

The Coming Week at St. John's Episcopal Church

Sunday, 9/21

8:00am - Holy Eucharist (Sanctuary)
 8:30am - Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
 9:00am - Fellowship Hour (Williams Hall)
 10:00am - Holy Eucharist (Sanctuary & Livestream)
 11:00am - Fellowship Hour (Williams Hall)
 11:30am - SJEC Sanctus Ringers (Bell Zone)
 2:00pm - Girl Scout Troop 50593 (Activity Room)
 2:00pm - Sono Centrum Concert (Sanctuary)
 4:00pm - Youth Group (Activity Room)
 5:00pm - NA (McNab Room)
 6:00pm - Lux Women's Choir Rehearsal (Williams Hall)
 6:30pm - Bible in the Basement (Activity Room)

Monday, 9/22

12:00pm - AA (McNab Room)
 6:00pm - Pop up Bible Study (Library)

Tuesday, 9/23

10:00am - Samaritan Fund (Library)
 1:00pm - Knitpickers (Williams Hall)

Wednesday, 9/24

10:30am - Women's Bible Study (McNab Room)
 12:00pm - Holy Eucharist (Chapel—use office entrance)
 1:00pm - AA (McNab Room)
 5:30pm - Tai Chi (Williams Hall)

6:30pm - Christian Meditation (Activity Room)
 7:00pm - FNWLL Annual Meeting (Williams Hall)

Thursday, 9/25

9:00am - Alissa's Drop-In Coffee Shop Office Hrs (Grove)
 10:00am - Love Knots (Williams Hall)
 1:00pm - Women Journeying Together (Activity Room)

Friday, 9/26

12:00pm - AA (McNab Room)
 5:45pm - Peer Support Meeting (McNab Room)

Saturday, 9/27

11:00am - Linda Knight Funeral (Sanctuary)
 12:00pm - AA (McNab Room)
 7:00pm - NA (McNab Room)

Sunday, 9/28

8:00am - Holy Eucharist (Sanctuary)
 8:30am - Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
 9:00am - Fellowship Hour (Williams Hall)
 9:00am - Living the Covenant (Williams Hall)
 10:00am - Holy Eucharist (Sanctuary & Livestream)
 11:00am - Fellowship Hour (Williams Hall)
 11:30am - SJEC Sanctus Ringers (Bell Zone)
 2:00pm - Blessing of the Animals (South Lawn)
 5:00pm - NA (McNab Room)
 6:00pm - Lux Women's Choir Rehearsal (Williams Hall)

Point your phone's camera here to view these announcements electronically →



Online Calendar: Click on the "Events" link at top right of our website & explore in a dynamic monthly or weekly format. Click on an entry and, if info is available, a brief description will share more about that ministry or event. Keep tabs on all going on at St. John's and share those happenings with others!

Our Daily Prayers

Please keep the following people in your prayers...



Cathy Chang & Juan Lopez, Susan & Bob, Dean, Char Bakeman, Betty Kirkley, Ronnie, Henry Youngquist, Chris, Yvonne, Charlene Adams, Lynn Miller, Ed Patterson, Marnie Bash, Teri, Heather, the family of Linda Knight, the Peterson family, and Pam.

Give thanks with those from St. John's celebrating anniversaries this week...

21-Tony & Linda Germain, 24-Jacques Randolet & Lynn Pottenger, 26-Denny & Jan Morden

Give thanks with those from St. John's celebrating birthdays this week...

21-Josephine Thompson, 25-Emily Garlinghouse, Brenna Gruhzt, Jim Jackson, Paul Tolly

Pray for the Diocesan Standing Committee and the

people of the Diocese of the Great Lakes; PRAY for Trinity, Bay City - Sue Rich, Rector; St. John the Apostle, Ionia - Jason Smith, Senior Warden

In our international Anglican prayer cycle; PRAY for Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

Contact the church office

989-631-2260 / office@sjec-midland.org

- To add someone to the prayer list
- Request receipt of the weekly Worship++ email
- Request receipt of the monthly Epistle

Pastoral Care

Members of the congregation who have received Pastoral Care training are available all year for friendly visits. Members who are in the hospital, nursing homes, or homebound may request a visit from our team to receive communion, a comforting prayer shawl or a pocket cross.

Team members include:



The Rev. Alissa Anderson and parishioners

Chris Esquivel

Jan Marcou

Jan Marcou

Chris Schuster

Fred Schuster

*Call the parish office (989-631-2260) with a pastoral care request. In the case of a pastoral emergency outside office hours, please contact **The Rev. Alissa Anderson at 616-540-9102 (cell).***

We appreciate your ongoing support!

