25th Sunday after Pentecost — November 15, 2026

+ Please silence cell phones. +

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God for all His many blessings by Jerry & Diloy Ludke with thankfulness for 48 years of marriage.

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude "The Day Is Surely Drawing Near" (Stephen P. Johnson)

LSB 912 – Christ Is Our Cornerstone

Confession and Absolution *p. 203*
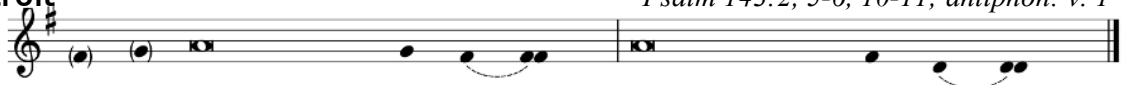
Stand (as you are able)

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**
P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**
P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**
P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.
C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**
P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. 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.
C **Amen.**

Service of the Word *p. 204*
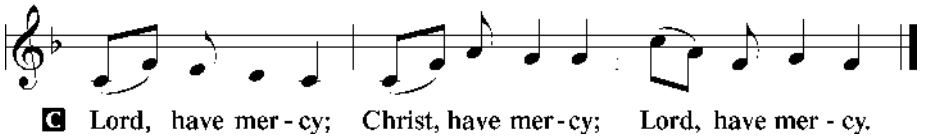
Introit Tone 7 *Psalm 143:2, 5-6, 10-11; antiphon: v. 1*



Hear my prayer, O Lord; give ear to my pleas for | mercy!*
In your faithfulness answer me, in your | righteousness!
Enter not into judgment with your | servant,*
for no one living is righteous be- | fore you.
I remember the days of old; I meditate on all that | you have done;
I ponder the work | of your hands.
I stretch out my | hands to you;*
my soul thirsts for you like a | parched land.
Teach me to do your will, for you | are my God!*
Let your good Spirit lead me on | level ground!
For your name's sake, O Lord, pre- | serve my life!*
In your righteousness bring my soul out of | trouble!
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forev- | er. Amen.
Hear my prayer, O Lord; give ear to my pleas for | mercy!*
In your faithfulness answer me, in your | righteousness!

Kyrie *p. 204* *The congregation's response begins just as the leader's petition ends so that the word "Lord" is sung simultaneously by both leader and congregation.*

A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

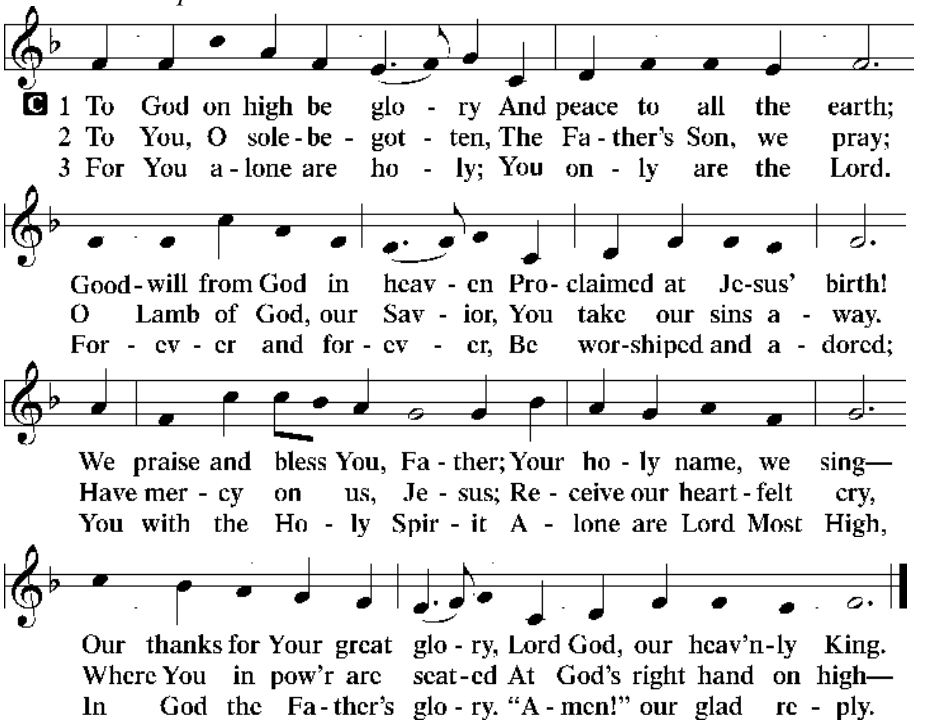
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

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

C **Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

Gloria in Excelsis *p. 204*



Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. ...one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sit

Old Testament Reading - Zephaniah 1:7-16

7 Be silent before the Lord GOD!
For the day of the LORD is near;
the LORD has prepared a sacrifice and consecrated his guests.
8 And on the day of the LORD's sacrifice—"I will punish the officials and the king's sons
and all who array themselves in foreign attire.
9 On that day I will punish everyone who leaps over the threshold,
and those who fill their master's house with violence and fraud.
10 "On that day," declares the LORD, "a cry will be heard from the Fish Gate,
a wail from the Second Quarter, a loud crash from the hills.

