

## The Coming Week at St. John's Episcopal Church

### Sunday, 10/5

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 - Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Bell Zone)  
 2:00pm - Girl Scout Troop 50593 (Activity Room)  
 5:00pm - NA (McNab Room)  
 6:30pm - Bible in the Basement (Activity Room)

### Monday, 10/6

8:00am - St. John's Men's Breakfast (Big Boy)  
 12:00pm - AA (McNab Room)  
 6:00pm - Popup Bible Study (Library)

### Tuesday, 10/7

9:00am - Building & Grounds Committee (McNab Room)  
 10:00am - Samaritan Fund (Library)  
 1:00pm - Knitpickers (Williams Hall)

### Wednesday, 10/8

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)

### Thursday, 10/9

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, 10/10

12:00pm - AA (McNab Room)  
 4:00pm - Community Dinner To Go (Kitchen)  
 5:45pm - Peer Support Meeting (McNab Room)

### Saturday, 10/11

12:00pm - AA (McNab Room)  
 1:00pm - Tom Monto Visitation & Remembrance (Williams Hall)  
 7:00pm - NA (McNab Room)

### Sunday, 10/12

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 - Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Bell Zone)  
 4:00pm - Youth Group (Activity Room)  
 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, Teri, Heather, the family of Linda Knight, the Peterson family, Pam, the family of Tom Monto, Brad & Rebecca, Ed Patterson, and Laani.

**Give thanks with those from St. John's celebrating anniversaries this week...** none

**Give thanks with those from St. John's celebrating birthdays this week...** 8-Wendy Thompson, 11-Joyce Anderson, Linda Leckrone

**Pray for the Diocesan Standing Committee and the people of the Diocese of the Great Lakes;** PRAY for Holy Family, Blue Water - Mary Shortt, Priest; St. Mark's, Coldwater - J. Barrett Lee, Priest; St. Philip's, Grand Rapids - Zachariah Char, Priest-in-Charge

**In our international Anglican prayer cycle;** PRAY for The Anglican Church of Tanzania

### Contact the church office

989-631-2260 / [office@sjec-midland.org](mailto: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**

**Pat Roush**

**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](http://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 - October 12, 2025

18th Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 23

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7    2 Timothy 2:8-15

Psalms 66:1-11    Luke 17:11-19

*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 - October 8, 2025

Commemoration: Vida Dutton Scudder

Job 38:1, 34-41    Romans 12:1-2, 14-21

Psalms 25:1-14    John 6:37-51



### 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.)



### Calling all St. John's Men Monday, October 6, 8:00 AM!!

Join us for food and fellowship at the Big Boy Restaurant at 1513 S. Saginaw Rd.

### Organ Project Update

Exciting progress is continuing to be made on our Organ Project! Delivery of the new instrument is now expected in mid- to late-November or possibly early December. While it's a little later than first planned, our anticipation only grows as we look forward to hearing it fill our sanctuary with music. As of Sept. 25, we've raised **\$303,831.84** 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.



## Grove Music Festival Sunday, Oct. 19, 3:00 pm

Admission \$10 / Students \$5

**fulton** **PLAY**  
**CHAMBER PLAYERS** **BRAHMS!**



**TODAY**, we will collect two offerings. All funds collected from the second offering will go to **SAMS Pantry**. If you choose to donate via check, please make sure you write "SAMS Pantry" on the memo line.

**SAMS Pantry** received a very generous donation of tuna, kidney beans & ravioli from St. John's parishioners! **Thank you for your generosity!** With the Fall season underway, our guests would enjoy some cooler weather food items such as Progresso & Campbell's Chunky soups. Breakfast cereal, aluminum foil, plastic wrap & food storage bags are also always appreciated!



**Exploring Episcopal Identity** — Join us on **Sunday, October 19**, for this month's ~~2nd~~ **3rd Sunday Sharing**, where participants in the College for Congregational Development (CCD) will offer reflections and insights from their two years in the program. We'll share what we've been learning about Episcopal identity—how it shapes our worship, community, and mission—and invite you to join the conversation.

