24th Sunday after Pentecost — November 8, 2026

+ Please silence cell phones. +

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God for all His many blessings and in honor of our veterans and 250 years of God Bless America. Eileen Graves

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude "Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying" (J. S. Bach)

LSB 510 – A Multitude Comes from the East and the West

Baptism (11:00) + Hayden Lee Ersland +

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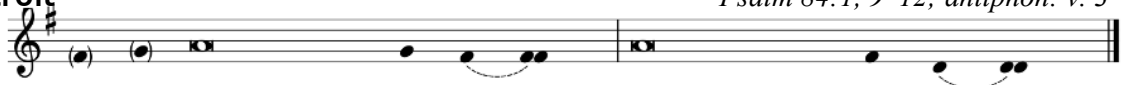
Stand (as you are able)

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*
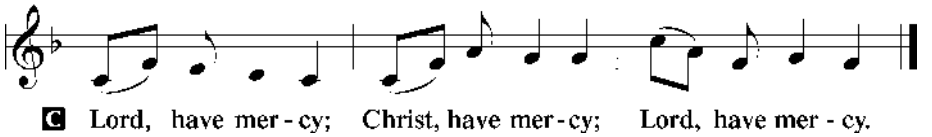
Introit Tone 7 *Psalm 84:1, 9–12; antiphon: v. 3*



Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may | lay her young,*
at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King | and my God.
How lovely is your | dwelling place,*
O | Lord of hosts!
Behold our | shield, O God;*
look on the face of your a- | nointed!
For a day in your courts is better than a thousand | elsewhere.*
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of | wickedness.
For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord bestows favor and | honor.*
No good thing does he withhold from those who walk up- | rightly.
O | Lord of hosts,*
blessèd is the one who | trusts in you!
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.
Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may | lay her young,*
at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King | and my God.

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.*

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.



P 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.**

P 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.**

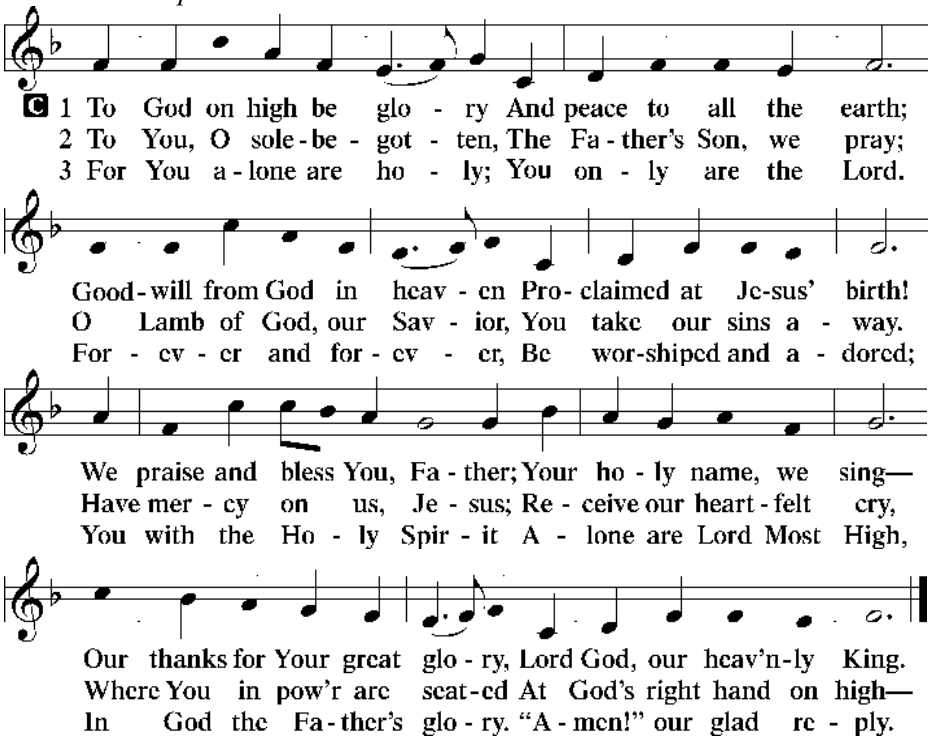
P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

