



**St Paul Ev. Lutheran Church Blue Point
October 11th, 2020
19th Sunday of Pentecost**

672 Jerusalem the Golden

LSB 672

- 1 Jerusalem the golden,
 With milk and honey blest—
The promise of salvation,
 The place of peace and rest—
We know not, oh, we know not
 What joys await us there:
The radiancy of glory,
 The bliss beyond compare!

- 2 Within those walls of Zion
 Sounds forth the joyful song,
As saints join with the angels
 And all the martyr throng.
The Prince is ever with them;
 The daylight is serene;
The city of the blessed
 Shines bright with glorious sheen.

- 3 Around the throne of David,
 The saints, from care released,
Raise loud their songs of triumph
 To celebrate the feast.
They sing to Christ their leader,
 Who conquered in the fight,
Who won for them forever
 Their gleaming robes of white.

- 4 O sweet and blessed country,
 The home of God's elect!
O sweet and blessed country
 That faithful hearts expect!
In mercy, Jesus, bring us
 To that eternal rest
With You and God the Father
 And Spirit, ever blest.

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Stand

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Kneel/Stand

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Stand

Service of the Word

Psalm

Psalm 23 (antiphon: v. 5a)

¹The LORD is my | shepherd;* I | shall not want.

**²He makes me lie down in green | pastures.*
He leads me beside still | waters.**

³He re- | stores my soul.*
He leads me in paths of righteousness
for his | name's sake.

**⁴Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of
death,
I will fear no evil,
for you are | with me;*
your rod and your staff,
they | comfort me.**

⁵You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my | enemies;*
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup | overflows.

**⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days | of my life,*
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD
for- | ever.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world
without end. Amen**

Kyrie

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**C Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 187

**P Glory be to God on High,
C and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.
We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee.
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,**

**that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our
prayer.**

**Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have
mercy upon us.**

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.

**Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, You invite us to trust in You for our salvation. Deal with us not in the severity of Your judgment but by the greatness of Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 25:6–9

⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine,
of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.

⁷And he will swallow up on this mountain
the covering that is cast over all peoples,
the veil that is spread over all nations.

⁸He will swallow up death forever;
and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces,
and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.

⁹It will be said on that day,
“Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might
save us.

This is the LORD; we have waited for him;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

Ps. 91:11; 103:1

He will command his angels con- | cerning you*
to guard you in | all your ways.

Bless the LORD, | O my soul,*
and all that is within me, bless his | holy name!

Epistle

Philippians 4:4–13

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; ⁶do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

¹⁰I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. ¹¹Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. ¹²I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. ¹³I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

Alleluia. The Spirit and the Bride say, "Come." Let the one who hears say, "Come." Let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 22:1-14

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-second chapter.

C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

¹ Again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying,
²"The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, ³and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. ⁴Again he sent other servants, saying, 'Tell those who are invited, See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.'
⁵But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. ⁷The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. ⁸Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.'
¹⁰And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹"But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. ¹²And he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?' And he was speechless. ¹³Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'
¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

Apostles' Creed

C **I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the
dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Sit

559 Oh, How Great Is Your Compassion

LSB 559

- 1 Oh, how great is Your compassion,
Faithful Father, God of grace,
That with all our fallen race
In our depth of degradation
You had mercy so that we
Might be saved eternally!
- 2 Your great love for this has striven
That we may, from sin made free,
Live with You eternally.
Your dear Son Himself has given
And extends His gracious call,
To His supper leads us all.
- 3 Firmly to our soul's salvation
Witnesses Your Spirit, Lord,

In Your Sacraments and Word.
There He sends true consolation,
Giving us the gift of faith
That we fear not hell nor death.

4 Lord, Your mercy will not leave me;
Ever will Your truth abide.
Then in You I will confide.
Since Your Word cannot deceive me,
My salvation is to me
Safe and sure eternally.

5 I will praise Your great compassion,
Faithful Father, God of grace,
That with all our fallen race
In our depth of degradation
You had mercy so that we
Might be saved eternally.

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Sermon—Matthew 22:1-14

Theme: To those who would destroy the Son and try to get His inheritance

I. The Jews understood that Jesus was talking about them, and would like to get Him out of the way

II. Jesus makes clear that their plan is transparent and doomed

III. Yet He calls all who will hear to repentance and forgiveness, even these enemies

IV. For in Love He desires for all to be fellow heirs with Him through faith in His work alone!

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Offertory

LSB 192

C Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

Stand

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

LSB 194

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

C **It is meet and right so to do.**

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 195

C **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.**

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

**Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in
the name of the Lord.**

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Lord's Prayer

LSB 196

P Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass
against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

**C For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My T body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

P In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My T blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

LSB 197

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei

LSB 198

C O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

Sit

636 Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

LSB 636

1 Soul, adorn yourself with gladness,
Leave the gloomy haunts of sadness,

Come into the daylight's splendor,
There with joy your praises render.
Bless the One whose grace unbounded
This amazing banquet founded;
He, though heav'nly, high, and holy,
Deigns to dwell with you most lowly.

