



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

**+Fourth Sunday in Lent+
LBW Service of the Word
March 27th, 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

Quiet Entrance

(St.M)

Extinguishing of Candle on Lenten Wreath (with reading)

(St.M)

* Entrance Hymn *Christ, the Life of All the Living*

LBW #97

* Invocation and Dialog for Lent

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* The Apostles Creed

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* Canticle

Keep in Mind that Jesus Christ
(st 1 - women, st 2 - men, st 3 – all)

LBW #13

First Prayer: (7th Century Gelasian)

Forgive us, Almighty God, that we who deserve to be afflicted for what we do / may by the encouragement of your grace begin anew, 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)

WORD

First Lesson: Joshua 5:9-12 A lesson from Joshua:

The Lord said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day.

[10] While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. [11] On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. [12] The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

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

Psalmody: 32 (Tones: single 2; double 6)

Happy are those whose transgression / is forgiven,*
whose / sin is covered.

Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no / iniquity,*
and in whose spirit there is / no deceit.

While I kept silence, my body wast- / ed away*
through my groaning / all day long.

For day and night your hand was heav- / y upon me;*
my strength was dried up as by the / heat of summer.

Then I acknowledged my / sin to you,*

and I did not hide my / iniquity;

I said, "I will confess my transgressions / to the Lord,"*

and you forgave the guilt / of my sin.

Therefore let all who are faithful offer / prayer to you;*

at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters / shall not reach them.

You are a hiding place for me; you preserve / me from trouble;*

you surround me with glad cries of / deliverance.

I will instruct you and teach you the way / you should go;*

I will counsel you with my / eye upon you.

Do not be like a horse or a mule, without / understanding,*

**whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle,
else it will / not stay near you.**

Many are the torments / of the wicked,*

but steadfast love surrounds those who trust / in the Lord.

Be glad in the Lord and re- / joice, O righteous,*

and shout for joy, all you up- / right in heart.

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: 2 Cor. 5:16-21 A lesson from 2nd Corinthians:

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! [18] All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; [19] that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. [20] So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. [21] For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

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

* **Gospel Acclamation**

O God Beyond All Praising

WOV #797 (st. 1)

Holy Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32 Glory to you, O Lord.

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. [2] And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

[3] So he told them this parable: [11b] "There was a man who had two sons. [12] The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. [13] A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. [14] When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. [15] So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. [16] He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. [17] But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! [18] I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; [19] I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands." ' [20] So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. [21] Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' [22] But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe--the best one--and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. [23] And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; [24] for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

[25] "Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. [26] He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. [27] He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' [28] Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. [29] But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. [30] But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' [31] Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. [32] But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.' "

The Gospel of the Lord.

*** Gospel Response**

O God Beyond All Praising

WOV #797 (st. 2)

Children's Sermon/Homily

Deacon Deb Lawyer (St. M/ A)

Pr. Paul Messner (Ev/ St. J)

*** Hymn of the Day**

Our Father, We Have Wandered

WOV #733

RESPONSE

* **Sharing of the Peace of the Lord**

Offering (plates are at the door)

Musical Offering

* **Offertory**

Create in Me

(A)
WOV #732

* **Offertory Prayer:**

Almighty Father, because you multiply the good your people do by faith, there is hope for our humble offerings. Watch over these gifts in order to fulfill your gracious will / that we may rejoice to be part of your saving work. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

* **Prayers of the Church**

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First Intercession:

God of our fathers, we bless and rejoice in you because your love can overcome our self-indulgent dreams and win us back from trusting empty promises. Like a good father who trusts the power of his love, you patiently wait for us to realize your surpassing good will. We thank you for the faith you had in us when you brought us to life, confident in your true Son who came to bring us home.

Lord's Prayer

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SENDING

* **Benediction**

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* **Recessional Hymn**

What Wondrous Love Is This

LBW #385

Dismissal

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

Postlude

Pastors Pericope Paragraph 3/27

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

Who is the "prodigal" in this famous story? Which one was the most wasteful, extravagant, generous to a fault? Who was dead and was brought back to life? Who lives, in order to give life abundantly? Who? (Gospel). No more "what's this?" No more manna. No more direct provision by God for the nomads in the wilderness. Now they were settled in their own land. God had blessed them, and they ate the food, they and the land, had produced (1st lesson). "Ambassadors of reconciliation" That's who we are. The Holy One became sin for us, in order to reconcile us with God, so that we could become "ambassadors" for Him (2^d lesson).

Weekly Worship Practice:

When hymns have more than 3 or 4 stanzas we often employ a "varied singing" approach, so that not all stanzas are sung by everyone. This can be fun and helps us to hear and "sing" hymns differently (even when we're not singing but listening as we follow the text-the story- the poetry of the hymn). Singing in this antiphonal way (men/women; organ side/pulpit side, etc.) helps us to hear a hymn in a new way. When we are asked to sing in "harmony" most of us will sing the melody tune, but others the alto, tenor and bass parts so we have a nice 4 part harmony. If you have internet access, Google "singing with Lutherans" by Garrison Keillor to re-learn why we are often called "The Singing Church"

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.

