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# 14th Sunday After Pentecost...... August 25th, 2024

Each congregation has its own local customs and traditions, many of which will likely be used in the Divine Service that will surround the reading of this *Gospel*. Ideally, these traditions serve the Gospel by pointing God's people to the works of Jesus Christ and His salvation, which is received only by faith in Him.

We welcome everyone to God's House this morning!

#### The Lord's Supper is a very special privilege God gives to His people.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because the Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive this sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor or an elder. If you are not partaking of the Lord's Supper but would like to receive a blessing, please come up to the communion rail when sent by an elder, kneel, and cross your arms over your chest. The Pastor will then know that you desire a blessing.

#### OUR OFFERINGS TO THE LORD FROM HIS BLESSINGS TO US.

Offerings remind us of the blessings God has given us and are an opportunity to thank Him for what He has done in our lives. Please place your offerings in our Offering Box located in the narthex of the church.

In Matthew 19:14 Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven." We welcome children and all the joy and little chatter that comes with them. If for any reason you want to take your little one out, there is a Nursery (Cry Room) available for use, located just outside the sanctuary.

"Tradition!" Not "Fiddler on the Roof" tradition but Godly tradition. The word "tradition" means "something handed down," handed down from one generation to the next (2 Timothy 2:2). It could be a traditional teaching or a traditional practice. The teaching or practice is neither good nor bad simply because it has been handed down. There are other factors that come into play. Are they traditions used to rightly praise and worship the Lord (hymns, creeds, & liturgy) or traditions that we have to do to find favor with God or make us feel good (attend on Christmas & Easter, the church must look a certain way, or the family pew.)? Our traditions must never get in the way of the word of God but when tradition serves the word of God, to help pass along the one and only saving gospel of Christ, then we can say—and sing out with no shame: "Tradition! Tradition!"

## **Opening Hymn 575** "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

#### + CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

- In the name of the Father and of the 

  → Son and of the Holy Spirit. (Matthew 28:19b)
- Amen.
- P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
  (1 John 1:8-9)
- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. 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. (John 23:19-23)
- C Amen.

# **Solo Kali Rose** "His Right Hand"

This world has a way
 Of catching us in its grip
 And I lose myself every time
 I give into it
 When I'm not where I'm supposed to be
 And I've wandered off again
 Thank God I'm still in

#### Chorus:

His right hand
It's never out of reach
I know I'm safe when
I let Him take the lead
I hang onto faith and His endless grace
And trust that He knows me better than
His right hand

Mine tremble with fear
 His are calm in the storm
 Mine'll never be strong enough
 But that's what His are for
 To hold me and to guide me
 To point the way back home
 I know where I belong

#### **Chorus:**

His right hand
It's never out of reach
I know I'm safe when
I let Him take the lead
I hang onto faith and His endless grace
And trust that He knows me better than
His right hand

## Bridge:

The same one that created the stars and the seas Gave life to the mountains and the streams Oh, it's hard to believe

#### **Chorus:**

His right hand
It's never out of reach
I know I'm safe when
I let Him take the lead
I hang onto faith and His endless grace
And trust that He knows me better than
His right hand

By Kali Rose, Jeff Silvey, Becca Rae Greene D.O.C. 7-20-2021

#### → SERVICE OF THE WORD →

#### **Introit**

Psalm 26:1-2, 6-7; antiphon: v. 8

- P O LORD, I love the habitation of Your house
- and the place where Your glory dwells.
- Prove me, O LORD, and try me;
- **G** test my heart and my mind.
- **P** I wash my hands in innocence and go around Your altar, O LORD,
- proclaiming thanksgiving aloud, and telling all Your wondrous deeds.
- All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
- P O LORD, I love the habitation of Your house
- and the place where Your glory dwells.

**Kyrie** ~ *Lord, Have Mercy* (*Mark 10:47*)

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**P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



P For the peace from above and for our

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



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.



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



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





# **Salutation and Collect of the Day**

P The Lord be with you. (2 Timothy 4:22)



### **P** Let us pray.

Almighty and merciful God, defend Your Church from all false teaching and error that Your faithful people may confess You to be the only true God and rejoice in Your good gifts of life and salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



#### The Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 29:11-19

<sup>11</sup>The vision of all this has become to you like the words of a book that is sealed. When men give it to one who can read, saying, "Read this," he says, "I cannot, for it is sealed." <sup>12</sup>And when they give the book to one who cannot read, saying, "Read this," he says, "I cannot read."