2 Hasten as a bride to meet Him,
And with loving rev'ence greet Him.
For with words of life immortal
He is knocking at your portal.
Open wide the gates before Him,
Saying, as you there adore Him:
Grant, Lord, that I now receive You,
That I nevermore will leave You.

3 He who craves a precious treasure
Neither cost nor pain will measure;
But the priceless gifts of heaven
God to us has freely given.
Though the wealth of earth were proffered,
None could buy the gifts here offered:
Christ's true body, for you riven,
And His blood, for you once given.

4 Now in faith I humbly ponder
Over this surpassing wonder
That the bread of life is boundless
Though the souls it feeds are countless:
With the choicest wine of heaven
Christ's own blood to us is given.
Oh, most glorious consolation,
Pledge and seal of my salvation!

5 Jesus, source of lasting pleasure,
Truest friend, and dearest treasure,
Peace beyond all understanding,
Joy into all life expanding:
Humbly now, I bow before You;
Love incarnate, I adore You;

Worthily let me receive You
And, so favored, never leave You.

- 6 Jesus, sun of life, my splendor,
Jesus, friend of friends, most tender,
Jesus, joy of my desiring,
Fount of life, my soul inspiring:
At Your feet I cry, my maker,
Let me be a fit partaker
Of this blessed food from heaven,
For our good, Your glory, given.
- 7 Lord, by love and mercy driven,
You once left Your throne in heaven
On the cross for me to languish
And to die in bitter anguish,
To forego all joy and gladness
And to shed Your blood in sadness.
By this blood redeemed and living,
Lord, I praise You with thanksgiving.
- 8 Jesus, bread of life, I pray You,
Let me gladly here obey You.
By Your love I am invited,
Be Your love with love requited;
By this Supper let me measure,
Lord, how vast and deep love's treasure.
Through the gift of grace You give me
As Your guest in heav'n receive me.

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620 Jesus Comes Today with Healing

LSB 620

- 1 Jesus comes today with healing,
Knocking at my door, appealing,
Off'ring pardon, grace, and peace.
He Himself makes preparation,

And I hear His invitation:

“Come and taste the blessed feast.”

2 Christ Himself, the priest presiding,
Yet in bread and wine abiding
 In this holy sacrament,
Gives the bread of life, once broken,
And the cup, the precious token
 Of His sacred covenant.

3 Under bread and wine, though lowly,
I receive the Savior holy,
 Blood and body, giv’n for me,
Very Lamb of God from heaven,
Who to bitter death was given,
 Hung upon the cursed tree.

4 God descends with heav’nly power,
Gives Himself to me this hour
 In this ordinary sign.
On my tongue His pledge receiving,
I accept His grace, believing
 That I taste His love divine.

5 Let me praise God’s boundless favor,
Whose own feast of love I savor,
 Bidden by His gracious call.
Wedding garments He provides me,
With a robe of white He hides me,
 Fits me for the royal hall.

6 Now have I found consolation,
Comfort in my tribulation,
 Balm to heal the troubled soul.
God, my shield from ev’ry terror,
Cleanses me from sin and error,
 Makes my wounded spirit whole.

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1 Lord Jesus Christ, You have prepared
This feast for our salvation;
It is Your body and Your blood,
And at Your invitation
As weary souls, with sin oppressed,
We come to You for needed rest,
For comfort, and for pardon.

2 Although You did to heav'n ascend,
Where angel hosts are dwelling,
And in Your presence they behold
Your glory, all excelling,
And though Your people shall not see
Your glory and Your majesty
Till dawns the judgment morning,

3 Yet, Savior, You are not confined
To any habitation;
But You are present even now
Here with Your congregation.
Firm as a rock this truth shall stand,
Unmoved by any daring hand
Or subtle craft and cunning.

4 We eat this bread and drink this cup,
Your precious Word believing
That Your true body and Your blood
Our lips are here receiving.
This Word remains forever true;
All things are possible with You,
For You are Lord Almighty.

5 Though reason cannot understand,
Yet faith this truth embraces:
Your body, Lord, is even now
At once in many places.
I leave to You how this can be;
Your Word alone suffices me;
I trust its truth unfailing.

- 6 Lord, I believe what You have said;
Help me when doubts assail me.
Remember that I am but dust,
And let my faith not fail me.
Your supper in this vale of tears
Refreshes me and stills my fears
And is my priceless treasure.
- 7 Grant that we worthily receive
Your supper, Lord, our Savior,
And, truly grieving for our sins,
May prove by our behavior
That we are thankful for Your grace
And day by day may run our race,
In holiness increasing.
- 8 For Your consoling supper, Lord,
Be praised throughout all ages!
Preserve it, for in ev'ry place
The world against it rages.
Grant that this sacrament may be
A blessed comfort unto me
When living and when dying.

