

## **PALM SUNDAY / SUNDAY OF THE PASSION**

From Palms to Passion: Jesus for You

April 13, 2025



### **AS WE GATHER**

Today we are brought to the threshold of Holy Week. This was the day the Jewish people chose the Passover Lamb. How quickly things can change in a week! On this Palm Sunday, we see Jesus enter Jerusalem with palms, a symbol of victory, strewn in the road and being waved. Yet it was from that entry that Jesus went to show His true love—His passion—by dying on the cross on Friday. That death showed His love for you. By faith, we believe what Jesus did was for us. Everything about us—our sin, our eternal destination—changed that week because Jesus took the road from palms to passion. Receive what Jesus did for you by faith, knowing your home in heaven was paid for with the King's ransom—His own blood.

### **✠ PROCESSION OF THE PALMS ✠**

***All children are encouraged to go to the back of the church to join in the procession, waving palms and coming forward during the processional hymn.***

***The congregation stands and faces the processional cross at the entrance to the nave.***

**OPENING HYMN: Hosanna, Loud Hosanna LSB #443**

1 Hosanna, loud hosanna,  
The little children sang;  
Through pillared court and temple  
The lovely anthem rang.  
To Jesus, who had blessed them,  
Close folded to His breast,  
The children sang their praises,  
The simplest and the best.

2 From Olivet they followed  
Mid an exultant crowd,  
The victor palm branch waving  
And chanting clear and loud.  
The Lord of earth and heaven  
Rode on in lowly state  
Nor scorned that little children  
Should on His bidding wait.

3 "Hosanna in the highest!"  
That ancient song we sing;  
For Christ is our Redeemer,  
The Lord of heav'n our King.  
Oh, may we ever praise Him  
With heart and life and voice  
And in His blissful presence  
Eternally rejoice!

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**INVOCATION**

Pastor: In the name of the Father,

**People: who loved us unconditionally, even before the foundation of the world;**

Pastor: and of His ☩ Son, Jesus,

**People: the name above all names, who came to pay a King's ransom for us;**

Pastor: and of the Holy Spirit,

**People: who brings us to the faith and keeps us in the faith from the cradle to grave.  
Amen.**

**OPENING SENTENCES**

Pastor: Hosanna!

**People: Hosanna to the Son of David!**

Pastor: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

**People: Hosanna in the highest!**

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

Pastor: We confess before You, Lord, that we have sinned against You.

**People: We have sinned not only against You but one another, with what we have thought, what we have said, and by what we have or have not done.**

Pastor: We unseat You and put ourselves on the throne that belongs only to You.

**People: Our pride in these and all sins deserves Your punishment, yet today we approach Your throne of grace, asking for Your mercy.**

Pastor: So I ask you now: are you sincere in this, your confession before God, and promise, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to amend your sinful life? If so, answer, "Yes, with the help of God."

**People: Yes, with the help of God.**

Pastor: Jesus rode into Jerusalem on the first Palm Sunday to show His love for you at the cross. At the cross, He showed His passion for you by dying for your sins and paying the price we could not pay. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen! Thank You, Lord, for Your passion for us.**

**✠ WORD ✠**

**COLLECT**

Pastor: Let us pray.

Most merciful God, as the people of Jerusalem, with palms in their hands, gathered to greet Your dearly beloved Son when He came into His Holy City, grant that we may ever hail Him as our King and, when He comes again, may go forth to meet Him with trusting and steadfast hearts and follow Him in the way that leads to eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

**PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL      *John 12:12-19***

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twelfth chapter.

**People: Glory to You, O Lord.**

**The Triumphal Entry**

The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,

"Fear not, daughter of Zion;  
behold, your king is coming,  
sitting on a donkey's colt!"

His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him. The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. So the Pharisees said to one another, "You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to You, O Christ.**

Pastor: Let us go forth in peace,

**People: in the name of the Lord.**

**HYMN: Ride On, Ride On in Majesty LSB #441**

- 1 Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
Hark! All the tribes hosanna cry.  
O Savior meek, pursue Thy road,  
With palms and scattered garments strowed.
- 2 Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
In lowly pomp ride on to die.  
O Christ, Thy triumphs now begin  
O'er captive death and conquered sin.
- 3 Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
The angel armies of the sky  
Look down with sad and wond'ring eyes  
To see the approaching sacrifice.