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

First Reading – Amos 5:18-24

18 Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD!
Why would you have the day of the LORD?
It is darkness, and not light,

[19]as if a man fled from a lion,
and a bear met him,
or went into the house and leaned his hand against the wall,
and a serpent bit him.
[20]Is not the day of the LORD darkness, and not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?
[21]"I hate, I despise your feasts,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
[22]Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them;
and the peace offerings of your fattened animals,
I will not look upon them.
[23]Take away from me the noise of your songs;
to the melody of your harps I will not listen.
[24]But let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream."

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.
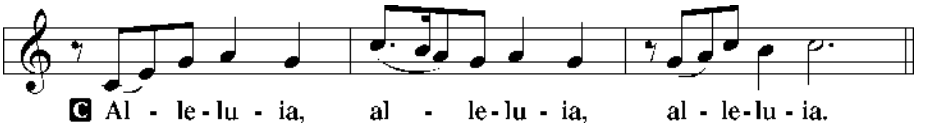
Epistle – 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

[13]But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. [14]For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. [15]For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. [16]For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. [17]Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. [18]Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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

Stand

Alleluia and Verse *p. 205*



A Alleluia. Watch therefore, for you know*
neither the day nor the hour. Alleluia.

C **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Holy Gospel – Matthew 25:1-13

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

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

[2]And he opened his mouth [1][Jesus said:] "The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. [2]Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. [3]For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, [4]but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. [5]As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. [6]But at midnight there was a cry, 'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' [7]Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. [8]And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' [9]But the wise answered, saying, 'Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.' [10]And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. [11]Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' [12]But he answered, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.' [13]Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

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 516 – Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying

Sermon

Stand

Prayer of the Church

We continue to pray for all those undergoing medical care or recovering including: **Karen Cwirla**, **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, Bonita Hoskins** *(now moved to Missouri to be closer to family)*, **Jean Gookins, Bruce Ludke,** and for all our shut-ins. Missionaries of the month: Ben & Natalie Maxson of Neah Bay Makah Lutheran.

Service of the Sacrament *p. 208*

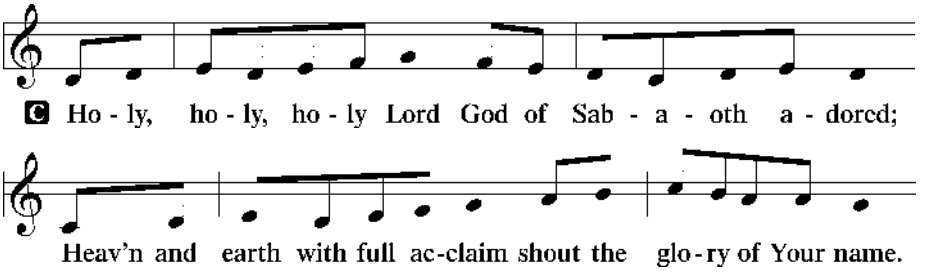
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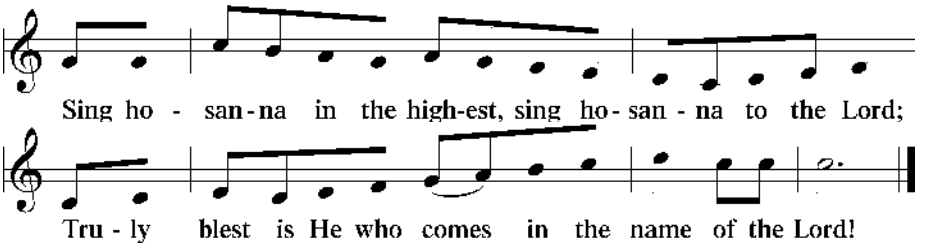
P The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**
P Lift up your hearts.
C **We lift them to the Lord.**
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Proper Preface