St. John's depends on the generosity of our friends and members. Please consider making a gift today. Visit tinyurl.com/Give2SJEC, mail your check to the church, place it in the drop box outside the office entrance, or point your phone's camera here: →



Next Sunday's Readings - September 28, 2025

16th Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 21

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15

1 Timothy 6:6-19

Psalms 91:1-6, 14-16

Luke 16:19-31

Spend some time this week looking at next Sunday's readings. It's a great way to prepare for worship & build a personal spiritual discipline of regular bible reading.

The Episcopal Church provides a Lectionary Calendar with links to all the upcoming and past readings:

<https://www.episcopalchurch.org/lectionary/>

Wednesday Noon in the Chapel - Sept. 24, 2025

Commemoration: Anna Ellison Butler Alexander

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

Psalms 78:1-7

Matthew 11:25-30



How to Connect with Rev. Alissa

Schedule a time via Calendly:

<https://calendly.com/sjec-rector>

Drop in for Coffee Shop Office Hours:

Thurs., 9-11 AM. This month you can find her at Grove Tea Lounge (2405 Abbott Rd.)



Organ Project Update

Exciting progress is continuing to be made on our Organ Project! The new instrument is scheduled to be completed by October, and we can't wait to hear it fill our sanctuary with music. As of Sept. 3, we've raised **\$303,331.84** of our \$330,660 goal, which includes \$80,000 from Endowment—thank you to all who have given so generously! We're still accepting donations through *The Mair Alsgaard Memorial Organ Fund*, and every contribution brings us closer to the finish line.



St. Alban's Episcopal Church INAUGURAL CONCERT SERIES LISTEN TO LOVE KEVIN COLE IN CONCERT



WORLD PREMIERE OF
"YOU WON'T BELIEVE YOUR EARS!"
THE BEST OF GEORGE GERSHWIN
SEPTEMBER 28, 2025, 4PM

Reserve your free seat:



Free-will Offering to be collected
105 S. Erie, Bay City, MI; Office: 989-892-4135
www.stalbans-baycity.org/concert-series & Facebook

Blessing of the Animals



**Sunday, September 28
2:00 PM
South Lawn**



Living the Covenant

Exploring Episcopal Identity through Baptism

What does it mean to live as an Episcopalian? This 8-week series explores the Baptismal Covenant and how its promises shape our worship, community, and service in the world.

Open to those preparing for **baptism or confirmation**, parish leaders and volunteers, and anyone curious about The Episcopal Church.

Sundays, Sept. 28–Nov. 16, 9:00–9:50

a.m. (make-up Nov. 23) and also via Zoom (time and day TBD). Sign up at [\[https://forms.gle/3f4mbH5xufivEoBs5\]](https://forms.gle/3f4mbH5xufivEoBs5).

Sign-up required for Zoom; optional but encouraged for Sundays.



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SAMS Pantry

SAMS Pantry is completely out of the following items. They were also not available from the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan or at Aldi. If you are able to donate cans or packets of tuna and cans of red kidney beans and also ravioli we would be grateful!



Ladies Prayer Breakfast

Fundraiser for River Jordan, Inc.

Sponsored by St. Martha's Guild

November 1, 9-11 AM



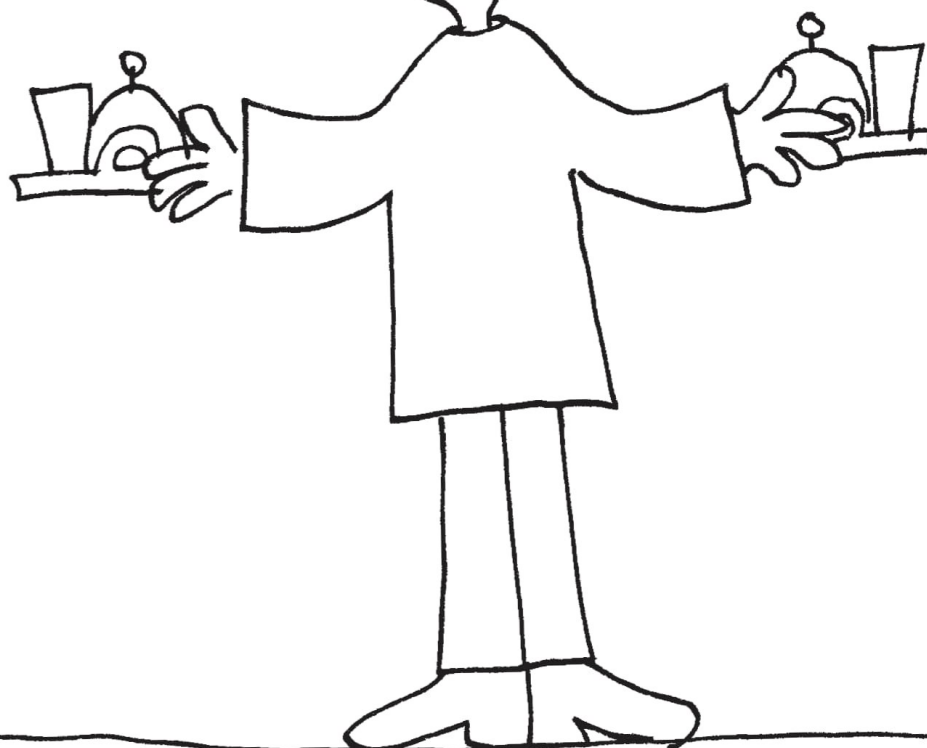
Tickets—\$35 Individual, \$200 table of six—can be purchased on Sundays after the 10 am service, in the church office, or online via the QR code

