

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

- Sunday: 19th - Sunday School - 9 AM
Worship w/ Communion - 10 AM
Sunday School Sing and Share
Council Meeting
- Monday: 20th - Pastor in Office - 10 AM
- Wednesday: 22nd - Pastor in Office - 4 PM
Confirmation - 7 PM
- Thursday: 23rd - Brenda in Office - 9 AM
Pastor in Office - 10 AM
- Sunday: 26th - Sunday School // Halloween Party - 9 AM
LYO - meets before worship
LYO Leads Worship - 10 AM
Reformation Sunday: wear red if desired!

About today: Pray always. Do not lose heart. This is Christ's encouragement in the gospel today. Wrestle with the word. Remember your baptism again and again. Come regularly to Christ's table. Persistence in our every encounter with the divine will be blessed. (Sundays and Seasons)

Thank you to our Sunday School kids and Ms. Deanne for their special music and scripture verse this morning. Great job!!

Sunday School Halloween Party will be next Sunday! We encourage kids to wear their costumes to the party and also for worship that day. Please, no scary masks!

Sunday School - the kids start in the sanctuary for large group opening and then go to their groups for a lesson and craft. The theme for today was 'The Widow & the Judge (Persistence)' from Luke 18:1-8.

WELCA Thankoffering service will be on Sunday, November 9, 10 a.m. We will do our annual noisy offering that day, too, so come prepared!

November newsletter will be in church boxes on Thursday, October 30.

Reformation Sunday is next week, which means the color of the day is red. Feel free to wear red to worship!

Prayer of the Day **Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost** **10/19/25**
O Lord God, tireless guardian of your people, you are always ready to hear our cries. Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all this suffering world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

Ministers of Worship

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| TODAY: | NEXT WEEK: |
| Accompanist: Laurie Thome | Accompanist: Ahan Tandon |
| Lector: Deanne Salisbury | Lector: Hannah Mixdorf |
| Zoom Operator: Bobbi Seamans | Zoom Operator: TBD |
| Acolyte: Hannah Zuck | Acolyte: Greyson Pierce |
| Ushers: Dan and Deanne Salisbury | Ushers: Dan Kuhlmann,
Willy Wolff |

Communion Servers: Jon and Ronda Rathe
October Communion Bread Maker - Mary Ann Miller

Fellowship

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| TODAY: | NEXT WEEK |
| Kristen Best | Allie Happel |
| Family | Family |

Attendance

Last Sunday's Attendance: 39 plus 3 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!

LYO will lead our worship service next Sunday, October 26, at 10 a.m. LYO will meet at 9 a.m. to plan events for November and run through final prep for the worship service.

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

This Saturday, Oct. 25, is the Fall Market at Dunkerton Schools. From 9-3, approximately 70 crafters and vendors will set up shop in both gyms. Breakfast, lunch and homemade pies also available for sale. All funds raised go to help the high schoolers with expenses for the Dunkerton School Trip. This 3 day trip gives students educational and cultural experiences in a major city.

**My help comes from the LORD,
the maker of heaven and earth.
—Psalm 121:2**

Order of Service

- Prelude
- GATHER**
- Welcome and Announcements
- #Gathering Song** **ELW # 733**
- #Greeting p. 203
- #Glory be to God p. 204
- #Prayer of the Day (see left) p. 205
- Sunday School Sing and Share
- Children's Message
- WORD**
- Scripture Readings: p. 205
- First Lesson: Genesis 32:22-31
- Second Lesson: 2 Timothy 3:14—4:5
- #Gospel Acclamation p. 205
- #Holy Gospel: Luke 18:1-8
- Sermon
- Hymn of the Day** **ELW # 517**
- #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 # 790**
- 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**