



ATONEMENT LUTHERAN CHURCH
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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

+**Seventh Sunday after Epiphany**+
Holy Communion (LBW Setting 2)
February 20th, 2022

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

GATHERING

Prelude		(A)
Welcome	Parish News	
* Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness		pg. 77
* Entrance Hymn	<i>Lord of Light</i>	LBW #405
* Apostolic Greeting and Kyrie		pg. 78
* Hymn of Praise:	<i>Listen you Nations</i>	LBW #14
	(St 1 - Women, St 2 – Men, St 3 & Refrain – All)	

First Prayer: *(7th Century Gelasian, Revised)*

O God, you know our fears and lack of confidence. Forgive our willful ways, and defend our faith through the teaching of your Christ through whom you gather saints to give you glory without end, through the same 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 45:3-11, 15 A lesson from Genesis:

Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

[4] Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. [5] And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. [6] For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. [7] God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. [8] So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. [9] Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. [10] You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. [11] I will provide for you there--since there are five more years of famine to come--so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.'

[45] And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

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

Psalmody: 37:1-11, 39-40 (Tones: single 3; double 10)

Do not fret because / of the wicked;*
do not be envious / of wrongdoers,
for they will soon fade / like the grass,*
and wither like / the green herb.

Trust in the Lord, / and do good;*
so you will live in the land, and enjoy / security.

Take delight / in the Lord,*
and he will give you the desires / of your heart.

Commit your way / to the Lord;*
trust in him, and / he will act.

He will make your vindication shine / like the light,*
and the justice of your cause / like the noonday.

Be still before the Lord, and wait patient- / ly for him;*
do not fret over those who prosper in their way,
over those who carry out e- / vil devices.

Refrain from anger, and / forsake wrath.*
Do not fret--it leads on- / ly to evil.

For the wicked shall / be cut off,*
but those who wait for the Lord shall inher- / it the land.

Yet a little while, and the wicked will / be no more;*
though you look diligently for their place, they will / not
be there.

But the meek shall inher- / it the land,*
and delight themselves in abundant pros- / perity.

The salvation of the righteous is / from the Lord;*
he is their refuge in the / time of trouble.

The Lord helps them and / rescues them;*
he rescues them from the wicked, and saves them,
because they take re- / fuge 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 forev- / er.
Amen.

Second Lesson: 1 Cor. 15:35-38, 42-50 A lesson from First Corinthians:

But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" [36] Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. [37] And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. [38] But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.

[42] So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. [43] It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. [44] It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. [45] Thus it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. [46] But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. [47] The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. [48] As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. [49] Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven.

[50] What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

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: Luke 6:27-38

"But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, [28] bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. [29] If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. [30] Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. [31] Do to others as you would have them do to you.

[32] "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. [33] If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. [34] If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. [35] But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. [36] Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

[37] "Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; [38] give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Gospel Response:

Praise to you, O Christ

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Children's Sermon/Homily

Pr. Paul Messner (St. M/ A)
Deacon Tom Collins (St. J/ Ev)

* **Hymn of the Day**

Judge Eternal, Throned in Splendor

LBW #418

RESPONSE

- * **Apostles Creed** pg. 85
* **Prayers of the Church** pg. 85

First Intercession:

Lord, remember us always with love, and come among us to make us holy with your holiness. We know the day is coming when many strangers and even enemies will be transformed to be our friends and neighbors. Teach us to love those we have distrusted and feared. Let there be peace in our time so that we may comfortably begin to practice the love by which we shall live.

- * **Sharing of the Peace of the Lord** pg. 86

Offering pg. 86

Musical Offering (A)

- * **Offertory** *What Shall I Render* pg. 87

- * **Offertory Prayer:** pg. 87-88

O God, as the cold and lifeless moon can but reflect the sun / so we have taken in your love and reflect it in our offerings. Warm us with your presence in the sacrament / as a sign and promise of eternal life. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

MEAL

- * **Great Thanksgiving/Dialog** pg. 88

Preface & Sanctus *Holy, Holy, Holy* pg. 89

Eucharistic Prayer #3 & Lord's Prayer pew racks

Agnus Dei *Lamb of God* pg. 92

Distribution Hymns LBW #316, 306, 223

- * **Post Communion Blessing & Canticle** *Lord, Now You let . . .* pg. 93

- * **Post-Communion Prayer:** pg. 94

Each time we come, O Lord, you send us home to sin no more. Be patient with our imperfect nature, strengthen our desire to be faithful, and be with us till the end. You are the Lord forevermore. **Amen.**

SENDING

- * **Benediction** pg. 94

* **Recessional Hymn** *Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us* LBW #424

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

Postlude (you may sit to listen)

Pastors Pericope Paragraph 2/20

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

The Golden Rule: "Do to others...". Easy to say; harder to live out. Love, bless, give, do good, lend, be kind, do not judge...be merciful as your Father is (Gospel). Joseph confronts his brothers - who got rid of him years earlier. He recites his experience and in response to their fear reassures them that this was all God's doing (1st lesson). Questions about about the resurrection. Paul understands that we come from dust and will be brought back to dust. Life goes on (2d lesson).