<sup>13</sup>And the Lord said:

"Because this people draw near with their mouth and honor Me with their lips, while their hearts are far from Me, and their fear of Me is a commandment taught by men, <sup>14</sup>therefore, behold, I will again do wonderful things with this people, with wonder upon wonder; and the wisdom of their wise men shall perish, and the discernment of their discerning men shall be hidden." <sup>15</sup>Ah, you who hide deep from the LORD your counsel, whose deeds are in the dark, and who say, "Who sees us? Who knows us?" <sup>16</sup>You turn things upside down! Shall the potter be regarded as the clay, that the thing made should say of its maker, "He did not make me":

or the thing formed say of him who formed it,

"He has no understanding"?

17Is it not vet a very little while

until Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field, and the fruitful field shall be regarded as a forest?

<sup>18</sup>In that day the deaf shall hear the words of a book, and out of their gloom and darkness the eyes of the blind shall see.

<sup>19</sup>The meek shall obtain fresh joy in the LORD, and the poor among mankind shall exult in the Holy One of Israel.

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

**Gradual** Psalm 34:9, 19

- P Fear the LORD, you His saints,
- for those who fear Him lack nothing!
- P Many are the afflictions of the righteous,
- **9** but the LORD delivers him out of them all.

### The Epistle Lesson

Ephesians 5:22–33

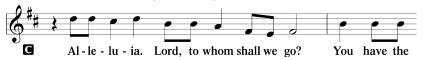
<sup>22</sup>Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. <sup>23</sup>For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, His body, and is Himself its Savior. <sup>24</sup>Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands.

<sup>25</sup>Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave Himself up for her, <sup>26</sup>that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, <sup>27</sup>so that He might present the church to Himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. <sup>28</sup>In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. <sup>29</sup>For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, <sup>30</sup>because we are members of His body. <sup>31</sup>"Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." <sup>32</sup>This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. <sup>33</sup>However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

- P This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

## Alleluia and Verse (John 6:68)

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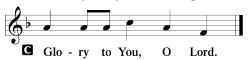




## The Holy Gospel Lesson

Mark 7:1-13

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the seventh chapter.



¹When the Pharisees gathered to Jesus, with some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem, ²they saw that some of His disciples ate with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed. ³(For the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they wash their hands, holding to the tradition of the elders, ⁴and when they come from the marketplace, they do not eat unless they wash. And there are many other traditions that they observe, such as the washing of cups and pots and copper vessels and dining couches.) ⁵And the Pharisees and the scribes asked Him, "Why do Your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" ⁶And He said to them, "Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written,

"This people honors Me with their lips, but their heart is far from Me; <sup>7</sup>in vain do they worship Me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.'

<sup>8</sup>You leave the commandment of God and hold to the tradition of men."

<sup>9</sup>And He said to them, "You have a fine way of rejecting the commandment of God in order to establish your tradition! <sup>10</sup>For Moses said, 'Honor your father and your mother'; and, 'Whoever reviles father or mother must surely die.' <sup>11</sup>But you say, 'If a man tells his father or his mother, Whatever you would have gained from me is Corban' (that is, given to God)— <sup>12</sup>then you no longer permit him to do anything for his father or mother, <sup>13</sup>thus making void the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down. And many such things you do."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



#### **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.

**Hymn 585** "Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide"

1. There can be a place for good traditions within the

Sermon Text Mark 7:1-13

**Sermon** "The Right Place for Tradition"

There Is a Place for Traditions in the Church, Just Not in the Place of the Law or the Gospel!

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2.	Traditions cannot stand in the place of
2	Traditions cannot take the place of

## **Hymn 596** "All Christians Who Have Been Baptized"

#### **Prayers**

#### → SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT →

Preface LSB 160

The Lord be with you.

(2 Timothy 4:22)



**P** Lift up your hearts.

(Colossians 3:1)



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

(Psalm 136)



It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:





comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Hosanna is a Hebrew word of praise meaning "save us now"

## **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

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P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**G** Amen.

#### The Words of Our Lord

(1 Corinthians 11:23-25)

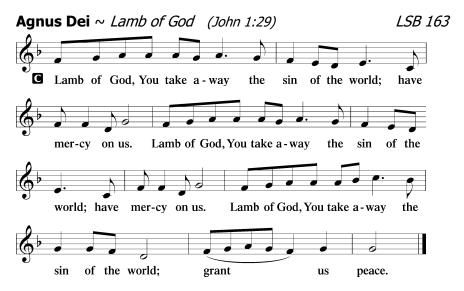
- P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
- O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**Lord's Prayer** (Matthew 6:9-13)

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.

