

St John's Lutheran Church – Bennington

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THIS WEEK AT ST JOHN'S

- Sunday: 17th - Worship w/ Communion – 10 AM
- Monday: 18th - Quilting – 9 AM
Pastor in Office – 10 AM
- Wednesday: 20th - Pastor in Office – 1:30 PM
- Thursday: 21st - Brenda in Office – 9 AM
Pastor in Office – 10 AM
- Sunday: 24th - Worship – 10 AM

About today: *In these days between Ascension and Pentecost, we gather with the disciples in the upper room, waiting for the Spirit to transform the church around the world. In today's gospel Jesus prays for his followers and for their mission in his name. Amid religious, social, and economic divisions, we seek the unity that Jesus had with his Father. Made one in baptism, we go forth to live our faith in the world, eager for the unity that God intends for the whole human family. (Sundays and Seasons)*

Confirmation Faith Projects for our 8th grade students are due no later than May 31. This is an opportunity for the students to show their faith expression using some sort of creative means.

St. John's Education Scholarship application can be found on the church's website: www.stjohnsbennington.com. Applications are due by June 1st, no exceptions.

Mission Collection for May continues with the collection of paper products for the Dunkerton Food Bank. Thanks to those who have already donated!

If you are interested in attending the Iowa Shrink Smart presentation by ISU Professor Megan O'Toole as part of the Abiding, Belonging, Creative Collaborative Congregations in Waverly on June 6, 9-3. Today is the last day to sign up for it; the church will pay the \$50 cost. Poster on bulletin board.

Did you know? Hymn #826 comes from Herb Brokering, who wrote it at Holden Village, near Chelan, WA. It was the 10th hymn he wrote in as many days in the summer of 1981. Each morning, there was a bible study and the next day, that study was reviewed through the singing of a Brokering hymn.

Prayer of the Day

Seventh Sunday of Easter

5/17/26

O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, 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: Laurie Thome
- Lector: Jerry Mixdorf
- Zoom Operator: Lukas Nelson
- Acolyte: Greyson Pierce
- Ushers: Larry and Dawn Best
- Communion Servers: Larry and Dawn Best
- May Communion Bread Maker: Nancy Goeller

NEXT WEEK:

- Accompanist: Karen Thalacker
- Lector: Bob Hansen
- Zoom Operator: TBD
- Acolyte: Deacons
- Ushers: Jim and Kathy Mixdorf

Fellowship

TODAY:

- Lillian and Greyson Pierce
- Family

NEXT WEEK:

- Alivia Stafford
- Family

Attendance

- Last Sunday's Attendance: 47 plus 1 Zoom
- Last Month Attendance Average: 91

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!

The next Battle for Betsy Fundraiser is this Tuesday at Applebee's on Crossroad Blvd in Waterloo. Mention the fundraiser and Applebee's will donate 25% of your order to support the Alzheimer's Association.

Pastor has moved to summer hours for Wednesdays, which means after lunch and into the afternoon instead of late afternoon and into the evening. Regular hours for Sunday, Monday and Thursdays remain as is.

Worship time will change to 9 AM on Sunday, May 31.

Sing to God, who rides upon the clouds. –Psalm 68:4

Order of Service

Prelude

GATHER

Welcome and Announcements

- #Gathering Song** **ELW # 526**
- #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: Acts 1:6-14
- Second Lesson: 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11
- #Gospel Acclamation p. 205
- #Holy Gospel: John 17:1-11

Sermon

- Hymn of the Day** **ELW # 392**
- #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 # 471**
- #Post Communion Prayer

SEND

- #Blessing p. 209
- #Sending Song** **ELW # 826**

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**