



ATONEMENT LUTHERAN CHURCH
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EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
HARTWICK SEMINARY, NY

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LAURENS, NY

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

+ **Third Sunday after Pentecost** +
LBW Service of the Word for Healing
June 13th, 2021

(* = stand as you are able; LBW = Lutheran Book of Worship-green book;
+ = hymn requests; WOV = With One Voice Hymnal-blue book)

GATHERING

Prelude

Meditation and Prayer

Welcome

Parish News

*Entrance Hymn:

Glories of Your Name Are Spoken

LBW #358

*Invocation and Dialogue

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, **and his mercy endures forever.**
They cried to the Lord in their trouble, **and he delivered them from their distress.**
He sent forth his Word and healed them, **and saved them from the grave.**
The Lord is righteous in all his ways, **and loving in all his works.**
The Lord upholds all who fall; **He lifts up those who are bowed down.**
The Lord sustains them on their sickbed, **and ministers to them in their illness.**
The Lord is my strength and my song, **and he has become my salvation.**
Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, **and his mercy endures forever.**

* The Apostles' Creed

God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Salutation

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Let us pray

*First Prayer: (Mid-6th Century Leonine)

O Lord, our God, arrange the course of this world that peace may come. Then may your tranquil church rejoice through greater service. 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

(E/St.M)

First Lesson: Ezek. 17:22-24

A lesson from Ezekiel:

Thus says the Lord God:

I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar;

I will set it out.

I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs;

I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain.

[23] On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it,

in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit,

and become a noble cedar.

Under it every kind of bird will live;

in the shade of its branches will nest

winged creatures of every kind.

[24] All the trees of the field shall know that I am the Lord.

I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree;

I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish.

I the Lord have spoken; I will accomplish it.

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

Psalmody: 92:1-4, 12-15 (Tones: 52-single; 8-double)

It is good to give thanks / to the Lord,*

to sing praises to your name, / O Most High;

to declare your steadfast love / in the morning,*

and your faithful- / ness by night,

to the music of the lute / and the harp,*

to the melody / of the lyre.

For you, O Lord, have made me glad / by your work;*

at the works of your hands I / sing for joy.

The righteous flourish / like the palm tree,*

and grow like a ce- / dar in Lebanon.

They are planted in the house / of the Lord;*

they flourish in the courts / of our God.

In old age they / still produce fruit;*

they are always green and / full of sap,

showing that the / Lord is upright;*

he is my rock, and there is no unrighteous- / ness in him.

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 fore- / er.

Amen.

Second Lesson: 2 Cor. 5:6-17

A lesson from Second Corinthians:

So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord-- [7] for we walk by faith, not by sight. [8] Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. [9] So whether we are at home or away, we

make it our aim to please him. [10] For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

[11] Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. [12] We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. [13] For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. [14] For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. [15] And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

[16] From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. [17] So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

* **Gospel Acclamation** *Christians, While on Earth Abiding* LBW #440 (St 1)

Holy Gospel: Mark 4:26-34 **Glory to you, O Lord.**

He also said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, [27] and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. [28] The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. [29] But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

[30] He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? [31] It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; [32] yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

[33] With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; [34] he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

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

* **Gospel Response** *Christians, While on Earth Abiding* LBW #440 (St 2)

Children's Sermon/Homily Pr. Jim Crouthamel (St. M/ A)
Pr. Paul Messner (St. J/ Ev)

Hymn of the Day *We Plow the Fields and Scatter* LBW #362

***Sharing of the Peace**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

RESPONSE

* **Offertory** *Praise and Thanksgiving* LBW #409

***Offertory Prayer:**

O God, you invest your love where others see no hope. May the tender faith which brings these offerings mature into sturdy sacrifice / that you may have pleasure in what your love has brought to life. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*** Prayers of the Church**

***First Intercession:**

Gracious Father, we worship you as our only God. You have created all that we see and know, and are patiently bringing it to its rightful and glorious fulfillment. We thank you for the promises you have made to us with Christ Jesus your Son, and trust you will fulfill all in all to bring about unimaginable glory. Teach us to wait with patience and faith as you work your work of love.