- 4 Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh.  
The Father on His sapphire throne  
Awaits His own anointed Son.
- 5 Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
In lowly pomp ride on to die.  
Bow Thy meek head to mortal pain,  
Then take, O God, Thy pow'r and reign.

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**GREETING**

**Pastor:** Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

**People:** **Hosanna in the highest!**

**Pastor:** In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** **Lord, have mercy.**

**Pastor:** For our Savior's willingness to ride into Jerusalem, let us give thanks to the Lord.

**People:** **Lord, have mercy.**

**Pastor:** For our Savior's humility in showing His real passion for all by dying five days later, let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** **Lord, have mercy.**

**Pastor:** For the Holy Spirit to open our hearts to grow in faith during this Holy Week, let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** **Lord, have mercy.**

**Pastor:** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, our gracious Lord.

**People:** **Lord, have mercy.**

**HYMN: A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth LSB #438 sts. 1,3**

- 1 A Lamb goes uncomplaining forth,  
The guilt of sinners bearing  
And, laden with the sins of earth,  
None else the burden sharing;  
Goes patient on, grows weak and faint,  
To slaughter led without complaint,  
That spotless life to offer,  
He bears the stripes, the wounds, the lies,  
The mockery, and yet replies,  
"All this I gladly suffer."

- 3 "Yes, Father, yes, most willingly  
I'll bear what You command Me.  
My will conforms to Your decree,  
I'll do what You have asked Me."  
O wondrous Love, what have You done!  
The Father offers up His Son,  
Desiring our salvation.  
O Love, how strong You are to save!  
You lay the One into the grave  
Who built the earth's foundation.

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## **SALUTATION**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, on this day, You entered Jerusalem with pomp and circumstance, yet Your true passion was to be sacrificed for our sins. Help us, we pray, to look past the pomp and circumstance and see Your passion for us; we ask this in Your name, who with the Father and Holy Spirit are one God, one Lord, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

## **CHOIR-Amazing Grace**

### **OLD TESTAMENT READING   *Deuteronomy 32:36–39*   (God will vindicate His people.)**

The LORD will vindicate his people  
and have compassion on his servants,  
when he sees that their power is gone  
and there is none remaining, bond or free.

Then he will say, “Where are their gods,  
the rock in which they took refuge,  
who ate the fat of their sacrifices  
and drank the wine of their drink offering?

Let them rise up and help you;  
let them be your protection!

“See now that I, even I, am he,  
and there is no god beside me;  
I kill and I make alive;  
I wound and I heal;  
and there is none that can deliver out of my hand.”

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

### **GRADUAL   *Hebrews 9:12a, c, 15a; Psalm 111:9a***

Pastor: Christ entered once for all into the holy places, by means of His own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption.

People: **Therefore He is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance.**

Pastor: He sent redemption to His people;

People: **He has commanded His covenant forever.**

### **EPISTLE   *Philippians 2:5–11*   (Paul reveals what the mind of Christ is.)**

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled

himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**VERSE      *Philippians 2:8b***

Pastor: He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death,

People: **even death on a cross.**

**(8:30) FAITH STATEMENT-Carson Derocher**

**HOLY GOSPEL      *Luke 23:1–56***

**(Jesus' trials before Pilate and Herod before being sentenced and executed)**

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-third chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

**Jesus Before Pilate**

Then the whole company of them arose and brought him before Pilate. And they began to accuse him, saying, "We found this man misleading our nation and forbidding us to give tribute to Caesar, and saying that he himself is Christ, a king." And Pilate asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" And he answered him, "You have said so." Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, "I find no guilt in this man." But they were urgent, saying, "He stirs up the people, teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee even to this place."

**Jesus Before Herod**

When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. And when he learned that he belonged to Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him over to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had long desired to see him, because he had heard about him, and he was hoping to see some sign done by him. So he questioned him at some length, but he made no answer. The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. And Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him. Then, arraying him in splendid clothing, he sent him back to Pilate. And Herod and Pilate became friends with each other that very day, for before this they had been at enmity with each other.