**Pax Domini** ~ *The Peace of the Lord* (John 20:19) LSB 163 The peace of the Lord be with you always.





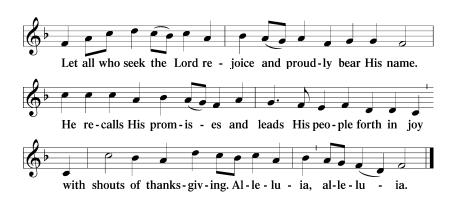
"Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray" **Hvmn 623** 

"Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face" **Hymn 631** 

**Hymn 634** "The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord"

"Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared" **Hvmn 622** 





#### **Post-Communion Collect**

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



# **Benediction** (Numbers 6:24-26)

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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.



## Closing Hymn 655 "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word"

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**Today's altar** flowers are given with praise and thanksgiving to our gracious Lord by Larry & Beth Enders in loving remembrance of those He has taken to their eternal home before us.

Check it Out! There's a cart of books from our church and school library in the narthex just waiting to be borrowed. This week we have books written by Karen Kingsbury about 9-11, One Tuesday Morning and Beyond Tuesday Morning. We are adding some devotional books as well, both children and adults and adding books written by familiar authors like Max Lucado and Charles Swindoll. Stop by and check us out!

## **Calendar of Events**

TODAY	August 25th, 2024	
Sunday School & Bible Classes	8:30 am	
Worship Service	9:30 am	
Mobile Library Cart		
MON:		
Parish Fellowship Meeting	10:30 am	
TUES:		
WED:		
Preschool/Day School Chapel	11:00 am	
THURS:		
Preschool Chapel	9:30 am	
FRI:		
SAT:		
NEXT SUNDAY	September 1st, 2024	
Sunday School & Bible Classes		
Worship Service with Communion	9:30 am	

# Parish Fellowship will meet tomorrow, August 26th at 10:30 am.

**Sunday, September 8**<sup>th</sup> – Following the worship service on the 8th, there will be a Constitution Special Presentation of proposed constitutional amendments by the Constitution Committee. Any and all are invited to listen, discuss, and offer suggestions and revisions.

**Thursday Morning Bible Class.** Thursday Morning Women's Bible Class will begin on Thursday, September 5th at 9:30 am. We will be studying the LifeLight Program, Matthew Part 2. If you are interested, please contact Barb Middaugh so a booklet can be given to you. Come and join in studying God's Word.

**Marriage Encounter Experience -** Calvary Lutheran Church, Plymouth is hosting a Lutheran marriage retreat Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>. There are brochures with more information on the table in the Narthex.

#### **Special Concerns:**

**That we be reminded** that Christ alone makes us pleasing to God, and that we understand the proper place of tradition in the Christian's life.

For Pastor Rafael & Deaconess Jamielynn Flores and Pastor Micah Wildauer and their work in foreign missions.

That the Lord would bless our offerings that we give today.

For our country and her leaders.

For the Lord's continued grace and protection of our Haitian brothers and sisters during this time of violence and unrest.

We pray for all persecuted Christians throughout the world.

It's time again to consider ringing or singing with one of our choirs - or both. Bell choir and adult choirs will begin rehearsal on Sunday, September 8. Bells from 5:00-6:00 and adult choir 6:00-7:00 - both in the balcony. If you are planning to join us for bells, please let Ellen Augustine know as she needs to mark the music according to the number of players. Those interested in adult choir - just show up. We need new members, so please consider joining us. Contact Ellen Augustine 574-536-4648 (call/text) with questions or to confirm.

**LifeLight is just around the corner.** Please consider joining us as we study Matthew Part II – chapters 13-28. Don't be concerned if you were not able to join us for Part I because this study does not build upon Part I but simply continues diving into the Gospel of Matthew. Please prayerfully consider enriching your faith in and bond with our risen Lord, Jesus Christ, during these nine Wednesdays beginning September 11<sup>th</sup> through November 6<sup>th</sup> from 6:45-8:15.

There are pamphlets of the Lutheran World Relief and Human Care newsletters on the table in the Narthex. This month there is an article on ministry in Venezuela with a picture featuring Jamielynn (Tinkey) Flores and her brother-in-law Eduardo Flores who is president of The Lutheran Church of Venezuela. Please feel free to take a copy.

Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF) --- LCEF is a valued ministry partner for all LCMS congregations which provides financing for church construction & expansion projects. Currently, LCEF is experiencing an increased demand from congregations for building projects and they are asking church members to consider investing to give them the needed resources to fulfill the demand. If you would like additional information there are brochures in the tract rack in the Narthex or online at LCEF.org/offers.

Our next ingathering for Grace Food Pantry will begin September 8<sup>th</sup>. More details will be coming next week and in the Epistle.