Weekly Worship Practice:

Some Christians (Roman Catholic, Orthodox, Episcopalians, and some Lutherans) make the "sign of the cross" at various times in our liturgies (the LBW & WOV indicate some such places with a small + red cross):

-- at the Trinitarian name of God (Father, Son, & Holy Spirit), as an invocation or at confession and absolution

-- to remember our baptism

-- at the announcement of the Gospel: three small crosses on the forehead, on the lips, & over the heart ("God be in my mind, on my lips, and in my heart")

These are customs of personal piety. Perhaps they will prove helpful to thoughtful devotion and reverence

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.

+OCLP+

We welcome Deacon Tom Collins to lead worship at Evangelical & St. John

Next week we welcome to lead worship at St. Matthew & Atonement

Serving Today	Atonement	Evangelical	St. Matthew
Comm. Asst.	Christine Brown	Mark Howard	
Asst. Minister	Sue Dana	Mark Howard	Dave Forbes
Lector	Sue Dana	Mark Howard	Dave Forbes
Cantor	Sue Dana		
*Altar Care	Becky Milford	Joyce B & Cindy	
Ushers/Greeters	Christine Brown	Joyce B	
Coffee Hour			
Acolyte	Thomas Mendez	Max Pelcer	Megan Cleveland
Sound System		Sliviak	
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), Barbara Richardson (Denise), Patsy (H. Byrnes), Rene Prins, Heather Mendoza, Grace & Chuck Dietzman, Rita Nelson, Thoranne Winkler, Monica Koulis (Winkler), TJ Dwyer (Sherrill), Vincent Hopkins, Ted Case (Messner), Mimi Laura Emmett (Messner). Pr. Paul, Mary Carol Hart (sister to Katherine Walters), Deb Simmerly

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

For young adult: Alison Heaney

+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, Tom Pritchard, Tad Mahoney, Bill Jacobson (D. Brown), Carl Hecker, Anthony Scarfuto (Boyd), Dwaine Sharett (Butts), Jim Desrocher (Boyd), Dick Woodhouse (Hazzard), Glenn Linsenbardt, Ilse Seitz, Tom Underwood (Burda), Pr. Paul

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Joan & Harold Taylor

For Young Adult: Kristoff Jaeck

+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), Mary Hartmann (Nelson), Kent Hoyt Jr. (Ganio), Owen Basher (Marsh), Rennie Brown (Janet), Jason Hahn, Kathy & Rich Parsons, Maureen McAndrew (Greenleaf), Mike McAndrew (Greenleaf), Cathy (Struckle), Bernie Sitts Jr. (Klafehn), Marge Bonney, Jack Anthony (Stevens), Flora Pouleck (Bush), Troy Lutz (Bush), Kayla Joubert (Vesely), Geoff Smith, Alan Peeters, Isabell Tophaven, Pr. Paul, Deb Simmerly

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Rich & Kathy Parsons

For Young Adult: Terri Bonney

+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, Helga Lange (Winkler), Elise Zayat, Judy Carnal (Dana), Gina Utter (Thompson), Cathy Deleski (Thompson), Alicia Biesler (Thompson), Margie Ortega (Thompson), Amy Cooper (Messner), Mike Quinn (Messner), Esther Brooker (Messner/ Seitz), Will Burdick, Rev Judy Thistle (following a car accident), Carol Gilbert (Messner), Carman Alvarez (Hopkins), Amy Lauterbach (Messner)

For those preparing for marriage: Brandon Damiani & Samantha Howard

For those preparing for childbirth: Damian & Christina Laird

For those in the military, law enforcement and emergency services: Eric Oellrich, NYS Troopers

In the Foothills Conference: Lutheran Care Ministries at Clinton and the Good Samaritan Home, Delmar, ministry to the elderly, hospital chaplaincy; all social ministries of the church (name any chaplains who serve the local community)

National/ International Concerns: all victims of religious, ethnic, and racial hatred; the people of Afghanistan, Ethiopia, Ukraine, and Taiwan; 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 the Uyghur Muslims & Tibetan Buddhists of China; children killed in violence in our cities (Chicago, NYC); for safe travel and participation at the Olympic games

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

+ Carl Hecker +
(1935 – 2022)

+ Richard Laitsch +

+ Winnie Lehenbauer +
(1939 - 2022)

+ 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
2/13	23/ 129 \$1531	28/ 87	17/ 120 \$961
**	(\$1,290)	(\$705)	(\$1,309)
2/16	2/ 4	1/ 7	6/ 54

**** Needed to meet weekly expenses**

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+ THIS WEEK +

+Tuesday 2/22: Craft Group Meeting, 3pm

+Wednesday Services:

7:30am St. Matthew

Noon Evangelical

7:00pm Atonement

+ COMING UP+

+Sunday 2/27: Festival of the Transfiguration

+Sunday 2/27: St. John Annual Meeting (follows worship)

+Tuesday 3/1: Shrove Tuesday

+Wednesday 3/2: Ash Wednesday (see Lent, Holy Week-Easter Schedule)

+Thursday 3/3: St. Matthew Council Meeting, 7pm

+Saturday 3/5: Atonement Altar Server Training and Review, 10am

Hold the Date: Saturday March 26th
Service and observance of Pastor Paul's 40th anniversary of ordination
2pm Atonement Lutheran Church

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+ Quote of the Week +

Remember this each day this year:

May each of us be filled with

- The wonder of Mary
- The obedience of Joseph
- The joy of the angels
- The eagerness of the Shepherds
- The determination of the magi
- And the peace of the Christ Child

(submitted by Donna Brown)

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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