



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

+**Sixth Sunday of Easter**+
LBW Service of the Word
May 22nd, 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

* **Entrance Hymn**

* **Invocation and Dialog**

* **The Apostles Creed**

* **Canticle**

Parish News

Alleluia! Jesus is Risen

Holy is the Lord

He Is Arisen! Glorious Word!

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First Prayer: (7th Century Gelasian)

O God, all good things can come from you alone; generously consider then our humble prayers. Inspire us to consider what is true and direct us to accomplish what is right, 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: Acts 16:9-15 A lesson from Acts:

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." [10] When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

[11] We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, [12] and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. [13] On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. [14] A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. [15] When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

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

Psalmody: Psalm 67 (Tones: single 22; double 24)

May God be gracious to / us and bless us*

and make his face to / shine upon us,

that your way may be known / upon earth,*

your saving power a- / mong all nations.

Let the peoples praise / you, O God;*

let all the / peoples praise you.

Let the nations be glad and / sing for joy, *

**for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations / upon earth.**

Let the peoples praise / you, O God;*

let all the / peoples praise you.

The earth has yielded / its increase;*

God, our / God, has blessed us.

May God contin- / ue to bless us;*

let all the ends of the / earth revere 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: Revelation 21:10, 22--22:5

A lesson from Revelation:

And in the spirit he carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

[22] I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb.

[23] And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. [24] The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. [25] Its gates will never be shut by day--and there will be no night there. [26] People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations.

[22:1] Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb [2] through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. [3] Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; [4] they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. [5] And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

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

***Gospel Hymn:**

In Thee is Gladness

LBW #552 (St 1)

*** Gospel Acclamation**

Glory to you, O Lord

Holy Gospel: John 14:23-29

Jesus answered him, "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. [24] Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

[25] "I have said these things to you while I am still with you. [26] But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. [27] Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. [28] You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. [29] And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.

The Gospel of the Lord.

*** Gospel Response**

Praise to you, O Christ

***Gospel Hymn: In Thee... LBW 552 (St 2)**

Children's Sermon/Homily

Deacon Deb Lawyer (St. M/ A)

Pr. Paul Messner (Ev/ St. J)

*** Hymn of the Day**

Praise the Savior, Now and Ever

LBW #155

RESPONSE

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

Offering (plates are at the door)

Musical Offering

(A)

*** Offertory**

Peace to Soothe our Bitter Woes

LBW #338

*** Offertory Prayer:**

Almighty Father, you wait for our faith as we wait for our daily bread. With these offerings, receive our hopeful prayers / that you will bless our farmers and their fields. As our land is greening for another year, help us rejoice in your gift of life. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

*** Prayers of the Church**

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First Intercession:

Heavenly Father, by raising up your Son Jesus from the grave, you have kept the covenant you swore to Abraham, and are worthy of our eternal praise. With this power for faithfulness, help us keep the vows we have made because we have come to believe in your grace.

SENDING

* **Benediction**

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* **Recessional Hymn**

The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done

LBW #135

Dismissal

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

Postlude

Pastors Pericope Paragraph 5/22

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

The Holy Spirit (the Advocate) is being sent from the Father. The Father has already sent Jesus, in love. Because of this our hearts need not be troubled or afraid. We believe what He has promised (Gospel). "Come over to Macedonia and help us" - come over to West Burlington...Laurens...Hartwick Seminary...Oneonta...come and help us! The Christian pilgrimage has always been a journey to a destination to reach out to any and all with the Good News of Jesus. In Paul's case he and his companions were led to Lydia (a businesswoman), by the river where women had gathered for prayer. She and her household were baptized (all ages; women and men). They believed what He had promised (1st lesson). Eden's curse is reversed. God's purposes are fully restored. His city is open to all. We will see His face and are marked on our foreheads - we believe His promises! (2nd 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; baptized children may begin communing after parents have consulted with Pastor. 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. 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 Tom Collins to lead worship at Evangelical & St. John

Serving Today	Atonement	Evangelical	St. Matthew
Comm. Asst.			
Asst. Minister	Christine Brown	Mark Howard	Robin Bush
Lector	Christine Brown	Len P	Cindy Struckle
Cantor	Christine Brown		
Altar Care	Becky Milford	Cindy L & Joyce	
Ushers/Greeters		Carol B	
Coffee Hour			
Acolyte	Nick Thompon		Kayla Joubert
Sound System		Brunner	
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), Rene Prins, Heather Mendoza, Grace & Chuck Dietzman, Rita Nelson, Thoranne Winkler, Monica Koulis (Winkler), TJ Dwyer (Sherrill), Mary Carol Hart (Walters), Mary Ann Ross (Englands), Kathy Beach (Joan Lambiaso), Margo Graham (Sue Dana), Barbara Loitsch, Doris Quinn (Brown), David Kelefant (Walters), Carmen Alvarez (Hopkins), Allen and Ted Case (uncle/nephew) (Messner)

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Bob & Mary Mansbach

For young adult: Elina Martinez

+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, Bill Jacobson (D. Brown), Anthony Scarfuto (Boyd), Dwaine Sharett (Butts), Jim Desrocher (Boyd), Dick Woodhouse (Hazzard), Tom Underwood (Burda), Joyce Boyd, Kenny Medor (Butts), Joan Ackerman (Butts). Bill Jacobson (Brown)

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Marshall & Mary Beth Pedersen