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

Sanctus *p. 208*





Prayer of Thanksgiving

P 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

C **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.**

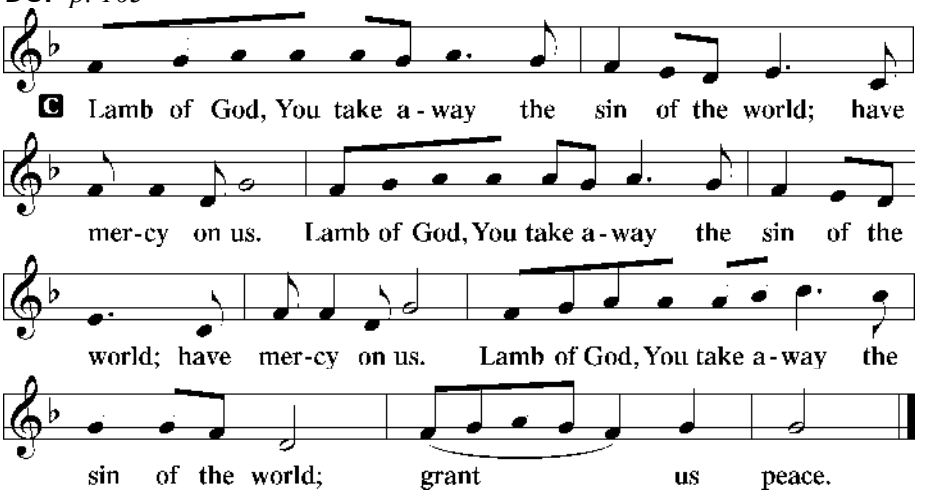
The Words of Our Lord

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 636 – Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness
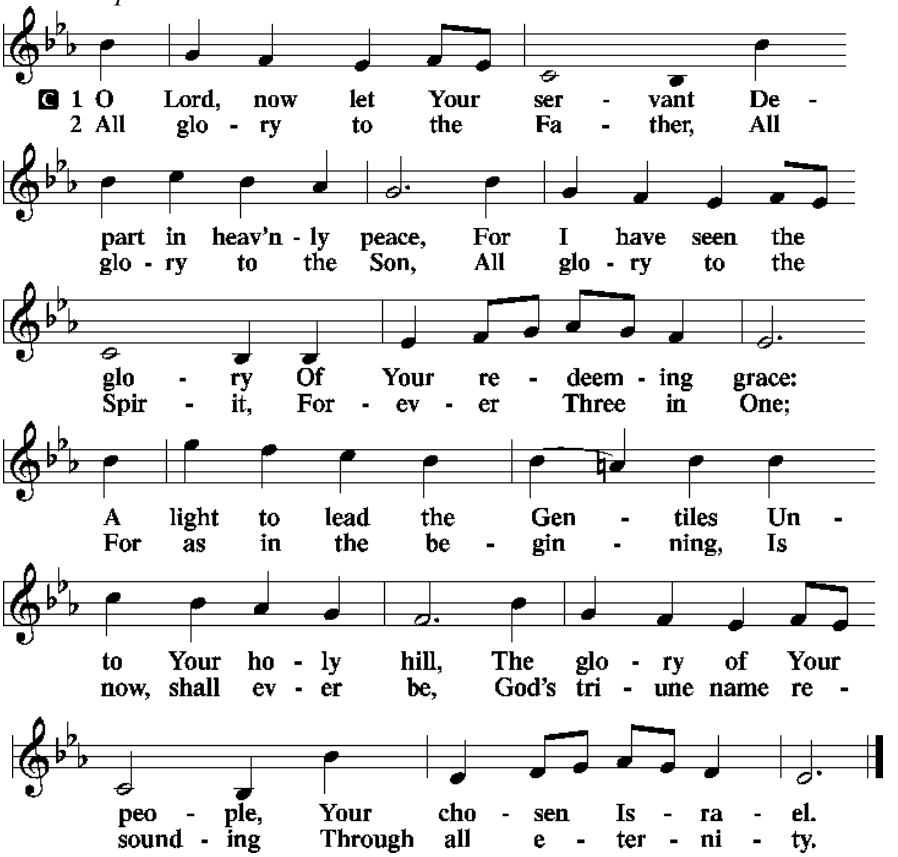
Stand

