

The Coming Week at St. John's Episcopal Church

Sunday, 7/12

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)
 5:00pm – NA (McNab Room)

Monday, 7/13

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

Tuesday, 7/14

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

Wednesday, 7/15

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

1:00pm – AA (McNab Room)
 5:30pm – Tai Chi in the Garden (Courtyard)

Thursday, 7/16

Friday, 7/17

12:00pm – AA (McNab Room)

Saturday, 7/18

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

Sunday, 7/19

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)
 1:30pm – College for Congregational Development
 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 Adams, Julie, Vicki Leigeb, Shelby, Bob Estabrook, Guy & Tony (Geoff Newhouse's brothers), Tellie, EllaRose, Jayden & Elaine, Betty & Bud Schartow & family, Justin & family, Tom, and Ed.

Give thanks with those from St. John's celebrating anniversaries this week... 12-Andy & Karen Roberts, Greg & Patty Zettle, 15-Dave & Karen Whisler

Give thanks with those from St. John's celebrating birthdays this week... 12-Chad Garlinghouse, Jen Gruhzt, Bud Schartow, Fred Schuster, 14-Adam Philo, Jim Stefanski, 15-Abigail Garlinghouse, 18-Connor Dasbach

Pray for the Diocesan Standing Committee and the people of the Diocese of the Great Lakes; PRAY for St. John's Church, Sturgis - Kris Veldheer, Rector; Grace Church, Holland - Jennifer Adams, Rector

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

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).***



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

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 – July 19, 2026

8th Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 11

Isaiah 44:6-8

Romans 8:12-25

Psalms 86:11-17

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

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 – July 15, 2026

Holy Eucharist

Commemoration – William White, Bishop, 1836

Jeremiah 1:4-10

1 Timothy 3:1-10

Psalms 40:4-10

Mark 4:30-34



How to Connect with Rev. Alissa

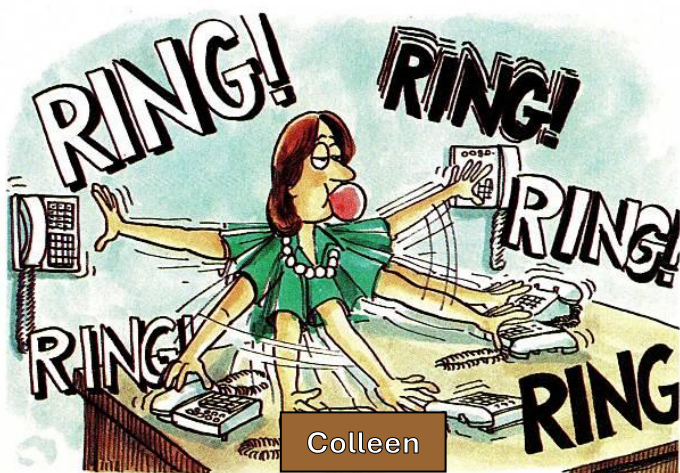
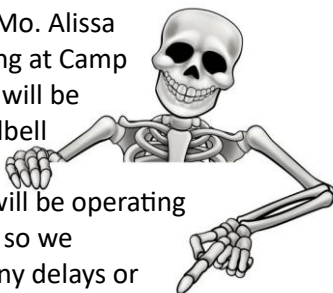
Schedule a time via Calendly:

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

There will be no Drop in Coffee Shop Office

Hours this week as Mother Alissa is at Camp Chickagami.

During the week of July 13–19, Mo. Alissa and Linda Germain will be serving at Camp Chickagami, and Ellen Woodard will be learning and ringing at the Handbell Musicians of America National Seminar. As a result, our office will be operating with a skeleton crew that week, so we appreciate your patience with any delays or challenges. If you have something that specifically needs Alissa, Ellen, or Linda and it is not time-sensitive, we encourage you to wait until after July 20. Thank you for your understanding, and please keep those of us camping and ringing in your prayers!



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.



WE NEED YOU

Help ensure the success of VBS. Click the link or scan the QR code and sign up to volunteer!!



