

St John's Lutheran Church – Bennington

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THIS WEEK AT ST JOHN'S

- Sunday: 3rd - Worship w/ Communion – 10 AM
Graduates Honored
Reception for Graduates in Fellowship Hall
Bedards use Fellowship Hall
Care Callers – small conference room
- Monday: 4th - Quilting – 9 AM
Pastor in Office – 10 AM
- Wednesday: 6th - Pastor in Office – 1:30 PM
- Thursday: 7th - Brenda in Office – 9 AM
Pastor in Office – 10 AM
- Sunday: 10th - Worship – 10 AM
Mother's Day!

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**About today:** *As we continue to celebrate the fifty days of Easter, today's gospel includes Jesus' promise that he goes to prepare a place for his followers in his Father's house. Our baptism commissions us to share Jesus' mission in the world. As 1 Peter reminds us, we are a holy people, called to proclaim the one who called us out of darkness into light. In words and deeds we bear witness to the risen Christ—our way, our truth, our life. (Sundays and Seasons)*

**Congratulations to Kristen Best, Ella Fuelling, Aidan Hesse, Alex Huntley and Colin Snyder** as they get ready to graduate from Dunkerton High School. God's richest blessings to all of you! We're glad to be able to celebrate you! Thank you to WELCA for coordinating this annual recognition.

**St John's Education Scholarship application** is live on the website. **Applications are due June 1, no exceptions.** More details at [www.stjohnsbennington.com](http://www.stjohnsbennington.com)

**The next Battle for Betsy fundraiser** is May 19, 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

**Hy-Vee PTO** receipt collection has ended for this school year. New receipts can start being saved again beginning June 1, for the 2026 school year.

**Mission Collection for May** continues with paper products for the Dunkerton Food Bank. Thank you for your generosity!

**Prayer of the Day**      **Fifth Sunday of Easter**      **5/3/26**

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

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Ministers of Worship

TODAY:	NEXT WEEK:
Accompanist: Sarah Best	Accompanist: Kevin Du
Lector: Denise Pierce	Lector: Drew Speer
Zoom Operator: Denise Pierce	Zoom Operator: Bobbi Seamans
Acolyte: Hannah Zuck	Acolyte: Gracie Kienast
Ushers: Marshall and Julie Mixdorf	Ushers: Chris and Renee' Hesse
Communion Servers: Joe and Teresa Stafford	
May Communion Bread Maker: Nancy Goeller	

Fellowship

TODAY:	NEXT WEEK:
Clayton and Hannah Zuck	Gracie Kienast
Family	Family

Attendance

Last Sunday's Attendance: 44 plus 3 Zoom
Last Month Attendance Average: 91

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**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!

**Flowers today are** in honor of Mayva Bedard's first birthday. Thank you!

**Pastor moves to summer hours** starting this Wednesday, May 6. She'll mostly be here after lunch-late afternoon, but that may flex depending on school athletic and community events. Let PB know when you're team is playing so she can try to make some events!

**Confirmation Faith Projects for our 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Care Callers** will meet today in the small conference room for reviews, updates and direction setting.

**Into your hands, O LORD, I commend my spirit. –Psalm 31:5**

**Order of Service**

Prelude

**GATHER**

Welcome and Announcements

|                               |                  |
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| <b>#Gathering Song</b>        | <b>ELW # 377</b> |
| #Greeting                     | p. 203           |
| #Glory be to God              | p. 204           |
| #Prayer of the Day (see left) | p. 205           |
| Children's Message            |                  |

**WORD**

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| Scripture Readings:           | p. 205           |
| First Lesson: Acts 7:55-60    |                  |
| Second Lesson: 1 Peter 2:2-10 |                  |
| #Gospel Acclamation           | p. 205           |
| #Holy Gospel: John 14:1-14    |                  |
| Sermon                        |                  |
| <b>Hymn of the Day</b>        | <b>ELW # 393</b> |
| Recognition of Graduates      |                  |
| #Apostles' Creed              | p. 105           |
| #Prayers of Intercession      |                  |
| Offering                      |                  |
| #Offertory Song               | <b>ELW # 182</b> |
| #Offertory Prayer             |                  |

**MEAL**

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| #The Great Thanksgiving     | p. 206 |
| <i>and following pages.</i> |        |
| The Lord's Prayer           | p. 208 |
| Lamb of God                 | p. 208 |
| Distribution                |        |

**Hymn During Distribution** **ELW # 471**

#Post Communion Prayer

**SEND**

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| #Blessing            | p. 209           |
| <b>#Sending Song</b> | <b>ELW # 860</b> |

*Kids meet pastor in back during last verse of song to help; congregation response is "And have fun doing it!"*

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| #Dismissal | p. 209 |
| #Postlude  |        |

# - Please stand as you are able  
**ELW** - Cranberry Book