



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

+ **Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost** +

Holy Communion (LBW Setting 1)
September 5th, 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

* **Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness**

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* **Entrance Hymn** *Oh, that I Had a Thousand Voices*

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* **Apostolic Greeting & Kyrie**

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* **Hymn of Praise** *This is the Feast . . . (W-1, M-2)*

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First Prayer: *(7th Century Gelasian)*

O Lord, always lead and follow us with your grace, that we may be still more intent on doing good, 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: Isaiah 35:4-7 A lesson from Isaiah:

Say to those who are of a fearful heart,

"Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God.

He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense.

He will come and save you."

[5] Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,

and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

[6] then the lame shall leap like a deer,

and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert;

[7] the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

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

Psalmody 146 (Tones: 52-single; 8-double)

Hal- / lelujah! * **Praise the Lord, / O my soul!**

I will praise the Lord as long / as I live; *

I will sing praises to my God all / my life long.

Do not put your / trust in princes, *

in mortals, in whom there / is no help.

When their breath departs, they return / to the earth; *

on that very day / their plans perish.

Happy are those whose help is the / God of Jacob, *

whose hope is in the / Lord their God,

who made heaven and earth,

the sea, and all that / is in them; *

who keeps / faith forever;

who executes justice for / the oppressed;*

who gives food / to the hungry.

The Lord sets the / prisoners free;*

the Lord opens the eyes / of the blind.

The Lord lifts up those who / are bowed down;*

the Lord / loves the righteous.

The Lord watches over the strangers;

he upholds the orphan / and the widow,*

but the way of the wicked he / brings to ruin.

The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all /

Generations.* **Hal- / lelujah!**

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: James 2:1-17 A lesson from James:

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? [2] For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, [3] and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," [4] have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? [5] Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? [6] But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? [7] Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

[8] You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." [9] But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. [10] For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. [11] For the one who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. [12] So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. [13] For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.

[14] What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? [15] If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, [16] and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? [17] So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

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

* **Alleluia Verse**

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Holy Gospel: Mark 7:24-37 **Glory to you, O Lord.**

From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, [25] but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. [26] Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophoenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter.

[27] He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." [28] But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." [29] Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go--the demon has left your daughter." [30] So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

[31] Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. [32] They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. [33] He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. [34] Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." [35] And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. [36] Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. [37] They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

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

Children's Sermon/Homily

Pastor Paul Messner (A/St.M)
Deacon Dave Forbes (E/St.J)

***Hymn of the Day**

Come ye Disconsolate

(insert)

RESPONSE

*** Apostles' Creed**

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First Intercession:

Merciful Father, may the witnesses of Jesus' miracles who could not be restrained from praising him to their neighbors be our example, since you have also blessed us with faith in him. Help us spread the precious good news of his suffering for our sin. May our children hear with joy the mystery of how you have redeemed us for a life with you. Support those who are full of good works so that they do not lose heart when they falter. And inspire those who are old so that they may be ever more amazed by your gifts.

*** Sharing the Peace of the Lord**

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Offering

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Musical Offering

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*** Offertory**

Let the Vineyards . . .

*** Offertory Prayer:**

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Almighty Father, with autumn's golden seeds / you soothe our loss of summer's green. And thus you change our fear of death / into the hope that we will live again. Ripen as well the faith by which we bring these offerings / so as to gather from us a harvest of good works. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

MEAL

*** Great Thanksgiving/Dialog**

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Preface & Sanctus (*Holy, Holy, Holy*)

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Eucharistic Prayer & Lord's Prayer

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Distribution Hymns

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* **Post Communion Blessing & Canticle** *Thank the Lord . . .*

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* **Post-Communion Prayer:**

Lord Jesus Christ, just as this bread and wine was gathered into one from scattered plants and vines, so you have by this food drawn us into one in you. Gather thus your Church from everywhere / to be your blessed kingdom without end. You are the Lord forevermore. **Amen.**

Sending

***Benediction**

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***Recessional Hymn**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

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Dismissal

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

Postlude

Pastors Pericope Paragraph Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost 9/5

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

Jesus heals - reluctantly in one case; privately in another. From a distance and up close and personal. In either case and both: Jesus heals! (Gospel).

