

The Coming Week at St. John's Episcopal Church

Sunday, 11/23

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 – Handbell Choir (Bell Zone)
 4:00pm – Youth Group (Activity Room)
 5:00pm – NA (McNab Room)
 6:00pm – Lux Women's Choir (Williams Hall)

Monday, 11/24

12:00pm – AA (McNab Room)
 6:00pm – Popup Bible Study (Library)

Tuesday, 11/25

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

Wednesday, 11/26

10:30am – Women's Bible Study (Library)
 12:00pm – Holy Eucharist (Chapel—use office entrance)
 1:00pm – AA (McNab Room)

Thursday, 11/27 – PARISH OFFICE CLOSED



Friday, 11/28 – PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

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

Saturday, 11/29

12:00pm – AA (McNab Room)
 7:00pm – NA (McNab Room)

Sunday, 11/30

8:00am – Holy Eucharist (Sanctuary)
 8:30am – Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
 9:00am – Fellowship Hour (Williams Hall)
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 11:00am – Fellowship Hour (Williams Hall)
 11:30am – Handbell Choir (Bell Zone)
 5:00pm – NA (McNab Room)

Point your smartphone'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, Char Bakeman, Ronnie, Henry Youngquist, Chris, Yvonne, Charlene & John Adams, Lynn Miller, Rebecca & the Roberts family, Athena, Linda Johannsen, Aubrey, Andrew, Julie, Phillip, Tellie & the Wright family, and the Gwaltney family.

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... 24-Mike Spencer, 28-Ernest Carter

Pray for the Diocesan Standing Committee and the people of the Diocese of the Great Lakes; PRAY for Church of the Nativity, Boyne City - Kathryn Holley, Senior Warden
In our international Anglican prayer cycle; PRAY for The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia

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

Dave Schafer

Chris Schuster

Fred Schuster

Michelle Spencer

*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 smartphone's camera here: →



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
- To update your membership directory info

Next Sunday's Readings – November 30, 2025
First Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 2:1-5 Romans 13:11-14
Psalms 122 Matthew 24:36-44

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—November 26, 2025
Commemoration: Clive Staples Lewis

Proverbs 23:15-18 1 Peter 1:3-9
Psalms 139:1-9 John 16:7-15



How to Connect with Rev. Alissa

Schedule a time via Calendly:

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

There are NO Drop in Coffee Shop Office Hours this week due to the Thanksgiving holiday.



The Parish Office will be
CLOSED
Thursday and Friday,
November 27 and 28,
for the Thanksgiving holiday.



Organ Project Update

We have some truly exciting news to share... **our new organ is officially fully funded!** Thanks to the generosity of our parish community, the funds for the new organ have been completely raised.

Installation has begun, and over the

following weeks the instrument will be carefully assembled and voiced. We eagerly anticipate its first use during our Christmas Eve service. **Thank you for your faithful support and investment in the life of St. John's.**



The **St. Martha's Guild Annual Basket Auction** (and sale) starts **TODAY!** This is our major fundraiser for the year, and we use these funds to bless a number of charitable endeavors around Midland. We have some assembled baskets as in years past, though we also have some homemade decorative items directly for sale as well. The auction will end on Sunday, December 14th at 11:30 am. If you would like to purchase a direct-purchase item, you may take that item before December 14th. Please see Denée Koonce or Christy Hopper for payment options for those items. **Thank you ALL as always for your generous support!**



Only one more week to snag a tag, purchase gifts and get them under the tree!

SHARING TREE



We are coordinating a sharing tree for those less fortunate this holiday season. The tree will be setup in the Sanctuary beginning **November 1** for you to pick a tag(s) to fulfill. Please return the items purchased and the tag affixed to them by Monday, **December 1**. Please see Jan Marcou or Linda Germain with any questions.



There are Advent Calendars, provided by St. Martha's Guild, available for pickup in the Narthex.



Please support the **LEARNING TREE COOPERATIVE PRESCHOOL** through their virtual fundraiser! I bet you could find a Christmas gift or two



SUPPORT OUR GROUP WHILE SUPPORTING LOCAL!

VIRTUAL FUNDRAISING AVAILABLE NOW!



HOW DOES IT WORK?

FOLLOW THE LINK PROVIDED – THIS WILL TAKE YOU TO THE PRODUCTS THAT WILL SUPPORT OUR FUNDRAISING EFFORTS!

TO SUPPORT US, JUST PURCHASE THE ITEMS WITH OUR GROUP NAME LISTED! ALL PRODUCTS ARE SHIPPED WITHIN 5 (BUSINESS) DAYS, DIRECTLY TO YOU!

LINK TO OUR PAGE (LEARNING TREE COOPERATIVE PRESCHOOL):
<https://www.fundraisecovercandleco.com/collections/learning-tree-cooperative-preschool-winter>

