



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

**+The Nativity of Our Lord+**  
**(Christmass Day)**

**Holy Communion-(LBW, Setting Two)**

December 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Atonement Lutheran Church 10:00AM

(\* = 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 Public Confession and Forgiveness** pg. 77
- \* **Entrance Hymn** *Good Christian Friends Rejoice* LBW #55
- \* **Apostolic Greeting** pg. 78
  
- \* **Salutation/First Prayer** *(7th Century Gelasian)*

**Grant, Almighty God, that the human birth of your only begotten, may liberate us who are slaves to sin / that we may be reborn as children of God, 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.**

## WORD

**First Lesson** Isaiah 52:7-10 A lesson from Isaiah:

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the Lord to Zion. Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the Lord has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 98** (sung responsively; Single 22 or Double 24)

**O sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done / marvelous things.\* His right hand and his holy arm have gotten him / victory.**

The Lord has made known his / victory;\* he has revealed his vindication in the sight / of the nations.

**He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of / Israel.\* All the ends of the earth have seen the victory / of our God.**

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, / all the earth;\* break forth into joyous song / and sing praises.

**Sing praises to the Lord / with the lyre,\* with the lyre and the sound of / melody.**

With trumpets and the sound / of the horn\*make a joyful noise before the / King, the Lord.

**Let the sea roar, and / all that fills it;\* the world and those who / live in it.**

Let the floods / clap their hands;\* let the hills sing togeth- / er for joy

**at the presence of the Lord, for he is coming to / judge the earth.\* He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with / equity.**

**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

Hebrews 1:1-12

A lesson from Hebrews:

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. For to which of the angels did God ever say, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you"? Or again, "I will be his Father, and he will be my Son"? And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship him." Of the angels he says, "He makes his angels winds, and his servants flames of fire." But of the Son he says, "Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, and the righteous scepter is the scepter of your kingdom. You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions." And, "In the beginning, Lord, you founded the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands; they will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like clothing; like a cloak you will roll them up, and like clothing they will be changed. But you are the same, and your years will never end." 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**

John 1:1-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

\* **Gospel Response**

*Praise to you, O Christ.*

**Children's Sermon/Homily**

Pr. Paul Messner

**Hymn of the Day**

*Your Little Ones, Dear Lord*

LBW 52

## RESPONSE

\* **Nicene Creed** pg. 84

**Prayer of the Church** pg. 85

First Intercession: Eternal Father, with wonder and awe we celebrate today the greatest mystery in time. We rejoice in the truth of the ages that your Son, the very Word with whom you created the world, was on this day born to us, so as to die and rise for our salvation. The despair of our living is ending as we come to life through your love. We still wonder what you see in us that is worth redeeming, but we thrill at the opportunity you have given us to become your children, and pledge you our faith, hope and love as you perfect us with your perfect love.

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

## OFFERING

**Musical Offering**

**Offertory**

**Offertory Prayer** pg. 87-88

Eternal Father, you have blessed our exchange of Christmass gifts, expressing joy that our Savior has been born. Receive our Christmass offerings, expressing acceptance of your inexpressible gift; and help us with the eternal task of reflecting your holy grace, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## MEAL

\* **Great Thanksgiving/Dialog** pg. 88-91

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

\* **Eucharistic Prayer #4** pew card

**Lord's Prayer** pg. 91

**Agnus Dei** (*Lamb of God*) pg. 92

\* **Post Communion Blessing & Canticle** *Lord, Now You Let* pg. 93

\* **Post Communion Prayer**

O Lord, in this Sacrament you have repeated the mystery of your incarnation by taking on the form of bread and wine. Help us thereby with daily thanksgiving and joy / for the love which keeps sending you to us. We bless you now and evermore. **Amen.**

**SENDING**

\* **Benediction**

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\* **Recessional Hymn**  
**Postlude**

*Go tell it on the Mountain*

LBW #70

**Dismissal**

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

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## OCLP Poinsettia/Christmass Wreath List 2021

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### Given by

Joan Carman  
Joyce Boyd

Linda Syvertsen and family  
Peg Serra-Lima & Thoranne Winkler  
Ed Pixley  
Paul & Martha Messner

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Elly Baumann  
The Bush/Vesely Family  
Mary-Ellen Crawford  
Mary & Jim Crouthamel  
Sara & Stacey Eggers

Carol Evans  
Kathy & Dave Forbes  
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Sharon, Mike, Victoria & Alicia Stevens  
Toni & Frank Wood

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Esther Hughes  
Cindy & Pete Lane  
Dorothy LaGasse  
Carol & Tom Butts  
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### In Memory/ Honor of

In Memory of David Carman and Kenneth Carman  
In Memory of Louie Boyd Jr., Evelyn & Harris  
Clark Jr.

In Memory of Stan Syvertsen  
In Memory of our heavenly loved ones & friends  
In Memory of Kathryn Pixley and Paul Morstead  
In Memory of Erna & Mark Richtsfeld, Fred &  
Joyce Messner, and Roena Messer.

In Honor of Winnie Lehenbauer, Emerson Riley,  
Ezekiel Hopkins, Anni Messner, and Simi Messner

In Memory of Herb Baumann

In Memory of Everett Renwick and Sandy Chase

In Memory of Departed Loved Ones

In Memory of Loved Ones

In Memory of Tom Eggers and Mildred DiBlasi—  
We Love You

In Memory of Bob Evans

In Memory of Loved Ones

In Memory of Loved Ones

In Memory of Luther and Adeline Klafehn

In Memory of Loved Ones Whom We Have Lost

In Appreciation for a Loving Church Family

In Memory of Loved Ones

In Honor of St. Matthew Church

Dedicated to the Wood and Dibble Family and  
Friends

In Memory of Terri Ibelli

In memory of her parents

In memory of Peggy Evans & Russell Lane

In memory of James Zachow

In honor of Alex Reynolds

In memory of Kathleen Chase

## CHRISTMASS AROUND THE WORLD

Below are holiday greetings from six different countries. See if you can match each greeting on the left, with the country it comes from, on the right.

1. Feliz Navidad \_\_\_\_\_
2. Joyeux Noel \_\_\_\_\_
3. Frohliche Weinachten \_\_\_\_\_
4. Glaedelig Jul \_\_\_\_\_
5. Buon Natale \_\_\_\_\_
6. Wesolych Swiat Bozego Narodzenia \_\_\_\_\_

- A. Italy
- B. Spain
- C. France
- D. Germany
- E. Poland
- F. Denmark

## **Otsego Country Lutheran Parish**

Lutheran Church of the Atonement, Oneonta, NY

Sunday Worship 10:30 am (Holy Communion 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays + festivals)

John Mushtare: President

Leslie Bauer: Organist

Barbara Loitsch: Choir Director

Evangelical Lutheran Church, Hartwick Seminary, NY

Sunday Worship 9:30 am (Holy Communion 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays + festivals)

Joyce Boyd: President

Donna Brown: Organist

St. John Lutheran Church, West Burlington, NY

Sunday Worship 11:00 am (Holy Communion 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays + festivals)

Paul Hecker: President

Ethel Mills: Accompanist

St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Laurens, NY

Sunday Worship 8:30 am (Holy Communion 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays + festivals)

Dave Forbes: 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 must 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.

Items should be emailed to the OCLP office and appear exactly as you wish them to in the bulletin.