

“And if you give even a cup of cold water to one of the least of my followers, you will surely be rewarded.”

MATTHEW 10:42



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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

+ **Fifth Sunday after Pentecost** +
Holy Communion (LBW Setting 1)
July 2nd, 2023

(* = Stand as you are able; LBW = Lutheran Book of Worship-green book)

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome

* **Entrance Hymn**

* **Apostolic Greeting & Kyrie**

* **Hymn of Praise:**

Parish News

We Praise You, O God

This is the feast . . .

(1-women, 2-men)

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* **First Prayer** (*7th Century Gelasian*)

O God of gods and Lord of lords, you are the author of the best. Graft into us a love for you, increase our devotion, nourish us with what is good, and vigilantly watch over us for whom you care, 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

WORD

First Lesson: Jeremiah 28:5-9 A lesson from Jeremiah:

Then the prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the Lord; [6] and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the Lord do so; may the Lord fulfill the words that you have prophesied, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the Lord, and all the exiles. [7] But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. [8] The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. [9] As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the Lord has truly sent the prophet."

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

Psalmody: 89:1-4, 15-18 (tones 26-single; 9-double)

I will sing of your steadfast love, O / Lord, forever;*

with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all /
generations.

I declare that your steadfast love is estab- / lished forever;*
your faithfulness is as firm / as the heavens.

You said, "I have made a covenant with my / chosen one, *

I have sworn to my / servant David:

'I will establish your descen- / dants forever, *

and build your throne for all / generations.' "

Happy are the people who know the / festal shout,*
who walk, O Lord, in the light of your / countenance;

they exult in your name / all day long,*

and extol your / righteousness.

For you are the glory / of their strength*;
by your favor our horn / is exalted.

For our shield belongs / to the Lord,*

our king to the Holy / One of Israel.

Glory to the Father, and / to the Son,* and to the / Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginn- / ing, is now,* and will be forev- / er. Amen.

Second Lesson: Romans 6:12-23 A lesson from Romans:

Therefore, do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. [13] No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. [14] For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

[15] What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! [16] Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? [17] But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, [18] and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. [19] I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

[20] When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. [21] So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. [22] But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. [23] For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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: Matthew 10:40-42

"Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. [41] Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive

the reward of the righteous; [42] and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple--truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

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

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Homily

Pr. Paul Messner (A/ St. M)

Tom Collins (E/ St. J)

* Hymn of the Day

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

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RESPONSE

* Apostles' Creed

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* Prayers of the Church

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First Intercession:

Gracious Father, we worship you also for the gifts which we can see, fully knowing that they last but for now, serving only as a symbol of your eternal love which you wait to shower on us. Be patient with us as we discover the imperfections and limitations of things temporal and become willing to let them go in the light of your promises. We love the life you have given us and offer it to you with trust and faith that you will be true to what you offer us through Christ your Son. As you separate us from what you have given us here, shelter us there with glorious grace.

* Sharing the Peace of the Lord

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Offering

Musical Offering

* Presentation of Gifts and Offertory

Let the Vineyards

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* Offertory Prayer

Father in heaven, you warm and feed us through the faithful shining of the summer sun. We bring these offerings of praise / and pray that you will shine on us forever with the brightness of your grace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

MEAL

* Great Thanksgiving/Dialog

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Preface & Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy

* Eucharistic Prayer & Lord's Prayer

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Agnus Dei

Lamb of God

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Distribution Hymns

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* **Post Communion Prayer**

Lord Jesus, your fingerprints of love are on this world you helped your Father make, but in this bread and wine you show yourself that we may truly see. By your Spirit help us trust your saving work that we may then imprint your love on everyone we meet. We bless you now and evermore. **Amen.**

SENDING

* **Benediction**

* **Recessional Hymn**

* **Dismissal**

Battle Hymn of the Republic

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Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Pastors Pericope Paragraph 7/2

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

A cup of cold water. A place to rest. A welcome. And all rooted in our relationship with Jesus: Son of Mary; Son of God. How do we actively and intentionally welcome others in Jesus' name? (Gospel). Being "slaves" to anyone is not a popular concept today. And, yes, Jesus' world is not our world. But Paul argues we need to be unconditionally and totally devoted to Him - and not to those attitudes, behaviors and distractions, which turn us away. Our inability and unwillingness to "repent" (turn around) inevitably leads to death, but by turning back to Our Lord, we receive eternal life now. (2d lesson). A prophet's words will be shown to be true when the words come true. Then we'll know the Lord has spoken through that prophet's (spokesperson) voice (1st lesson).

Weekly Worship Practice:

In our pews help us maintain the pew holders with pens/pencils, and 4 or 5 *Voice from the Pew* folders. Use these folders to: record your Holy Communion (at least once a year); request a hymn or prayer; update our records; what else? Check one out!

All baptized Christians are welcome to God's Table of Grace.

All the baptized may commune in the OCLP with no age restriction. 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.

+OCLP+

We welcome Tom Collins to lead service at Evangelical and St. John

Next Sunday OCLP Deacon Deb Lawyer will lead service at Atonement and St. Matthew

Serving Today	Atonement	Evangelical	St. Matthew
Asst. Minister			Dave Forbes
Comm. Asst.	Sue Dana	Lee Sliviak	
Lector	Sue Dana	Len P	Jim Crouthamel
Cantor	Sue Dana	Gabe L	
*Altar Care	Cindy Heaney	Ilse & Dorothy	
Ushers/Greeters	Dennis Sherrill & Victor G	Eileen B	
Coffee Hour			
Acolyte	Megan Cleveland	Max Pelcer	Alicia Stevens
Sound System		Brunner	
Bell Ringer			
Church Cleaner			

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, 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), Sue (M. Messner), Valerie England, Jennifer Carman, Lisa Cooper (Syvertsen), Martha Messner, Barbara Gee, Janna Benston (Sherrill), Gary Williams, Gary Herion, Penny Baumann, Jill A. (Cindy)

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Rita Nelson

For young adult: Catie Cleveland

+Evangelical+

For healing in body, mind and spirit in our own congregation: Kathi Yule (C. Butts), Yvonne Cornell, Alex Reynolds (C. Butts), Marilyn Urbiss (Burda), Roz Winne (C. Butts), Janet Underwood (Burda), Gloria Hendricks, Susan Howard, John & Pam Miller, David Glynn, Bill Jacobson (D. Brown), Kenny Medor (Butts), Joan Ackerman (Butts), Chuck Scorzafava, Martha Messner, Ansley (Butts)

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

For Young Adult: Dale Higgins

+St. Matthew+

For healing in body, mind and spirit in our own congregation: Scott Forbes, Tina Keator, Sherrie Roy (Lawyer), Barbara Gesile, Gina Pywar, 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), Jack Anthony (Stevens), Troy Lutz (Bush), Alan & Linda Peeters, Isabell Tophoven, Corinne Pollak, James Wikoff (Hulbert), Vicky Vesely (Bush), Martha Messner, Helmut Boehl, Frank Wood, Ray Gilmore (Winslow), Judy Berkshire (Crouthamel), Janet Brown, Kevin Bonney, Robin Bush

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Pr. Paul & Martha Messner

For Young Adult: Jenna Ganio

+Beyond the Parish+

For healing in body, mind and spirit: Jackie Hesse (Lawyer), Rosemary Pepe (Eggers), Dorothy Fernandez, (Eggers), Dick Armstrong, Gina Utter (Thompson), Cathy Deleski (Thompson), Alicia Biesler (Thompson), Margie Ortega (Thompson), Amy Cooper (Messner), Pr Lynn Ash, former President Jimmy Carter, Phil Roberts (Messner), David Wolff, Davilynn Cifonelli (Doane-Nelson), Jim McCoy, Spike Dibble (Frank & Toni Wood), Kathryn Morris (Messner), Sue Stevens (Mansbach)

For those preparing for marriage: Christian Hargraves & Kelsie Booker

For those celebrating childbirth: Chelsea & Anthony Casimano on the birth of Natalie

