

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

- Sunday: 15th - Sunday School - 9 AM
Worship w/ Communion - 10 AM
WELCA Meeting
Conference Assembly -2 PM
- Monday: 16th - Quilting - 9 AM
Pastor in Office - 10 AM
- Wednesday: 18th - Pastor in Office - 4 PM
Ash Wednesday Worship - 7 PM
Imposition of Ashes and Communion
- Thursday: 19th - Brenda in Office - 9 AM
Pastor in Office - 10 AM
- Sunday: 22nd - Sunday School - 9 AM
Worship - 10 AM

About today: Today's festival is a bridge between the Advent-Christmas-Epiphany cycle that comes to a close today and the Lent-Easter cycle that begins in several days. On a high mountain Jesus is revealed as God's beloved Son, echoing the words at his baptism. This vision of glory sustains us as Jesus faces his impending death in Jerusalem. We turn this week to Ash Wednesday and our yearly baptismal journey from Lent to Easter. Some churches put aside the alleluia at the conclusion of today's liturgy. This word of joy will be omitted during the penitential season of Lent and will be sung again at Easter. (Sundays and Seasons)

Ash Wednesday worship with Communion and imposition of ashes is this Wednesday, February 18 at 7 PM. The next Lenten service will be Maundy Thursday, April 2, 7 PM, and Good Friday, April 3, 7 PM.

Thank you to our Sunday School families for this morning's "Sing and Share," and to Deanne for her leadership with music and memory work!

First Communion instruction will be coming up for those in grades 2nd and up. Those families will be receiving an email. Tentative dates are March 28 and 29 for two identical sessions; families will need to attend one session or the other, and a parent or grandparent attends, too.

First Communion will then be shared on Maundy Thursday, April 2 at 7 PM worship.

Prayer of the Day **Transfiguration of Our Lord** **2/15/26**

O God, in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the bright cloud declaring Jesus your beloved Son, you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us heirs with Christ of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness, 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: Laurie Thome
Lector: Jeff Seamans
Zoom Operator: Chris Hesse
Acolyte: Hannah Zuck
Ushers: Speer Family &
Kim Rigdon
Communion Servers: Jim Mixdorf
February Communion Bread Maker - Julie Magee

NEXT WEEK:

Accompanist: Kevin Du
Lector: Dawn Best
Zoom Operator: Lukas Nelson
Acolyte: Lillian Pierce
Ushers: Marshall & Julie Mixdorf

Fellowship

TODAY:

Clayton and Hannah Zuck
Family

NEXT WEEK:

Lillian and Greyson Pierce
Family

Attendance

Last Sunday's Attendance: 58 plus 2 Zoom
Last Month Attendance Average: 38

All are welcomed at God's table at St. John's, Bennington today! We will commune using little cups and gluten-free bread. White grape 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!

Today's Sunday School lesson was about 'Glory on the Mountain' from Exodus 24:12-18. Next Sunday, February 22, the lesson will be 'Adam & Eve, (Consequences)' from Genesis 2:15-17; Genesis 3:1-7.

Did you know? Hymn 671, Shine, Jesus Shine, was written in 1987 and first sung at author Graham Kendrick's church in London, England. It was then used at the "Spring Harvest" convention in the United Kingdom in 1988 and later that same year, this hymn was part of the 11th Baptist Youth World Conference held in Glasgow, Scotland.

You are my son; this day have I begotten you. —Psalm 2:7

Order of Service

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#Post Communion Prayer

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Kids meet pastor in back during last verse of song to help; congregation response is "And have fun doing it!"
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- Please stand as you are able

ELW - Cranberry Book