[11]Wail, O inhabitants of the Mortar! For all the traders are no more;
all who weigh out silver are cut off.
[12]At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the men
who are complacent, those who say in their hearts,
'The LORD will not do good, nor will he do ill.'
[13]Their goods shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste.
Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them;
though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them."
[14]The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast;
the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter; the mighty man cries aloud there.
[15]A day of wrath is that day, a day of distress and anguish,
a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and thick darkness, [16]a day of trumpet blast and battle cry
against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements.

L This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

Revelation 7:14b; Psalm 84:5

These are the ones coming out of the great tribu- | lation.*
They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood | of the Lamb.
Blessèd are those whose strength | is in you,*
in whose heart are the highways to | Zion.
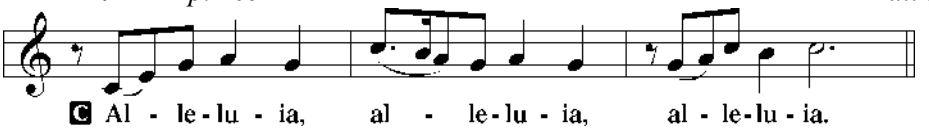
Epistle - 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

[1]Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. [2]For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. [3]While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. [4]But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. [5]For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. [6]So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. [7]For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. [8]But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. [9]For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, [10]who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. [11]Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

L This is the Word of the Lord. **C** **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Alleluia and Verse *p. 205* *Matthew 25:29a*



A Alleluia. For to everyone who has will | more be given,*
and he will have an abundance. | Alleluia.

C **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Holy Gospel – Matthew 25:14-30

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

[14][Jesus said:] "For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. [15]To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. [16]He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. [17]So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. [18]But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. [19]Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. [20]And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.' [21]His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' [22]And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.' [23]His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' [24]He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, [25]so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' [26]But his master answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sowed and gather where I scattered no seed? [27]Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. [28]So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. [29]For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. [30]And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

P This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ✢ of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

LSB 508 – The Day Is Surely Drawing Near

Sermon

Stand

Prayer of the Church

We continue to pray for all those undergoing medical care or recovering including: **Deacon Tim Bruce**, **Lila Walker, Jace Cutler, Jim & Linda Lowenstein, Kitty Petzoldt, Paul Benadum, Bob Schoessler, Debbie Hayes, Erik Simpson, Carolyn Stephens, Jean Collinson, Pat Skinner, Don Haas, Jean Gookins, Bruce Ludke,** and for all our shut-ins. Missionaries of the month: Ben & Natalie Maxson of Neah Bay Makah Lutheran Church.

Service of the Sacrament *p. 208*

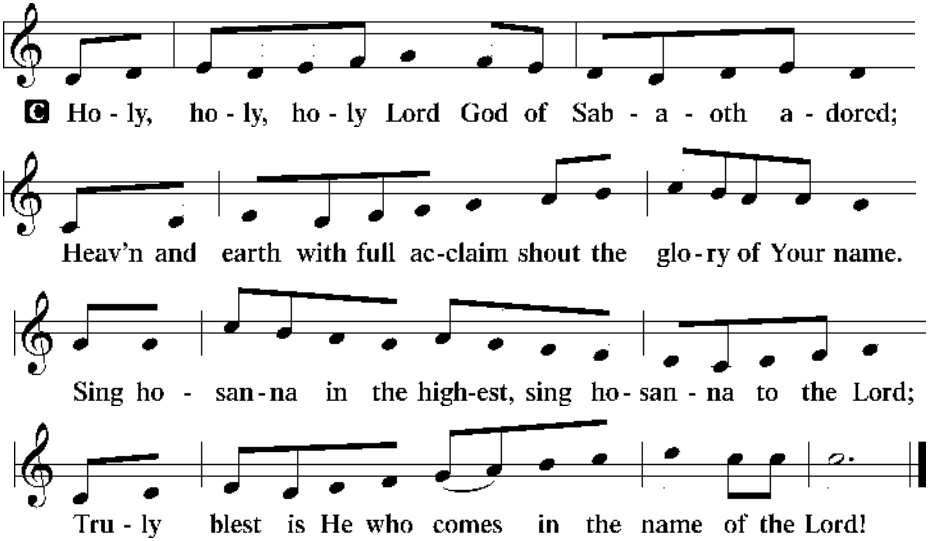
Preface

P The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**
P Lift up your hearts.
C **We lift them to the Lord.**
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Proper Preface

℗ It is truly good, right, and salutary … evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus *p. 208*



Prayer of Thanksgiving

℗ Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, …

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

Lord's Prayer

℃ **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.

