



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

**+Forth Sunday in Lent+**  
LBW Service of the Word  
March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020

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

## GATHERING

<b>Prelude</b>	(A)
<b>Welcome</b>	<b>Parish News</b>
<b>Quiet Entrance</b>	(St.M)
<b>Extinguishing of Candle on Lenten Wreath</b> (with reading)	(St.M)
<b>* Entrance Hymn</b>	Hymn Board
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<b>* Canticle</b> <i>Keep in Mind</i> (St.1-w, St.2-m, 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: 1 Samuel 16:1-13

A lesson from 1st Samuel:

The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." [2] Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.'" [3] Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." [4] Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" [5] He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

[6] When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord." [7] But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." [8] Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one."

[9] Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one."  
 [10] Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." [11] Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." [12] He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." [13] Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.  
 The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalmody: Psalm 23**

**CARE AND GUIDANCE**

## The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want 14

CRIMOND

From Psalm 23  
 "Scottish Psalter"

Jessie Seymour Irvine, 1836-1887  
 Har. by David Grant, 19th Century

1. The Lord's my Shep - herd, I'll not want; He makes me down to lie  
 2. My soul He doth re - store a - gain; And me to walk doth make  
 3. Yea, though I walk through death's dark vale, Yet will I fear no ill;  
 4. My ta - ble Thou hast fur - nish - ed In pres - ence of my foes;  
 5. Good - ness and mer - cy all my life Shall sure - ly fol - low me;

In pas - tures green; He lead - eth me The qui - et wa - ters by.  
 With - in the paths of right - eous - ness, E'en for His own name's sake.  
 For Thou art with me, and Thy rod And staff me com - fort still.  
 My head Thou dost with oil a - noint, And my cup o - ver - flows.  
 And in God's house for - ev - er - more My dwell - ing place shall be. A - MEN.

Alternate tunes: MARTYRDOM, No. 64; BELMONT, No. 9

## **Second Lesson: Ephes. 5:8-14**

A lesson from Ephesians:

For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light-- [9] for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. [10] Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. [11] Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. [12] For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; [13] but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, [14] for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

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

**\* Gospel Acclamation**

*Peace, to Sooth Our Bitter Woes*

LBW 338 (st. 1)

## **Holy Gospel: John 9:1-41 Glory to you, O Lord.**

As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. [2] His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" [3] Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. [4] We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. [5] As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." [6] When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, [7] saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. [8] The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" [9] Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." [10] But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" [11] He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." [12] They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

[13] They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. [14] Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. [15] Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." [16] Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. [17] So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet."

[18] The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight [19] and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" [20] His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; [21] but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." [22] His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. [23]

Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him." [24] So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." [25] He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." [26] They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" [27] He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" [28] Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. [29] We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." [30] The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. [31] We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. [32] Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. [33] If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." [34] They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out.

[35] Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" [36] He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." [37] Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." [38] He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. [39] Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind." [40] Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" [41] Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

<b>* Gospel Response</b>	<i>Peace, to Sooth Our Bitter Woes</i>	LBW 338 (st. 2)
<b>Children's Sermon/Homily</b>		Pastor John Priest (A/St.M) Pastor Paul Messner (E/St.J)
<b>* Hymn of the Day</b>	<i>Amazing Grace</i>	Last Page

**RESPONSE**

<b>* Sharing of the Peace of the Lord</b>		
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<b>* Offertory</b>	<i>Create in me . . .</i>	WOV 732
<b>* Offertory Prayer:</b>		pg. 87-88

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:**

Merciful Father, it is enough that you love us; nevertheless, confirm our trust that you will never change your mind about your promise to save your people. We ask for no places of honor; give us instead a mind to serve others in love, to add to the glory of your grace by which you chose us for yourself.

**Lord's Prayer**

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**SENDING**

**\* Benediction**

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**\* Recessional Hymn**

Hymn Board

**Dismissal**

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

**Postlude**

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**Weekly Worship Practice:**

When the Gospel is read from the center aisle, please feel free to turn and face the reader. In this way we enact the Gospel (the Good News of Jesus Christ) being the center of our lives.

<b>Serving Today</b>	<b>Atonement</b>	<b>Evangelical</b>	<b>St. Matthew</b>
Comm. Asst. Asst. Minister Lector Cantor *Altar Care Ushers/Greeters Coffee Hour Acolyte Sound System Bell Ringer Church Cleaner	Christine Brown Christine Brown Christine Brown Dennis Sherrill Chris Brown	Esther H.  Ilse S. & Dorothy L Hazzards  Lane	Dave Dave Forbes  Martha Circle-B  Hahns

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**+OCLP+**

We welcome Pastor John Priest to lead worship at St. Matthew and Atonement.  
Next Sunday Pastor Jim Crouthamel will lead worship at Evangelical and St. John's.

