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HARTWICK SEMINARY, NY

ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH
LAURENS, NY

The Rev. Paul R. Messner, S.T.S., Pastor
The Rev. Robert Mansbach, Pastor Emeritus

+ Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost +
LBW Service of the Word
October 23rd, 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

* Entrance Hymn	<i>Oh, that I Had a Thousand Voices</i>	LBW # 560+
* Invocation and Dialog	<i>Blessed are You</i>	pg. 126
* The Apostles Creed		pg. 128
* Canticle	<i>Praise the Lord! O Heavens</i>	LBW #540

First Prayer: (7th Century Gelasian)

Forgive the faults of your people, O Lord, that our slavery to sin, into which we fell in our weakness, may be overcome by your liberating work, 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: Sirach 35:12-17

A lesson from Sirach:

Give to the Most High as he has given to you,
and as generously as you can afford.

[13] For the Lord is the one who repays,
and he will repay you sevenfold.

[14] Do not offer him a bribe, for he will not accept it;

[15] and do not rely on a dishonest sacrifice;

for the Lord is the judge,

and with him there is no partiality.

[16] He will not show partiality to the poor;

but he will listen to the prayer of one who is wronged.

[17] He will not ignore the supplication of the orphan,

or the widow when she pours out her complaint.

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

Psalmody: Psalm 84:1-7 (Tones: single 22; double 45)

Hal- / lelujah*

How lovely is your dwelling place, O / Lord of hosts!

My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts / of the Lord;*

my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the / living God.

Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself,
where she may / lay her young,*

at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King / and my God.
**Happy are those who live / in your house,*
ever sing- / ing your praise.**
Happy are those whose strength / is in you,*
in whose heart are the high- / ways to Zion.
**As they go through the valley of Baca
they make it a / place of springs;*
the early rain also covers / it with pools.**
They go from / strength to strength;*
the God of gods will be / seen in Zion.
**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 Tim. 4:6-8, 16-18

A lesson from Second Timothy:

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. [7] I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. [8] From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

[16] At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! [17] But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. [18] The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

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

***Gospel Hymn:**

Wondrous Are Your Ways, O God!

LBW #311 (St 1)

*** Gospel Acclamation**

Glory to you, O Lord

Holy Gospel: Luke 18:9-14

He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: [10] "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. [11] The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. [12] I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' [13] But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' [14] I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

The Gospel of the Lord.

* **Gospel Response**

Praise to you, O Christ

***Gospel Hymn:**

Wondrous Are Your Ways, O God!

LBW #311 (St 2)

Children's Sermon/Homily

Pr. Paul Messner (Ev/ St. J)
deacon Dave Forbes (St. M/ A)

* **Hymn of the Day**

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

LBW #497+

RESPONSE

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

Offering (plates are at the door)

Musical Offering

(A)

* **Offertory**

Take My Life, that I May Be

LBW #406 (selected stanzas)

* **Offertory Prayer:**

O Lord, you gently lay your land to winter rest, that it may rise again refreshed to serve. By these gifts we thank you for the fruit it bore / and ask for grace to share, with all, in love. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

* **Prayers of the Church**

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First Intercession:

Merciful God, we praise you for the grace by which you have given us what we are and have, and for patiently making us into what we shall be. We gratefully thank you for the ability to serve each other in love on your behalf. There is joy in being useful to you , having been freed from rebellion and it's consequence of death. Accept our worship for the gift of your Son in whom is our righteousness. Forever hear his prayers for us.

Lord's Prayer

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SENDING

* **Benediction**

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* **Recessional Hymn**

Praise to You, O God of Mercy

WOV #790

Dismissal

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

Postlude

Pastors Pericope Paragraph 10/23

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

God listens. God hears. God justifies. We may be the best of all possible people as this world sees things. And we may be proud of the good we do. God sees the hearts and hears the cries of those who know how far short they fall, and throw themselves on His mercy (Gospel). How do we experience God's presence when He appears to have turned His back on us? WE praise Him and trust Him, even when He rejects us for a time. "We set our hope in You" - the only God we have (1st lesson). Paul is coming to his end. He reflects on where faith in Jesus has brought him. "I have kept the faith". He knows that he, and we, will receive His grace at the time of His appearing (2d lesson).

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, or another ordained pastor, 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; baptized children may begin communing after parents have consulted with Pastor. 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. 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 a 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.

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!

+OCLP+

We welcome deacon Dave Forbes to lead worship at St. Matthew & Atonement
Next week we welcome SAM Tom Collins to lead worship at Evangelical & St. John

Serving Today	Atonement	Evangelical	St. Matthew
Asst. Minister			Dave Forbes
Comm. Asst.			
Lector	Bob Loitsch	Gabe L	Jim Crouthamel
Cantor	Bob Loitsch		
Altar Care	Becky Milford	Cindy L	
Ushers/Greeters	Dennis & Victor	Esther H	
Coffee Hour			Bush/ Vesely
Acolyte	Ethan Temming		
Sound System		Pelcer	
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), Rene Prins, Heather Mendoza, Grace & Chuck Dietzman, Rita Nelson, Thoranne Winkler, Monica Koulis (Winkler), TJ Dwyer (Sherrill), Mary Ann Ross (Englands), Barbara Loitsch, Allen and Ted Case (uncle/nephew) (Messner), Sue (M. Messner); Carleen (M. Messner), Valerie England, Alice Burdick, Jennifer Carman, Jaelen (M. Messner)