Pilate then called together the chief priests and the rulers and the people, and said to them, "You brought me this man as one who was misleading the people. And after examining him before you, behold, I did not find this man guilty of any of your charges against him. Neither did Herod, for he sent him back to us. Look, nothing deserving death has been done by him. I will therefore punish and release him."

**Pilate Delivers Jesus to Be Crucified**

But they all cried out together, "Away with this man, and release to us Barabbas"— a man who had been thrown into prison for an insurrection started in the city and for murder. Pilate addressed them once more, desiring to release Jesus, but they kept shouting, "Crucify, crucify him!" A third time he said to them, "Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no guilt deserving death. I will therefore punish and release him." But they were urgent, demanding with loud cries that he should be

crucified. And their voices prevailed. So Pilate decided that their demand should be granted. He released the man who had been thrown into prison for insurrection and murder, for whom they asked, but he delivered Jesus over to their will.

### **The Crucifixion**

And as they led him away, they seized one Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, and laid on him the cross, to carry it behind Jesus. And there followed him a great multitude of the people and of women who were mourning and lamenting for him. But turning to them Jesus said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For behold, the days are coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren and the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!' Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us,' and to the hills, 'Cover us.' For if they do these things when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?"

Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." And they cast lots to divide his garments. And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

### **The Death of Jesus**

It was now about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour, while the sun's light failed. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!" And having said this he breathed his last. Now when the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God, saying, "Certainly this man was innocent!" And all the crowds that had assembled for this spectacle, when they saw what had taken place, returned home beating their breasts. And all his acquaintances and the women who had followed him from Galilee stood at a distance watching these things.

### **Jesus Is Buried**

Now there was a man named Joseph, from the Jewish town of Arimathea. He was a member of the council, a good and righteous man, who had not consented to their decision and action; and he was looking for the kingdom of God. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then he took it down and wrapped it in a linen shroud and laid him in a tomb cut in stone, where no one had ever yet been laid. It was the day of Preparation, and the Sabbath was beginning. The women who had come with him from Galilee followed and saw the tomb and how his body was laid. Then they returned and prepared spices and ointments.

On the Sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

**Pastor:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People:** Praise to You, O Christ.

### **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**HYMN: No Tramp of Soldiers' Marching Feet LSB #444**



1 No tramp of sol - diers' march - ing feet  
 2 And yet He comes. The chil - dren cheer;  
 3 What fad - ing flow'rs His road a - dorn;  
 4 Now He who bore for mor - tals' sake



With ban - ners and with drums, No sound of mu - sic's  
 With palms His path is strown. With ev - 'ry step the  
 The palms, how soon laid down! No bloom or leaf but  
 The cross and all its pains And chose a ser - vant's



mar - tial beat: "The King of glo - ry comes!"  
 cross draws near: The King of glo - ry's throne.  
 on - ly thorn The King of glo - ry's crown.  
 form to take, The King of glo - ry reigns.



To greet what pomp of king - ly pride  
 A - stride a colt He pass - es by  
 The sol - diers mock, the rab - ble cries,  
 Ho - san - na to the Sav - ior's name



No bells in tri - umph ring, No cit - y gates swing  
 As loud ho - san - nas ring, Or else the ver - y  
 The streets with tu - mult ring, As Pi - late to the  
 Till heav - en's raf - ters ring, And all the ran - somed



o - pen wide: "Be - hold, be - hold your King!"  
 stones would cry "Be - hold, be - hold your King!"  
 mob re - plies, "Be - hold, be - hold your King!"  
 host pro - claim "Be - hold, be - hold your King!"

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**SERMON**



**CREED: Apostles' Creed**

**People:** I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life † everlasting. Amen.**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**Pastor:** Almighty God, King of the universe, we come before You humbly asking that You would hear our prayers and answer them according to Your will.

We bow before You and give unto You our worship and praise.

**People:** **We worship You not because we love You, but You loved us first and gave the King's ransom to pay our sin's debt. Thank You, Jesus, for loving us so much.**

**Pastor:** We thank You for the working of the Holy Spirit in our hearts and lives both to bring us to faith and keep us in the faith.

**People:** **Continue to open the eyes of our hearts and those around us, that we might see Your entry with palms for what it really was—Your passion to save us.**

**Pastor:** As we near the day of Your return, we see a world in turmoil.

**People:** **Help us, Prince of Peace, amid all the chaos, to keep our eyes fixed on You.**

**Pastor:** You are a benevolent King, known to grant requests.

**People:** **While You walked this earth, You granted the requests of the blind, the lame, the deaf, and even the widow at Nain, who did not ask You for anything, and You raised her son back to life.**

**Pastor:** We lift up those who are sick and those who are suffering, [*including . . .*].

**People:** **Be with them, ease their pain, and bring relief from sicknesses through doctors, nurses, medicines, and miracles to accomplish Your will in their lives.**

**Pastor:** You tell us in Your Word to remember those in authority. We lift up those who hold seats of power.

**People:** **For rulers in all places, high and low, north, south, east, and west, we ask that Your Spirit would guide them and Satan's power be thwarted in all places.**

Pastor: For Your church in all places, that the Gospel would be powerfully proclaimed this week, and the Holy Spirit stir faith in the hearts of many,

**People: use us according to Your will, that others may see the life of Jesus in us.**

Pastor: Before Your throne, almighty King, we lift these and all petitions of our hearts, trusting You will answer all according to Your will.

**People: We pray in the name of Jesus, who with the Father and Holy Spirit is one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### **OFFERING**

*Thank you for your ongoing support of the ministry here at Trinity Lutheran Church and School. Your offerings are gifts to God. They help us serve Him as a witness to our community. As you continue to place your offerings in the baskets, mail them to the church office, or give through our online giving opportunities, (follow the "Giving" link on the Trinity website at [www.trinitymonitor.org](http://www.trinitymonitor.org) or text the word "GIVE" to 989-270-0281 and follow the directions) know that we seek to use these resources to the glory of God and the furthering of His Kingdom.*

### **HYMN: Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart (LSB 806)**

1 Give thanks with a grateful heart,  
Give thanks to the Holy One,  
Give thanks because He's given  
Jesus Christ His Son.  
Give thanks with a grateful heart,  
Give thanks to the Holy One,  
Give thanks because He's given  
Jesus Christ His Son.

And now let the weak say "I am strong,"  
Let the poor say "I am rich,"  
Because of what the Lord has done for us.  
And now let the weak say "I am strong,"  
Let the poor say "I am rich,"  
Because of what the Lord has done for us.  
Give thanks, give thanks.

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### **LORD'S PRAYER Matthew 6:9-13**

**People:**

**Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth  
as it is in heaven;  
give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses**

**as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.**

### **BENEDICTION Numbers 6:23-26**

Pastor: Your King cares for you! Receive His blessing through the words of the Aaronic benediction, by which He said, "Thus you shall bless the people." Receive that benediction, your King's blessing:

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**People: Amen.**

**HYMN: Lift High the Cross (LSB 837)**

*ref Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
Till all the world adore His sacred name.*

- 1 Come, Christians, follow where our Captain trod,  
Our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. **Refrain**
- 2 Led on their way by this triumphant sign,  
The hosts of God in conqu'ring ranks combine. **Refrain**
- 3 All newborn soldiers of the Crucified  
Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died. **Refrain**
- 4 O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,  
As Thou hast promised, draw us all to Thee. **Refrain**
- 5 Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell  
Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell. **Refrain**
- 6 So shall our song of triumph ever be:  
Praise to the Crucified for victory! **Refrain**

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Bible Study: 9:40 a.m. (September-May)  
Sunday School: 9:40 a.m. (September-April)

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CALENDAR			
Today	4/13	6:30 pm	WGD Meeting
Tuesday	4/15	9:00 am	Piecemakers
		6:00 pm	Klingende Glocken
Wednesday	4/16	8:15 am	Chapel
Thursday	4/17	6:00 pm	Maundy Thursday Worship w/Communion
		7:00 pm	Choir
Friday	4/18	<b>No School-Office Closed</b>	
		6:00 pm	Good Friday Worship
Sunday	4/20	7:00 am & 10:30 am	Easter Worship w/Communion
		No Bible Study or Sunday School	

