

The Coming Week at St. John's Episcopal Church

Sunday, 5/24

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)

Monday, 5/25 – PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

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

Tuesday, 5/26

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

Wednesday, 5/27

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

Thursday, 5/28

9:00am – Alissa's Drop-In Coffee Office Hours (Live Oak)
 10:00am – Love Knots (Williams Hall)

Friday, 5/29

12:00pm – AA (McNab Room)

Saturday, 5/30

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

Sunday, 5/31

8:00am – Holy Eucharist (Sanctuary)
 8:30am – Chancel Choir (Choir Room)
 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)
 4:00pm – Youth Group (Activity Room)
 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, Char Bakeman, Henry Youngquist, Chris, Yvonne (Denée Koonce's mom), Charlene Adamjs, Phillip, Julie, Dennis, Mike, Steve Jacqmain, Vicki Leigeb, Linda & Dan, Wendy Thompson & the family of Bronda Smeltzer, Shelby, Eric Carlson, Dave Whisler, and Bob Estabrook.

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-Bonnie Haeefe, 25-Lori Pung, Mary Jo Schuetz, 27-Mary Ann Tolly, 28-Olga Fagan, Karen Roberts, 30-Jenni Stoll

Pray for the Diocesan Standing Committee and the people of the Diocese of the Great Lakes; PRAY for St. Gregory's Abbey, Three Rivers and Father Andrew Abbot; St. Peter's Seasonal Chapel, Lake Leelanau - Charles Bennison, Vicar

In our international Anglican prayer cycle; PRAY for The Episcopal Church in the Philippines

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

Chris Schuster

Jan Marcou

Fred Schuster

Pat Roush

Michelle Spencer

Dave Schafer

*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 – May 31, 2026
1st Sunday after Pentecost (Trinity Sunday)**

**Genesis 1:1-2:4a 2 Corinthians 13:11-13
Psalm 8 or Canticle 13 Matthew 28:16-20**

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 27, 2026
Holy Eucharist**

Commemoration – Helena of Constantinople

**Micah 4:1-4 2 Corinthians 8:7-15
Psalm 2 Luke 23:26-32**



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.)



**The Parish Office will be closed
Monday, May 25,
in observance of Memorial Day**



Parking at St. John's in June

St. John's is once again partnering with the Dow Championship, providing part of our parking lot & lawn for their use. This will impact parking the first part of June. Sunday services & other regularly occurring meetings & gatherings will continue as usual. As in the past, parishioners & others who regularly use our facilities are issued window clings for their vehicles allowing for parking in the St. John's lot during this time. If you don't have one already, stop by the office during in-person office hours (9-3, Mon-Thurs; 9-12, Fri) to pick one up. Please join us in welcoming those visiting our community this month, & all those gathered for this LPGA event.



**Loons Pride Night, Friday, June 5,
6 PM to 9 PM** - Smiling volunteers willing to say "hi" to young and old, working our St. John's display table and giving away materials.

Each volunteer receives a free ticket to the game! Point your smartphone camera at the QR code or [CLICK HERE](#) to sign up.



The Chancel Choir will reconvene for the **SJEC Pride Service** on June 7. We will rehearse at 8:30 AM on May 31 & June 7, but will only "robe-up" & sing for the **Pride Service** on June 7. **All are welcome!**

**Great Lakes Bay Pride Festival,
Saturday, June 27** - Smiling volunteers for three 3-hour shifts, willing to say "hi" to young and old, working our St. John's display table and giving away materials. We will also need a "take-down person" to



coordinate getting all the table stuff back to Denée. Location: Jolt Credit Union Event Park, 300 Johnson St., Saginaw, MI 48607. Point your smartphone camera at the QR code or [CLICK HERE](#) to sign up.