***Prayers for Healing and Hope**

Let us pray for all who suffer. Merciful Lord, you sent your Son to be our peace. Help all who suffer pain or grief to find in him strength and peace, so that their trust in your promises may be renewed, and that despair may give way to hope; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for recovery from sickness. Oh God, the strength of the weak and the comfort of sufferers: Mercifully hear our prayers on behalf of others whom we name before you now, aloud or in silence. . . . Grant to your servants the help of your power, that their sickness may be turned into health and our sorrow into joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for those in affliction. Almighty and everlasting God, comfort of the sad and strength to those who suffer: Let the prayers of your children who are in any trouble rise to you. To everyone in distress grant mercy, grant relief, grant refreshment; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for those who minister in healing. Almighty God, source of human knowledge and skill: Guide physicians and nurses and all those you have called to practice the arts of healing. Strengthen them by your life-giving Spirit, that, by their ministries, the health of all people may be promoted and your creation may be glorified; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for the ministry of family and friends. Loving God, our creator and redeemer: Give strength and gentleness, patience and faithfulness to family members and friends. Let their hope be in you, and by their ministry of love let your love be known; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for those who desire our prayers. Blessed Lord, we ask your loving care and protection for those who are sick in body, mind or spirit and who desire our prayers. Take from them all fears and help them put their trust in you, that they may feel your strong arms around them. Touch them with your renewing love, that they may know wholeness in you and glorify your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for those making decisions. Oh Lord our God, send your Holy Spirit to guide us, that we may make our decisions with love, mercy and reverence for your gift of life, especially on behalf of those most vulnerable at the beginning and the ending of life in this world; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Praise to you, almighty God and Father. You sent your Son to live among us and to bring us your salvation. **Blessed be God.**

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, incomparable Son of the Father. You humbled yourself to share in our humanity, and you came to heal all our illnesses. **Blessed be God.**

Praise to you, Holy Spirit, our defender and consoler. You heal our sickness with your mighty and life-giving power. **Blessed be God.**

Holy and blessed Trinity, sustain your servants, whom we have named before you this day, with your presence; drive away their sickness of body, mind and spirit; and give them that victory of life and peace which enable them to serve you now and evermore. **Amen.**

Laying on of Hands

Hymns during Laying on of Hands

WOV #737, 705, 741

(Those who wish to receive laying on of hands (and anointing) come to the altar rail or the foot of the altar and if conditions permit, kneel.
The minister lays hand(s) on each person's head)

Father in heaven for Jesus' sake, send your Holy Spirit upon your servant, drive away all sickness of body and spirit, make whole that which is broken; deliver *him/her* from the power of evil; and preserve *him/her* in true faith, to share in the power of Christ's resurrection and to serve you with all the saints now and evermore. **Amen.**

(After all have returned to their places)

The almighty Lord—a strong tower to all who put their trust in him, to whom all things in heaven, on earth, and under the earth bow and whom they obey—be now and evermore your defense, and make you know and feel that the only name under heaven given for health and salvation is the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Let us pray in unison.

Merciful Lord God, constant source of all healing, we give you thanks for all your gifts of strength and life, and above all we thank you for the gift of your Son, through whom we have health and salvation. As we wait for that day when there will be no more pain, help us by your Holy Spirit to be assured of your power in our lives and to trust in your eternal love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

SENDING

***Benediction**

The Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord make his face shine on us and be gracious to us. The Lord look upon us with favor and give us peace: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

***Recessional Hymn**

On Our Way Rejoicing

LBW #260

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Remain to Pray Depart when you wish.

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Pastors Pericope Paragraph 6/13

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

"With what can we compare the Kingdom of God?". It is like... But no one parable, no single metaphor can encompass it. Insignificant though it appears, it will grow immensely. It is lived out in relationship - with Jesus (Gospel). A sprig, a shoot, a sapling...tender though it may be - grows into a mighty tree. God alone does this! (1st lesson). In Christ all things have become new. Even us! (2d lesson).

Weekly Worship Practice:

Note to parents and guardians- Please bring quiet, soft toys for our younger friends to use in the pews during worship. Some of our congregations have Children's Activity Bags available-feel free to use one any Sunday. Help us to keep them cleaned, re- stocked and placed back where they'll be ready for next Sunday. 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.

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.

