

Trinity Presbyterian Church

March 8, 2026

LENT THREE: BREAD FOR EACH DAY



GATHERING

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

Prelude

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”
Ray Palmer
Jaron Marcus

Welcome and Announcements

Vicky Walters

Introit

“Jesus Christ, Bread of Life”
Jacques Berthier/Taize Community
Trinity Heritage Choir

Call to Worship

Listen, siblings of faith. Today, you will receive the good news of Jesus.

The bread of life satisfies our hunger and thirst.

Today, God will speak to us, filling our hearts and healing our souls.

The bread of life loves us and knows our needs.

Today, there will be enough bread for all, enough to mend every broken place.

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

Prayer of the Day

*Hymn No. 81 vv. 1-2

“Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken”

Call to Confession

God of abundance, we confess we overlook your daily provision. We take your gifts for granted, longing for what we do not have instead of treasuring what we do.

Our hearts are often filled with envy, and our desires pull us away from gratitude. Forgive us, O God. Open our eyes to your faithfulness

and teach us to live with contentment and thanksgiving. We trust that you provide all we truly need. 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.

Sermon on the Steps

Jon Farrell-Higgins

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading

Exodus 16: 2-4; 9-15
NRSVUE

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, “If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the pots of meat and ate our fill of bread, for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.”

Then the LORD said to Moses, “I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites: ‘Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining.’ ” And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. The LORD spoke to Moses, “I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.’ ”

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp, and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem

“You Thirsty Ones, Come”
James E. Clemens
Trinity Heritage Choir

Second Reading

Matthew 6: 7-13
Common English Bible

“When you pray, don’t pour out a flood of empty words, as the Gentiles do. They think that by saying many words they’ll be heard. Don’t be like them, because your Father knows what you need before you ask. Pray like this:

Our Father who is in heaven,
uphold the holiness of your name.
Bring in your kingdom
so that your will is done on earth as it’s done in heaven.
Give us the bread we need for today.
Forgive us for the ways we have wronged you,
just as we also forgive those who have wronged us.
And don’t lead us into temptation,
but rescue us from the evil one.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon “Bread for Each Day”

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 516

“For the Bread Which You Have Broken”

Affirmation of Faith

(from Illustrated Ministry)

We believe God created a world to provide for our needs with abundant nourishment. We believe God wants everyone to have the food they need to thrive. We believe God calls us to share our bread with those who hunger. We believe that in God’s kin(g)dom, there is enough for everyone. We believe the bread of life is not just for the body but also for the soul. We believe the Spirit of God inspires us to work for justice so all people have what they need. We believe that when we break bread together we experience a glimpse of God’s feast of love, which is available to everyone. 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

“The King of Love, My Shepherd is”
Charles Callahan
Brad, 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. 694, vv. 1 & 2

“Great God of Every Blessing”

*Charge and Blessing

*Sung Response Hymn No. 227

“Jesus, Remember Me”

*Postlude

Jaron Marcus, piano

*Please rise in body or spirit.

Participants in worship:

Rev. Meredith Kemp-Pappan, Preacher

Vicky Walters, Liturgist

Jon Farrell-Higgins, Sermon on the Steps

Brad Stipcak, organ & Dir. Of Music

Jaron Marcus, piano

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