MARCH TOTALS		ATTENDANCE		
General Fund	\$64,597.44	4/6	1st	80
Missions	\$1025.00		2nd	114
BFF	\$1310.00	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>194</b>
Church Maintenance	\$1555.00	Lent 5	4:30 pm	60
School Maintenance	\$140.00		6:00 pm	20
Tuition Assistance	\$265.00	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>80</b>
Christmas Tree Fund	\$350.00			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$68,557.32</b>	<b>WEEKLY TOTAL</b>		<b>274</b>

**THANK YOU:** One of Pastor Sherry's favorite Bible verses: "You make known to me the path of Life; You will fill me with joy in Your presence, with eternal pleasures at Your right hand." Psalm 16:11

Such thoughtful words of comfort and faith through the cards sent, the texts and phone calls, the visits, the food shared, and the considerate donations to Immanuel, Trinity, and Valley Lutheran are gratefully appreciated! The

memorials given to the two churches will be used to purchase new banners, unless otherwise specified! The memorials given to Valley will go toward their building fund to be used for a new gym floor!

It was very special to have Joy be organist, and for so many of you to form a Choir to sing "Christ Be My Leader"! Even more special because it was sung also at our wedding three years ago!

Linda Abraham Sherry  
The Abraham & Sherry Families of Pastor David Sherry

**ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB:** SAVE the DATE! The 42nd Annual Athletic Booster Club Weekend is August 22-24. Keep watching for your opportunity to volunteer!

Spring Cleanup: Bring your rakes and gloves and come help us clean up the grove and grounds on Saturday, May 3 at 9:00am!

Possible Spring Chicken BBQ: IF we can get enough volunteers, we'd like to have a BBQ after church on Sunday, May 18. Before we can decide for sure on this event, we need to see how many hands we have. Please write your name on the sign-up sheets in the back of the church!

**TODAY @ YSC:** Palm Sunday! Jesus rides into Jerusalem on a donkey! A beast of burden! What a joy to know that **Jesus rides on a beast of burden to be our burden-bearing Savior!** Let's rejoice this Palm Sunday that Jesus carries those burdens that would have crushed us forever! See you at Grace today at noon!

**THE GATE:** Would you like to support The GATE by providing lunch? Our high school students meet twice a month to study God's Word and enjoy fun and fellowship together. We always provide lunch to make it easier for students to stay after church for our meetings. While the youth parents or leaders often provide the meal, we want to invite congregation members to consider supporting our new high school youth program by providing lunch for the group. If you would like to provide lunch for one of our meetings, please contact Kate Kaiser (712-242-8072) or sign up online:

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/20F054BA9AC2DA1FC1-53104509-lunch>

**SAVE THE DATE!** The GATE will be hosting a Family Bingo Night on May 16<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-8:00pm. We will be collecting donations of new/unused items for prizes after Easter, but if you are spring-cleaning over spring break, please keep us in mind!

**EVERYONE NEEDS A LITTLE JESUS:** There are several "Little Jesus" in the back of the church. Feel free to take as many as you need to pass them around—because **everybody needs a little Jesus!** This small gift is a reminder to bring Jesus into your daily life with love, kindness, and prayer. We encourage you to reflect on His presence in your home and heart. Let this be an opportunity to share His love with others through acts of kindness and faith.

**VALLEY LUTHERAN:** Learn about Valley's Welcome.Gather.Worship Initiative, hear the latest on the Meadow & Woods project, celebrate with winter sports awards recipients, and more in the April Valley Vision newsletter! It's available at [www.vlhs.com/vvapr2025](http://www.vlhs.com/vvapr2025).

Save the Date for the Drama Department's Spring production, "The Play that Goes Wrong", coming to Valley Lutheran May 1, 2, and 3 at 7 p.m. each evening.

Valley Lutheran is seeking applications for the following positions:

- *Public Relations Intern* - ideal for a local college Junior or Senior with interest in communications, marketing, graphic design, and/or public relations
- *Head Girls Varsity Basketball Coach*
- *Head Girls Varsity PomPon Coach*

For more information about these positions or for directions to apply, go to [www.vlhs.com/jobs](http://www.vlhs.com/jobs).