



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

+Festival of the Transfiguration+
LBW Service of the Word
February 27th, 2022

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

GATHERING

Prelude		(A)
Welcome	Parish News	
* Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness		pg. 77
* Entrance Hymn	<i>Oh, Wonderous Type! Oh, Vision Fair</i>	LBW #80
* Apostolic Greeting and Kyrie		pg. 78
* Hymn of Praise:	<i>Listen you Nations</i>	LBW #14
	(St 1 - Women, St 2 – Men, St 3 & Refrain – All)	

First Prayer: *(15th Century Roman)*

O God, at the glorious Transfiguration of your only Son / you confirmed the mystery of our faith by the witness of the fathers / and by your own voice from the cloud. Mercifully complete our adoption as your children / and give us an inheritance with our King of his glory, 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.

Musical Offering (St.M/Evan)

First Lesson: Exodus 34:29-35 A lesson from Exodus:

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. [30] When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. [31] But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. [32] Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. [33] When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; [34] but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, [35] the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalmody: 99 (Tones: single 3; double 10)

The Lord is king; let the / peoples tremble!*

**He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let / the earth
quake!**

The Lord is / great in Zion;*

he is exalted over / all the peoples.

Let them praise your great and / awesome name.*

Ho- / ly is he!

Mighty King, lover of justice, you have es- / tablished equity;*

you have executed justice and righteous- / ness in Jacob.

Extol the / Lord our God;*

worship at his footstool. Ho- / ly is he!

Moses and Aaron were a- / mong his priests,*

Samuel also was among those who called / on his name.

They cried to the Lord, and he / answered them.*

He spoke to them in the pil- / lar of cloud;

they kept / his decrees, *

and the statutes / that he gave them.

O Lord our God, you / answered them;*

you were a forgiving God to them,

but an avenger of / their wrongdoings.

Extol the Lord our God, and worship at his / holy mountain;*

for the Lord our / God is holy.

**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: 2 Cor. 3:12--4:2 A lesson from Second Corinthians:

Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, [13] not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. [14] But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. [15] Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; [16] but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. [17] Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. [18] And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

[4:1] Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. [2] We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

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

Holy Gospel: Luke 9:28-36 (37-43a)

Glory to you, O Lord.

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. [29] And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. [30] Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. [31] They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. [32] Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. [33] Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"--not knowing what he said. [34] While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. [35] Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" [36] When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

[37] On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. [38] Just then a man from the crowd shouted, "Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. [39] Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It convulses him until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. [40] I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not." [41] Jesus answered, "You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here." [42] While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. [43] And all were astounded at the greatness of God.

The Gospel of the Lord.

*** Gospel Response** **Praise to you, O Christ.** pg. 83

Children's Sermon/Homily Deacon Sandy Shear (St. M/ A)
Pr. Paul Messner (Ev/ St. J)

*** Hymn of the Day** *Jesus on the Mountain Peak* WOV #653

RESPONSE

*** Apostles Creed** pg. 85

*** Prayers of the Church** pg. 85

First Intercession:

Lord, remember us always with love, and come among us to make us holy with your holiness. We know the day is coming when many strangers and even enemies will be transformed to be

our friends and neighbors. Teach us to love those we have distrusted and feared. Let there be peace in our time so that we may comfortably begin to practice the love by which we shall live.

*** Sharing of the Peace of the Lord** pg. 86

Offering pg. 86

Musical Offering (A)

*** Offertory** pg. 87
What Shall I Render

*** Offertory Prayer:** pg. 87-88

O God, as the cold and lifeless moon can but reflect the sun / so we have taken in your love and reflect it in our offerings. Warm us with your presence in the sacrament / as a sign and promise of eternal life. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

MEAL

*** Great Thanksgiving/Dialog** pg. 88

Preface & Sanctus pg. 89
Holy, Holy, Holy

Eucharistic Prayer #3 & Lord's Prayer pew racks

Agnus Dei pg. 92
Lamb of God

Distribution Hymns *This Little Light of Mine*, LBW #89, 214

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

*** Post-Communion Prayer:** pg. 94

Each time we come, O Lord, you send us home to sin no more. Be patient with our imperfect nature, strengthen our desire to be faithful, and be with us till the end. You are the Lord forevermore. **Amen.**

SENDING

*** Benediction** pg. 130

*** Recessional Hymn** LBW #526
Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

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

Postlude

Pastors Pericope Paragraph 2/27

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

Jesus in His eternal glory speaking with Moses (law-giver) and Elijah (prophet). God's voice repeating His blessing at Jesus' baptism: "This is my Son...listen...!" Peter, James and John are terrified and say nothing. Jesus goes back to work - He heals a convulsing boy. People are

astounded! (Gospel). Moses reflects God's glory. It's intimidating, frightening. He covers his face. He brings the tablets of the Law (1st lesson). God's Spirit brings freedom. The veil (mask) is removed, and we are transformed so that we do not lose hope (2d lesson).