**Copies of the minutes** from the August 18<sup>th</sup> Voters' Meeting are on the table in the Narthex. If all copies are gone, please see Janet Miller to make a copy for you.

#### **YOUTH NEWS**

**JR HIGH YOUTH RALLY:** For those Youth in Grades 6-8 interested in attending the Jr. High Youth Rally at Camp Lutherhaven on September 14th-15th, **please sign up on the Youth Bulletin Board by today (8/25).** Cost to attend is \$25/attendee with the Youth Board offsetting the remainder of the registration fee.

**FALL YOUTH NIGHTS:** This year we will be holding our Fall Youth Nights throughout September on **Sundays from 6-7 pm, beginning September 8th.** This is for all Youth in Grades 4 - HS as each evening we will have an activity and finish with a brief devotion and snack. Please join us and bring a friend along for an evening of fun and fellowship.

Look for more information via our "St. Paul's Youth" GroupMe chat or contact a member of the Youth Board.

### **SCHOOL CORNER**

School is well underway and we are looking forward to our first Lego Club, August 30<sup>th</sup>, and the Annual PTL Rummage Sale, September 7<sup>th</sup>, 8:00am-2:00pm! (See announcement) If you would like to volunteer, contact Jennifer Harman or Heidi Wildauer.

Please continue to keep staff and students in your prayers. We have 55 students in the day school (an increase from last year) and 15 in the preschool.

We are still looking for help in our Extended Care Program-hours and days may vary. This is a part-time position, requiring a background check. If you are interested, please contact Nathan Miller or Jennifer Harman. We are also always thankful to have volunteers to read with and assist the students! (Also requires a background check.)

**Please continue giving to the Lutheran SGO!** Our goal is to make a Christian education affordable, so please continue to give, and receive the tax credit and deduction for your donations! **Now, there is a link to** 

# donate to the LSGO on the church's website under the School drop-down menu.

You can also find several (easy) ways to donate at <a href="https://www.lutheranSGO.org/Donate">www.lutheranSGO.org/Donate</a>. Donations can be given through a check, IRA, stocks, Donor Advised Funds, PayPal, credit card, and **NOW** electronic giving! Benefits to you are a 50% state tax credit for your donation and eligibility for a tax deduction. These scholarships make a big difference for our families. Please contact Jennifer Harman, in the school office, if you have questions.

We also continue to take donations to St. Paul's tuition assistance fund. Checks for tuition assistance can be made out to the church.

#### Dear Friends in Christ,

The Bremen Bible Class Association (BBCA) is a time-release program that bring the Word to the children in our community. Every Thursday, from September until the end of February, students 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade, are allowed 30 minutes to attend the Bible class. During this time, students enjoy reading and discussing the Bible, learning about Jesus our Savior, singing, memorizing verses, and more. We would like to thank your church for supporting this mission and invite you to join us in bringing the Gospel to these precious children.

- + Some of the ways you can get involved include...
- + Praying for the children to be open to the Word that leads to salvation
- + Praying for the teachers and volunteers
- + Praying for God to provide additional staff (we are currently in need
- + of an additional teacher, bus teacher, and volunteers)
- + Becoming a representative for your church (2 needed per church)
  - + Volunteering (45 minutes per week, September through February)
  - + Donating to the BBCA (P.O. Box 336, Bremen, IN 46506)

If you would like additional information about the BBCA or opportunities to get involved, please contact Amanda at 574-209-1985 (call or text) or ahirsch1976@gmail.com

#### Servants for Today's Worship August 25th, 2024

Rev. Neil Wonnacott (574-546-2332 or 574-301-9291)

Organist: Anita Eichinger

Ushers: Austin Nielsen & Mark Wildauer

Acolyte: Emiliano Mejia Elder: Dave Burcham

Communion Assistant: Terry Miller Video Streamer: Paul Wonnacott

### Servants for Next Sunday's Worship September 1st, 2024

Rev. Neil Wonnacott (574-546-2332 or 574-301-9291)

Organist: Anita Eichinger

Ushers: Wayne Spicher & Todd Haug

Acolyte: Colton Napper Elder: Terry Miller Video Streamer:

# Support the PTL and attend the Annual Rummage Sale

# September 7th, 8am -2pm.

- \* If you have gently used clothing, furniture, household items, etc. to donate, you may bring them to the school gym stage any time during or right after school, by Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>. (No big furniture please)
- \* We also need volunteers to help set up Thursday after school through Friday (Sept. 5-6th), supervise the event, and take down afterwards. Contact Heidi Wildauer for details, 414-698-8650.
- \* All sales are free-will donations and the proceeds will support PTL activities.

# Thank you for your support!

