

The Coming Week at St. John's Episcopal Church

Sunday, 5/17

8:00am – Holy Eucharist (Sanctuary)
 9:00am – Exploring Sacred Imagination (Williams Hall)
 9:00am – Fellowship Hour (Williams Hall)
 10:00am – Holy Eucharist (Sanctuary & Livestream)
 11:00am – Blessing of the Garden Boxes
 11:00am – Fellowship Hour (Williams Hall)
 11:30am – Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Bell Zone)
 1:00pm – Barbara DuRussel Piano Students' Recital
 (private event in Sanctuary & Williams Hall)
 2:00pm – Girl Scout Troop 50593 (Activity Room)
 4:00pm – Lux Women's Choir Board Meeting (Library)
 5:00pm – NA (McNab Room)
 6:30pm – Bible in the Basement

Monday, 5/18

12:00pm – AA (McNab Room)
 1:00pm – Pastoral Care Meeting (Waring Room)
 5:30pm – Chorale/Camerata Rehearsal (Williams Hall)
 6:00pm – Pop up Bible Study (Activity Room)

Tuesday, 5/19

10:00am – Samaritan Fund (Library)
 1:00pm – Knitpickers (Williams Hall)
 6:00pm – MHS Orchestra/Choirs Senior Recital (Sanctuary)
 6:30pm – Vestry (McNab Room)

Wednesday, 5/20

10:30am – Women's Bible Study (McNab Room)
 12:00pm – Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
 1:00pm – AA (McNab Room)
 1:00pm – Safe Church In-Person Training (Williams Hall)
 5:30pm – Tai Chi (Williams Hall)
 7:00pm – Heather DeGroot Studio Recital (Sanctuary)

Thursday, 5/21

9:00am – Alissa's Drop-In Coffee Office Hours (Live Oak)
 9:30am – Great Lakes Gardeners (Williams Hall)

Friday, 5/22

12:00pm – AA (McNab Room)
 6:00pm – Community Game Night (Williams Hall)
 6:00pm – Preschool Graduation (McNab Room)

Saturday, 5/23

11:00am – SJEC Handbell Choir Retreat (Bell Zone)
 12:00pm – AA (McNab Room)
 7:00pm – NA (McNab Room)

Sunday, 5/24 - PENTECOST (*wear red!*)

8:00am – Holy Eucharist (Sanctuary)
 9:00am – Fellowship Hour (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)

Point your smartphone's camera here to view these announcements electronically



Our Daily Prayers

Please keep the following people in your prayers...



Cathy Chang & Juan Lopez, Char Bakeman, Ronnie, Henry Youngquist, Chris, Yvonne (Denée Koonce's mom), Charlene Adams, Phillip, Julie, Dennis, Mike, Steve Jacquain, Vicki Leigeb, Duane, Linda & Dan, Wendy Thompson & the family of Bronda Smeltzer, Shelby, and Eric Carlson.

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... 17-Rachel Leonard, Jan Morden, Andy Roberts, 19-Aimee Dupuis, HJ Smith, 20-Charlotte Bakeman, 22-Julie Smith

Pray for the Diocesan Standing Committee and the people of the Diocese of the Great Lakes; PRAY for Great Lakes Episcopal Camping & Retreat programs - All campers, retreat participants, staff & volunteers supporting our diocesan camping programs this summer; Licensed Eucharist Visitors and Ministers in the Diocese; St. Luke's, Kalamazoo - Randall Warren, Rector
In our international Anglican prayer cycle; PRAY for The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea

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

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!

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:



**Next Sunday's Readings – May 24, 2026
Day of Pentecost (Whitsunday)**

**Acts 2:1-21 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13
Psalm 104:25-35, 57 John 20:19-23**

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 – May 20, 2026
Holy Eucharist**

Commemoration – Alcuin of York

**Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 Titus 2:1-3
Psalm 107:1-8 Matthew 13:24-30**



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. During the month of May, you'll be able to find her at Live Oak Midtown (711 Ashman St.)



A HUGE THANK YOU for the generous donations to St. Martha's annual *Mother's Day baby shower*. 270 items were collected, including 15 packages of diapers

(that's 350 diapers!). Many of the items were multiple item packages. Everything was distributed to local organizations last week



A blessing of the garden boxes will be held **TODAY** after the 10 AM service.

Plainsong Farm Blessing of the Fields

THIS AFTERNOON, Mo. Alissa will be participating in the Blessing of the Fields at Plainsong Farm in Rockford. This annual liturgy marks the beginning of the growing season with prayers for the land, the farmers, and all who will be nourished by its harvest. St. John's has supported Plainsong Farm through endowment grant funding in the past, and we are grateful for this ongoing connection.