Weekly Worship Practice:

Note to parents and guardians- Please bring quiet, soft toys for our younger friends to use in the pews during worship. Some of our congregations have Children's Activity Bags available- feel free to use one any Sunday. Help us to keep them cleaned, re- stocked and placed back where they'll be ready for next Sunday. 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.

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.

+OCLP+

We welcome ELCA Deacon (Ret.) Sandy Shear to lead worship at St. Matthew & Atonement
Next week we welcome 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	Christine Brown Christine Brown Christine Brown Dennis Sherrill Emerson Riley	Len P Joyce B & Cindy L Eileen B Lane	Robin Bush Sara Eggers Alicia Stevens

+ 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), Patsy (H. Byrnes), Rene Prins, Heather Mendoza, Grace & Chuck Dietzman, Rita Nelson, Thoranne Winkler, Monica Koulis (Winkler), TJ Dwyer (Sherrill), Vincent Hopkins, Ted Case (Messner), Mimi Laura Emmett (Messner). Pr. Paul, Mary Carol Hart (Walters), Deb Simmerly

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Barbara Ashmore

For young adult: Tom King

+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), Carl Hecker, Anthony Scarfuto (Boyd), Dwaine Sharett (Butts), Jim Desrocher (Boyd), Dick Woodhouse (Hazzard), Glenn Linsenbardt, Ilse Seitz, Tom Underwood (Burda), Pr. Paul

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Genie Weber (Florida)

For Young Adult: Gunnar Jaeck

+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), Kent Hoyt Jr. (Ganio), 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), Flora Pouleck (Bush), Troy Lutz (Bush), Kayla Joubert (Vesely), Geoff Smith, Alan Peeters, Isabell Tophaven, Pr. Paul, Deb Simmerly

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Gus Pfeuffer

For Young Adult: Josh Bush

+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), Carol Gilbert (Messner), Carman Alvarez (Hopkins), Amy Lauterbach (Messner)

For those preparing for marriage: Kayla Roberson & Mike Estro

For those preparing for childbirth: Connor & Sarah Chapman

For those in the military, law enforcement and emergency services: Oneonta Fire Dept.

In the Foothills Conference: Bethany Lutheran Church, Central Bridge (seeking pastoral leadership)

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**

+ 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.

Attendance & Offering Statistics

Date	Atonement	Evangelical	St. Matthew
2/20	25/ 154	10/ 97	19/ 139 \$160
**	(\$1,290)	(\$705)	(\$1,309)
2/23			

**** Needed to meet weekly expenses**

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+ THIS WEEK +

- +Today Sunday 2/27: Festival of the Transfiguration
- +Today Sunday 2/27: St. John Annual Meeting (follows worship)
- +Tuesday 3/1: Shrove Tuesday
- +Wednesday 3/2: Ash Wednesday (see Lent, Holy Week-Easter Schedule)
- +Wednesday Services:
 - 7:30am St. Matthew
 - Noon Evangelical
 - 7:00pm Atonement
- +Thursday 3/3: St. Matthew Council Meeting, 7pm
- +Saturday 3/5: Atonement Altar Server Training and Review, 10am

+ COMING UP+

Hold the Date: Saturday March 26th
Service and observance of Pastor Paul's 40th anniversary of ordination
2pm Atonement Lutheran Church

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+ Smile of the Week +

Why God Never Received Tenure at any Major University

1. He had only one major publication
2. It was in Hebrew
3. It had no references
4. It wasn't published in a peer reviewed journal
5. Some doubt He wrote it himself
6. He may have created the world, but what has he done since?
7. The scientific community cannot replicate His results
8. He never got permission for the ethics board to use human subjects
9. When on experiment went awry, He tried to cover it up by drowning the subjects
10. He rarely came to class and just told students to "Read the Book"
11. Some say He had his Son teach the class
12. He expelled His first two students
13. His office hours were irregular, and sometimes held on a mountaintop
14. Although there were only 10 requirements, most students failed

(submitted by John Laitsch)

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

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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.