JOURNEYS

A 5th Sunday for Trinity has arrived right before the start of a new month. This special occurrence is an interstate sign that is readable to those that are fresh to the road or speed limit capped. The speedy, distracted, or non-driver may not have the capacity to give attention to this collection of English, sometimes Spanish, characters. It is a telling that the next season is in the nearby future.

The roadside attraction for the most grabbing attention is of the non-green trees and their leaves that are falling that are more abundant than a manmade display. This is a natural show of the progression of life that is symbolized by one falling leaf at a time, showing green as go full ahead; there is plenty of the year left, and red for the end of the year is near. These trees may be fairly recent, but plants have been around longer then we have been. The colors that these trees produce blend into the sunsets that are crawling earlier each passing day.

Heat is needed to sustain movement as being frozen solidifies everything in a tight bound. The flame of fire is what keeps us operating during these temperature dropping days. The source of heat is provided by the best anyone could have: God. His spirit is warming in methods unimaginable. As the path of life is winding and infinitely progressing, it is easiest to just follow a heat source that keeps on giving.

A flame that produces a color of red is lower in temperature than one of blue. It is of the blue flame that is needed to get the most of what God offers. A flame that produces a blue hue is received only by the progression of the spirit transformed only by His holy hands. Think Red to Yellow to Blue. There are opportunities to experience this in the upcoming days and events.

Let us experience God together by following God's road and rules of His road fueled by the changing colors.

"We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose." Romans 8:28 (NRSVUE)

ORDER OF WORSHIP

WELCOME
ANNOUNCEMENTS
THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP.....(ON SCREEN) L: Children of God, when we witness the needs of strangers and listen to the struggles of our friends, remember:

P: Let mutual love continue.

L: When we hear the struggles of those in prison and recognize the suffering of people near and far, remember:

P: Let mutual love continue.

L: When temptations to hoard more money, more power, and more influence surround us on every side, remember:

P: Let mutual love continue.

L: As we gather for worship, remember: God is here among us, surrounding us with love and forming us to live in love everywhere we go.

P: We choose to cooperate with God's love today and every day so that mutual love will continue wherever we go and whatever we do. Amen.

OPENING HYMN.....#2236 "GATHER US IN"

OPENING PRAYER......(ON SCREEN) In the face of all our realities: We are the people who heal each other, who grow strong together, who name the truth, who know what it means to live in community, moving toward a common dream for a new heaven and a new earth. In the power of the love of God our Creator, The company of Jesus Christ, And the leading of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION.................(ON SCREEN) Faithful and Unchanging God, in a world that shifts and sways, you remain our firm foundation. You have called us into a life of mutual love, teaching us to serve, to welcome, and to give with generous hearts. Bless these gifts we offer today, that they may extend your love to those who hunger, who seek justice, and who long for hope. Shape us into a people whose generosity reflects your own, that through our giving, we may proclaim your unshakable kingdom. In the name of Jesus Christ, our constant and faithful guide. Amen.

Assistive listening devices are available to anyone that needs it to experience our worship services to the fullest.



12th Saturday After Pentecost 6 PM Traditional Worship August 30th, 2025

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We speak to God before the service, God speaks to us during the service, We Speak to each other after the service.
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Volunteers For Service

Greeters	Ushers	Reader
Linda Sample, Linda Clark	Linda Harris	Lynne Coates

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First Wednesday Night Meal is enchiladas on September 10th at 5:30. Dates are filling up! Sign up to cook a delicious Wednesday Night Meal for everyone. Available dates are now starting with September 24th. Meal costs are covered. If you are not able or willing to make a wonderful meal and still want to help, you can do so by volunteering as a server or a clean up crew member. Ask for "Prime Rib" in the church office if dishes are your forte.



We Cordially Invite Everyone . . . in this congregation to become a member of this church, a working member. Call the church if you would like to talk it over with someone.

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Loaves & Fishes Food Distribution . . .

September 13th, 2025, at College Park 3180 W Highway 34. Enter Tech Boulevard. Distribution is at 9:30 a.m. until Food is gone. It is best to arrive between 9 am and 11 am. Do not arrive before 7:30 a.m. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.



Hospital Visits & Prayer Chain...

If you or a loved one is in the hospital and would like to be visited or put on the prayer chain for prayer, please get in touch with the office. Due to HIPAA security rules, Regional Medical Center cannot release the names of patients to the church.



Our Sympathies to the Family of . . . Gloria K. Schlachter

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CALENDAR

August 31st - September 7th

Sunday Sanctuary Roof

9:30 AM Blended Worship, Sanctuary 10:30 AM Fellowship Time, The Gathering Place Preschool - Elementary Sunday School, Nursery Sharing Our Life Stories, Youth Room

Monday Office Closed for Labor Day - September 1st

Tuesday Sanctuary Roof

10:00 AM Staff Meeting, The Gathering Place 1:00 PM Mathetes Study Group, Youth Room 7:00 PM Meet & Greet with Pastor Shella, Graves

Wednesday Sanctuary Roof

6:00 PM Handbell Rehearsal, Bell Choir Room Downstairs 6:45 PM Youth & Children Zone Kick Off Party, Miller Hall

7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Thursday Sanctuary Roof

6:45 AM Bible Study, Tommy's Restaurant

11:00 AM Lectio Divina, Zoom

1:00 PM Prayer Shawl Group, The Gathering Place or Parlor

2:00 PM Coloring at the Chocolate Bar

Friday Sanctuary Roof

1:00 PM Bulletin Folding, Parlor

Saturday Sanctuary Roof

5:00 PM Scripture Discussion, Parlor

6:00 PM Worship, Gollaher Chapel

7:00 PM Fellowship Time, The Gathering Place

Sunday Sanctuary Roof

9:30 AM Traditional Worship, Sanctuary, Nursery 10:30 AM Fellowship Time, The Gathering Place Live Nativity Meeting, Miller Hall Preschool - Elementary Sunday School, Nursery Sharing Our Life Stories, Youth Room

We encourage everyone to check the online calendar for future planning and updated information during the week.