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**Readings Through This Week**

	Morning	Noon	Evening
Sunday	Matthew 20:17-34	Numbers 15-16	Ecclesiastes 9:13-10:20
Monday	Matthew 21:1-27	Numbers 17-18	Ecclesiastes 11:1-8
Tuesday	Matthew 21:28-46	Numbers 19-20	Ecclesiastes 11:9-12:14
Wednesday	Matthew 22:1-22	Numbers 21	Song of Solomon 1:1-2:7
Thursday	Matthew 22:23-46	Numbers 22:1-40	Song of Solomon 2:8-3:5
Friday	Matthew 23:1-12	Numbers 22:41-23:26	Song of Solomon 3:6-5:1
Saturday	Matthew 23:13-39	Numbers 23:27-24:25	Song of Solomon 5:2-6:3

**+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, Richard Laitsch (John's brother), John Laitsch, Rebecca Pollack (Joan Carman), Juan Perez (D. Sherrill), Bridgette Shepardson (Thompson), Barbara Richardson (Denise), Patsy (H. Byrnes), Ken Nye (S. Dana), Linda Czernak (P. Serra-Lima), Stan Whitmore (C. Brown), Lewis Sherrill (D. Sherrill), Brian Sherrill (D. Sherrill), Jeremy Sorese (C. Heaney), Evelyn Hamilton (Lehenbauer), Beth Gilmore (Pudelka), Virginia Pudelka, Paula Holleran (Mansbach), Sandy Shear, Gary and Mary Williams (S. Dana), Joan Carman, Elizabeth Robinson (Messner), Rene Prins (Roper), Tony and Thoranne Winkler

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Otto & Dalene Behrens

For young adult: Sam Sherrill

## **+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), Shannon Mahoney (J. Boyd), Roz Winne (C. Butts), Janet Underwood (Burda), Amy Beuchler (Linsenbardt), Bob Hazelton (C. Butts), Joyce Boyd (C. Lane), Karen Ingraham (C. Butts), Sandy Shear, Gloria Hendricks, and Marie Barbato (Genova)

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Roberta Rowland-Raybold

For Young Adult: Kristoff Jaeck

## **+St. Matthew+**

For healing in body, mind and spirit in our own congregation: Robert Evans, Scott Forbes, Tina Keator, Sherrie Roy (Lawyer), Maureen VerPlanck (Parsons), Laura Emmet (Lawyer) , Peg Hughes (Janet B.), Josh Newell (Evans), Lynn Benekin (Forbes), Barbara Gesile (Lapp), Dave Van Dusen (Forbes), Bart Bonney, Wyatt Greenleaf, Tennison (T. Wood), Gina Pywar, Erika Baker-Heinegg, Michele Tolen (T. Wood), Sandy Shear, Melissa McLaughlin (S. Eggers), Charles Hulbert, Triston (Hahn), Gabrielle Bush, Adam Pierce (Forbes), Doris Schlee (R. Nelson), Priscilla Galbreth (Hulbert), Marissa Struckle, Rose Nelson, Patty Hulbert, and Chase Winslow

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Erika Baker-Heinegg

For Young Adult: Courtney Sherry

## **+Beyond the Parish+**

For healing in body, mind and spirit in our own congregation: Nancy Saxton Miller (Mansbach), Jackie Hesse (Lawyer), Rosemary Pepe (Eggers), Dorothy Fernandez, (Eggers), Dick Armstrong, Tom Keagle (Serra-Lima), David Brenner (Former Oneonta Mayor), Sue Haney, Mary Jane Bianchine (Pr. Paul), Peter Provenzano (Hopkins), Senator James Seward, Warren Robinson (Messner), Carleen Roberts (Messner), Ameen Aowad (Jail Ministry), and Joanne Truman (Messner)

**For those preparing for marriage:** Marcus Hudson & Natalia Lewitian

**For those preparing for childbirth:** Meghan Greenleaf & Graham Henry

**For those in the military, law enforcement and emergency services:** healthcare providers and workers, human services providers, EMS and Law Enforcement locally, nationally, and around the world

**In the Foothills Conference:** Trinity Lutheran Church, Amsterdam (Pr. William Hodgetts)

**National/ International Concerns:** People of Hong Kong, China, Iran, Afghanistan, Israel and Palestine; our country during this time of deep division

**Natural and Man-Made Disasters:** Those impacted by winter storms and cold, victims of the coronavirus, the flooding in the south east, and the tornadoes in Nashville, TN

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

**+ Parish News and Notes +**

**+Lent 4 3/22**

“Non 24” - not a temporary blindfold but a permanent birth "defect". From sin?? His? His parents? Regardless, he had learned to make use of it and earn a living from it...Jesus changed his life - and not all for the better. Has he changed yours? (Gospel). The youngest. The smallest. Not the biggest or the strongest or the eldest. Not this time. God chose a flawed boy who would become a flawed king, because God knows how to choose... Do we?(1st lesson). We are in the light. Not a promise. Not a pious (or even an impious) hope. No - a statement of fact. We ARE light. Live that way (2d lesson).

**+Disaster Relief**

To give assistance to tornado victims in Tennessee (or any other natural or manmade disaster) you may at any time, make a contribution to Lutheran Disaster Response by making a check payable to your congregation and using a LDR envelope (on the literature table in the narthex)

**+Evangelical's Fly Creek Mill Fudge Sale**

Six flavors are available, with delivery for Easter. \$9 per half pound box. To order contact any of our 10 sellers, or call Eileen Burda directly at 315-858-2119. Order forms and money are due to Eileen no later than Sunday 3/29. Checks should be made out to Evangelical Lutheran Church.

**+Parish Book & Movie Group**

The March 22 meeting to discuss the book, “If You Lived Here, You’d Be Home By Now” by

Christopher Ingraham, has been rescheduled for a later time.

**+Atonement**

Rides for Rita! Rita Nelson needs a ride to/ from worship each Sunday. Thanks to those who continue to help with this. If you're willing, please speak with Denise Richardson (437-1529).

**+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.

**ATTENTION MARRIED COUPLES:**

Deadlines for registering for the spring Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekends are rapidly approaching! Weekends are designed to create more joy and closeness in your relationship whether you have been married a year or 50 years or more! The Northeast US spring events are scheduled for:

\* April 24-26 at the lovely Country Inn & Suites in Ithaca, NY

\* May 1-3 at the recently renovated Heritage Hotel in Lancaster, PA.

Apply TODAY at GodLovesMarriage.org, Scholarships are available for those in need of financial assistance. For questions or scholarship requests, please contact Northeast US Directors of Lutheran Marriage Encounter, Fred & Julie Schamber, at 724-325-3166 or fjschamber@comcast.net.

**Attendance & Offering Statistics**

Date	Atonement	Evangelical	St. Matthew
3/15/2020			
**	<b>(\$1,290)</b>	<b>(\$705)</b>	<b>(\$1,309)</b>
3/18/2020			

**\*\* Needed to meet weekly expenses**

**+ OCLP +**

+The Office Manager position for our parish is now being advertised in local papers and job search sites. Anyone who is interested may send a letter with a resume and references to: OCLP Search Committee, c/o 1 Center St., Oneonta NY 13820.

Special thanks to Joyce Boyd (Evangelical), Robin Bush (St. Matthew) and Peg Serra-Lima (Atonement) for their work on the Search Committee with Pr. Paul. They have done competent and diligent work on our behalf. Thanks!

+We are now using LBW Setting 2 for Holy Communion services,  
and LBW Service of the Word for non-communion services.

**+ THIS WEEK +**

+Today: Forth Sunday of Lent

+Midweek Lenten soup and bread meals with video and discussion  
(see Lent-Holy Week-Easter Schedule)

+Tuesday, 3/24

Bible Study @ Hampshire Home, 2:00 pm

+Saturday, 3/29

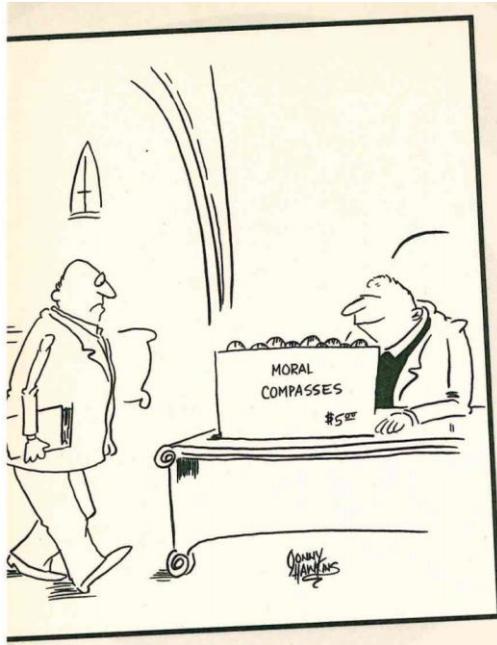
OCLP Men's Breakfast @ Atonement, 8:30 am  
Atonement Worship & Music Committee, 10:30 am

Coming Up

+Next Sunday, 3/29 Service of the Word for Healing  
+Sunday 4/5, Palm/ Passion Sunday – Holy Week Begins

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**+ Cartoon of the Week +**



**Easter Flowers**

To place flowers in our sanctuaries for Easter, you may order them through the church, or provide your own. To have them ordered and listed in the Easter bulletin you must fill out the form below, and turn it in by Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>. The price per plant is \$7.00.

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Please include all information in case we need to contact you! Thank you!

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Flowers are given to the glory of God: \_\_\_\_\_ In loving memory of: \_\_\_\_\_ or In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

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**+HOLY WEEK+**

**April 5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF THE PASSION (Palm Sunday)**

Holy Communion with blessing, distribution and Procession with Palms  
Gather outside sanctuary, reading of the Passion from Matthew

**April 6<sup>th</sup> HOLY MONDAY** - Individual Confession & Forgiveness

*(Pastor Paul will hear your confession and offer God's absolution; you can call him for evening or weekend appointment)*

10:00 am - 12:00 noon - St. Matthew

1:00 - 3:00 pm - St. John

**April 7<sup>th</sup> HOLY TUESDAY** - Individual Confession & Forgiveness

*(Pastor Paul will hear your confession and offer God's absolution-call him for evening or weekend appointment)*

10:00 am -12:00 noon - Evangelical

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm Atonement

**April 8<sup>th</sup> HOLY WEDNESDAY Worship:**

7:30 am - St. Matthew

12:00 noon – Evangelical

7:00 pm - Atonement

**April 9<sup>th</sup> MAUNDY THURSDAY**- Holy Communion - *(representative foot washing & stripping the altar)*

10:00 am – Atonement

12:00 noon – Evangelical

2:00 pm - Hartwick College

5:00 pm - St. John?

6:30 pm - Evangelical OCLP Seder Supper/ Holy Communion for the parish *(confirmands & Communion class presence required)*

**April 10<sup>th</sup> GOOD FRIDAY Worship:**

10:00 am – Atonement

12:00 noon- Evangelical

2:00 pm- Hartwick College Chapel

5:00 pm - St. John?

7:00 pm - St. Matthew with Laurens, Presbyterian Church

**April 11<sup>th</sup> HOLY SATURDAY** - Vigil of Easter

9PM- at St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, 39 Walnut St. Oneonta (Pr. Paul participating)

**April 12<sup>st</sup> +EASTER+ FESTIVAL OF THE RESURRECTION**

Regular Service Times at each church

We are encouraging members to mail in their offerings (weekly/monthly) as they can, to:

Atonement, 1 Center St., Oneonta NY 13820.

St. Matthew, P.O. Box 217 Laurens NY 13796

Evangelical, 4636 St. Hwy. 28 Cooperstown, NY 13326

St. John, 2546 St. Hwy. 80 West Burlington, NY 13482

You're also free to drop offerings off. The Office remains open M-F, 9am-1pm.

Thank you.

We will get through this. God is good, - all the time. We need to be compassionate, competent and smart as we deal with a crisis such as Covid 19.

Jesus called His followers to be "wise as serpents and gentle as doves".

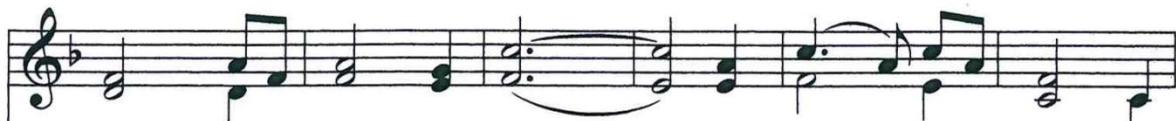
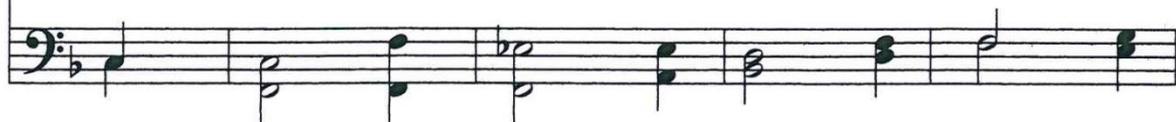
Call/text or email me with any needs and concerns.

Pass this on to any for whom I don't have emails. TY!

In Christ's Service -



1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound— That  
 2 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His  
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I  
 4 Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail And  
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, Bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but  
 Word my hope se - cures; He will my shield and  
 have al - read - y come; His grace has brought me  
 mor - tal life shall cease, A - maz - ing grace shall  
 shin - ing as the sun, We've no less days to



now am found, Was blind but now I see!  
 por - tion be As long as life en - dures.  
 safe thus far, His grace will lead me home.  
 then pre - vail In heav - en's joy and peace.  
 sing God's praise Than when we'd first be - gun.



**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.

**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.

### **Otsego Country Lutheran Parish**

Lutheran Church of the Atonement, Oneonta, NY

Leslie Bauer: Organist

Barbara Loitsch: Choir Director

Evangelical Lutheran Church, Hartwick Seminary, NY

Donna Brown: Organist

St. John Lutheran Church, West Burlington, NY

Tessa Hecker, and Ethel Mills: Accompanists

St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Laurens, NY

Janet Brown: Organist

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



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