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Between June and July, I talked ENOUGH about the heat here in Texas...NO MORE! For the next five weeks in August we get to examine the tenth through the fourteenth Sundays after Pentecost. Last month, Trinity was blessed to welcome *[insert Sutherlin photo]* Patricia "Paddy" Sutherlin as a new member to our church family. This ties closely to what we



will see on August's first Old Testament reading from Isaiah, where God invites all who are hungry or thirsty to receive food and drink without cost. As we share in the bread of life at our eucharistic table we are sent forth to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry declaring we serve an open communion to all denominations, stating "All Are Welcome." One of my favorite Bible passages is in Matthew 14 and happens in the second week of

August; where the disciples in a boat at sea face a great storm and cry out to Jesus with fear. He came to them walking on the water no less when

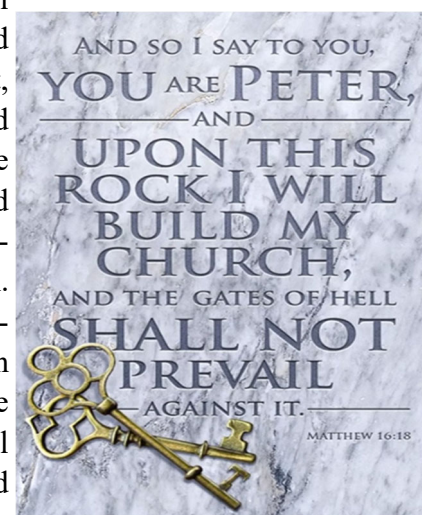


they were in trouble and sustained them in their time of fear; telling them "be not afraid." Amid the storms of life we gather at Trinity to seek the calm presence of Christ that soothes our fears too.

The way everyone has behaved over the centuries, it's not unusual to think God may have given up on people. However, in our third Sunday we can see from the Old Testament in Isaiah, and the New Testament in Romans, that God has not rejected Israel or Christianity! Instead, the call and the gifts of God are irrevocable so that, while all have been disobedient, God has mercy upon all. Whew!!! The

**For the gifts
and the calling
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irrevocable.
Romans 11:29**

fourth week of August sheds light on God's everlasting love for the world through the many descendants of Abraham and Sarah whom God the Father inspired Isaiah to explain they are the rock their faith was built on. The rock of faith is carried forward to our New Testament books of Matthew and Romans where Jesus explained to the disciples their solid faith is to be compared to a rock when he told the fisherman Simon, "You are Peter and upon this rock I will build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." Peter or "Petra" is Greek for "rock" but Jesus could have called him the Aramaic word for rock, "Cephas" the rock of Christian



faith! Our last Sunday in August reads almost like a Holy Week sermon. We've always known that Jesus is "all seeing" but then He told his disciples the ultimate purpose of His ministry, where He'd go to Jerusalem, suffer at the hands of the elders, chief priests and scribes, and then be *killed!* Jesus did say He'd be raised, but that's hard to accept; especially when He said, "whoever wants to be My disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me." I could say more, but I'll save the end for August 30th!

**Take Up
His Cross**

Matthew 16:21-28

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COMMUNITY/SERVICE, GROWTH/OUTREACH MINISTRY

PENNIES FOR PRESCRIPTIONS.....RX Program, get rid of your pennies, put in jar for prescriptions: Interfaith Outreach Services are still implementing this program for the elderly and for persons who can not afford to buy their medications. We have a jug to put change in on the counter in Fellowship Hall.

USED EYE GLASSESYes! We still do collect eye glasses and cases. Sun-glasses are also needed. So don't throw your old ones away, recycle them and bring them to the church and put in the box for eye glasses. They will be delivered to Hayley's Eye Clinic

FOOD BASKETS.....Food baskets go Interfaith Outreach. Benevolences go to Faith Mission, Wichita Falls Area Food Bank and also Interfaith Outreach Services. So lets fill the food baskets to the rim. Let's help stamp out hunger in our neighborhood.



McKyla Sullivan Aug. 3

Ragen Gestes Aug. 5

Mark Lee Aug. 8

Desiree Canedo Aug. 11

Erwin Soell Aug. 11

Susan Hrnccirik Aug. 22

Darlene Craddock Aug. 27

David Deason Aug. 29

Welcome, visitor!