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: John Laitsch

For young adult: Sam Herion

+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), Dwaine Sharett (Butts), Kenny Medor (Butts), Joan Ackerman (Butts), Mary Beth Pedersen, Chuck Scorzafava, Lee Sliviak, Alex Zoeller

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Joan & Harold Taylor

For Young Adult: Tyler Loewenguth

+St. Matthew+

For healing in body, mind and spirit in our own congregation: Scott Forbes, Tina Keator, Sherrie Roy (Lawyer), Laura Emmet (Lawyer), Lynn Benekin (Forbes), Barbara Gesile (Lapp), Gina Pywar, 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), Bernie Sitts Jr. (Klafehn), Jack Anthony (Stevens), Troy Lutz (Bush), Alan Peeters, Isabell Tophoven, Bev Lapp, Corinne Pollak, James Wikoff (Hulbert), Doris Allen (Klafehn), Wayne Bush Sr (Bush), Vicky Vesely (Bush), Rita Knapp (Klafehn), Deb Simmerly, Kent Hoyt Jr.

For senior and/ or homebound members and friends: Corinne Hahn

For Young Adult: Josh Bush

+Beyond the Parish+

For healing in body, mind and spirit: Jackie Hesse (Lawyer), Rosemary Pepe (Eggers), Dorothy Fernandez, (Eggers), Dick Armstrong, Helga Lange (Winkler), Gina Utter (Thompson), Cathy Deleski (Thompson), Alicia Biesler (Thompson), Margie Ortega (Thompson), Amy Cooper (Messner), Mike Quinn (Messner), Stash Tarka (Messner), Pr Lynn Ash, Cathy Carroll Ziemba (Messner), Cadence Love (Messner), those in hospice care or living in long-term care facilities. Those dealing with Covid, cancer, auto-immune diseases, mental illness, addictions and other debilitating conditions

For those celebrating marriage: Nick & Kali Angell

For those preparing for childbirth: Anthony & Chelsea Casimano

For those in the military, law enforcement and emergency services: West Laurens Fire Department and EMS

In the Foothills Conference: For Missionaries, Evangelists and our companion churches, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Zimbabwe and Zambia (ELCZ)

Natural/Man-made Disasters: Victims of drought in Ethiopia, Afghanistan and much of Europe, Victims of violence in our cities, suburbs and rural communities, those struggling with economic conditions, food insecurity, and homelessness

National/ International Concerns: For all refugees and migrants and those contending with the continuing crisis on our southern border, the people of Ukraine and Russia; law enforcement officers shot in the line of duty

**+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.

+Atonement

Our fall rummage sale is back! Saturday, November 12th, from 9am to 3pm.

Cindy Heaney is coordinating (607) 432-7532

You may bring items for the sale anytime the OCLP office is open (9am – 1pm, T-F)

Bring items to the back of the Fellowship Hall downstairs.

Please bring used items in good condition only.

Attendance & Offering Statistics

Date	Atonement	Evangelical	St. Matthew
10/16	31/ 919	17/ 699	16/ 837
**	(\$1,290)	(\$705)	(\$1,309)
10/19	1/ 90	1/ 71	6/ 352

**** Needed to meet weekly expenses**

+OCLP

Please check your mailbox anytime you are in the building. Thanks!

Remember to sign in for attendance and contact tracing. Thank you

+ OCLP +

+Missing a Favorite Hymn?

Request it using a “Voice From the Pew” folder (VFTP).

Have a prayer request? Use a VFTP folder or put it on the prayer list in the narthex (foyer).

Want Pr. Paul to visit you or someone else? Use a VFTP folder.

Have a sermon topic you want addressed? Suggest it in a VFTP folder or speak with Pr. Paul.

The VFTP folder has many practical uses. Use them any time. Place them in the offering plate.

Thank you for your part in our ministry of worship and service.

+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!

+ THIS WEEK +

+Today Sunday 10/23 – Service of the Word for Pentecost 20
Saint John Council Meeting after worship

+Wednesday Services:

7:30am St. Matthew

Noon Evangelical

7:00pm Atonement

10:00am Clergy Bible Study, Christ Church, Cooperstown

+Saturday 10/29 – OCLP Men’s Breakfast @ St. Matthew 8:30am

Altar Server (re-)training, 10:30am

OCLP Annual Octoberfest German Dinner @ Atonement, 5:30pm

(bring a dish to share – preferably German, and table setting)

+ COMING UP +

+Next Sunday 10/30 – Festival of the Reformation
Holy Communion

+Sunday 11/6
All Saint's Sunday, Holy Communion
Commemoration of the faithfully departed

+Thursday 11/11
Veteran's Day

+Saturday 11/12
OCLP Quarterly Deacon's Breakfast, 8:30am Evangelical
Atonement Fall Rummage Sale

+Sunday 11/13
Atonement Council Meeting follows worship

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+ THOUGHT OF THE WEEK +

A friend is one to whom you may pour out the contents of your heart, chaff and grain together; knowing that the gentlest of hands will take it, sift it, keep what is worth keeping, and with a breath of kindness, blow the rest away.

-- Arabian Proverb

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)

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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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.