The Episcopal Diocese of the Great Lake's branch of the College for Congregational Development (CCD), an Episcopal Church program focused on parish development, will be meeting at St. John's July 19-24. Because such a substantial footprint of our building will be in use, many regular activities are in a different location or even canceled, so please check the calendar or contact the office for meeting locations.



THE EPISTLE

JULY 2026

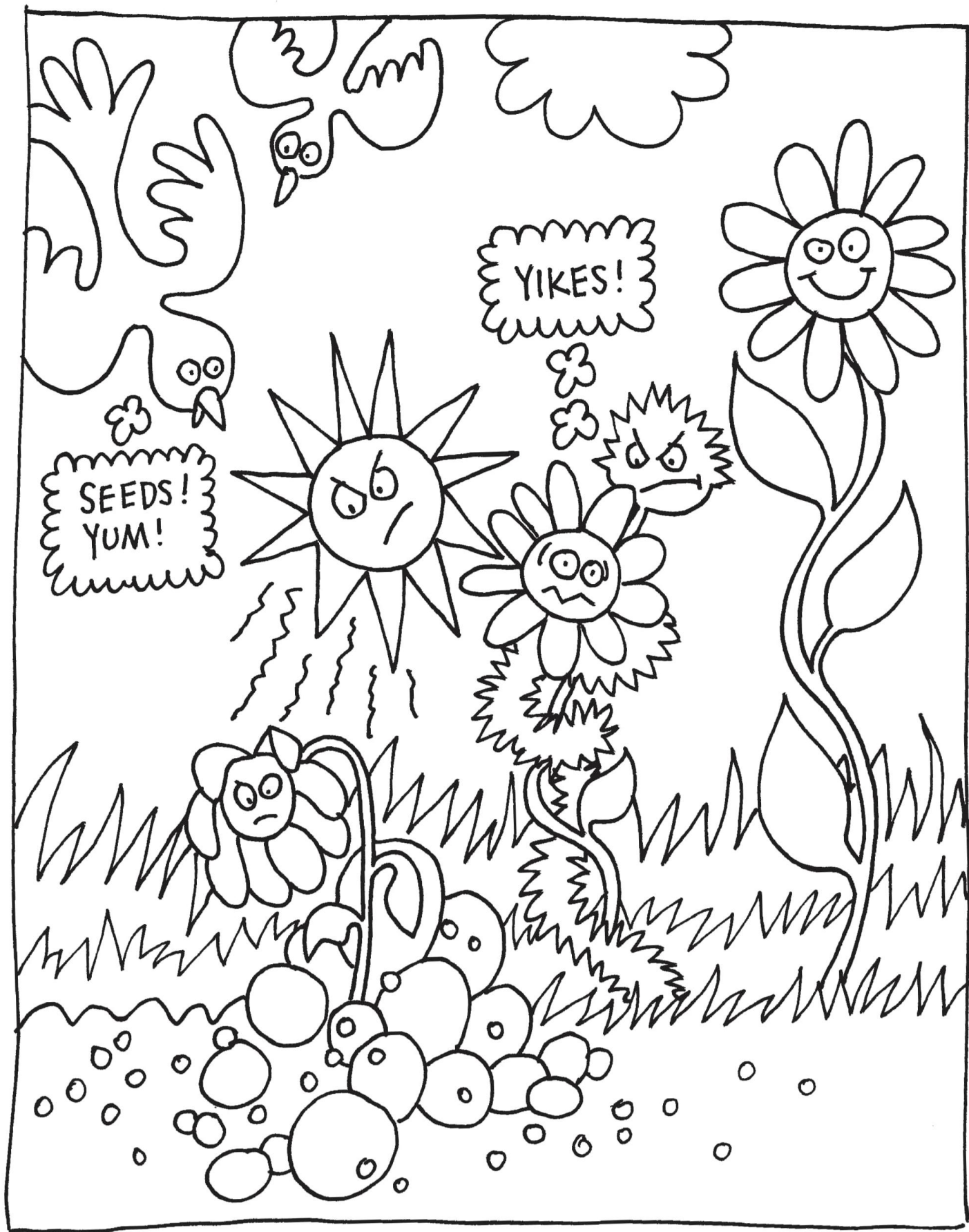
<https://sjec-midland.org/newsletters/>

The [July 2026 Epistle](#) has been published [here](#) on our website:

Altar Flowers



The Altar Guild invites friends and parishioners to donate weekly altar flowers and asks that you consider contributing. Choose a Sunday with special meaning, noting that NO flowers are placed on the altar during the season of Lent. Requested donation is \$45 and forms are available in the Narthex or from the parish office.



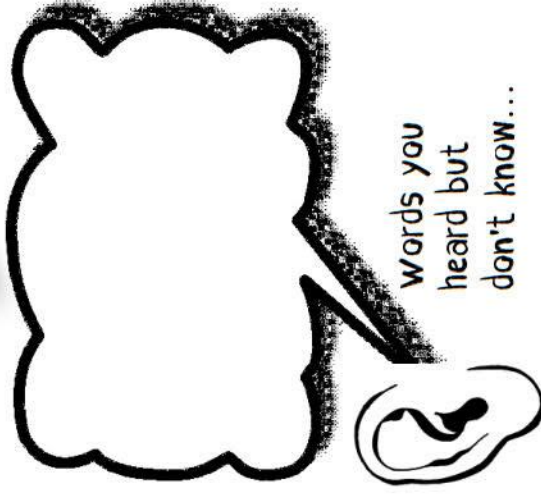
Sermon Notes FOR KIDS



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:

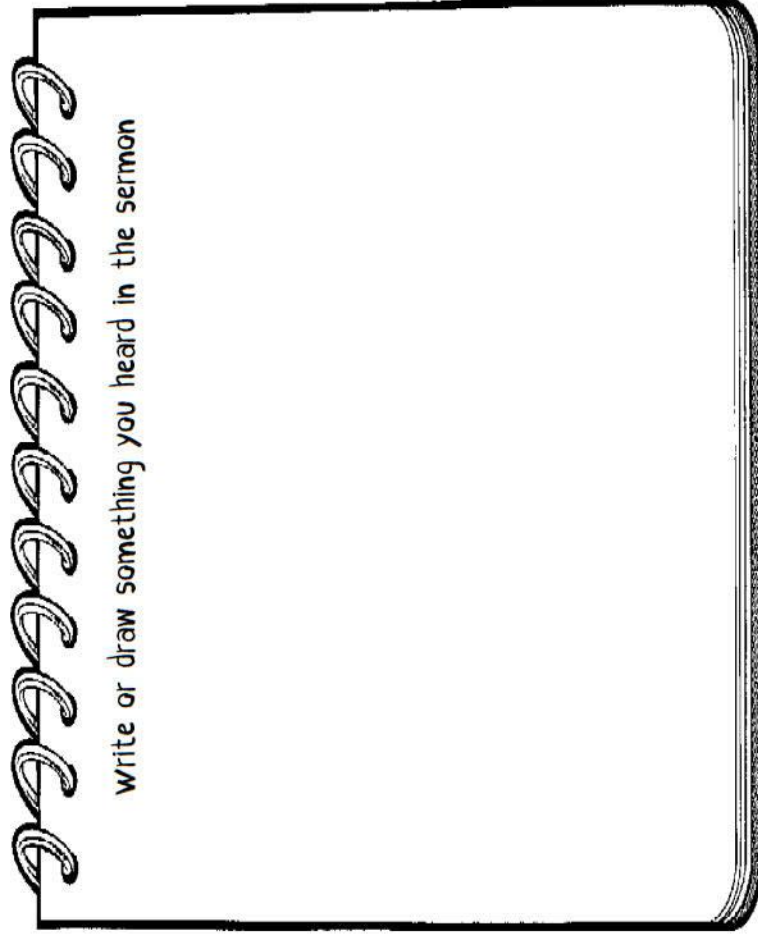
chapter:

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?