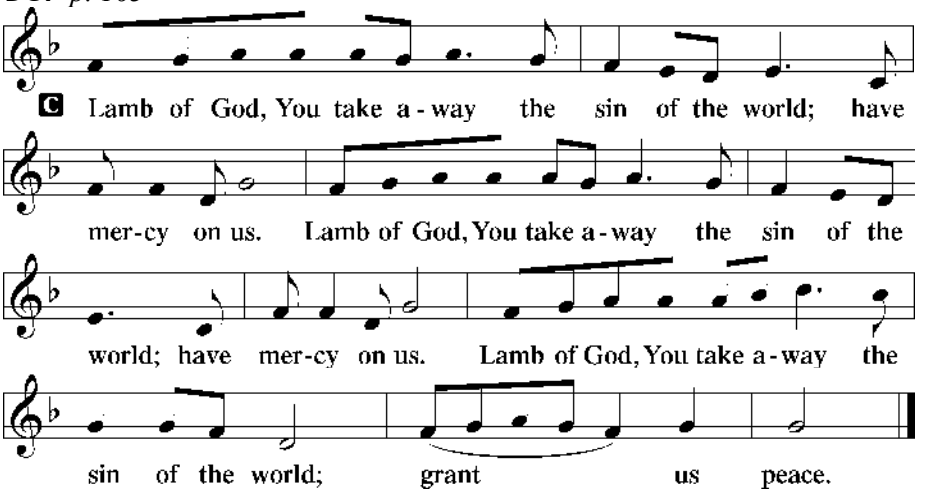
The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

Agnus Dei *p. 163*



Sit

Distribution

*We believe, teach, and confess that the Lord's Supper is the **true Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ**, given under the forms of bread and wine, for us Christians to eat and to drink in a meal instituted by Christ Himself. Baptized Christians who have been instructed and share this faith and understanding are invited to participate in the Lord's Supper. If you are unsure, please speak with the Pastor prior to communing.*

LSB 621 – Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

LSB 637 – Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord
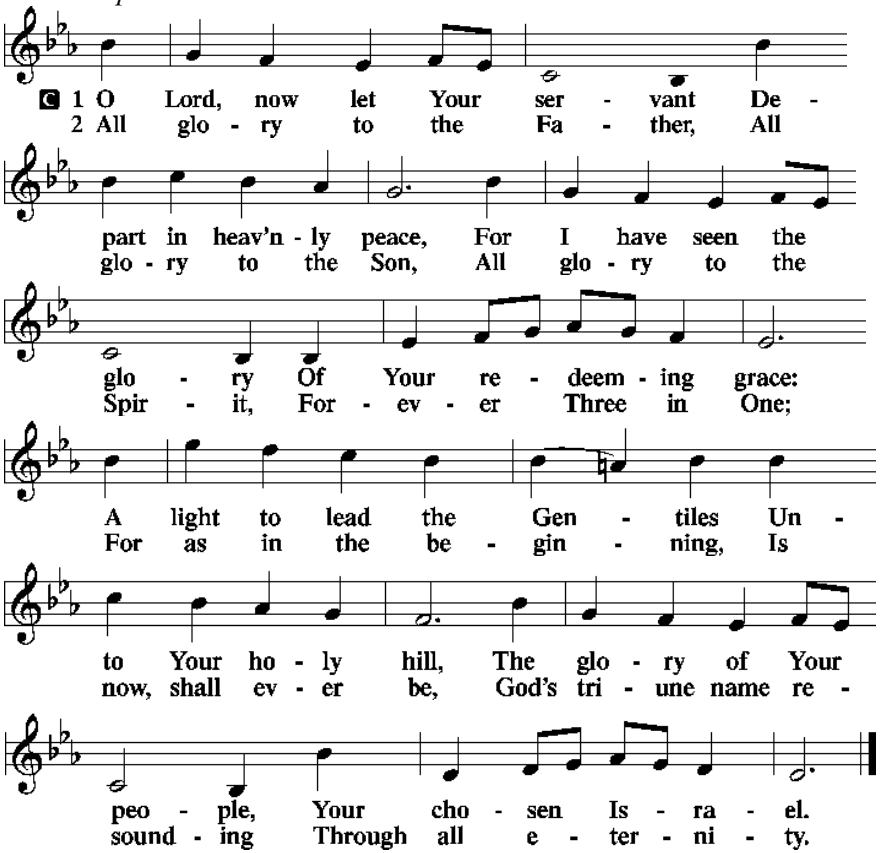
Stand

The Dismissal

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✢ in peace.