Isaiah envisions God's saving mercy on Israel and a glorious restoring of things to God's original creative intention (1st Lesson). James calls the Christian community to task for emphasizing distinctions and showing partiality based on worldly standards. Faith and works go hand in hand (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.

Serving Today	Atonement	Evangelical	St. Matthew
Assisting Minister	Peg Serra-Lima	Mark Howard	Deb Lawyer
Comm. Asst.	Peg Serra-Lima	Mark Howard	
Lector		Ilse S	Robin Bush
Cantor			
*Altar Care	Becky Milford	Carol B & Esther	
Ushers/Greeters	John Mushtare	Lanes	
Coffee Hour			Crouthamel
Acolyte	Emma Coopersmith		Megan Cleveland
Sound System		Sliviak	
Bell Ringer			
Church Cleaner			

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We welcome Deacon Dave Forbes to lead worship at Evangelical and St. John
 Next Sunday Deacon Todd Eames will lead worship at Atonement and St. Matthew

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), Jeremy Sorese (C. Heaney), Evelyn Hamilton (Lehenbauer), Rene Prins, Thomas Mendez, 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: Carol & Jim Baker

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,

Len Price (son), Esther Hughes, Tom Pritchard, Tad Mahoney, Micheal George (Brown), Bill Richardson (D. Brown), Carl Hecker

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

For Young Adult: Kevin Burda

+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, Mary Hartmann (Nelson), Kent Hoyt Jr. (Ganio), Owen Basher (Marsh), Rennie Brown (Janet), Jason Hahn, Kathy & Rich Parsons, Omar Andrades, Donna Sorrentino, Karen Smith, Joe Hartmann, Karen Rollins (Winslow), Terri Ibelli (Wood), Robert & Patricia Psaltz (Sherry), Maureen McAndrew (Greenleaf), Mike McAndrew (Greenleaf), Fred Veseley, Cathy (Struckle)

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

For Young Adult: Spencer Sherry

+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, Rachel Fisher (Messner), Doug Dutcher (Crouthamel), Geoff Murphy (Walters), Helga Lange (Winkler), Elise Zayat, Kelsey Kohler (Mansbach), Judy Carnal (Dana), Gina Utter (Thompson), Cathy Deleski (Thompson), Alicia Biesler (Thompson), Margie Ortega (Thompson), Amy Cooper (Messner)

For those celebrating marriage: Sydney Flemister & Matt Parnell

For those preparing for childbirth: Brittany & Nick Flemister

For those in the military, law enforcement and emergency services: Joe Gatta, Schenectady Police Department

In the Foothills Conference: Women of the ELCA and all women's ministries; Lutheran Men in Mission and all men's ministries

National/ International Concerns: all victims of religious, ethnic, and racial hatred, prejudice, genocide and slavery; the people of Afghanistan, Israel & Palestine (for Jews, Muslims, & Christians in the Holy Land); for those involved in the continuing crisis on our Southern border

Natural and Man-Made Disasters: Victims of all debilitating diseases, and those struggling with social isolation; victims of earthquakes, floods, droughts, and shootings in our cities

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

+ Bill Heaney +
(1954 – 2021)

+ Johanny Rosario +
(Lawrence, MA: age 25)
KIA Kabul, Afghanistan, 8/26/21

+ Kareem Nikoui +
(Norco, CA: age 20)
KIA Kabul, Afghanistan, 8/26/21

+ Rylee McCollum +
(Jackson, WY: age 20)
KIA Kabul, Afghanistan, 8/26/21

+ Nicole Gee +
(Roseville, CA: age 23)
KIA Kabul, Afghanistan, 8/26/21

+ Jared Schmitz +
(Wentzville, MO: age 20)
KIA Kabul, Afghanistan, 8/26/21

+ David Espinoza +
(Rio Bravo, TX: age 20)
KIA Kabul, Afghanistan, 8/26/21

+ Hunter Lopez +
(Riverside County, CA: age 22)
KIA Kabul, Afghanistan, 8/26/21

+ Maxton Soviak +
(Berlin Heights, OH: age 22)
KIA Kabul, Afghanistan, 8/26/21

+ Taylor Hoover +
(Utah: age 31)
KIA Kabul, Afghanistan, 8/26/21

+ Daegan William-Tyeler Page +
(Omaha, NE: age 23)
KIA Kabul, Afghanistan, 8/26/21

+ Ryan Knauss +
(Knoxville, TN: age 23)
KIA Kabul, Afghanistan, 8/26/21

+ Humberto Sanchez +
(Logansport, IN: age 22)
KIA Kabul, Afghanistan, 8/26/21

+ Dylan R. Merola +
(Rancho Cucamonga, CA: age 20)
KIA Kabul, Afghanistan, 8/26/21

+ 200 Afghan civilians (estimated) +
Killed in the Kabul airport bombing

+ Parish News and Notes +

+ **Disaster Response:** The COVID-19 Pandemic is running amok around the world, and there are still those feared dead and missing in Louisiana. To contribute to Lutheran World Relief efforts in crisis situations anytime, use a Lutheran Disaster Response envelope. Make check payable to your congregation, and designate the crisis to which you are contributing. Thank you.

+ **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

(Last Week/ Year to Date)

Date	Atonement	Evangelical	St. Matthew
8/29	15/ 635	/ 698	16/ 707 \$380
**	\$1290	\$705	\$1309
9/1	4/ 50	1/ 42	6/ 238

** **Needed to meet weekly expenses**

+ OCLP +

+**Evangelical**

Evangelical will continue its rummage and bake sale on Friday, September 10 and Saturday, September 11. The sale will begin at 9:00 a.m. each day. DONATED BAKED GOODS WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

+OCLP

Sunday September 12th, will be our annual Emergency Services Sunday, to recognize those who serve and protect us year-round. We have invited area agencies to send representatives to join us that day. Coffee hour will be in their honor.

+OCLP

Donations to the Eames family fire fund may be made by writing a check to: OCLP (memo-Eames Fire Fund), and placing in the offering plate at your congregation or mailing to the OCLP office at 1 Center St., Oneonta NY 13820. If you use cash, please place in an envelope marked Eames Fire Fund. TY. Todd Eames is a deacon from the Binghamton area who has led worship in all our congregations over the past 6 months. He will be serving us again in upcoming weeks. He and his wife, Wendy, lost their home and everything in it, in a house fire several weeks ago. They have insurance. Our gift will support them. Their daughter, Sarah, is a reporter for the Oneonta Daily Star.

+Evangelical

School Supplies Collection 2021

School supplies are still being collected to be donated to Laurens Central School.

Basic supplies are requested such as:

- 1 subject notebooks – red/green/purple/blue
- Pocket folders with prongs – red/green/purple/blue
- Composition notebooks
- Glue sticks
- #2 pencils and erasers
- Packages of loose-leaf paper
- Packages of 4x6 index cards
- Crayons or colored pencils
- Washable markers

+OCLP

Please check your mailbox anytime you are in the building. Thanks!

Remember to sign in for attendance and contact tracing. Thank you

Heads Up! On many Sundays, our service at St. Matthew may be live streamed. If you can't make worship check it out.

+ THIS WEEK +

+ Monday 9/6: Labor Day Holiday (Office Closed)

+ Wednesday Services:

7:30am St. Matthew

Noon Evangelical

7:00pm Atonement

+ Friday – Saturday 9/10-9/11: Evangelical Rummage Sale

+ COMING UP +

+ Next Sunday 9/12: Emergency Services Sunday
Thursday 9/16: Foothills Conference Ministerium
Thursday 9/16: OCLP Men's Group Dinner, Alfresco's
Sunday 9/19: Sacrament of Holy Baptism @ St. Matthew
Sunday 9/19: OCLP Council Meeting @ St. Matthew, 1pm

+ 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 weekends + festivals)

John Mushtare: President

Leslie Bauer: Organist

Barbara Loitsch: Choir Director

Evangelical Lutheran Church, Hartwick Seminary, NY

Sunday Worship 9:30 am (Holy Communion 1st and 3rd weekends + festivals)

Joyce Boyd: President

Donna Brown: Organist

St. John Lutheran Church, West Burlington, NY

Sunday Worship 11:00 am (Holy Communion 2nd and 4th weekends + festivals)

Paul Hecker: President

Ethel Mills: Accompanist

St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Laurens, NY

Sunday Worship 8:30 am (Holy Communion 1st and 3rd weekends + festivals)

Dave Forbes: 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 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.