

+ **Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost** +  
Holy Communion (LBW Setting 1)

October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023

(\* = Stand as you are able; LBW = Lutheran Book of Worship-green book)

**GATHERING**

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

**Parish News**

\* **Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness**

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\* **Entrance Hymn**

*Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies*

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\* **Apostolic Greeting & Kyrie**

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\* **Hymn of Praise:**

*This is the feast . . .*

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(1-women, 2-men)

\* **First Prayer** (*7th Century Gelasian*)

**Continue the faithful care of your Family, O Lord. Under your protection it can be free from trouble / and devoted to the works that bring glory to your name, 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: Isaiah 25:1-9** A lesson from Isaiah:

O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name;  
for you have done wonderful things,

plans formed of old, faithful and sure.

[2] For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin;  
the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt.

[3] Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;  
cities of ruthless nations will fear you.

[4] For you have been a refuge to the poor,  
a refuge to the needy in their distress,  
a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.

When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm,  
[5] the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place,

you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds;  
the song of the ruthless was stilled.

[6] On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food,  
a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow,  
of well-aged wines strained clear.

[7] And he will destroy on this mountain

the shroud that is cast over all peoples,  
the sheet that is spread over all nations;  
he will swallow up death forever.

[8] Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,  
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,  
for the Lord has spoken.

[9] It will be said on that day,  
Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him,  
so that he might save us.

This is the Lord for whom we have waited;  
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

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

**Psalmody: 23** (tones 32-single; 24-double)

The Lord / is my shepherd,\* I / shall not want.

**He makes me lie down / in green pastures;\***

**he leads me be- / side still waters;**

he re- / stores my soul.\*

He leads me in right paths for / his name's sake.

**Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I / fear no**

**evil;\* for you are with me; your rod and your staff --**

**they / comfort me.**

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my / enemies;\*

you anoint my head with oil; my cup / overflows.

**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days / of**

**my life,\* and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my /**

**whole life long.**

**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: Philip. 4:1-9** A lesson from Philippians:

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

[2] I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. [3] Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

[4] Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. [5] Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. [6] Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and

supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. [7] And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

[8] Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. [9] Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

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

\* **Alleluia Verse**

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\* **Gospel Acclamation**            **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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**Holy Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14**    **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: [2] "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. [3] He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. [4] Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' [5] But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, [6] while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. [7] The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. [8] Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. [9] Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' [10] Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

[11] "But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, [12] and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. [13] Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' [14] For many are called, but few are chosen."

The Gospel of the Lord.

\* **Praise to you, O Christ**

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**Homily**

TBA (A/ St. M)  
Pr. Paul Messner (E/ St. J)

\* **Hymn of the Day**

*Whatever God Ordains Is Right*

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### **RESPONSE**

\* **Apostles' Creed**

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\* **Prayers of the Church**

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## **First Intercession:**

Eternal Lord, how wonderful is your greatness and goodness since you have not only invited us to attend your eternal feast but have supplied us with all that we need to enter and abide. Preserve us from pride by which we offend your generous grace when we presume some worth of our own. And protect us from being so at peace in your grace, or so content and satisfied with our work and play that we are not excited to respond to your invitation to the marriage feast which you have announced for your Son.

### **\* Sharing the Peace of the Lord**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

## **Offering**

### **Musical Offering**

#### **\* Presentation of Gifts and Offertory**

*Let the Vineyards*

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#### **\* Offertory Prayer**

Lord Jesus Christ, you came with empty hands to gain our trust. Show us those in whom you still are poor and crucified; and help us fill your hands and cleanse your wounds that we may gladly greet you when we see you glorified. You are the Lord forevermore. **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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#### **Agnus Dei**

*Lamb of God*

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## **Distribution Hymns**

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### **\* Post Communion Blessing & Canticle**

*Thank the Lord . . .*

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### **\* Post Communion Prayer**

In this sacred meal you gave yourself, O Lord, that we may know your grace. Help us give ourselves to neighbors in their need that they may also see and trust your love. We bless you now and evermore. **Amen.**

## **SENDING**

### **\* Benediction**

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### **\* Recessional Hymn**

*God the Omnipotent!*

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### **\* Dismissal**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## **Postlude**

## **+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), Valerie England, Jennifer Carman, Lisa Cooper (Syvertsen), Janna Benston (Sherrill), Gary Williams, Jill A. (Cindy), Jason Pallack (Carman), Barb Delaney (Serra-Lima/ Winkler), Stash Tarka (Thompson), Jim Baker, John Cook, Florence Jelliffe (Heaney)

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Dianne Benko

For young adult: Megan Cleveland

### **+Evangelical+**

For healing in body, mind and spirit in our own congregation: 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), Ansley (Butts), Wendy Wenck Craighill (Miller), Julie Sharrett, Lynne Hecker, Roberta Rowland Raybold

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

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), Barbara Gesile, Gina Pywar, Melissa McLaughlin (S. Eggers), Cathy Walsh (Stevens), Owen Basher (Marsh), Rennie Brown (Janet), Jason Hahn, Kathy Parsons, Maureen McAndrew (Greenleaf), Mike McAndrew (Greenleaf), Jack Anthony (Stevens), Troy Lutz (Bush), Alan & Linda Peeters, Corinne Pollak, James Wikoff (Hulbert), Vicky Vesely (Bush), Helmut Boehl, Anna Elwyn (Rose Nelson), Ellie Bauman, Carol Evans, Patti Hulbert, Howard Turnbull (Stevens), Ann and Mike Monahan, Gus Pfeuffer, Carol (Nelson) Doane, Lynn Robinson, Robin Bush

