

**St John's Lutheran Church - Bennington**  
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**THIS WEEK AT ST JOHN'S**

- Sunday: 12th - Sunday School - 9 AM  
Worship - 10 AM  
WELCA Meeting
- Monday: 13th - Pastor in Office - 10 AM
- Wednesday: 15th - Pastor in Office - 4 PM  
Confirmation - 7 PM
- Thursday: 16th - Brenda in Office - 9 AM  
Pastor in Office - 10 AM
- Sunday: 19th - Sunday School - 9 AM  
Worship w/ Communion - 10 AM  
Sunday School Kids Sing  
Council Meeting

*About today: It's a miracle! Multiple miracles! The waters of holy baptism have healed us. The body and blood of Jesus in holy communion have made us clean. We have died with Christ and been raised with him. For all this we have returned to offer thanks. From this place we are sent on our way rejoicing to share the good news. (Sundays and Seasons)*

**Sunday School** - the kids start in the sanctuary for their large group opening and then go to their groups for a lesson and craft. The theme for today was 'Jesus Heals Ten (Included)' from Luke 17:11-19.

**Next Sunday** our Sunday School kids will be singing and sharing their scripture verse during worship. Please check your email for a note from Deanne that has the information!

**LYO** will lead our worship service on Sunday, October 26th. Kelli wants to have a meeting with the LYO kids before worship that morning, so be at church by 9 a.m.!

**Congratulations to Aidan Hesse**, 2025 Homecoming King, and to SJB Homecoming Court members Ella Fuelling and Colin Snyder, as well as SJB Junior Hospitality court member Ava Fuelling. We're proud of you!

**St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Readlyn** is having their Fall Dinner on Sunday, November 2, from 3 - 6 p.m.

**Prayer of the Day**      **Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost 10/12/25**  
Almighty and most merciful God, your bountiful goodness fills all creation. Keep us safe from all that may hurt us, that, whole and well in body and spirit, we may with grateful hearts accomplish all that you would have us do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

**Ministers of Worship**

- TODAY:**  
Accompanist: Pastor Beth  
Lector: Deanne Salisbury  
Zoom Operator: Lukas Nelson  
Acolyte: Gracie Kienast  
Ushers: Randy and Pam Wright  
Kim Rigdon
- NEXT WEEK:**  
Accompanist: TBD  
Lector: Bethany Anderson  
Zoom Operator: Bobbi Seamans  
Acolyte: Hannah Zuck  
Ushers: Dan and Deanne Salisbury
- Communion Servers: Jon and Ronda Rathe

**Fellowship**

- TODAY:**  
Gracie Kienast  
Family
- NEXT WEEK**  
Kristen Best  
Family

**Attendance**

Last Sunday's Attendance: 39 plus 2 Zoom  
Last Month Attendance Average: 61

**Thank you** to Deanne Salisbury, Bethany and Kenadee Anderson for today's special music.

**October special mission** collection is for the Salvation Army free clinic that Kelli Snyder and her UNI AT students help host. Items needed are Q-tips, shampoo and conditioner, deodorant, and period products.

**Sunday School Halloween Party** will be on Sunday, October 26th. We encourage the kids to wear their costumes to the party and also for worship. that day. Please: no scary masks!

**Newsletter information** is due this week!

**Did you know? The metaphor** of "God's Holy Wings" in Hymn 613 was inspired by scripture passages from Deuteronomy 32: 11, and Psalm 36:7b. Prof. Gracia Grindal used Deut. 34, Psalm 91:4 and Matthew 23: 37 as she translated the first verse of Berg's original hymn and the first couplet of what is now verse 3. Grindal wrote the second verse, which fleshes out the hymn. This is an instance where an interplay of authorship comes together to create a satisfying whole. (*Hymnal Companion to ELW, pps. 452-53*)

**I will give thanks to the LORD  
with my whole heart.  
—Psalm 111:1**

**Order of Service**  
**Blue Book**

- Prelude
- GATHER**
- Welcome and Announcements
- Gathering Song**      **ELW # 689**
- #Greeting      p. 46
- #Scripture Song      p. 47
- #Prayer of the Day (see left)
- Children's Message
- Special Music

**WORD**

- Scripture Readings
- First Lesson: 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c
- Second Lesson: 2 Timothy 2:8-15
- #Gospel acclamation      p. 48
- #The Gospel: Luke 17:11-19
- Sermon
- Hymn of the Day**      **ELW # 613**
- #Apostles' Creed      p. 49
- #Confession and Forgiveness      p. 50
- #Sharing the Peace
- Offering
- #Offertory Song      p. 50
- #Offertory Prayer      p. 51
- #Prayers of Intercession
- #The Lord's Prayer      p. 52

**SEND**

- #Blessing      p. 53
- Sending Song:**      **ELW # 537**

***Kids meet pastor in back during last  
verse of song to help; congregation  
response is "And have fun doing it!"***

#Dismissal      p. 53

#Postlude

# - Please stand as you are able  
**WOV** - Blue Book  
**ELW** - Cranberry Book