

**St John's Lutheran Church – Bennington**

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**THIS WEEK AT ST JOHN'S**

- Sunday: 21st - Worship w/ Communion – 9 AM  
Council Meeting after Worship  
Father’s Day!
- Monday: 22nd - Pastor Comp Day
- Wednesday: 24th - Pastor in Office – 1:30 PM
- Thursday: 25th - Brenda in Office – 9 AM  
Pastor in Office – 10 AM
- Saturday: 27th - Salisburys use Fellowship Hall
- Sunday: 28th - Worship – 9 AM  
Upper Elementary Sunday School Meeting

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**About today:** *God does not promise that the path of the disciple will be easy. Jeremiah feels the pain of rejection from those who do not want to hear what he has to say. Jesus declares that his words may bring stark division. Even so, we need not be afraid for God accounts for each hair on our heads. Though we may experience rejection, frustration, division, and death, God’s grace and love make us a new creation each day. Marked with the cross and filled with holy food, we are sent from worship to witness to Christ in the world. (Sundays and Seasons)*

**SJB Semi-Annual Meeting** is planned for Sunday, July 12, after worship. If you have any agenda items, please let the office or council know.

**Thank you** to everyone who helped with the Walter Perlick Funeral service on Friday, June 19.

**Thank you, also,** to all who contributed to this year’s Alive and Running Suicide Prevention weekend.

**We welcome Summer Lim** to our rotation of accompanists! Summer is home from Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, PA, after her first year. She comes to us highly recommended by Renu Bansal (Ahan’s mom.) and is one of Dr. Torkelson’s “very accomplished students.” Welcome to SJB, Summer! Because of the short notice of adding Summer to the rotation, she will play most everything except the liturgy today.

**Vacation Bible School planning meeting** is Monday, June 29, 6 PM here at the church. Talk to Bethany if you have any questions.

**Prayer of the Day      Fourth Sunday after Pentecost      6/21/26**

Holy God, teach us to serve you faithfully and wisely, to give generously without losing ourselves, to work for what is good and also tend to our own needs. Help us find a healthy balance between labor and rest and to trust that our worth is not measured by what we accomplish. May we find joy in doing your will, knowing that you call us to both serve and to be renewed, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

**Ministers of Worship**

**TODAY:**

- Accompanist: Summer Lim
- Lector: Dawn Best
- Zoom Operator: Lukas Nelson
- Acolyte: Deacons
- Ushers: Willy Wolff; Jerry Mixdorf
- Communion Servers: Jon and Ronda Rathe
- June Communion Bread Maker: Nancy Goeller

**NEXT WEEK:**

- Accompanist: Kevin Du
- Lector: Denise Pierce
- Zoom Operator: Denise Pierce
- Acolyte: Deacons
- Ushers: Greg and Denise Pierce  
Justin Pierce

**Fellowship**

**TODAY:**

- Kai Snyder  
Family

**NEXT WEEK:**

- Alivia Stafford  
Family

**Attendance**

- Last Sunday’s Attendance: 31 plus 1 Zoom
- Last Month Attendance Average: 45

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**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!

**Upper Elementary Sunday School Meeting** will be next Sunday, June 28, after worship. Families of those with students in grades 4-5-6 this fall are encouraged to attend and provide ideas, feedback and brainstorming.

**Did you know?** Members of the Dunkerton FFA group came out to St. John’s on Monday to use the kitchen. They made bars and coffeecake for the 2026 Tractorcade that came through the area with a pitstop at *Dusk to Dawn*. We’re pleased to be a community resource!

**Answer me, O LORD, for your love is kind. –Psalm 69:16**

**Order of Service**

Prelude

**GATHER**

Welcome and Announcements

- #Gathering Song      **ELW # 522**
- #Greeting      p. 203
- #Glory be to God      p. 204
- #Prayer of the Day (see left)      p. 205
- Children’s Message

**WORD**

- Scripture Readings:      p. 205
- First Lesson: Jeremiah 20:7-13
- Second Lesson: Romans 6:1b-11
- #Gospel Acclamation      p. 205
- #Holy Gospel: Matthew 10:24-39

Sermon

- Hymn of the Day      ELW # 781**
- #Apostles’ Creed      p. 105
- #Prayers of Intercession
- Offering
- #Offertory Song      **ELW # 182**
- #Offertory Prayer

**MEAL**

- #The Great Thanksgiving      p. 206
- and following pages.*

- The Lord’s Prayer      p. 208
- Lamb of God      p. 208
- Distribution

#Post Communion Prayer

**SEND**

- #Blessing      p. 209
- #Sending Song      **ELW # 732**

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

- #Dismissal      p. 209
- #Postlude
- # - Please stand as you are able
- ELW - Cranberry Book**