For those in the military, law enforcement and emergency services: Jeff Dietzman, US Coast Guard, Baltimore

In the Foothills Conference: United Methodist Church Sharon Springs (Pr. Robin Ressler)

For all high school graduates and their families, especially Catie Cleveland

Natural/Man-made Disasters: victims of drought in Ethiopia, Somalia & Afghanistan; victims of violence in our cities, suburbs and rural communities; those struggling with economic conditions, food insecurity, and homelessness; Victims of the severe heat wave in India

National/ International Concerns: For all refugees and migrants and those contending with the continuing crisis on our northern & southern borders, the people of Ukraine, Russia, China, Taiwan, and the Sudan; Victims of the recent Uganda school massacre by ISIS; Wall Street Journal reporter Evan Gershkovitz (being held in a Russian prison)

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

+ The Rev. Fred Schumacher +

+ Evelyn Benjamin +
(1927 – 2023)

+ 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.

+Evangelical

Calling all bakers! Bake sale at Evangelical, Saturday July 15th from 9:00am to 1:00pm. Please bake as much as you can. Bake breads, muffins, cookies, brownies, cake, pies, or your specialty! Freeze ahead of time! Drop off on Friday July 14th from 3:00pm to 5:00pm, or day of sale from 7:30am to 9:00am.

+OCLP

We are updating our membership records. PLEASE fill out the form on the literature table or in your mailbox as soon as possible. One per person, please! TY!

+All active members and friends should normally be receiving our weekly bulletin via email before Sunday each week. If you are not please let the OCLP office or Pastor Paul know. Be sure we have your current email address. TY! If you'd like the bulletin mailed to you because you cannot come to worship and don't have email, or know someone in that situation, let us know the name(s) and mailing address(es). If you wish to add someone to this mailing list, let us know that, too!

+OCLP

Finances are tight at this 1/3 point of the year. Please help us stay current on our responsibilities to our vendors and staff.

Attendance & Offering Statistics

Date	Atonement	Evangelical	St. Matthew	St. John
6/25	27/ 643	15/ 387	18/ 567	5/ 178
6/28		1/ 48	8/ 224	
**	(\$1,290)	(\$850)	(\$1,309)	

**** Needed to meet weekly expenses**

+ THIS WEEK +

+ Today Sunday July 2nd

Holy Communion

Atonement Council meeting follows worship

+ Tuesday July 4th

Independence Day (our nation's 247th birthday)

+Wednesday July 5th

7:30am St. Matthew - worship

10:30am Clergy Bible Study, Christ Church, Cooperstown

Noon Evangelical - devotions

7:00pm Atonement - worship

+Thursday July 7th

St. Matthew Worship & Music Committee

+ COMING UP +

+Monday July 10th

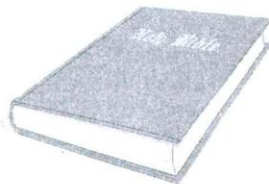
OCLP Craft Group

+Saturday July 15th
Evangelical Bake Sale

+July 23-28
32nd Hartwick Seminary Summer Institute of Theology, Hartwick College
All are welcome to attend

Puzzle of the Week

Bible Study



Books of the Bible A–J

S T O M Q H E Z G V U I W C Q D S E G P
G S P L D P S F C Z C E U C V N O X P R
E T J N X E N A V U V N A P A I X X K F
D Z C R G S J A U M A U K I U M J J W B
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ACTS

AMOS

CHRONICLES

COLOSSIANS

CORINTHIANS

DANIEL

DEUTERONOMY

ECCLESIASTES

EPHESIANS

ESTHER

EXODUS

EZEKIEL

EZRA

GALATIANS

GENESIS

HABAKKUK

HAGGAI

HEBREWS

HOSEA

ISAIAH

JAMES

JEREMIAH

JOEL

JOHN

JONAH

JOSHUA

JUDGES

Otsego County 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

Evangelical Lutheran Church, Hartwick Seminary, NY

Sunday Worship 9:15 am (Holy Communion 1st and 3rd Sundays + festivals)

Tami Pelcer: 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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<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 Thursday 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.