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 334 – O Lord, How Shall I Meet You

Postlude "Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying" (Ryan Edinger)

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THOSE SERVING TODAY:

Greeters: (8:30) Jerry & Lila Walker; (11:00) Julie Clark
Lectors: (8:30) Abbie Stites; (11:00) Jennifer Benson; **Cantor**: Rev. Cwirla
Audio Visual: Pat Moored, Paul Schwabe, George Haslett, Rev. Mark Smith
Altar Care: Becky & Pastor Steve Eaton; **Counters**: Paul & Traci Kaiser
Elders: (8:30) Dave Ahlman & Jerry Walker; (11:00) Vic Vardanega & Gary Meier
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 & **Voters' Meeting**; 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
11 am LWML Board Meeting; 12 pm Guild Meeting with lunch
WEDNESDAY: *Preschool & Office Closed for Veteran's Day*
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 Preschool Chapel; **7 pm Intro to FAITH Class**
SATURDAY: 8 am Men's Fellowship Breakfast; 10 am Yard Clean Up

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

ALL WOMEN OF FAITH: You are invited to bring special treats for our shut-ins. On Tues., Nov. 10, at our LWML meeting. We will be preparing and delivering bags of holiday treats. Join us at noon for lunch and bring 1 doz. of your favorite holiday cookies. *(Drop off earlier if need be.)*

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST: All men of Faith are invited to come and enjoy a hearty breakfast at 8 am this Sat. Nov. 14th in the Fellowship Hall with guest speaker Rev. Cwirla.

CHURCH YARDS CLEAN UP: Volunteers are needed this Saturday, following the Men's Breakfast, to help tidy up the outside areas around our facilities. Coordinator: Patti Vardanega.

LWML THANKSGIVING MISSION: Today is the last day that special envelopes are in the pews and in the narthex for monetary contributions to give Thanksgiving assistance to Faith families in need. Deadline is tomorrow, November 9. Make checks out to FLC with Thanksgiving Mission on the memo line. Please prayerfully consider donating. Coordinator: Maureen Meier.



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 Edindger 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 next Monday, Nov. 16th. Contact the office with any questions. Thank you.

VOTERS' MEETING: Our regularly scheduled quarterly voters' meeting will be held today between the services at 9:45 am. Coffee & informational packets are available.

Save the Date!



FLC'S 2026 PRESCHOOL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Saturday., **Nov. 21st, 2026** from **9 am - 3 pm**



Plan to bring a friend and come and shop at our fabulous bazaar! We have been truly blessed with all of the wonderful donations we have received. In fact, we are planning to have a special "Treasures" room this year. At this time, we are still accepting hand crafted items, but can no longer handle any other donations for this bazaar. We will begin collecting items again after the holidays for next year's bazaar. So please continue to keep us in mind.

There are however, still a few things we need that the basket builders can use to put the finishing touches on things. **A "Needs" list has been posted on the bulletin board in the narthex** and will continue to be updated as we get closer to the sale date.



The basket builders and other elves have been working from mid-morning to mid-afternoon; cleaning items, sorting things, bowing, building baskets, cellophane wrapping, etc. Please consider being part of this – we all have fun! Come as your schedule allows to the fellowship hall.



Crafters, artisans and bakers – we are excitedly looking forward to seeing your creativity this year. You are AMAZING! We will be able to place your items onto tables in the multi-purpose room anytime during the week before the sale. Bakers should bring in their goodies on Friday, November 20th to the multi-purpose room. **Baking containers to use for this purpose are available now in the narthex**.

Also available on the shelf in the narthex are **pocket sized "Save the Date" cards** to pass on to friends and neighbors, and **flyers** that are available to hang in stores and public places. If you could help with the advertising of our event by sharing the date and time of the Bazaar, we would really appreciate it. Thank you!



! *Lana Adickes* Preschool Board Chair & Bazaar Coordinator