While the farm is a bit of a drive, all are warmly invited to attend this family-friendly gathering from 4:30-6:30 PM. The evening includes a prayerful walk through the fields, music, hands-on time in the soil, and a shared potluck meal. You are encouraged to bring a dish to share and come ready to participate.

To learn more about Plainsong Farm, check out www.plainsongfarm.com.



St. John's will be hosting an in-person **Safe Church** training session on **Wednesday, May 20, at 1 PM** in Williams Hall. If you are unable to attend and still need to complete the training for volunteering at St. John's, please reach out to Linda Germain (linda@sjec-midland.org) for alternate options.



It's time for the 2nd annual St. John's Episcopal Church Handbell Retreat!



Have you been curious about ringing? The retreat will be Saturday, May 23, from 11am-5pm, and the weekend will culminate with all retreat participants ringing at the 10am service at St. John's on Sunday, May 24. Beginners are welcome and highly encouraged to join! No prior musical knowledge or experience is needed. The cost for the entire retreat is \$5, which will cover the materials you will need for the Handbell Retreat as well as lunch. If interested, please fill out a registration form by scanning the QR code, or email Nykkoa at nykkoalurie@gmail.com and ask for the registration link

WHAT WOULD JESUS PRAY?

That they may
all be one...



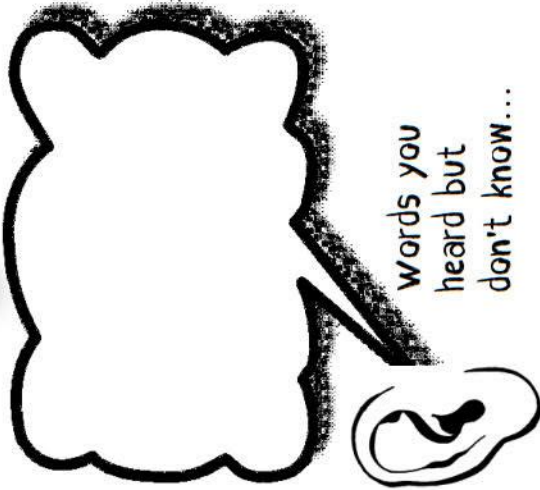
Sermon Notes FOR KIDS



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:

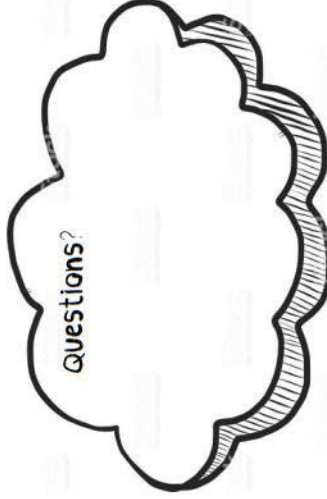


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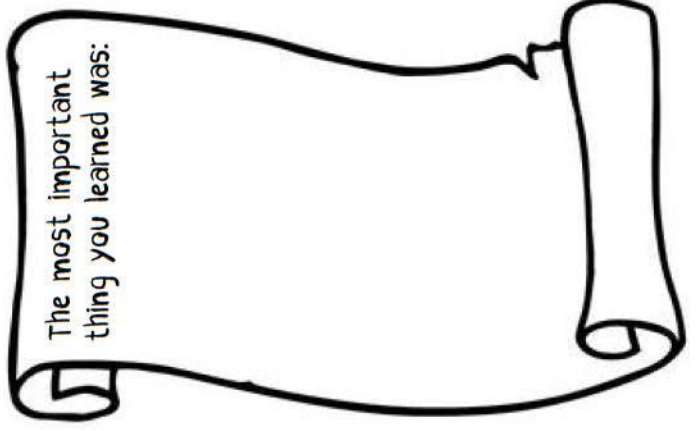


Write or draw something you heard in the sermon

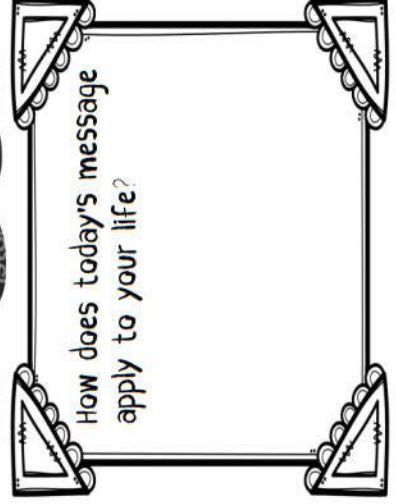
Questions?



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?