THIS MAKES
MY HEAD
SPIN.



YES,
MASTER!

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MASTER!



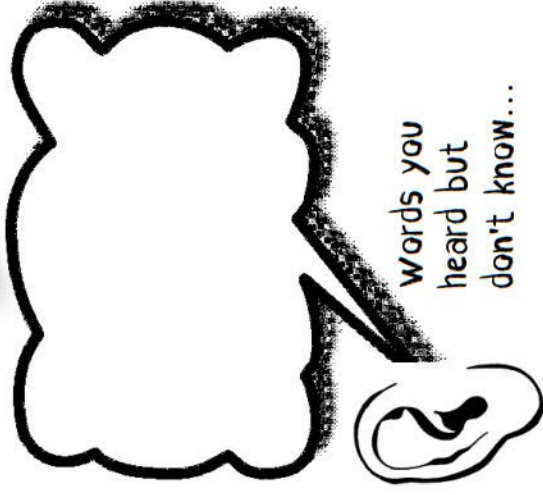
Sermon Notes FOR KIDS



AS you attend church services with your family, use this sheet to help you pay attention and learn. We want you to worship with us by singing to God and listening to the message.

Date:

who is speaking?



words you
heard but
don't know...

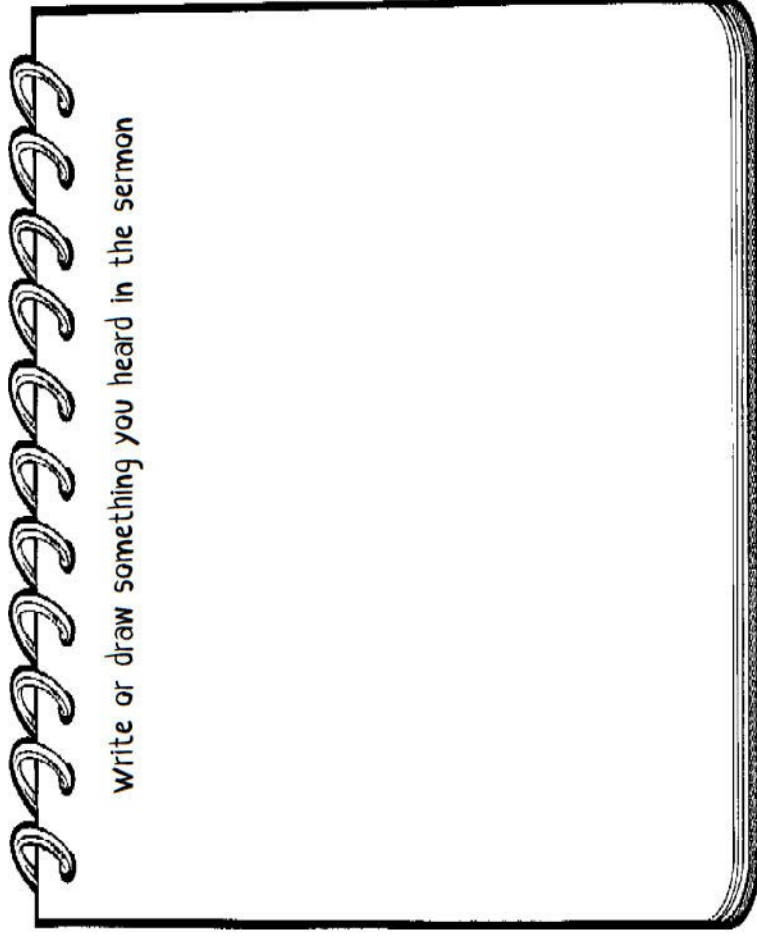
What is the main passage we are reading today?

Book:

chapter:

verse:

Favorite song
today was:



Write or draw something you heard in the sermon

Questions?

The most important thing you learned was:

How does today's message apply to your life?

what are we learning about
God from this passage?