We are glad that you have chosen to walk with us today. And we hope that God will move you to share your spiritual journey with us.



August is a month of reflection, growth, and embracing the warmth and possibilities of late summer.

- "August is the slow, gentle month that stretches out the longest across the span of a year. It yawns and lingers on with the light in its palms."

- "Live in the sunshine. Swim in the sea. Drink in the wild air." – Ralph Waldo Emerson
- "August is the border between summer and autumn; it is the most beautiful month I know." – Tove Jansson
- "Every step forward, no matter how small, is a victory worth celebrating."

"In the heat of August, let your ambitions burn brighter."

Have a happy August!
Stay cool!

LECTONARY LESSONS

August 2, 2026: Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Worship 10:15 a.m. Traditional Liturgy; Communion

Isaiah 55:1-5

Psalms 145:8-9, 14-21

Romans 9:1-5

Matthew 14:13-21 After John the Baptist is murdered, Jesus desired a time of solitude. Still, his compassion for others will not allow him to dismiss those who need him, and he is moved to perform one of his greatest miracles.

August 9, 2026: Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Worship 10:12 a.m. Traditional Liturgy; Communion

1 Kings 19:9-18

Psalms 85:8-13

Romans 10:5-15

Matthew 14:22-33 Matthew's gospel typically portrays Jesus' disciples as people of "little faith," who fail despite their great intentions. In this story, Matthew shows how Jesus comes to the disciples when they are in trouble and sustains them in their time of fear and doubt.

August 16, 2026: Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Worship 10:12 a.m. Traditional Liturgy; Communion

Isaiah 56:1 & 6-8

Psalms 67

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

Matthew 15:10-28 Jesus teaches his disciples that true purity is a matter of the heart rather than outward religious observances. Almost immediately, this teaching is tested when a woman considered to be a religious outsider approaches him for help.

August 23, 2026: Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Worship 10:15 a.m. Traditional Liturgy; Communion

Isaiah 51:1-6

Psalms 138

Romans 12:1-8

Matthew 16:13-20 At a climatic point in Jesus' ministry, God reveals to Peter that Jesus is the "Messiah, the Son of the living God," and Jesus responds with the promise of the church that will overcome the very gate of Hades.

August 30, 2026: Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

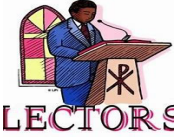
Worship 10:15 a.m. Traditional Liturgy; Communion

Jeremiah 15:15-21

Psalms 26:1-8

Romans 12:9-21

Matthew 16:21-28 After Peter confesses that Jesus is the "Messiah, the Son of the living God," Jesus reveals the ultimate purpose of his ministry. These words prove hard to accept, even for a disciples whom Jesus has called a "rock."

August Volunteers	2	9	16	23	30
Tellers: Gail Deason Erwin Soell					
	Cindy Pearce	Cindy Pearce	Cindy Pearce	Cindy Pearce	Cindy Pearce
					Gail Deason
		Paddy Sutherlin			Gail Deason
	Darlene Craddock	Gail Deason	Cindy Pearce	Jeff Hams	Chris Bybee

Do you have a birthday or anniversary or a “just because” coming up?? Put your name by the date of the occasion on the flower chart. Let’s fill the flower chart up this year.

TO BE DESIRED

Are you willing to stoop down and consider the needs and the desires of little children; to remember the weakness and loneliness of people who are growing old; to stop asking how much your friends love you, and ask yourself whether you love them enough; to bear in mind the things what those who live in the same house with you really want, without waiting for them to tell you; to trim your lamp so that it will give more light and less smoke, and to carry it in front so that your shadow will fall behind you; to make a grave for your ugly thoughts, and a garden for your kindly feelings, with the gate open?

—-Henry Van Dyke



Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Worship 10:15 am	3	4	5 Institches 10 am	6	7	8
9 Worship 10:15 am	10	11	12 Institches 10 am	13	14	15
16 Worship 10:15 am	17	18	19 Institches 10 am	20	21	22
23 Worship 10:15 am	24 ASG 1 pm	25	26 Institches 10 am	27	28	29
30 Worship 10:15 am	31					

Interfaith Outreach Service need for August:

Canned green beans, mixed vegetables, Soup(no specific kind); canned fruit,
toilet paper, laundry soap, crackers.