

LENT

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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

+**Second Sunday in Lent**+
LBW Service of the Word
March 13th, 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** *The God of Abraham Praise*

LBW #544 (selected stanzas)

* **Invocation and Dialog for Lent**

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* **The Apostles Creed**

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* **Canticle**

Keep in Mind that Jesus Christ

LBW #13

(st 1 - women, st 2 - men, st 3 – all)

First Prayer: *(7th Century Gelasian, Revised)*

O God, you see that goodness has deserted us. Keep our body and soul from physical misfortune and evil thought. And at the end, restore us to the glory from which we fell, 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: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

A lesson from Genesis:

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." [2] But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" [3] And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." [4] But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." [5] He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." [6] And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

[7] Then he said to him, "I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." [8] But he said, "O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" [9] He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." [10] He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two.

[17] When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. [18] On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying,

"To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates,

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

Psalmody: 27 (Tones: single 2; double 6)

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom / shall I fear?*

The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I / be afraid?

When evildoers assail me to de- / vour my flesh--*

my adversaries and foes-- they shall / stumble and fall.

Though an army encamp against me, my heart / shall not fear;*

though war rise up against me, yet I will be / confident.

One thing I asked of the Lord, that will / I seek after:*

**to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,
to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire / in his temple.**

For he will hide me in his shelter in the / day of trouble;*

he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high / on a rock.

Now my head is lifted up above my enemies / all around me,*

and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with / shouts of joy;

I will sing and make melody / to the Lord. *

Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and / answer me!

"Come," my heart says, / "seek his face!"*

Your face, Lord, / do I seek.

Do not hide your / face from me.*

Do not turn your servant away in anger, you who have / been my help.

Do not cast me off, do not forsake me, O God of / my

salvation! *

If my father and mother forsake me, the Lord will / take me up.

Teach me your / way, O Lord,*

and lead me on a level path because of my / enemies.

Do not give me up to the will of my / adversaries,*

for false witnesses have risen against me, and they are breathing out / violence.

I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land / of the living. *

Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait / for the Lord!

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: Philip. 3:17--4:1

A lesson from Philippians:

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. [18] For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. [19] Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. [20] But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. [21] He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself.

[1] Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

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

* **Gospel Acclamation**

O God Beyond All Praising

WOV #797 (st. 1)

Holy Gospel: Luke 13:31-35 Glory to you, O Lord.

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." [32] He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. [33] Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' [34] Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! [35] See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.' "

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

* **Gospel Response**

O God Beyond All Praising

WOV #797 (st. 2)

Children's Sermon/Homily

Deacon Dave Forbes (St. M/ A)

Pr. Paul Messner (Ev/ St. J)

* **Hymn of the Day**

I'm But A Stranger Here

Insert

RESPONSE

Installation of Council and Officers (Evangelical and St. John)

last page

* Sharing of the Peace of the Lord

Offering (plates are at the door)

Musical Offering

(A)

* Offertory

Create in Me

WOV #732

* Offertory Prayer:

Heavenly Father, we could never repay you for the gifts that we enjoy; inspire us nevertheless to new measures of love and sacrifice / that you may take some pleasure in the life you have given us. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

* Prayers of the Church

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First Intercession:

We praise and worship you, O God for the faithful ministry of Jesus your incarnate Son. We remember and give thanks that he confidently went on his way to finish his course, although he knew that he would follow the prophets to the grave. We pray that we may be inspired by his devotion to our salvation, and imitate his faithfulness to the end.

Lord's Prayer

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SENDING

* Benediction

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* Recessional Hymn

My Faith Looks up to Thee

LBW #479

Dismissal

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

Postlude

Pastors Pericope Paragraph 3/13

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

Religious opponents warn Jesus against a political threat. Jesus isn't afraid - he has work to do. Part of that is the work of lament over "the city that kills the prophets" (Gospel). Number the stars, Abram - that's how many your descendants will be...and Abram believed. So they made a Covenant there - with cut sacrifices, and darkness, fire and smoke...and a promise of land (1st lesson). Where is your citizenship from? Ours is from heaven. That's where our ultimate loyalty lies...(2^d lesson).

Weekly Worship Practice:

Please turn off cell phones and pagers or switch to silent mode when entering the sanctuary, so we can all enjoy a quiet and stress-free environment in which to pray and reflect.

