

# Truckee Lutheran Presbyterian Church

*On a journey with God to Reach, Grow, and Serve*

TLPC is a congregation of both the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). We began in 1992 with a vision for a new expression of the ELCA in Truckee and later joined with the PC (U.S.A.) to be the liturgical, eucharistic expression of Christ's church in Truckee, California. We welcome everyone to worship and grow with us as we live in God's amazing grace!

**To our visitors and guests:** We wish you a warm welcome and invite you to join us for fellowship and refreshments after the service. Please let us know how we may be of service to you.

**Sheet music and large print bulletins** are available at the entrance.

**Supervised childcare** for infants is available in the nursery.

**Sunday School** is offered for children age 3 through grade 8 following the opening liturgy. They will re-join us in worship for communion.

**Restrooms** are located past the front entrance, down the hall to the right.

**Fair trade coffee and chocolate** are available at cost after the service.

**This Week at TLPC** (*See [www.tlpc.org](http://www.tlpc.org) for complete calendar of events.*)

## Wednesday

5:00-6:00 Bible Study at Senior Center. Contact Holtebeck's.

6:15-7:15 TLPC Book Club, Truckee Book and Bean

## Friday

AM-TBA Snowshoe Group. Contact Holtebeck's.

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## **EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

**February 27, 2011**

The pastor or worship leader will read the regular print text.

The congregation will read the **bold** text.

Please stand, as you are able, for sections marked with an asterisk \*.

### **PREPARING TO ENCOUNTER GOD IN WORSHIP**

*We invite you to sing or listen as we quiet our minds to hear God's voice and open our hearts to feel his presence.*

♪ **"I Love You, Lord"**

♪ **"He Who Began a Good Work in You"**

### **WELCOME**

### **INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY**

#### **\* GATHERING SONG**

♪ **"How Great Thou Art"**

#### **\* GREETING**

The grace of God in Christ Jesus,  
poured out in every gift of the Holy Spirit,  
be with you all.

**And also with you.**

#### **\* PRAYER OF THE DAY**

God of tender care,  
**like a mother, like a father, you never forget  
your children, and you know already what we  
need. In all our anxiety give us trusting and  
faithful hearts, that in confidence we may embody  
the peace and justice of your Son,  
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen**

#### **\* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism,  
as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,  
who spread out the heavens and the earth,

who gives light and breath to the nations,  
who makes all things new.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy and healing God,  
**we confess that we have fallen short  
of the life you desire for us.  
We choose our priorities over your commandments.  
We divide the body of Christ.  
The earth groans under our demands.  
Have mercy, O God.  
Restore us and all things to health,  
that we may do justice, love kindness,  
and walk humbly with you. Amen.**

Hear the voice from heaven: "You are my own, my beloved."  
We belong to Christ, and through the power of the cross  
+ our sins are all forgiven.  
God is faithful and will strengthen us,  
that our light may shine before others,  
that we may be God's holy people in the world.  
**Amen.**

### **\* SHARING THE LORD'S PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*All are invited to share a handshake or a hug as a sign of reconciliation and peace,  
saying "Peace be with you."*

### **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

#### **FIRST READING**

Isaiah 49:8–16a

Thus says the LORD:

In a time of favor I have answered you,  
on a day of salvation I have helped you;

I have kept you and given you  
as a covenant to the people,  
to establish the land,  
to apportion the desolate heritages;  
saying to the prisoners, "Come out,"  
to those who are in darkness, "Show yourselves."  
They shall feed along the ways,  
on all the bare heights shall be their pasture;  
they shall not hunger or thirst,  
neither scorching wind nor sun shall strike them down,  
for he who has pity on them will lead them,  
and by springs of water will guide them.  
And I will turn all my mountains into a road,  
and my highways shall be raised up.  
Lo, these shall come from far away,  
and lo, these from the north and from the west,  
and these from the land of Syene.  
Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth;  
break forth, O mountains, into singing!  
For the LORD has comforted his people,  
and will have compassion on his suffering ones.  
But Zion said, "The LORD has forsaken me,  
my LORD has forgotten me."  
Can a woman forget her nursing child,  
or show no compassion for the child of her womb?  
Even these may forget,  
yet I will not forget you.  
See, I have inscribed you on the palms of my hands.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM**

Psalm 131

O LORD, I am not proud; I have no haughty looks.

I do not occupy myself with great matters,  
or with things that are too hard for me.

**But I still my soul and make it quiet,  
like a child upon its mother's breast;  
my soul is quieted within me.**

O Israel, wait upon the LORD,  
from this time forth forevermore.

**SECOND READING**

1 Corinthians 4:1–5

Think of us in this way, as servants of Christ and stewards of God's mysteries. Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy. But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged by you or by any human court. I do not even judge myself. I am not aware of anything against myself, but I am not thereby acquitted. It is the Lord who judges me. Therefore do not pronounce judgment before the time, before the Lord comes, who will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Then each one will receive commendation from God.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**\* PREPARING TO HEAR THE GOOD NEWS**

♪ “Open Our Eyes, Lord”

**\* GOSPEL READING**

Matthew 6:24–34

No one can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.

Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you — you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON – “Accountability” (1 Corinthians 4:1–5)

**\* SONG IN RESPONSE TO GOD’S WORD**

♪ “Take My Life” – vs. 1,2,4,5

**\* PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

**GATHERING OF GIFTS**

*In recognition that all that we have and all that we are come from God, we return a portion of our wealth for the Lord's work here and around the world, we offer our talents that he may use them for his purpose, and we dedicate our lives to serve God and our neighbors.*

**\* PRESENTATION OF GIFTS, SONG OF THANKS**

♪ “Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”

**\* PRAYER OF THANKS**

Merciful God,  
**as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills  
were gathered together to become one bread,  
so let your church be gathered together  
from the ends of the earth into your kingdom,  
for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever.  
Amen.**

**\* GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*The pastor continues with the Eucharistic prayer, concluding:*

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us,  
full of grace and truth.

We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.  
We look with hope for his coming.

**Come, Lord Jesus.**

Holy God, we long for your Spirit.  
May your Word take flesh in us.  
Awaken your people.; fill us with your light.  
Bring the gift of peace on earth.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel,  
Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High,  
one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### **\* LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever.  
Amen.**

### **DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION**

*We invite all members and visitors to share in Holy Communion, also known as the Lord's Supper, the Sacrament of the Altar, or the Eucharist. We believe that Jesus Christ is present in and with the bread and wine. We receive this sacrament as a remembrance of what God has done for us through the death and resurrection of Jesus. You may either hold the bread and dip it into the chalice with grape juice (left side) or eat the bread and drink from the common cup with wine (right side). Children who do not receive communion are invited to come forward for a blessing. Some people wish to receive communion every week, others less often. Please do what is meaningful and comfortable for you. If you prefer to receive communion while seated, please indicate this to an usher.*

## **COMMUNION SONGS**

♪ “Eat This Bread”

♪ “Spirit Song”

### **\* PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Ever-faithful God,  
you have taken us again into your arms  
and nourished us as your dear children.  
Lead us and guide us,  
that we may share our bread and your healing light  
with those who hunger and thirst,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
Amen.

### **\* SENDING SONG**

♪ “Now Let Your People Depart in Peace”

## **PREPARING FOR OUR MISSION IN THE WORLD**

*We are called to make Christ known by our words and actions - in our church family, in our local community and throughout the world.*

### **\* BENEDICTION**

### **\* POSTLUDE**

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