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Pr. Jim & Mary Crouthamel

For Young Adult: Gabrielle 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), Pr Lynn Ash, former President Jimmy Carter & 1<sup>st</sup> Lady Rosalyn Carter, David Wolff, Davilynn Cifonelli (Doane-Nelson), Kathryn Morris (Messner), Sue Stevens (Mansbach), Joe Bales (Messner), Dave Powell (Simmerly), Tyler Brazinski (Messner), Dorcas Brown (Christine Brown), Alen Brown (Christine Brown), Karen Flaherty (Crouthamel), Davin Ruffles, Dave Delker, Vinny Mortellaro (Messner), Pat Wheller (Serra-Lima), Marilyn Gonzalez (Messner), Dave McDermott (Messner)

**For those preparing for marriage:** Alek Vernold & Krista Jones

**For those preparing for childbirth:** Scott & Stephanie Lehenbauer

**For those in the military, law enforcement and emergency services:** Matt Strauss, Sullivan County Corrections Officer

**In the Foothills Conference:** For Missionaries, Evangelists and our companion churches, the Evangelical Lutheran Churches in Zimbabwe and Zambia

**National/ International Concerns:** For all refugees and migrants; victims of violence in our communities; those struggling with economic conditions, food insecurity, and homelessness; the people of Ukraine and Russia; for the victims of the terrorist attacks and war in Israel, Gaza, and Lebanon

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

**+ Parish News and Notes +**

**+OCLP+**

Our current bulletin style has been tried now for a month, and we are looking for feedback. Please let Pr. Paul, Peg Serra-Lima (Atonement), or Nancy Miller Boulay (St. Matthew) know of any suggestions for changes that you have, or if the new design is working for you. Thanks!

**+OCLP+**

The Voices of Cooperstown is excited to offer a traditional Festival of Lessons and Carols on Saturday December 16 at 4pm. Rehearsals are on Sundays at 6pm in the church at Christ Church. Mark Johnson, the Director of Music at Christ Church will be conducting and leading our rehearsals and Peter Deysenroth will be playing the organ. We look forward to getting together and singing again!

## **Pastors Pericope Paragraph 10/15**

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

+A recent wedding - guests were told, required to wear "semi-formal" attire. What IS proper? Especially when those on the guest list don't show? And when others replace them and are GIVEN an appropriate robe - and one guest disdains it and shows up in street clothes? The rest is history. How often do we disdain Christ's gift of being clothed in His self-sacrificing grace? (Gospel. God is determined to grace us - He provides rich feasts for us. He erases the shroud of death and gives us life! (1<sup>st</sup> lesson). Paul gives a shout out to two faithful women who have some issues between them. He calls us all to emphasize the true, honorable, just and the pure...and focus on what is excellent in Christ (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.

### **+OCLP+**

We welcome TBA to lead worship at St. Matthew & Atonement  
Next Sunday TBA will lead worship at Evangelical and St. John

### **Readings Through This Week**

See website: <https://www.otsegocountylutheranparish.com>

<b>Serving Today</b>	<b>Atonement</b>	<b>Evangelical</b>	<b>St. Matthew</b>
Asst. Minister	Peg Serra-Lima		Jim Crouthamel
Comm. Asst.	Peg Serra-Lima	Lee Sliviak	
Lector	Peg Serra-Lima	Ilse S	Rod Klafehn
Cantor	Peg Serra-Lima		
*Altar Care	Christine Brown	Cindy & Esther	
Ushers/Greeters	John Mushtare & Victor G	Pelcers	
Coffee Hour			
Acolyte	Stevie Mendez	Grace Pelcer	Kayla Joubert
Sound System		Brunner	
Bell Ringer			
Church Cleaner			Sharon

## Attendance & Offering Statistics

Date	Atonement	Evangelical	St. Matthew	St. John
10/8	22/ 1038	16/ 596	14/ 868	2/ 248
10/11	-/ 135	-/ 65	6/ 331	
**	<b>(\$1,290)</b>	<b>(\$850)</b>	<b>(\$1,309)</b>	

\*\* Needed to meet weekly expenses

+ **THIS WEEK** +

+ Today Sunday 10/15  
Holy Communion

+Tuesday 10/17

7:00pm Atonement Worship & Music Committee

+ Wednesday 10/18

7:30am St. Matthew – worship

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

Noon Evangelical – devotions

3:00pm Evangelical Council meeting

4:00pm Atonement Worship & Music Committee

5:30pm “The Chosen” Season 2, episode 6 Atonement

7:00pm Atonement – devotions

+ Friday 10/20 – Saturday 10/21

Adult Education Retreat, St. Margaret Retreat Center, New Hartford

+ **COMING UP** +

+ Next Sunday 10/22

Service of Word & Prayer

1:00pm Pr. Paul Otsego County Jail Ministry

+Saturday 10/28

10:00am St. Matthew Fall Acolyte Training

5:30pm OCLP Annual German Potluck Dinner @ Atonement

+Sunday 10/29

Festival of the Reformation (wear red)