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 Dave Forbes to lead worship at St. Matthew and 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 Lector Cantor *Altar Care Ushers/Greeters Coffee Hour Acolyte Sound System 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, 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

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Joan Carman

For young adult: Anna Boerner

+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 Linsenbardt, Tom Underwood (Burda), Eileen Burda

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Donna & Bill Brown

For Young Adult: Alex Reynolds

+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 Tophaven, Deb Simmerly

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

For Young Adult: Zac Dobler

+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, Judy Carnal (Dana), 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)

For those preparing for marriage: Christian Hargraves and Kelsie Brooker

For those preparing for childbirth: Erin (Grant) Van Keuren

For those in the military, law enforcement and emergency services: Lt Cody DiNapoli, USAF, deployed overseas

In the Foothills Conference: The Central Crossroads Conference, its dean (Pr. Gail Wolling), congregations, pastors

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**

Lawrence A. Mirarchi
(April 25th 1940 – March 2nd 2022)

Flora Pouleck

David Brenner
(former Oneonta Mayor)

Janet Kniskern

+ Parish News and Notes +

+OCLP

According to The Daily Star (3/5-6/22), students in the Morris Central School National Honor Society are raising money to help refugees fleeing Ukraine.

Members of the Honor Society have made more than 200 pins out of blue and yellow ribbons to symbolize the Ukrainian flag, and will continue to make more pins throughout the week. The Honor Society will be selling the pins for \$1 each at the school and at Scotty's Pizzeria & Restaurant on Main Street from March 7-11.

Proceeds from the sales will be sent to UNICEF, which was chosen as the ultimate recipient because UNICEF spends less than 3% of donations received for administrative purposes - 97% of all donations will go to Ukraine.

People who cannot get to Morris from March 7-11, but want to donate to the Society's cause can make a check out to the Morris Central School NHS and send it to the school address: PO Box 40 Morris, NY 13808.

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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

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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.

Attendance & Offering Statistics

Date	Atonement	Evangelical	St. Matthew
3/6	25/ 197	15/ 140	26/ 186 \$2619
**	(\$1,290)	(\$705)	(\$1,309)
3/9	9/ 87	1/ 7	12/ 38

** Needed to meet weekly expenses

+ OCLP +

+ THIS WEEK +

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

Today Sunday 3/13: Installation of Council and Officers (Evangelical/St John)

+Wednesday Services:

7:30am St. Matthew

Noon Evangelical

7:00pm Atonement

10:00am Clergy Bible Study

4:30 pm - Ev. Council?

Thurs - St. Patrick's Day

Foothills Conference Ministerium Mtg

3pm - St Matthew Food Distribution

Saturday 3/19 St Joseph's Day: Atonement Worship & Music 9:30am

St Matthew Altar Server Training and Refresher, 11 am

Hold the Date: Saturday March 26th

+ COMING UP+

Sunday 3/20 - St Matthew Special Congregational Meeting to address a constitutional change regarding the beginning of Council terms

Service and observance of Pastor Paul's 40th anniversary of ordination

2pm Atonement Lutheran Church

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Installation of Church Council and Officers

Pastor/Associate in Ministry: There are different gifts

Congregation: *But it is the same spirit who gives them.*

P/AIM: There are different ways of serving God.

Congregation: *But it is the same Lord who is served.*

P/AIM: God works through different people in different ways.

Congregation: *But it is the same God who achieves His purpose through them all.*

P/AIM: Each one is given a gift by the Spirit.

Congregation: *To use for the common good.*

P/AIM: We are the Body of Christ.

Congregation: *And individually Members of Him.*

P/AIM: Baptized into the Priesthood of Christ, we are called to offer ourselves to the Lord of the Church in thanksgiving for what He has done and continues to do for us. You have been elected or appointed to positions of leadership in this congregation. You are to see that the words and deeds of this part of Christ's body reflect His will. You are to work with others to insure that the work and worship of Christ are done in this congregation, community, and the world. You are to be diligent in your serving and examples of faith, active in love. On behalf of your brothers and sisters in Christ, I ask you "Are you ready to accept and faithfully carry out the duties of the offices to which you have been elected or appointed?"

COUNCIL & OFFICERS: *Yes, with the help of God.*

P/AIM: People of God, I ask you. "Will you support these leaders and pray for them, sharing in the mutual ministry of all the baptized?"

Congregation: *Yes, with the help of God.*

P/AIM: I now declare you installed as council members and officers of this congregation. God bless you with His Holy Spirit that you may prove faithful servants of Christ.

Congregation: *Amen*

(The service continues with the Sharing of the Peace)

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.