

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

- Sunday: 15th - Sunday School St. Patrick's Day Party - 9 AM
Worship w/ Communion - 10 AM
Council Meeting
- Monday: 16th - Quilting - 9 AM
Pastor in Office - 10 AM
- Wednesday: 18th - Pastor in Office - 4 PM
Confirmation - 7 PM
- Thursday: 19th - Brenda in Office - 9 AM
Pastor in Office - 10 AM
- Friday: 20th - 1st Day of Spring!
- Sunday: 22nd - Sunday School - 9 AM
Worship - 10 AM/LWR Sunday
Blessing of Quilts and Kits
Care Callers Meeting

About today: Baptism is sometimes called enlightenment. The gospel for this Sunday is the story of the man born blind healed by Christ. "I was blind, now I see," declares the man. In baptism God opens our eyes to see the truth of who we are: God's beloved children. As David was anointed king of Israel, in baptism God anoints our head with oil, and calls us to bear witness to the light of Christ in our daily lives. (Sundays and Seasons)

Easter Lilies for our Easter Worship service are \$11.00 this year. If you are interested in furnishing a lily for the Easter morning worship service, fill out a form and along with your money put in the manila envelope on the table in the narthex by **Monday, March 23rd**.

Holy Week Worship: Maundy Thursday, April 2 at 7 PM and Good Friday, April 3 at 7 PM. **Easter Worship w/ Communion** is on April 5 at 7 AM. The LYO Easter Breakfast will follow worship.

First Communion instructions for our 2nd graders is on March 28, 3-4:30, and March 29, 1-2:30. Please notify Pastor Beth of which session you will attend if you haven't already done so. First Communion will be shared on Maundy Thursday, April 2 at 7 PM.

Christ in Our Home next quarter books are available on table in narthex by entrance door.

Prayer of the Day **Fourth Sunday in Lent** **3/15/26**
 Bend your ear to our prayers, Lord Christ, and come among us. By your gracious life and death for us, bring light into the darkness of our hearts, and anoint us with your Spirit, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Ministers of Worship

TODAY:	NEXT WEEK:
Accompanist: Kevin Du	Accompanist: Kevin Du
Lector: Bob Hansen	Lector: Jeff Seamans
Zoom Operator: TBD	Zoom Operator: Lukas Nelson
Acolyte: Kai Snyder	Acolyte: Greyson Pierce
Ushers: Jim and Kathy Mixdorf	Ushers: Chris and Renee' Hesse
Communion Servers: Kim Rigdon, Jessica Huntley	
March Communion Bread Maker - Mary Ann Miller	

Fellowship

TODAY:	NEXT WEEK:
Colin and Kai Snyder Family	Ava Fuelling Family

Attendance

Last Sunday's Attendance: 40 plus 2 Zoom
 Last Month Attendance Average: 50

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 the Sunday School kids had their St. Patrick's Day Party. Next Sunday, March 22, their lesson will be 'Jesus Raises Lazarus (Grief)' from John 11:1-45. *Sing and Share* time will be March 29.

Please help with the April 5 Easter Sunday egg hunt! Plastic eggs and treats are needed. A clipboard will be shared!

SJB Cares Card Shower for Ledger Dalton. It's been another rough go these past few weeks for high school senior Ledger Dalton as he continues to battle leukemia. We'd like to shower him with care cards from St. John's. We have some care cards on the table this morning, but feel free to send your own, too. His mailing address is 922 Robert St. Dunkerton, 50626. If you fill out a card here, please leave it in the basket and we'll get them sent. **THANK YOU!**

You anoint my head with oil.
—Psalm 23:5

Order of Service

Prelude
GATHER
 Welcome and Announcements
#Gathering Song ELW # 779
 #Greeting p. 203
#Kyrie (a capella) p. 184
 #Prayer of the Day (see left) p. 205
 Children's Message

WORD

Scripture Readings: p. 205
 First Lesson: 1 Samuel 16:1-13
 Second Lesson: Ephesians 5:8-14
#We are Turning p. 205
 #Holy Gospel: John 9:1-41
 Sermon
Hymn of the Day ELW # 780
 #Apostles' Creed p. 105
#Confession and Forgiveness (Insert)
 #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
Hymn During Distribution ELW # 638
 #Post Communion Prayer

SEND

#Blessing p. 209
#Sending Song ELW # 324

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