of your company, trusting a living and active faith to make a difference. May our lives become a prayer that our Lord will come.

* Sharing of the Peace of the Lord		pg. 86
Offering		pg. 86
Musical Offering		(A)
* Offertory	<i>Let the Vineyards</i>	pg. 86

* **Offertory Prayer:** pg. 87-88
 Almighty God, in the faithful rising of the sun / you promise life and daily bread. We bring our gifts of thanks and praise for what we have received. Use them to serve us with the bread from heaven / with its sign of endless life. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

MEAL

* Great Thanksgiving/Dialog		pg. 88
Preface & Sanctus	<i>Holy, Holy, Holy</i>	pg. 89
Eucharistic Prayer & Lord's Prayer		pg. 89-91
Agnus Dei	<i>Lamb of God</i>	pg. 92
Distribution Hymns		LBW #474, 214, 544
* Post Communion Blessing & Canticle	<i>Thank the Lord . . .</i>	pg. 92

* **Post-Communion Prayer:** pg. 94
 Lord Jesus Christ, just as our Father feeds us every day with the food that makes us glad and strong to live, so at this weekly feast you feed us to live the new life you gave. May it satisfy until you come. You are the Lord forevermore. **Amen.**

SENDING

* Benediction		pg. 94
* Recessional Hymn	<i>Come, Gracious Spirit, Heavenly Dove</i>	LBW #475
Dismissal	Go in Peace, Serve the Lord. Thanks be to God.	
Postlude		

Pastors Pericope Paragraph 8/7

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

Be ready, willing and able! Small flock that we are, we've already been given the eternal kingdom. So we do here and now the tasks we've been given, knowing that we are blessed! (Gospel). "But I don't have a kid and I'm getting older by the day!" "Count the stars, Abram - that's how many your descendants shall be!" And Abram believed... Do we? (1st Lesson). Hebrews 11 is a recitation of the genealogy of faith and the faithful. Not perfect; faithful. We are their heirs. They trusted God's promises. We do too. That's why we're here (2^d Lesson).

Weekly Worship Practice:

The flag passes in a parade, people turn to face it. The pledge of allegiance is recited, hands are placed over hearts. At a sporting event or civic function the national anthem is played, hats are doffed, voices raised, all eyes on the flag. The same is true at Christian worship. Whenever the cross passes in procession (opening or closing hymn, for the reading of the Gospel) it is “customary” (polite) to turn to face our primary Christian symbol the instrument of Jesus crucifixion and victory over sin and death, and the means by which God gained our salvation. It is also “customary” to “reverence” the cross (also the altar and an ambry/tabernacle in which resides the reserved sacrament—the consecrated body & blood of Christ), by bowing as it passes (not to clergy or other worship leaders)! Some Christians also bow at the name of God (Father, Son and Holy Spirit) or make the sign of the cross. These are examples of personal devotion not by any means mandatory, but “customary” and often helpful to our spiritual lives. Try them (you might like them).

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.

All baptized Christians are welcome to God's Table of Grace. All the baptized may commune in the OCLP with no age restriction; baptized children may begin communing after parents have consulted with Pastor. 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. 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.

We welcome ELCA Deacon (Ret.) Sandy Shear to lead worship at St. Matthew & Atonement
We welcome Pr. Jim Crouthamel to lead worship at Evangelical & St. John
Next week we welcome deacon Deb Lawyer to lead worship at St. Matthew & Atonement, and
Synodically Authorized Minister (S.A.M.) Todd Eames to lead worship at Evangelical and St.
John

Serving Today	Atonement	Evangelical	St. Matthew
Comm. Asst.	Cindy Heaney		
Asst. Minister	Sue Dana		
Lector	Sue Dana		
Cantor	Sue Dana		
Altar Care			
Ushers/Greeters	John Mushtare		
Coffee Hour			
Acolyte	Carter Thompson	Max Pelcer	Victoria Stevens
Sound System			
Bell Ringer			
Church Cleaner			

+ Readings Through This Week +

See website: <https://www.otsegocounty Lutheranparish.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, John Laitsch, 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), TJ Dwyer (Sherrill), Mary Carol Hart (Walters), Mary Ann Ross (Englands), Margo Graham (Sue Dana), Barbara Loitsch, Doris Quinn (Brown), David Kelefant (Walters), Allen and Ted Case (uncle/nephew) (Messner), Sue (M. Messner); Carleen (M. Messner), Valerie England, Sue Dana, Alice Burdick

