

St John's Lutheran Church – Bennington
Church 291-6225
Website: www.stjohnsbennington.com
Pastor Beth A. Olson 319-483-8135
THIS WEEK AT ST JOHN'S

- Sunday: 11th
 - Sunday School – 9 AM
 - LYO Lead Worship – 10 AM
 - 3rd Grade Bible Distribution
 - WELCA Meeting
 - LYO Meeting
 - Jordan Project Meeting
- Monday: 12th
 - Pastor in Office – 10 AM
- Tuesday: 13th
 - Jordan Project Cohort Zoom 12-1 PM
- Wednesday: 14th
 - Pastor in Office – 4 PM
 - Confirmation – 7 PM
 - Newsletter Articles Due!
- Thursday: 15th
 - Brenda in Office – 9 AM
 - Pastor in Office – 10 AM
- Sunday: 18th
 - Sunday School – 9 AM
 - Worship w/ Communion – 10 AM
 - Council Meeting

~~~~~  
**About today:** *In Isaiah we are given a vision of the great feast to come, when God will wipe away death forever. In Jesus’ parable about a great banquet, those invited do not come, so the invitation is extended to others. In our liturgy God spreads a table before us. Even amid anxiety and hardship we rejoice in the peace of God which surpasses all understanding. With great joy we feast at the table of the Lord, and we go forth to share the wonderful invitation with others hungering and thirsting for the abundant life of God. (Sundays and Seasons)*

**Thank you** to Kelli Snyder and our youth group for leading worship this morning. We’re always pleased to see you involved at church, and we look forward to this fall tradition!

**Thank you** to Cory Best and Dennis Magee for the new canopy lights and for the lights above the doors, too. Such a welcome difference!

**Mission Collection for October is for the Dunkerton Schools Raider Snack Closet.** We will collect small bottles of water, cereal and breakfast bars, fruit snacks, and boxes of crackers that are individually wrapped (think those 8 pack boxes at the store). All the better if things donated are school friendly regarding allergies. Full story in newsletter.

**Prayer of the Day**      **Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost**      **10/11/26**  
Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

~~~~~

Ministers of Worship
TODAY:
Accompanist: Pastor Beth
Lector: LYO
Zoom Operator: Kirby Marquart
Acolyte: Sean Kienast
Ushers: Jim and Kathy Mixdorf

NEXT WEEK:
Accompanist: Alex Speer
Lector: Drew Speer
Zoom Operator: Lukas Nelson
Acolyte: Lillian Pierce
Ushers: Dan and Deanne Salisbury
Communion Servers: Jeff Seamans;
Jerry Mixdorf

October Altar Guild:
Kathy Mixdorf, CHR (Jim), Penny Teisinger, Brittany Nelson, Allyson Kitch
October Communion Bread Maker: Julie Magee

Fellowship Hosts
TODAY:
Gracie Kienast Family

NEXT WEEK:
Lillian and Greyson Pierce Family

Attendance
Last Sunday’s Attendance: 64 plus 3 Zoom
Last Month Attendance Average: 64

~~~~~

**October is Bible Presentation Month.** Today we present 3<sup>rd</sup> grader Connor Kitch with his Connect Bible. This bible is the one we use for Grades 4-6 in Sunday School. Please hold this student and his family in your prayers.

**This morning in Sunday School** the students started in the sanctuary for large group opening and then broke off into their classes for lesson and craft. Today’s story was “Rejoice in the Lord Always,” from Philippians 4:1-9. Sunday School will sing at worship Oct. 25.

**Confirmation Faith Projects** are now on display! Hannah and Lillian have each crafted gorgeous pieces that reflect one aspect of their faith story. Confirmation for them will be on Sunday, October 25.

**Did you know?** 2026 marks the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our ELW worship book, and it was the first North American hymnal to include artwork.

**You prepare a table before me,  
and my cup is running over.  
–Psalm 23:5**

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

Prelude

**GATHER**

Welcome and Announcements

**Gathering Song**      **ELW # 522**  
#Greeting      p. 46  
#Scripture Song      p. 47  
#Prayer of the Day (see left)  
3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Bible Distribution  
Children’s Message

**WORD**

Scripture Readings  
First Lesson: Isaiah 25:1-9  
Second Lesson: Philippians 4:1-9  
#Gospel acclamation      p. 48  
#The Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14  
Sermon

**Hymn of the Day**      **ELW # 785**  
#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 # 547**  
***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**