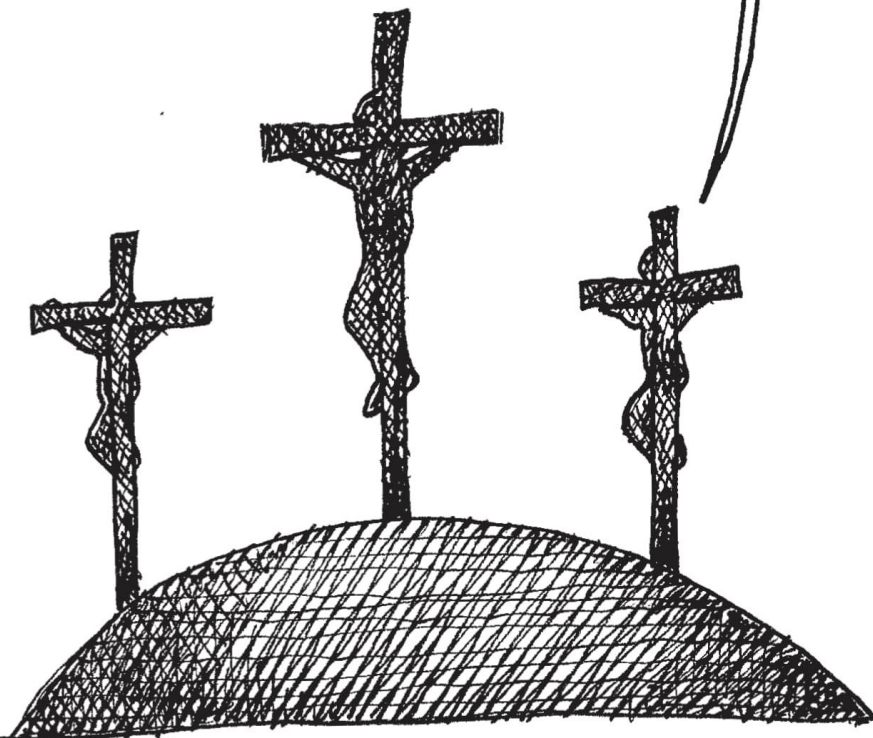
SCAN QR CODE TO SEE PRODUCTS

BEST PART?!

ONCE OUR FUNDRAISER IS COMPLETE, COVER CANDLE CO WILL GIVE BACK 50% OF FUNDS RAISED!
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



Jesus,
remember me when
you come into
your kingdom.



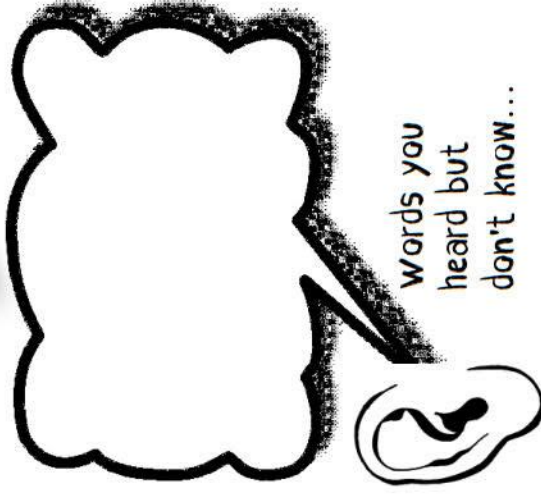
Sermon Notes FOR KIDS



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:

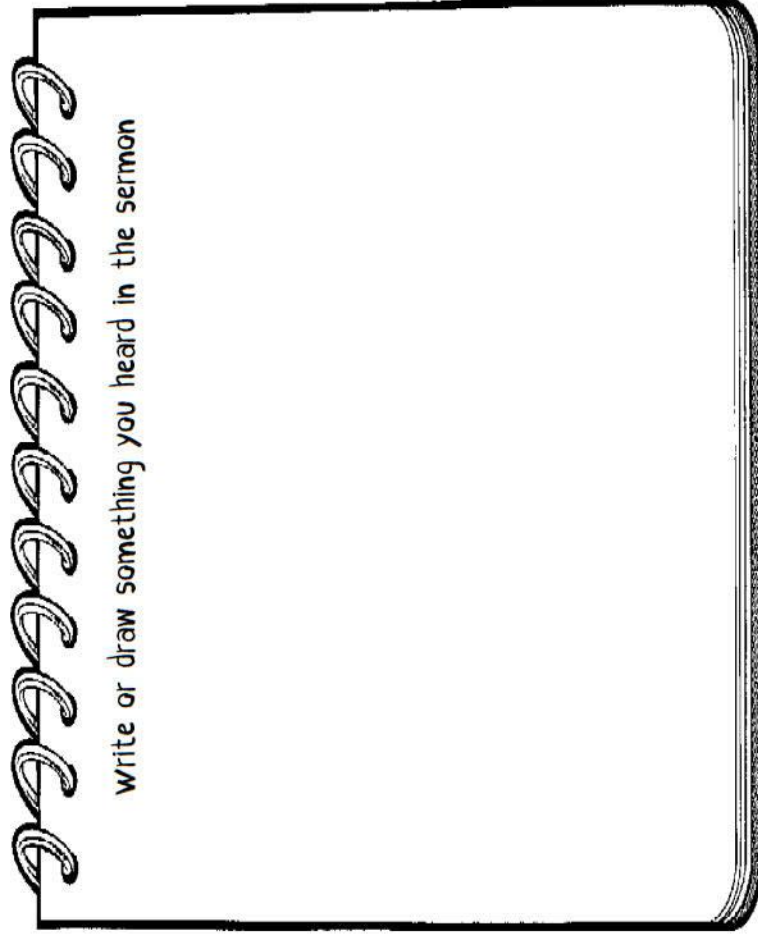
chapter:

verse:

Favorite song today was:

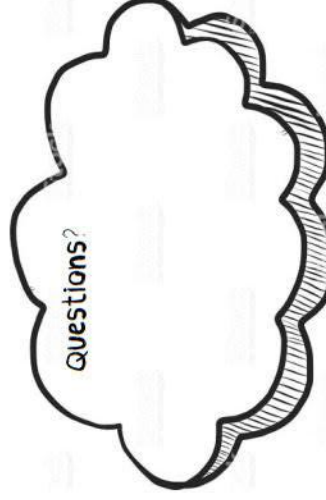


what are we learning about God from this passage?



Questions?

The most important thing you learned was:



How does today's message apply to your life?