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Thoranne & Tony Winkler

For young adult: Billy King

+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), Gloria Hendricks, Susan Howard, John & Pam Miller, David Glynn, Esther Hughes, Bill Jacobson (D. Brown), Dwaine Sharett (Butts), Dick Woodhouse (Hazzard), Kenny Medor (Butts), Joan Ackerman (Butts), Mary Beth Pedersen

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Gloria Hendricks

For Young Adult: Tyler Loewenguth

+St. Matthew+

For healing in body, mind and spirit in our own congregation: Scott Forbes, Tina Keator, Sherrie Roy (Lawyer), Laura Emmet (Lawyer), Lynn Benekin (Forbes), Barbara Gesile (Lapp), Gina Pywar, Erika Baker-Heinegg, 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), Bernie Sitts Jr. (Klafehn), Marge Bonney, Jack Anthony (Stevens), Troy Lutz (Bush), Alan Peeters, Isabell Tophoven, Bev Lapp, Corinne Pollak, Joe Rotolo, James Wikoff (Hulbert), Doris Allen (Klafehn), Wayne Bush Sr (Bush), Vicky Vesely (Bush), Rita Knapp (Klafehn)

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Roberta Veseley

For Young Adult: Cooper Poulson

+Beyond the Parish+

For healing in body, mind and spirit: Jackie Hesse (Lawyer), Rosemary Pepe (Eggers), Dorothy Fernandez, (Eggers), Dick Armstrong, Helga Lange (Winkler), Elise Zayat, Gina Utter (Thompson), Cathy Deleski (Thompson), Alicia Biesler (Thompson), Margie Ortega (Thompson), Amy Cooper (Messner), Mike Quinn (Messner), Ashwin Kalyandurg (Bush), Larry Antemann (Messner), Stash Tarka (Messner), Carl Roberts (Messner), Pr Lynn Ash, Cathy Carroll Ziemba (Messner). Those struggling with cancer. The mentally ill and those who care for them.

For those preparing for marriage: Christian Hargraves and Kelsie Booker

For those celebrating childbirth: Josh and Jenna Bennington

For those in the military, law enforcement and emergency services: Ed Knowles, USMC Officer Candidate

In the Foothills Conference: Youth Ministry/Lutheran Youth Organization (LYO) and all youth and their parents, mentors and advisors (name your own)

National/ International Concerns: all victims of religious, ethnic, and racial hatred; the people of Afghanistan, Ethiopia, Ukraine, Russia and Taiwan; for the Uyghur Muslims, Tibetan Buddhists, and Christians of China; for those involved in the continuing crisis on our Southern border; for refugees & migrants; for those living in long term care facilities; for an end to violence in our schools and communities; for those suffering from Summer's extreme heat.

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

+ 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: Last Sun/ YTD	Atonement	Evangelical	St. Matthew
7/31	15/ 645	17/ 501	14/ 622
**	(\$1,290)	(\$705)	(\$1,309)
8/3			

**** Needed to meet weekly expenses**

+ OCLP +

+Even in the summer, good weather, people are hungry or need a place to sleep or have bills to pay beyond their means. Our various discretionary funds are confidential and benefit those in need throughout the year. Most of the donations are given to Caring Connections at Catholic Charities. To support our OCLP funds make checks in any amount, payable to:

- Atone - Pastors' Discretionary Fund
- St Matt - Pastor's Discretionary Fund
- Ev - Pastor's Help Fund
- St John - Good Samaritan Fund

Please do NOT make checks out to Pastor Paul for these funds. Thanks!

-All active members and friends should normally be receiving our weekly bulletin via email before Sunday each week. If you are not please let the OCLP office or Pastor Paul know. Be sure we have your current email address. TY! If you wish to add someone to this mailing list, let us know that, too!

+ THIS WEEK +

Today - St John Council meets after worship.

+Wednesday Services:

7:30am St. Matthew

Noon Evangelical

7:00pm Atonement

10:00am Clergy Bible Study, Christ Church, Cooperstown

+ COMING UP +

Next Sunday - Service of the Word

Cartoon of the Week



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

Barbara Loitsch: Choir Director

Evangelical Lutheran Church, Hartwick Seminary, NY

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

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