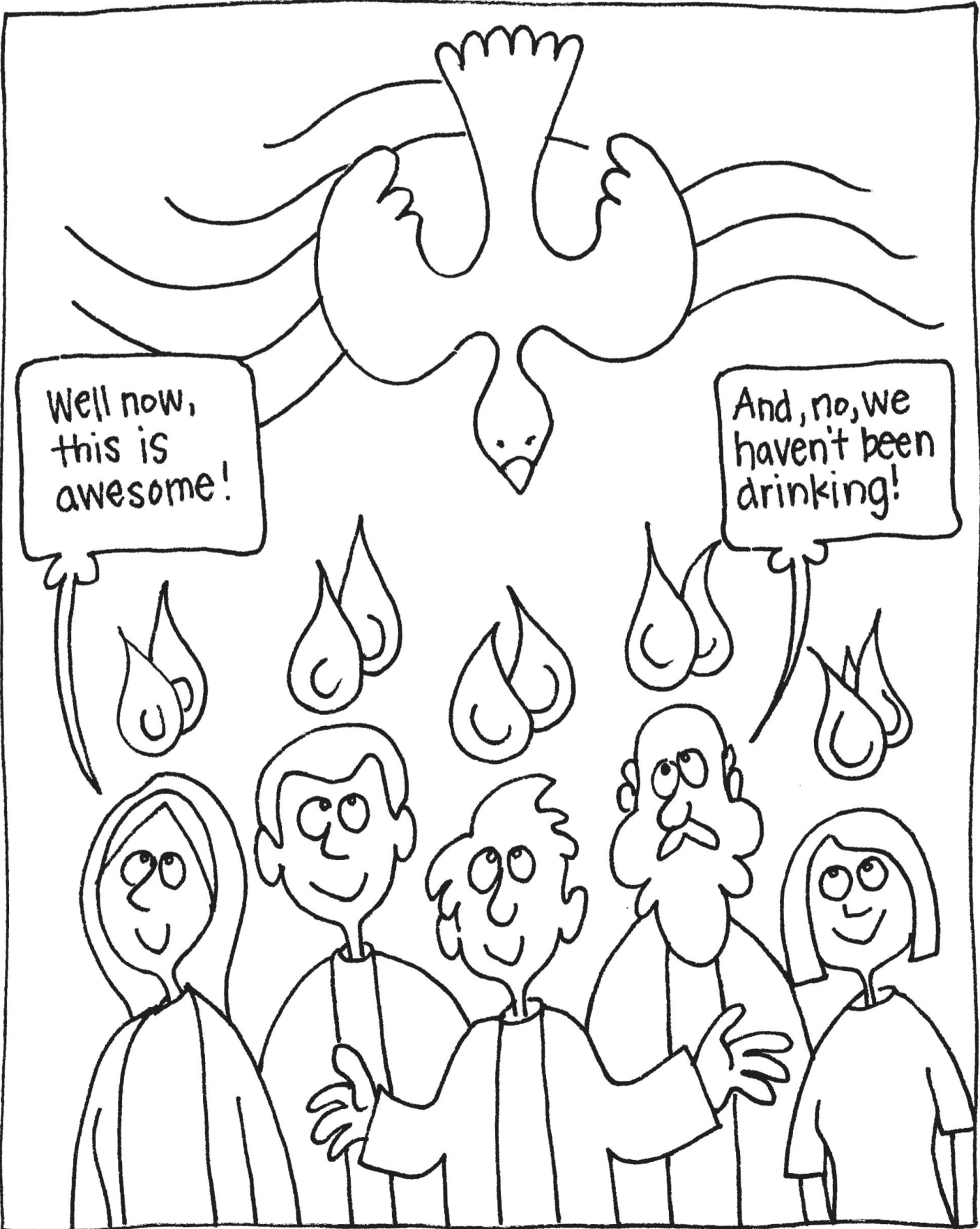


August 3 to 6 – 2 to 5 PM

Get ready for a great week of fun this Summer! You are invited to join us on an epic quest to discover God's Kingdom. Experience games, music, crafts, and more during this week of adventure. Point your smartphone camera at the QR code or [CLICK HERE](#) to register as a volunteer and/or to register a child.



Come, See, Be – God has been stirring something in my heart for overlooked people in our community. I find myself wondering what it might look like for St. John's to share God's love for our neighbors in a new way. I am hoping to gather like-minded people to pray, listen and discern together what God might be calling us to do. If you feel a pull toward building relationships with the forgotten, I would love to hear from you. **Please call Chris Schuster at 989-339-4118.**



Well now,
this is
awesome!

And, no, we
haven't been
drinking!

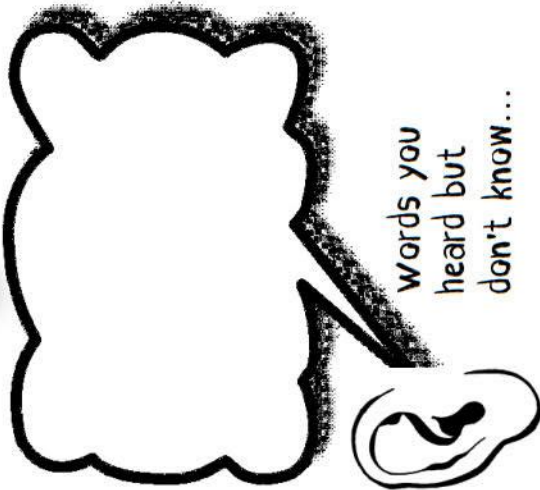
Sermon Notes FOR KIDS



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:

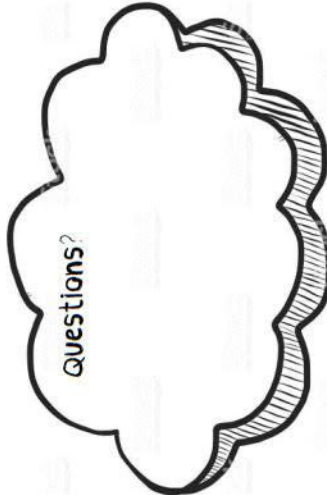


Favorite song today was:

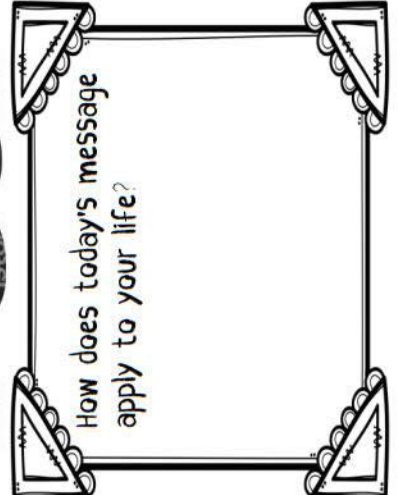


Write or draw something you heard in the sermon

Questions?



How does today's message apply to your life?



The most important thing you learned was:

