

# ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH BARTLETT, TX

## ELW Setting 4 - Sunday, May 26, 2024

### Holy Trinity Sunday

#### Announcements

#### Prelude

#### Confession and Forgiveness (ELW p. 94)

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever.

#### Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### Amen.

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

#### Amen.

# Gathering Song - Earth and All Stars! - ELW Hymn #731

## Earth and All Stars!



1 Earth and all stars! Loud rush - ing plan - ets!  
2 Trum - pet and pipes! Loud clash - ing cym - bals!  
3 En - gines and steel! Loud pound - ing ham - mers!  
4 Class-rooms and labs! Loud boil - ing test tubes!  
5 Knowl-edge and truth! Loud sound - ing wis - dom!



Sing to the Lord a new song!  
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Hail, wind, and rain! Loud blow - ing snow - storm!  
Harp, lute, and lyre! Loud hum - ming cel - los!  
Lime - stone and beams! Loud build - ing work - ers!  
Ath - lete and band! Loud cheer - ing peo - ple!  
Daugh - ter and son! Loud pray - ing mem - bers!



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*Refrain*  
God has done mar - vel - ous things.



I too sing prais - es with a new song!

Text: Herbert F. Brokering, b. 1926

Music: EARTH AND ALL STARS, David N. Johnson, 1922-1987

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## Greeting (ELW p. 147)

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

## Kyrie (ELW p. 147)

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above,  
and for our salvation,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world,  
for the well-being of the Church of God,  
and for the unity of all,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house,  
and for all who offer here their worship and praise,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**Amen.**

**Canticle of Praise (ELW p. 148)**

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

**Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God,**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:**

**have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand  
of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One,**

**you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High,**

**Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

**Prayer of the Day (ELW p. 150)**

Let us pray.

**Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and  
we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in  
all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and  
love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**Song - Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing - ELW Hymn #886**

**Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing**

1 Oh, for a thou - sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem - er's praise,  
2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim,  
3 The name of Je - sus charms our fears and bids our sor - rows cease,  
4 He speaks, and lis - t'ning to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive;

the glo - ries of my God and king, the tri - umphs of his grace!  
to spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of your name.  
sings mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, brings life and health and peace.  
the mourn - ful, bro - ken hearts re - joice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.

5 Look unto him, your Savior own,  
O fallen human race!  
Look and be saved through faith alone,  
be justified by grace!

6 To God all glory, praise, and love  
be now and ever giv'n  
by saints below and saints above,  
the church in earth and heav'n.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.  
Music: AZMON, Carl G. Gläser, 1784-1829; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792-1872

**First Reading: Isaiah 6:1-8**

A reading from Isaiah.

*This reading narrates Isaiah's vision of the Lord surrounded by angels. They sing "Holy, holy, holy," a song the church sings at the beginning of the great thanksgiving. This liturgical text invites the church and all creation to sing in praise of God's glory. That glory is God's mercy toward sinners.*

<sup>1</sup>In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. <sup>2</sup>Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew.

<sup>3</sup>And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;  
the whole earth is full of his glory.”

<sup>4</sup>The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. <sup>5</sup>And I said: “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!”

<sup>6</sup>Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. <sup>7</sup>The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” <sup>8</sup>Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!”

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm: Psalm 29**

*Refrain: Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness. (Ps. 29:2)*

<sup>1</sup>Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

<sup>2</sup>**Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**

<sup>3</sup>The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;  
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

<sup>4</sup>**The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.**

**R: Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**

<sup>5</sup>The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

<sup>6</sup>**the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

<sup>7</sup>The voice of the LORD bursts forth in lightning flashes.

<sup>8</sup>**The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

**R: Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**

<sup>9</sup>The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare.

And in the temple of the LORD all are crying, “Glory!”

<sup>10</sup>**The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.**

<sup>11</sup>O LORD, give strength to your people; give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

**R: Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**

**Second Reading: Romans 8:12-17**

A reading from Romans.

*In describing the new life of faith, Paul refers to all three persons of the Trinity: the Spirit leads us to recognize that we are children of God the Father and joint heirs with Christ the Son.*

<sup>12</sup>Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—<sup>13</sup>for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. <sup>14</sup>For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. <sup>15</sup>For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” <sup>16</sup>it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup>and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation (ELW p. 151)**

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?**

**You have the words of eternal life.**

**Alleluia.**

**Gospel: John 3:1-17**

The holy gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Jesus' miracles prompt Nicodemus to visit him in secrecy. Jesus tells him about being born of the Spirit and about the Son who has been sent by God to save.*

<sup>1</sup>Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. <sup>2</sup>He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” <sup>4</sup>Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” <sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. <sup>6</sup>What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup>Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ <sup>8</sup>The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” <sup>9</sup>Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? <sup>11</sup>“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup>If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe,

how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? <sup>13</sup>No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup>And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup>“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

<sup>17</sup>“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Children’s Sermon (ELW p. 151) - Rev. Dr. Susan Schnelle**  
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## Hymn of the Day - Will You Let Me Be Your Servant - ELW Hymn #659

### Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

1 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as  
2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, we are trav - 'lers  
3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the night - time  
4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you laugh I'll  
5 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as

Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to  
on the road; we are here to help each oth - er  
of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you,  
laugh with you. I will share your joy and sor - row  
Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to

let you be my ser - vant, too.  
walk the mile and bear the load.  
speak the peace you long to hear.  
till we've seen this jour - ney through.  
let you be my ser - vant, too.

Text: Richard Gillard, b. 1953  
Music: THE SERVANT SONG, Richard Gillard; arr. Betty Pulkingham, b. 1928  
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### Apostles' Creed (ELW p. 152)

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.\*  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

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\*Or, "he descended into hell," another translation of this text in widespread use.

### **Prayers of Intercession**

We come before the triune God to pray for our communities, ourselves, and our world. Abba God, you have brought us into your family, claiming us as beloved children. Bless your family of faith with gifts of cooperation and graciousness. Increase our hospitality toward all expressions of faith and teach us to honor our shared humanity. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Your love and power burst forth in the flashes of lightning, the dance of the wind, and the deeply rooted trees of the forest. Sustain fragile and interconnected ecosystems, that they flourish for generations to come. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Give your blessing of peace to the nations. Shelter all who risk life and livelihood to protect others from violence, conflict, and injustice. On this Memorial Day weekend, we remember those who have lost their lives in war and conflict. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

You are a God of love and not of condemnation. Quiet the hearts of all who struggle with shame, regret, or questions of self-worth. Teach us to forgive ourselves and one another. Restore wholeness to all who seek hope and healing. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Strengthen bonds between parents, children, and families of all varieties. We pray especially for adoptive and foster families, multi-generational households, and blended families. Grant gifts of nurture and patience to all caregivers. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

The Spirit bears grateful witness to all children of God who have now come into their inheritance among the saints. As they lived with hope in your gift of eternal life, so strengthen us in faith, that we recognize your eternal presence even in this mortal life. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Receive our prayers, O God, and come quickly to our aid, through the power of the Spirit and the love of Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

### **Peace (ELW p. 152)**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

### **Offering (ELW p. 152)**

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,**

and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from your presence,  
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
and uphold me with your free Spirit.

**Offering Prayer (ELW p. 152)**

Let us pray.

**Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**Lord's Prayer (ELW p. 154)**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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.**

**Blessing (ELW p. 155)**

The God of steadfastness and encouragement  
grant you to live in harmony with one another,  
in accordance with Christ Jesus.

**Amen.**

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,  
so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

The God of all grace † bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

# Sending Song - I Know That My Redeemer Lives! - ELW Hymn #619

## I Know That My Redeemer Lives!

1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What com - fort  
2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; he lives e -  
3 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; he lives to  
4 He lives to si - lence all my fears; he lives to

this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who  
ter - nal - ly to save; he lives ex - alt - ed,  
guide me with his eye; he lives to com - fort  
wipe a - way my tears; he lives to calm my

once was dead; he lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head!  
throned a - bove; he lives to rule his church in love.  
me when faint; he lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.  
trou - bled heart; he lives all bless - ings to im - part.

- 5 He lives to bless me with his love;  
he lives to plead for me above;  
he lives my hungry soul to feed;  
he lives to help in time of need.
- 6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;  
he lives and loves me to the end;  
he lives, and while he lives, I'll sing;  
he lives, my prophet, priest, and king!
- 7 He lives and grants me daily breath;  
he lives, and I shall conquer death;  
he lives my mansion to prepare;  
he lives to bring me safely there.
- 8 He lives, all glory to his name!  
He lives, my Savior, still the same;  
what joy this blest assurance gives;  
I know that my Redeemer lives!

Text: Samuel Medley, 1738-1799, alt.  
Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

## Dismissal (ELW p. 155)

Go in peace. Share the good news.

**Thanks be to God.**

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**OFFICIATING & SERVING - May 26**

**Pastor:** Rev. Dr. Susan Schnelle **Organist:** Debra Caldwell  
**Lector:** Michael Kurtz  
**Usher Captain:** Jay Don Gommert  
**Ushers:** Glen Janke, Randall, Garrison, Weston & Landon Rafay  
**Greeters:** Donna Dawson & Judy Gersbach  
**Altar Care:** Weldon & Cedalia Kurtz  
**Teller Captain:** Imogene Morris  
**Teller:** Mila Wegner

**OFFICIATING & SERVING - June 2**

**Pastor:** Jeremy Ullrich **Organist:** Debra Caldwell  
**Pastor Asst.** Wayne Zieschang  
**Lector:** Sharon Randig  
**Usher Captain:** Harold Kurtz  
**Greeters:** Stan & Sharon Koonsen  
**Altar Care:** Robert & Dorothy Marwitz  
**Teller Captain:** Imogene Morris  
**Teller:** Mona Smalley and Charles Gersbach

**OFFICIATING & SERVING - June 9**

**Pastor:** Jeremy Ullrich **Organist:** Debra Caldwell  
**Lector:** Carol Wilson  
**Usher Captain:** Harold Kurtz  
**Greeters:** Stan & Sharon Koonsen  
**Altar Care:** Robert & Dorothy Marwitz  
**Teller Captain:** Imogene Morris  
**Teller:** Mona Smalley and Charles Gersbach

**OFFERING & ATTENDANCE**

	<u>Worship Attendance</u>	<u>Offering</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Apr 28	33	\$1,297.00	\$56,309.31
May 5	62	\$2,954.00	\$59,263.31
May 12	44	\$2,372.00	\$61,635.31
May 19	64	\$2,431.00	\$64,066.31

## IN OUR PRAYERS

Garland Wentreck                      Stanley Glaser                      Eldon and Janie Barron Lange  
Pansy Lange      Janell Janke                      Risa Steglich      Sharon Randig      LeeAnn Janke  
Ruth Janke and Family                      Gayle Bielss                      Imogene Morris      Kim Ferguson  
Margie Lovellette    Tammy Rodriguez (sister of Joey Saverse)  
James Chapman(Dorothy Marwitz's Brother-in-law)  
Andrea Griffith(co-worker of Evelyn Steglich)                      Mr. Hardy (Erin Steglich's Friend's Dad)  
Jimmy Dubose-grandfather of Kendal & Jr Gersbach and Great-grandfather to Cayson & Barrett

## FUTURE HAPPENINGS

Monday:      Monday in TRC @ 1:00 pm–Pickleball and 2PM Dominoes  
Wednesday: Men's Bible Study each Wednesday in the TRC @ 7:30 am  
Thursday:      Piece Makers meet each Thursday in the TRC @ 1:00 pm

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Piecemakers Request

The Piecemakers have asked for any sewing, crocheting, knitting, and supplies for sewing quilts. This would include sewing machines, scissors, rotary cutters, fabric, thread, pins and needles or anything that pertains to quilting.