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), Mary Hartmann (Nelson), Owen Basher (Marsh), Rennie Brown (Janet), Jason Hahn, Kathy & Rich Parsons, Maureen McAndrew (Greenleaf), Mike McAndrew (Greenleaf), Bernie Sitts Jr. (Klafehn), Marge Bonney, Jack Anthony (Stevens), Troy Lutz (Bush), Alan Peeters, Isabell Tophoven, Bev Lapp, Corinne Pollak, Joe Rotolo, James Wikoff (Hulbert), Doris Allen (Klafehn), Wayne Bush Sr (Bush), Vicky Vesely (Bush)

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Corinne Hahn

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, Helga Lange (Winkler), Elise Zayat, Gina Utter (Thompson), Cathy Deleski (Thompson), Alicia Biesler (Thompson), Margie Ortega (Thompson), Amy Cooper (Messner), Mike Quinn (Messner), Rev Judy Thistle (following a car accident), Carman Alvarez (Hopkins), Rita Gallipani (Messner), Ashwin Kalyandurg (Bush), Larry Antemann (Messner), Stash Tarka, Carl Roberts (Messner), Laurence Messner (Pr. Paul), Pr Lynn Ash, Charles Holcomb (Hopkins). Those struggling with cancer. The mentally ill and those who care for them.

For those preparing for marriage: Brandon and Rebecca (Howard) Damiani

For those celebrating childbirth: Sarah and Connor Chapman on the birth of Bethany Laura (on Mother's Day)

For those in the military, law enforcement and emergency services: NYS Trooper Brian Buygi; the Buffalo PD; Erie County Sheriff Dept and Emergency Services, the FBI; all prison and jail ministries and chaplaincies.

In the Foothills Conference: Trinity Lutheran Church, Stone Arabia (Pr. Elisabeth Aurand)

National/ International Concerns: all victims of religious, ethnic, and racial hatred; the people of Afghanistan, Ethiopia, Ukraine, Russia and Taiwan; for the Uyghur Muslims, Tibetan Buddhists, and Christians 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; all college graduates, especially those from Hartwick College and State University of NY at Oneonta (ceremonies yesterday); the communities of Buffalo & Erie County; Conklin, Broome County and SUNY Binghamton. The perpetrator and his family. Those who use the internet to foment hatred.

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

+Barbara Richardson+
1936-2022
(Denise's Mother)

+Fred Adair+

Those killed and wounded in the Taiwanese Church shooting, Laguna Beach, CA

Those killed and wounded in the Buffalo TOPS Market shooting, Buffalo NY

- +Katherine Massey+
- +Andree Mackneil+
- +Ruth Whitfield+
- +Pearl Young+
- +Heyward Patterson+
- +Celestine Chaney+
- +Roberta Drury+
- +Aaron Salter Jr+
- +Geraldine Talley+
- +Marcus Morrison+

+ Parish News and Notes +

+ Pr Lynn Ash (St Matthew and Evangelical) , recently had a stroke while staying with her daughter in Arkansas. She is in occupational and physical therapy; a nurse comes to the home. She is improving slowly and steadily and is in good spirits. She appreciates the prayers and concern. She's staying with her daughter, Eileen (probably will not go back to Florida). The address is 1618 West Emma Ave., Springdale AR 72762.

+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
5/15	24/ 439	18/ 315	14/ 417
**	(\$1,290)	(\$705)	(\$1,309)
5/18	1/ 71	1/ 50	6/ 205

**** Needed to meet weekly expenses**

+ OCLP +

+Atonement

Thanks to those who came to the special congregational meeting last Sunday after worship. The 4 proposed changes to our current constitution were presented, discussed and unanimously approved. Our updated 2022 Constitution will be available in the office. Thanks to our congregation President, John Mushtare, for shepherding this labor intensive, necessary work on our behalf.

+ THIS WEEK +

+ Sunday May 22 - St John Council follows worship

Tuesday - OCLP Mutual Ministry Comm. , 4pm St Matthew

Members are : St Matthew - Jo-Ann Winslow

+Wednesday Services:

7:30am St. Matthew

Noon Evangelical

7:00pm Atonement

10:00am Clergy Bible Study

+Wednesday: Evangelical Council Meeting 3:45pm

+ Thursday, 5/26 - Ascension Day Salad Supper and Service, 6PM at St Matthew

+ COMING UP+

Monday, 5/30 - Memorial Day

PrPaul participating at Laurens and Burlington observances

Thursd, 6/2 - St Matthew Council, 7pm

Sunday-Monday, 6/5-6 Upstate NY Synod Assembly, Rochester

Monday- Wednesday, 6/6-8, Pr Paul to Center for Catholic and Evangelical Theology (CCET) conference, Loyola University, Baltimore MD

Saturday 6/11 - OCLP Men's Bkfst, 8:30 am Evangelical

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+QUOTE OF THE WEEK+

Love the Lord your God with all your mind and heart and strength, and love your neighbor as yourself.

-Torah and Jesus

RED GERANIUMS FOR PENTECOST

To have your geraniums (or other red flowers) listed in the bulletin for Pentecost (June 5th, 2022), please fill out the form below and return via the offering plate or the parish office (1 Center St., Oneonta NY 13820) by Monday May 30th. You may provide your own flowers or bring a check made payable to your congregation. Cost is \$5.00 per plant if ordering thru your local congregation.

NAME _____ **PHONE** _____

PENTECOST FLOWERS given (check one)

IN LOVING MEMORY _____

NAMES _____

IN HONOR OF _____

NAMES _____



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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(texting is often the most effective way to reach pastor)

Services of Healing are usually held on the 5th Sunday of a month

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<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.