

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

- Sunday: 5th - Festive Easter Worship w/ Communion - 7 AM
LYO Easter Breakfast
Easter Egg Hunt
- Monday: 6th - Quilting - 9 AM
Office Closed
- Wednesday: 8th - Pastor in Office - 4 PM
Confirmation - 7 PM
- Thursday: 9th - Brenda in Office - 9 AM
Pastor in Office - 10 AM
- Friday: 10th - Pastor on Vacation 4/10 - 12
- Sunday: 12th - Sunday School - 9 AM
Worship - 10 AM
LYO Meeting
WELCA Meeting

About today: *This is the day the Lord has made! Christ is risen, and through him all creation is made new! Indeed, "God shows no partiality" (Acts 10:34): Christ's resurrection truly brings life to everyone. We sing hymns of praise, gather around sacred words, and proclaim God's faithfulness, power, and love in the feast of holy communion. With the women at the tomb, we are astonished, elated, and grateful. We depart with joy to proclaim the good news of God's endless love. (Sundays and Seasons)*

Special thanks to Kim Rigdon for making all the new Easter and summer table decorations. So pretty!

On Maundy Thursday our 2nd graders were welcomed to the Lord's Table and received their first communion. Welcome Emersyn Hoing, Connor Kitch and Sophia Nelson to God's table of grace!

Next Sunday, April 12 at 9 AM our Sunday School kids lesson will be about 'Thomas answers Jesus, (Believe)' from John 20:19-31. The last day of Sunday School will be on Sunday, April 26 at the WTTTC farm site from 11:30-1. If possible, families are asked to bring a favorite snack to share for our lunch time. Drinks provided!

Prayer of the Day **Easter Sunday** **4/5/26**

God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Ministers of Worship

TODAY:

Accompanist: Sarah Best
Lector: Jeff Seamans
Zoom Operator: Bobbi Seamans
Acolyte: Kai Snyder
Ushers: Randy and Pam Wright;
Kim Rigdon

Communion Servers: Deacons and Friends
April Communion Bread Maker - Kim Rigdon

Fellowship

TODAY:

LYO Easter Breakfast

Attendance

Last Sunday's Attendance: 89 plus 3 Zoom
Last Month Attendance Average: 49

All are welcomed at God's table at St. John's, Bennington today! We will commune using little cups and gluten-free bread. Juice is available in the center of each tray. Those not communing are invited forward for a blessing, and all are welcome at God's table at St. John's!

Following worship this morning our LYO kids will be serving Easter breakfast and then having an Easter egg hunt for our young kids. Hope you are able to stay for their breakfast, as this is a fundraiser for them.

Thank you to everyone involved with making our Easter morning a beautiful day for all and for all who helped make Holy Week meaningful. Please note that the office will be closed on Monday.

Lilies may be taken home after worship today. Thank you to those who provided flowers for today's Easter celebration!

This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. —Psalm 118:24

Order of Service

Prelude

GATHER

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#Holy Gospel: Matthew 28:1-10
Sermon

Hymn of the Day **ELW # 365**

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#Prayers of Intercession
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#Offertory Song **ELW # 182**
#Offertory Prayer

MEAL

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Distribution (2 stations)

Hymn During Distribution **ELW # 382**

#Post Communion Prayer

SEND

#Blessing p. 209
#Sending Song **ELW # 376**

Kids meet pastor in back during last verse

of song to help; congregation response is "And have fun doing it!"
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#Postlude

- Please stand as you are able

ELW - Cranberry Book