### Pastoral Visits

We are encouraging those hospitalized, nursing home residents (or, their family members), and the homebound members and friends who wish to schedule an in-person pastoral visit or phone call to contact Pastor Jeremy Ullrich @ 979-421-3303 or the church office @ 254-527-3341.  
**NOTE:** Pastor Ullrich will need to be listed as a "visitor of choice" in hospitals or nursing homes. This will need to be established by a family member.

### Sunday School

Adult Sunday School is at 9:15am in the TRC  
Youth Sunday School starts February 11 @9:30am.

### Articles for the Newsletter

Please submit your articles for the monthly newsletter before the 19th of the month, as they are mailed out the following week. Thank you!

### Men's Bible Study

The Men's Bible Study meets each Wednesday at 7:30am in the TRC.

### Will-O-Bell Nursing Home Worship

Thank you to everyone who has been supporting the residents of our local nursing home! Through communion and a 30-minute hymn sing-along, please show these residents they are not forgotten by joining us on the first Wednesday of each month at 2pm in Granger and on the third Thursday of each month at 10AM in Bartlett. Please come and make a resident smile.

### **Live Stream Learning**

St. John has purchased a camcorder to help with our live stream. We are looking for tech-inclined volunteers interested in testing out different settings. We will use an apprenticeship model for training, so you will have a mentor helping as long as you wish. For more information, contact the church office (254-527-3341).

### **Martha's Circle Bible Study**

Martha's Circle Bible Study is the 4th Wednesday of every month @ 10am, for more information contact Janice Atchison (254-721-8477).

### **Memorial Day**

Monday 27, 2024 the office will be closed.

### **Dominoes**

Every Monday @ 2PM in the TRC– Domino games (42 and Straight and Moon)

### **Flag Donations**

3x5 U.S. Flags with grommets are appreciated for our church. In memory of loved ones, you may donate flags, or make cash donations, at the church office. For further information contact Walt Saverse @ 254-770-8381, or contact the church office @ 254-527-3341.

### **Sisters in Christ Bible Study**

The Sisters in Christ Bible study (Saturday Bible Study) is every 3rd Saturday of the month at 10am They are studying a new series titled “Fierce” by Jennifer Cowart. The study covers lesser known ladies in the Bible and the ways they changed the world by living into God’s calling.

### **Prayer Requests**

When you make a prayer request for a non-member, please provide the church office with contact information so that we can send them a card. Thank you.

### **Youth Sunday School**

Youth Sunday School every Sunday. Class will begin at 9:30am and end at 10:15am. Youth ages 3 through 12th grade are encouraged to attend. We will sing, hear a Bible story and work on crafts. There is a need for volunteers. Anyone who can help in any way, please text Sharon Randig at 512-713-4433.

### **Summer Sunday Worship**

Starting June 2, 2024 ending August 25, 2024 Worship will be in the TRC @ 9:30am.

### **Childcare for Pastor's Children**

My family is looking for childcare help. Specifically, we seek trustworthy and caring individuals to sit with the kids (7/5/3) for two to three hours while they watch their age-appropriate shows in our home. Our biggest needs are during the week, especially for Wednesday nights in Lent (Feb 14 to March 27). \$20 per hour. Super friendly family dog. Please call or text your interest or potential leads at 979-421-3303. Thank you in advance for blessing my family! -Pastor Jeremy

### **Anyone want to PLAY pickleball?**

St. John Lutheran now has a Pickleball court available to use. The court was a vision started by Donna Dawson. Donna and Judy Gersbach joined forces, they measured and taped off the court. The net, paddles and balls were donated by Judy and Leland Gersbach. We have started a group that meets on Monday afternoons in the TRC Gym at 1pm. If anyone is interested in another day or time we are open to suggestions. Please come join us.

### **Rose Garden**

If you need exercise and sunshine, please come up to the rose garden and pull weeds. Volunteers of any age are welcome.

### **Getting READY for Vacation Bible School**

We need your help and time for our VBS. We need snacks for the children and the VBS leaders. Also, planning a game night and meal for the Luther Hill counselors. Please call the church office if you have questions.