

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

- Sunday: 5th - Sunday School - 9 AM
Worship w/ Communion - 10 AM
3rd Grade Bible Distribution
- Monday: 6th - Quilting - 9 AM
Pastor in Office - 10 AM
- Wednesday: 8th - Pastor working from home
No Confirmation - (Homecoming Parade)
- Thursday: 9th - Brenda in Office - 9 AM
Pastor in Office - 10 AM
- Sunday: 12th - Sunday School - 9 AM
Worship - 10 AM
WELCA Meeting

About today: *A little faith goes a long way is Jesus’ point in the gospel. A mustard seed’s worth of faith has miraculous potential. The patience, tenacity, and endurance required for the life of faith are the blessings received in holy baptism, holy communion, and the word read and proclaimed in this assembly. Anticipate them. Receive them with thanksgiving. (Sundays and Seasons)*

Today we present third grader Beau Eugene Billington with a Bible. Please hold his family in your prayers as they keep the baptismal promises they made!

Next Sunday during worship we will have special music from Deanne Salisbury, Bethany and Kenadee Anderson.

Bethany continues to need teachers for the Sunday School little kids class! You can pick one Sunday to help or more if you are available. We supply the materials, Maggie provides the craft, you can use the media. What we need is for you to be a faith coach to the little ones. Thanks!

Thanks to Jeff Volker for the watermelon in the entrance he has donated for you to take as you leave.

On Oct. 19, the Sunday School students will sing and share their scripture verse during worship. Please check your email for a note from Ms, Deanne that has the information!

Prayer of the Day **Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost 10/5/25**
Benevolent, merciful God: When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

Ministers of Worship

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| TODAY: | NEXT WEEK: |
| Accompanist: Laurie Thome | Accompanist: Pastor Beth |
| Lector: Jessica Huntley | Lector: Deanne Salisbury |
| Zoom Operator: Denise Pierce | Zoom Operator: Lukas Nelson |
| Acolyte: Kai Snyder | Acolyte: Gracie Kienast |
| Ushers: Joe and Teresa Stafford | Ushers: Randy and Pam Wright,
Kim Rigdon |
| Communion Servers: Nancy Happel,
Kelli Snyder | |

October Communion Bread Maker - Mary Ann Miller

Fellowship

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| TODAY: | NEXT WEEK: |
| Alex Huntley | Gracie Kienast |
| Family | Family |

Attendance

Last Sunday’s Attendance: 62 plus 2 Zoom
Last Month Attendance Average: 61

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!

Our October special mission collection will be for the Salvation Army free clinic that Kelli and her UNI AT students help host. Items needed are Q-tips, shampoo and conditioner, deodorant, and period products.

Sunday School has started! When the kids come in the morning, they start out in the sanctuary for their large group opening and then we break off into two groups for lesson and craft. The theme for today was ‘Faith Passed Down (Unashamed)’ from the text 2 Timothy 1:1-14.

**Commit your way to the LORD;
put your trust in the LORD.
—Psalm 37:5**

Order of Service

- Prelude
- GATHER**
- Welcome and Announcements
- #Gathering Song** **ELW # 597**
- #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: Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4
- Second Lesson: 2 Timothy 1:1-14
- #Gospel Acclamation p. 205
- #Holy Gospel: Luke 17:5-10
- Sermon
- Hymn of the Day** **ELW # 733**
- Presentation of Bible
- #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
- Hymn During Distribution** **ELW # 759**
- #Post Communion Prayer

SEND

- #Blessing p. 209
- #Sending Song** **ELW # 545**
- 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