Serving Today	Atonement	Evangelical	St. Matthew
Comm. Asst. Asst. Minister Lector Cantor *Altar Care Ushers/Greeters Coffee Hour Acolyte Sound System Bell Ringer Church Cleaner	Joan Carman Jim Crouthamel Laura Sherrill Dennis Sherrill Liam Thompson	Gabe L Cindy L & Joyce Dorothy Lane	Deb Lawyer

+OCLP+

We welcome Pr. Jim Crouthamel to lead worship at Atonement and St. Matthew
Next Deacon Tom Collins will lead worship at Evangelical and St. John

+ 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), Jeremy Sorese (C. Heaney), Evelyn Hamilton (Lehenbauer), Beth Gilmore (Pudelka), Virginia Pudelka, Rene Prins, Thomas Mendez, Bill Heaney, Allison Heaney, Heather Byrnes, Charlotte Grant, Grace & Chuck Dietzman, Barbara Loitsch, Rita Nelson, Elizabeth Robinson (Messner), Micheal George (Brown)

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

For young adult: Carly 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 Miller, David Glynn, Len Price (son), Esther Hughes, Tom Pritchard, Gabe Lane

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Ilse Seitz

For Young Adult: Blake Rinell

+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, Karen Smith, Joe Hartmann, Karen Rollins (Winslow), Terri Ibelli (Wood), Robert & Patricia Psaltz (Sherry), Mike Mauro, Maureen McAndrew (Greenleaf), Mike McAndrew (Greenleaf), Gary Hulbert

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Helmut & Lois Boehl

For Young Adult: Jordan Shaul

+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, Julie Steinmueller (Sandy Shear), Rachel Fisher (Messner), Kerri Gorsch (Messner), Doug Dutcher (Crouthamel), Brock Patrick Miller (Crouthamel), Jim Sippel (Velez), Geoff Murphy (Walters), Steven Morris (Messner), Dave Clapp, Helga Lange (Winkler), Henry Gregory (St. John), Lacey Hecker (St. John)

For those facing upcoming medical procedures

For those preparing for marriage: Leah Holt & Wolfgang Shafer

For those preparing for child birth: Kyle & Jillian Bessemer

For those in the military, law enforcement and emergency services: Oneonta Acting Police Chief Chris Witzenberg

In the Foothills Conference: The Lutheran World Federation/Lutheran World Relief/Lutheran Disaster Response

National/ International Concerns: all victims of religious, ethnic, and racial hatred and prejudice, for

victims of genocide and slavery; the people of Afghanistan, Israel & Palestine (for Jews, Muslims, & Christians in the Holy Land); victims of anti-Semitism and anti-Asian hatred; for those involved in the continuing crisis on our Southern border, 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

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

+ Dave Clapp +
(1948 – 2021)

+ Larry E. Hyatt Jr. +
(1960 – 2021)

+ 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
6/6	29/ 421	15/ 466 \$754	17/ 475 \$1041
**	(\$1,290)	(\$705)	(\$1,309)
6/9	1/ 34	1/ 31	5/ 180

**** Needed to meet weekly expenses**

+ OCLP +

+Evangelical

From now through Labor Day, members of Evangelical Lutheran Church are gathering items for personal care kits which will be sent to the Lutheran World Relief program for distribution to those in need. If you would like to assist in this matter, please collect the following items:

- Dark color, light-weight bath-size towel (between 20”x 40” and 52”x27”) – one per kit
- Bath size bars of soap equaling 8 to 9 oz.
- Any brand in original wrapping – 2 or 3 per kit
- Adult -size toothbrush in original packing; multi-packs may be used if each individual toothbrush is sealed in a business-size envelope - one per kit
- Sturdy comb – one per kit
- Metal nail clippers (attached file optional) - one per kit

Items are to be placed in the designated collection bin at the rear of the sanctuary for assembly into kits in the Fall. Thank You!

+Evangelical

The altar flowers for today's service were donated by Dorothy LaGasse and family, in memory of her son James Zachow

+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 +

+Wednesday Services:

7:30am St. Matthew

Noon Evangelical

7:00pm Atonement

Wednesday 6/16: Evangelical Women's Lunch, Origins Café, Cooperstown, NY 11:30 am

Thursday 6/17: St. Matthew monthly food distribution 4 pm

Thursday 6/17: St. Matthew Worship and Music meeting 5 pm

Saturday 6/19: OCLP Men's Breakfast at Evangelical, 8:30 am

+ COMING UP+

Next Sunday 6/20: Father's Day

Sunday 6/20: Atonement Council Meeting follows worship

Tuesday 6/22: Primary/ Election Day

Wednesday 6/23: Evangelical Council meeting, 3 pm

Saturday 6/26: Atonement Worship & Music Committee, 9:30 am

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+ Cartoon of the Week +



Otsego Country Lutheran Parish

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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.