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Stand

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199

- C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace
according to Thy word,
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast
prepared before the face of all people,
a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people
Israel.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world
without end. Amen.**

Thanksgiving

LSB 200

A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
C **and His mercy endureth forever.**

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Salutation and Benedicamus

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

A Bless we the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Benediction

LSB 202

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and T give you peace.

C **Amen, amen, amen.**

923 Almighty Father, Bless the Word

LSB 923

1 Almighty Father, bless the Word
Which through Your grace we now have heard.
Oh, may the precious seed take root,
Spring up, and bear abundant fruit!

2 We praise You for the means of grace
As homeward now our steps we trace.
Grant, Lord, that we who worshiped here
May all at last in heav'n appear.

3 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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Sunday school is meeting every Sunday at 8:30 AM

Tuesday Church services will be resuming on Tuesday, November 3rd at 7 PM

Wednesday Bible Class will not be meeting in person on Wednesday, October 14 and 21st. We resume on October 28th at 10 AM

LYF will be meeting on Wednesday, October 14th and 21st at 7 PM for Bible Study.

Sunday Morning Bible class continues, while Pastor Bagwell fills in, Sunday October 18th and 25th. He will be teaching on the difference Voter's Meeting on Monday, October 12th at 7:30 PM.

On Saturday, October 17th, Altamont Chapter Lutherans for Life will be hosting a fundraiser on the north parking lot of Immanuel Lutheran Church at 203 E Division St. in Altamont. Fresh baked homemade pies, porkburgers, butterfly chops, hot dogs, chips, drinks and ice cream will be served by Immanuel's youth fellowship club. Serving will be from 10 – 1 with proceeds going to Lutherans for Life chapter that includes Immanuel, Bethlehem, St Paul-Blue Pt and Zion. Both walk-up and drive thru service will be available. Please follow the signs. All active social guidelines will be followed.

The Altamont Lutheran Churches (LCMS) will host a Reformation Rally service to commemorate the 503 anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation on Sunday, October 25 2020, at 5:00 PM at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 203 E. Division St. Social distance and no physical contact will be observed during COVID-19. Face coverings are encouraged to be worn by all who attend. A festival choir will sing. The speaker will be The Rev. Dr. Dean O. Wenthe, president of the Concordia University System and former president of Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana. Rev. Wenthe grew up in Effingham County.

Mission Festival will take place on Sunday, November 1st, with Dr Ken Schurb, CID Mission Executive, at both the 9:30 and 11 AM services.

Pastor Speers will be on vacation October 14th through October 27th. Pastor Bagwell will be filling in. During these weeks we will not have Divine Service on Tuesday October 20 and 27th. He will be leading Bible class on Sundays at 8:30 AM. If you have need of pastoral care during this time you can contact him at 434-934-5988.

Prayers-For the family of Cindy Tonn, who was called to her eternal rest this past week; for Stephen Heimgartner who will be undergoing surgery; For Trina Heimgartner who is undergoing surgery; For Roston Heimgartner who is undergoing surgery; for Carol Polk (Marvin Tappendorf's sister) who is hospitalized; for David Polk who has cancer; For Blake Mathias, who has been ill; For Zoe Hoehler, daughter of Rev David and Emma Hoehler who has been hospitalized and undergone surgery yesterday; For Courtney Weber, who is recovering from surgery; For Emma Speers; For those who have suffered through the weather down south; For our schools, teachers, students, and parents; for our leaders; for a safe harvest and good weather;

This Week at St Paul

Sunday: Divine Service 9:30 and 11 AM	Numbers 1-3
Monday: Voter's Meeting 7:30 PM	Numbers 4-5
Tuesday: Ladies Aid 7 PM	Numbers 6-8
Wednesday: LYF MEETING 7 PM	Numbers 9-11
Thursday: Divine Service 7 PM	Numbers 12-14
Friday:	Numbers 15-17
Saturday:	Numbers 18-20

In preparation for Proper 23 – October 11, 2020

A young man soon to graduate from college hurried up to his favorite professor and said, "I've got awesome news. I've been accepted into law school."

"Great," said the professor. "Then what?"

"I'll study hard and graduate, pass the bar examination, and become a practicing attorney."

"Great. Then what?"

"I'll join a law firm, maybe in time start my own."

"Great. Then what?"

"I'll argue cases, perhaps write articles on the law. Who knows? Someday I might even get to be a judge."

"Then what?"

Answers no longer came so readily. "Well . . . after a long career, I will retire and enjoy myself."

"Then what?"

"Eventually, I'll die."

This time the professor didn't ask, but it occurred to the young man:

"Then what?" He had no answer. What can you say if death has swallowed you up? He was feeling swallowed up right then and there.

The young man walked home as if wearing a pall. And was that a tear in his eye?

The wage paid by sin is death, the Bible says. It goes on, though.

In a passage to be read in our church service this Sunday, Isaiah the prophet wrote that God "will swallow up . . . the covering that is cast over all peoples . . . He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces" (Isaiah 25:7-8).

"For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 6:23).

Isaiah continued: "It will be said on that day, 'Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the Lord; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation'" (Isaiah 25:9).

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