

**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  
 - LYO Meeting  
 - 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 at Synod Day of Renewal  
 Sunday: 19th - Sunday School - 9 AM  
 - Worship w/ Communion - 10 AM  
 - Council Meeting

*About today: In today's gospel the risen Christ appears to the disciples and offers them the gift of peace. Even amid doubts and questions, we experience the resurrection in our Sunday gathering around word and meal, and in our everyday lives. (Sundays and Seasons)*

**Thank you** to Jeff Seamans for serving as our lay worship leader this morning. We appreciate your service! Pastor Beth is with the congregation of St. Paul Lutheran, Peoria, IL, this weekend celebrating the retirement of a dear friend and close pastoral colleague.

**Thank you to our LYO families** for last week's tasty Easter breakfast and the egg hunt for our Littles as well as to the congregation for their support. Good worship, good food, good people! Thank you, SJB!!

**Sunday School families: the last day of Sunday School will be on Sunday, April 26, 11:30-1.** The kids will be going to the Whitmore Farm. Dan and Deanne have offered to take them via the hayrack with bus seats to and from the church on the gravel roads (WEATHER PERMITTING). They will leave the church parking lot at 11:15 AM, and parents/grandparents are requested to ride if they have littles on the hayride. They will then return to the church around 1:15 PM. Those going are invited to bring a snack-appetizer for lunch if possible. Drinks will be provided. Meet at the **Whitmore Farm, 5604 Schenk Rd**, at 11:30, if coming on your own.

**Prayer of the Day**      **Second Sunday of Easter**      **4/12/26**

Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

**Ministers of Worship**

**TODAY:**

Accompanist: Sarah Best  
 Lector: Jessica Huntley  
 Zoom Operator: Denise Pierce  
 Acolyte: Hannah Zuck  
 Ushers: Greg and Denise Pierce;  
 Justin Pierce

**NEXT WEEK:**

Accompanist: Alex Speer  
 Lector: Jerry Mixdorf  
 Zoom Operator: Lukas Nelson  
 Acolyte: Lillian Pierce  
 Ushers: Willy Wolff;  
 Jerry Mixdorf  
 Communion Servers: Jim and Jerry Mixdorf  
 April Communion Bread Maker: Kim Rigdon

**Fellowship**

**TODAY:**

Alex Huntley  
 Family

**NEXT WEEK:**

Kristen Best  
 Family

**Attendance**

Maundy Thursday Attendance: 42  
 Good Friday Attendance: 22  
 Easter Sunday Attendance: 120 plus 1 Zoom  
 Last Month Attendance Average: 49

**Be aware that soil prep and planting season is here, so please drive carefully and watch out for slow-moving vehicles. Be a courteous driver!**

**Yesterday, SJB sent 70 quilts** and 40 school kits to the in-gathering day. They will join with hundreds of others from Northeast Iowa. Thank you, SJB, for supporting this life-giving ministry!

**Today's Sunday School** lesson was about 'Thomas answers Jesus, (Believe)' from John 20:19-31. On Sunday, April 19 at 9 AM the final lesson will be about 'Road to Emmaus.' Thank you, Sunday School leaders, teachers and families for a wonderful year of learning!

**Battle for Betsy** fundraiser is Tuesday, April 28, at Carlos O'Kelly's on University Avenue in Cedar Falls. Order online using the coupon code Carloscares and 25% of your order will support the Alzheimer's Association. What a worthy cause to donate to!

**In your presence there is fullness of joy. —Psalm 16:11**

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

Prelude

**GATHER**

Welcome and Announcements  
**Gathering Song**      **ELW # 389**  
 #Greeting      p. 46  
 #Scripture Song      p. 47  
 #Prayer of the Day (see left)  
 Children's Message

**WORD**

Scripture Readings  
 First Lesson: Acts 2:14a, 22-32  
 Second Lesson: 1 Peter 1:3-9  
 #Gospel acclamation      p. 48  
 #The Gospel: John 20:19-31  
 Message: A Sermon for Every Sunday  
**Hymn of the Day**      **ELW # 635**  
 #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 # 543**

**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**