C **Amen.**

Nunc Dimittis *p. 211*



Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray. …one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Benedicamus

A Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Benediction

P 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.

C **Amen.**

Sit
LSB 509 – Christ Is Surely Coming

Postlude "Herald, Sound the Note of Judgement" (Michael D. Costello)

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THOSE SERVING TODAY:
Greeters: (8:30) Jerry & Lila Walker; (11:00) Julie Clark
Lectors: (8:30) Lily MacDonald; (11:00) Frank Jones; **Cantor**: Carl Honoré
Audio Visual: Pat Moored, Paul Schwabe, George Haslett, Rev. Mark Smith
Altar Care: Becky & Pastor Steve Eaton; **Counters**: Paula & Barry Moore
Elders: (8:30) Dave Ahlman & Jerry Walker; (11:00) Vic Vardanega & Frank Jones
Ushers: (8:30) Bill Eichler & Roger Harmann; (11:00) Jennifer Benson & Sylvia Baxter

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THIS WEEK: *[Sunday Worship Services: 8:30 & 11 am]*

TODAY: 9:45 am Coffee & Bible Study; 9:45 am Sunday School
MONDAY: 10–12 pm Laundry Mission; 1 pm Line Dancing; 6:30 pm **GRIEFSHARE**
TUESDAY: 10:15 am Games Day – meets in the Youth Room
1:30 pm Bible Study at Sequim Health & Rehab
WEDNESDAY: 9 am Preschool Chapel; 6 pm Bells, 7:15 pm Choir Rehearsals
THURSDAY: 7:30 am Men's Prayer Group; 12 pm Quilting Group; 5 – 7 pm Women's AA
10 am Living Way Bible Study Daytime Group; 6:30 pm Evening Class
9 am & 12:45 pm Preschool Chapel; **7 pm Intro to FAITH Class**
SATURDAY: 9 am – 3 pm Preschool Christmas Bazaar

Our LWML will collect "mites" or coins in support of missions, on the 1st Sunday of every month.

LWML THANKSGIVING MISSION: A big ***Thank you*** to Faith congregation for your generous outpouring of monetary gifts used for the purchase of this year's Thanksgiving grocery cards. With a very small window of just two Sundays to collect, we were able to provide for 10 households. ***God bless you!***

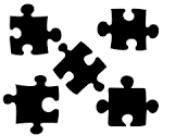
"This service you perform not only meets the needs of God's people, but also produces an outpouring of gratitude to God."
(2 Corinthians 9:12 GNT.)



THANKSGIVING DINNER AT FAITH: Last year's 1st Thanksgiving meal here at Faith, intended for members who were not able to be with family for Thanksgiving, was a wonderful success. We are pleased to be able to host this event again this year and will plan to accommodate more people on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 26th at 1 pm. The church will supply the turkey, potatoes and gravy which will be cooked by Chef Lauren Jackson. Those who sign up to attend are encouraged to bring a side dish or a dessert to share. Rev. Cwirla will provide a short devotion before the meal is served and Ryan Edinger will provide some special music. Following the meal, there will be a time of fellowship and an opportunity to play some games or make puzzles. We are expecting more people to attend this year, and so **RSVP's will be essential for getting an accurate headcount**. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex. We will also need some help with setting up, cleaning up, and perhaps with some transportation for a few members who do not drive. Contact the church office or Rev. Cwirla to volunteer. ***Thank you.***







NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: Information to be included in our Dec. / Jan. issue of Faith Hi-lights is due tomorrow, Nov. 16th. Contact the office with any questions. Thank you.

2026 CHRISTMAS BAZAAR: is this SAT, Nov. 21st, 9 am – 3 pm



It's here! It's time to bring a friend and come and shop at our fabulous bazaar! Share this information with everyone you can. There are **pocket sized "Save the Date" cards** and **flyers** in the narthex to pick up and pass out. Thank you for helping to publicize our event.





Artisans: Bring your items in anytime this week to the Fellowship Hall for pricing and display.

Bakers: Containers are available in the narthex for your special treats. Bring your goodies to the Preschool gym this Friday, Nov. 20th.

Crafters: Bring your items in anytime this week to the Fellowship Hall for pricing and display.

Volunteers: Work continues all this week. Sign up in the Narthex to help out this Thursday, Friday, and Saturday – the day of the show. ***Thank you!***





Lana Adickes
Preschool Board Chair
& Bazaar Coordinator

