

Trinity Presbyterian Church
February 22, 2026



GATHERING

We gather as the body of Christ to encounter God in worship.

Prelude

"You Are My Hiding Place"
Michael Ledner
Jaron Marcus, piano

Welcome and Announcements

Craig Neuenswander

Introit

"Bread of Life From Heaven"
Marty Haugen
Trinity Heritage Choir

Call to Worship

Let us gather together, hungry and thirsty. Come, all who long to be filled with good things.

The bread of life satisfies our hunger and thirst.

Let us open our hands to receive from God's son, our brother and friend.

The bread of life loves us and knows our needs.

Let us quiet our minds and awaken our hearts to be transformed by God's Spirit, who redeems us.

The bread of life has come to sustain us. Believing this promise, let us worship together!

Prayer of the Day

*Hymn No. 69

"I, the Lord of Sea and Sky"

Call to Confession

Holy God, even though we choose to follow Jesus, live his way, and share in the bread of life, we confess we have overlooked the hungry in our midst. We confess it is easier to avoid people and places that demand our attention and resources, and go about our days turning our eyes from those in need.

But Jesus shows us a different way—a way of sharing, a way of justice.

Forgive us for the times we have looked away from those who are hungry and their needs for food, clothing, friendship, or anything else. Forgive us for neglecting our neighbors and our community. Help us be faithful to this calling. Amen.

(Time for silent confession.)

Sung Response Hymn No. 437

“You are the Lord, Giver of Mercy”

Assurance of Forgiveness

Rev. Meredith Kemp-Pappan

THE WORD

The Word of God in scripture and interpreted in proclamation is the center of worship.

Presentation of Third Grade Bibles

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading

1 Kings 19: 4-8
NRSVUE

Elijah went a day’s journey into the wilderness and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die, “It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors.” Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, “Get up and eat.” He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones and a jar of water. He ate and drank and lay down again. The angel of the LORD came a second time, touched him, and said, “Get up and eat, or the journey will be too much for you.” He got up and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem

“Bread of Life”
Rory Cooney
Trinity Heritage Choir

Second Reading

John 6: 25-40

When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?” Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me not because you saw signs but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.” Then they said to him, “What must we do to perform the works of God?” Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.” So they said to him, “What sign are you going to give us, then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’ ” Then Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.”

Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away, for I have come down from heaven not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me but raise it up on the last day. This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon “Bread of Life”

Rev. Meredith Kemp-Pappan

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

We respond to the Word of God in prayer and by offering ourselves and our substance.

*Hymn No. 722, vv. 1, 2, 4

“Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak”

Affirmation of Faith

(from Illustrated Ministry)

We believe Jesus Christ is the bread of life.

Born to live among us, suffering every human frailty, even unto death. Empowered not to rule with force but by invitation; not with a sword, but by sacrifice.

Filled with compassion, always caring about the physical needs of the people.

Rejecting earthly fortune, meeting daily needs, turning no one away.

Jesus turned bread lines into feasts, welcoming everyone to the table.

Jesus gave freely to all in need, even when they gave nothing in return.

We believe Jesus Christ is the bread of life.

Amen.

Prayers of the People

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Invitation to Offering

Offertory

“Offertory”
Gordon Young
Brad Stipcak, organ

*Doxology Hymn No. 607

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

*Prayer of Dedication

SENDING FORTH

Worship equips us to go forth to serve God in the world.

*Hymn No. 542, vv. 1-2

“God, Be With You Till We Meet Again”

*Charge and Blessing

*Sung Response Hymn No. 227

“Jesus, Remember Me”

*Postlude

“Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days”
From Day’s Psalter, 1562
Brad Stipcak, organ

*Please rise in body or spirit.

Participants in worship:

Rev. Meredith Kemp-Pappan, Preacher

Craig Neuenswander, Liturgist

Brad Stipcak, organ & Dir. Of Music

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