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We welcome Deacon Deb Lawyer to lead worship at St. Matthew & Atonement

Next week we welcome Deacon Todd Eames to lead worship at Evangelical & St. John

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	Denise Richardson Denise Richardson Becky Milford John Mushtare Gavin Underwood	Pres. Drugovich Carol B & Dorothy Hazzards Lane	Robin Bush Sara Eggers

+ 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, John Laitsch, Rebecca Pollack (Joan Carman), Juan Perez (D. Sherrill), Bridgette Shepardson (Thompson), Barbara Richardson (Denise), Rene Prins, Heather Mendoza, Grace & Chuck Dietzman, Rita Nelson, Thoranne Winkler, Monica Koulis (Winkler), TJ Dwyer (Sherrill), Mary Carol Hart (Walters), Deb Simmerly, Mary Ann Ross (Englands); Kathy Beach (Joan Lambiaso); Heidi Davis (M. Messner); Duane Wikoff (M. Messner); Margo Graham (Sue Dana)

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Grace & Chuck Dietzman

For young adult: Tyler Evans

+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), Anthony Scarfuto (Boyd), Dwaine Sharett (Butts), Jim Desrocher (Boyd), Dick Woodhouse

(Hazzard), Glenn Linsenhardt, Tom Underwood (Burda), Eileen Burda, Joyce Boyd, Ron Jennings

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Yvonne Cornell

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) , 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), 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), Troy Lutz (Bush), Geoff Smith, Alan Peeters, Isabell Tophoven, Deb Simmerly

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

For Young Adult: Shanna Hitchcock

+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, 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), Carman Alvarez (Hopkins), Rita Gallipani (Messner), Ashwin Kalyandurg (Bush), Rosemary Sobol (Messner)

For those preparing for marriage: Samantha Kahrs and Adam Hahlquist

For those preparing for childbirth: Sarah and Connor Chapman

For those in the military, law enforcement and emergency services: Lt. Cody DeNapoli, USAF, deployed to the Middle East

In the Foothills Conference: Lutheran Theological Seminaries, houses of study, professors, staff and seminarians (name any you have)

National/ International Concerns: all victims of religious, ethnic, and racial hatred; the people of Afghanistan, Ethiopia, Ukraine, and Taiwan; for the Uyghur Muslims & Tibetan Buddhists 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

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

Thomas Pritchard

Patricia Dubois

Horst Vogel

Douglas Brenner
(former Oneonta Mayor)

Lois Brenner(1932-2022)

Tom Davis

+ Parish News and Notes +

+HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OTSEGO COUNTY

Spring is here and work at our current job site will resume on March 24th. This house is located on Route 205 in the Town of Oneonta.

While this is good news, HFHOC **needs more help!** We need folks to volunteer for our Board of Directors and the various committees of the Board. The Board and committees are the folks who make building our partner family homes possible.

Do you believe in the mission of HFHOC, that is, to eliminate all substandard and unaffordable housing in Otsego County? If you do, please consider joining us in this work.

Contact Marjorie Pietrafacc at pietramm@oneonta.edu to get more information.

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Reminder of our Lenten midweek events during Lent.

Each event is a soup and bread lunch/supper followed by either a movie (March 8/9; March 22/23 and April 5/6) or some additional prayer/devotional/quiet time (March 15/16 and 29/30)

All are welcome. Bring some soup or bread to share if you can.

Tuesdays - 6pm at St Matthew Lutheran, 125 Main St., Laurens

Wednesdays - noon at Evangelical Lutheran, 4636 St Hwy 28, Hartwick Seminary

(Cooperstown)

Wednesdays - 5:30 pm at Atonement Lutheran Church, 1 Center St., Oneonta

Movies will be:

Week 1 - The Nativity Story - Incarnation (read Luke 1-2 and Matthew 1-2 ahead of time)

Week 3 - The Passion of the Christ - Crucifixion (read John 13-19 and Luke 19-23)

Week 5 - Risen - Resurrection (read Luke 24 and John 20-21)

Come to whichever day, time and location works for you in any given week.

Spread the news! Invite a friend!

+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.

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

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

Attendance & Offering Statistics

Date	Atonement	Evangelical	St. Matthew
3/20	26/ 236	12/ 160	31/ 236 \$495
**	(\$1,290)	(\$705)	(\$1,309)
3/23	2/ 41	3/ 23	8/ 103

**** Needed to meet weekly expenses**

+ OCLP +

A thank you from Pr. Paul - I want to say thanks to all who made my 40th Ordination Anniversary so special, and a blessing! What a privilege to serve with you in the Otsego County Lutheran Parish! May God continue to bless our ministry together in His+ name.

+ THIS WEEK +

(see the Lent/Holy Week/Easter Schedule on the literature table)

+Wednesday Services:

7:30am St. Matthew

Noon Evangelical

7:00pm Atonement

10:00am Clergy Bible Study

+Saturday March 26th Service and observance of Pastor Paul's 40th anniversary of ordination

2pm Atonement Lutheran Church

+ COMING UP+

+Saturday 4/2: OCLP Deacon's Qtrly Bkfst - (rescheduled from 3/26)

+Thursday 4/7: St Matt W&M, 5pm; St Matt Council, 7pm

+Saturday 4/9: Atone W&M, 9:30am; Atone Choir Reh, 11am (for Easter)

+Sunday 4/10: Palm Sun - Holy Week begins

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+QUOTE OF THE WEEK+

God
is always seeking you
Every Sunset
Every clear blue sky
Every ocean wave
Every starry night
He blankets
Each day with
I AM here

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

<http://facebook.com/oclpny/>

<http://otsegocountylutheranparish.com>

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 Tuesday of that 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.