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



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# Trunk or Treat

**Saturday, October 18  
3-5 PM**

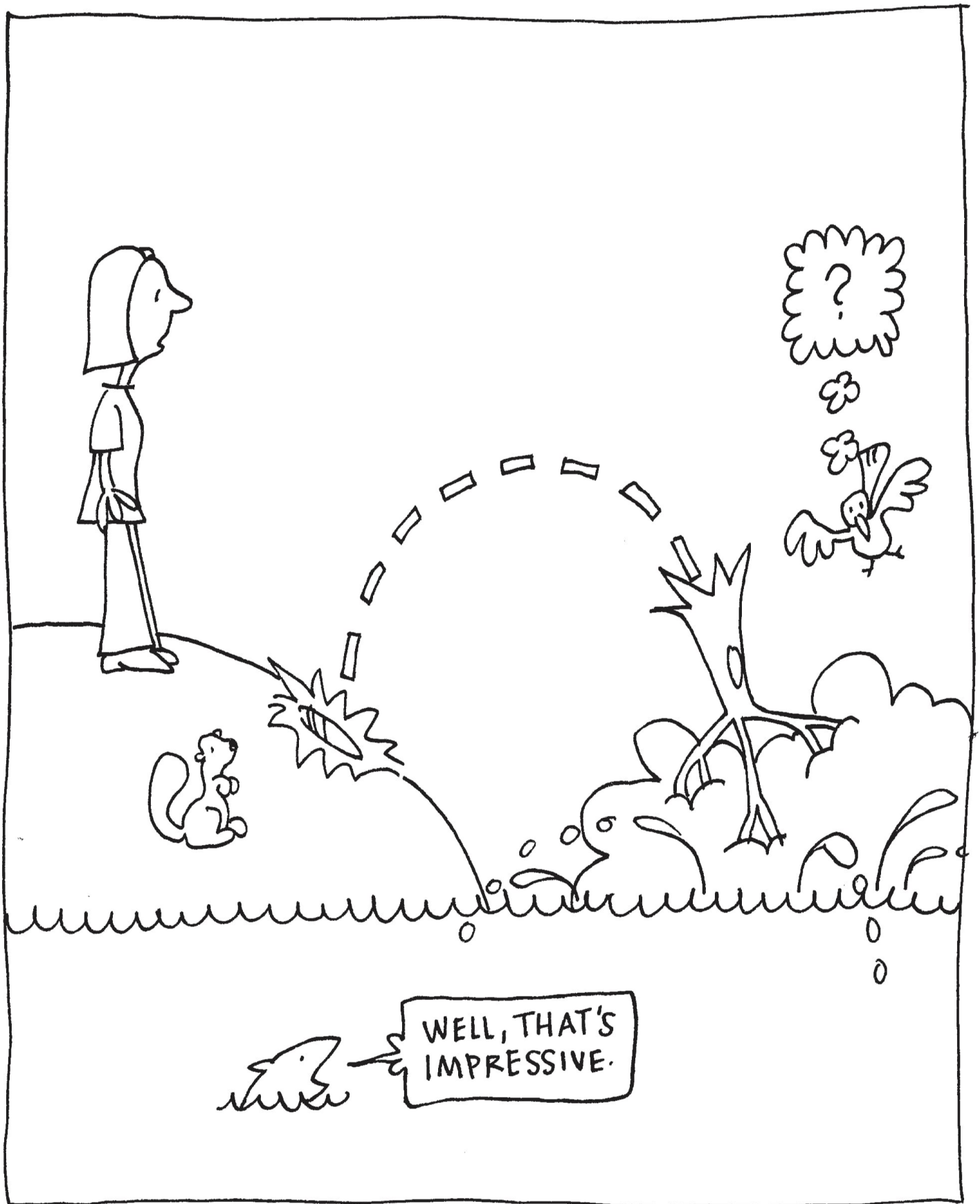
**GAMES - CANDY - FUN!**



### Ladies Prayer Breakfast

Fundraiser for River Jordan, Inc.  
Sponsored by St. Martha's Guild  
**November 1, 9-11 AM**







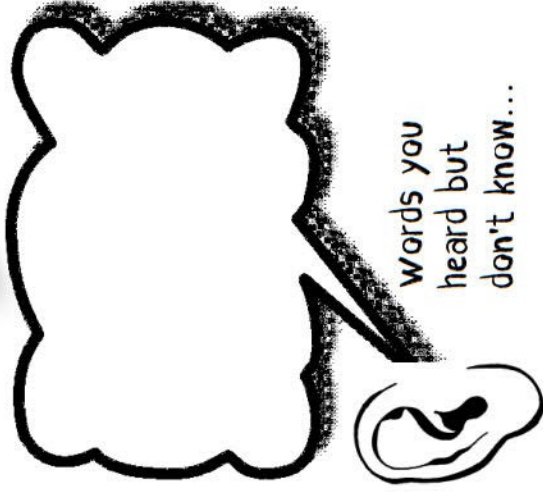
# Sermon Notes FOR KIDS



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...

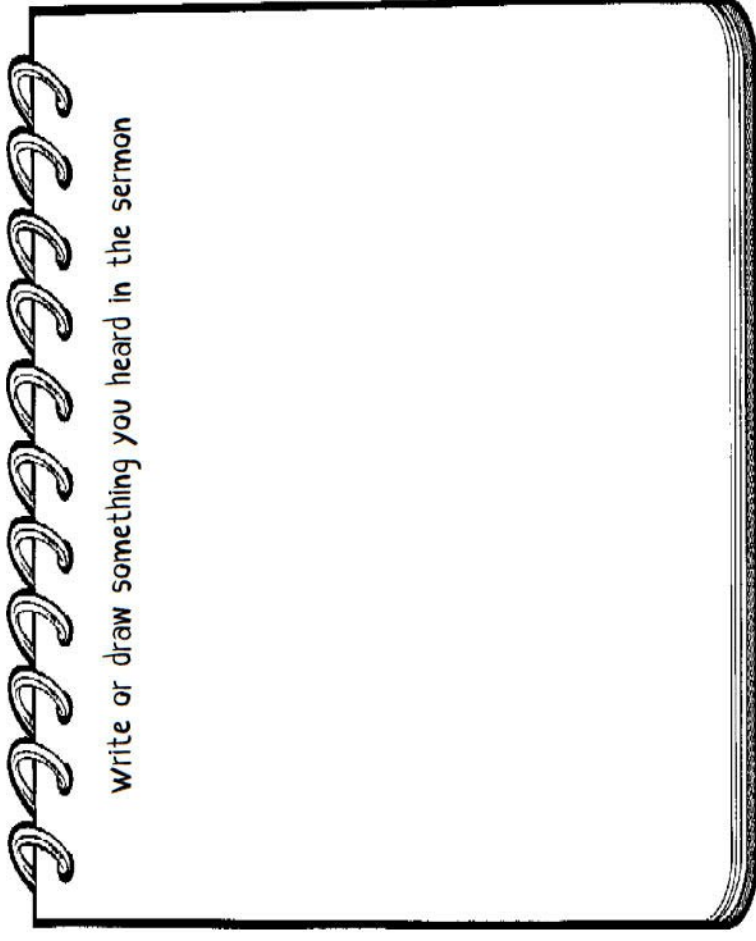
What is the main passage we are reading today?

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?

