

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

- Sunday: 22nd - Sunday School - 9 AM  
Worship - 10 AM / LWR Sunday  
Blessing of Quilts and School Kits  
Church Council/Care Callers Meeting
- Monday: 23rd - Pastor in Office - 10 AM
- Wednesday: 25th - Pastor in Office - 4 PM  
Confirmation - 7 PM
- Thursday: 26th - Brenda in Office - 9 AM  
Pastor in Office - 10 AM
- Saturday: 28th - Seamans use Fellowship Hall  
1st Communion Class 3-4:30 PM
- Sunday: 29th - Sunday School - 9 AM  
Palm Sunday - 10 AM  
LYO sets up for Easter breakfast  
Sunday School Sing and Share  
1st Communion Class 1-2:30 PM

**About today:** *In today's gospel Jesus reveals his power over death by raising Lazarus from the dead. The prophet Ezekiel prophesies God breathing new life into dry bones. To those in exile or living in the shadows of death, these stories proclaim God's promises of resurrection. In baptism we die with Christ that we might also be raised with him to new life. (Sundays and Seasons)*

**Today is the last day to order your Easter lily** for Easter morning worship. The lilies are \$11.00. Fill out the form and along with your money put in the manila envelope on the table in the narthex.

**"St. John's Bennington Cares" Card Shower for Ledger Dalton.** It's been a particularly 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 send them. THANK YOU! Thank you to our card providers, also.

**Prayer of the Day**

Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

**Ministers of Worship**

**TODAY:**

Accompanist: Kevin Du  
Lector: Jeff Seamans  
Zoom Operator: Lukas Nelson  
Acolyte: Greyson Pierce  
Ushers: Chris and Renee' Hesse

**NEXT WEEK:**

Accompanist: Sarah Best  
Lector: Deanne Salisbury  
Zoom Operator: TBD  
Acolyte: Gracie Kienast  
Ushers: Joe and Teresa Stafford

**Fellowship**

**TODAY:**

Ava Fuelling  
Family

**NEXT WEEK:**

Allie Happel  
Family

**Attendance**

Last Sunday's Attendance: No worship due to blizzard  
Last Month Attendance Average: 50

**Today for Sunday School** the lesson was about *Jesus Raises Lazarus (Grief)* from John 11:1-45. Next week's lesson will be *Matthew's Holy Week (Hosanna)* from Matthew 21:1-11; 26:14-27 and 66. Sunday School "Sing and Share" is next Sunday at 10 AM worship.

**First Communion** instruction for our 2nd graders is next weekend. First Communion will then be shared on Maundy Thursday, April 2 at 7 PM.

**LYO** will be having a Easter Egg hunt for our young ones on Easter morning. They need your help with providing plastic eggs and treats. A clipboard will be shared this morning for you to sign up to help.

**Holy Week Worship:** Maundy Thursday, April 2, 7 PM with communion and First Communion; and Good Friday, April 3, 7 PM.

**Easter Worship** with Communion is on **April 5, 7 AM**. The LYO Easter Breakfast follows worship.

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

**Fifth Sunday in Lent**

**3/22/26**

**I wait for you, O LORD; in your word is my hope.**  
—Psalm 130:5

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

Prelude

**GATHER**

Welcome and Announcements  
**Gathering Song** ELW # 886  
#Greeting p. 46  
#Scripture Song p. 47  
#Prayer of the Day (see left)  
Children's Message

**WORD**

Scripture Readings  
First Lesson: Ezekiel 37:1-14  
Second Lesson: Romans 8:6-11  
#Gospel acclamation p. 48  
The Gospel: John 11:1-45  
Celebrating LWR Kits and Quilts  
**Hymn of the Day** ELW # 773  
#Apostles' Creed p. 49  
#Confession and Forgiveness p. 50  
#Sharing the Peace  
Offering  
#Offertory Song p. 50  
#Offertory Prayer p. 51  
#Blessing LWR Kits and Quilts (insert)  
#Prayers of Intercession  
#The Lord's Prayer p. 52

**SEND**

#Blessing p. 53  
**Sending Song:** ELW # 666

**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