

# 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 serve 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

4:30-5:30 TLPC Book Club, Truckee Book and Bean

6:00-8:00 Soup Supper and Service, Sr. Center

## Friday

AM-TBA Snowshoe Group. Contact Holtebeck's.

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## FORTH SUNDAY IN LENT

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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.*

♪ "Here I Am to Worship"

♪ "Open Our Eyes, Lord"

### **WELCOME**

### **INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY**

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

♪ "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"

#### **\* GREETING**

The free gift of grace in Jesus Christ, the reconciling love of God, and the life and peace of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

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

Lord Christ, our Healer and Redeemer,

**bend your ear to our prayers, and come among us.**

**By your gracious life and death for us,**

**bring light into the darkness of our hearts,**

**and anoint us with your Spirit,**

**for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,**

**one God, now and forever.**

**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,

the well of eternal life, the light of the world,

the breath giving life to dry bones.

**Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,  
**have mercy on us.**

For self-centered living,  
and for failing to walk with humility and gentleness:

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,  
have mercy on us.**

For longing to have what is not ours,  
and for hearts that are not at rest with ourselves:

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,  
have mercy on us.**

For misuse of human relationships,  
and for unwillingness to see the image of God in others:

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,  
have mercy on us.**

For jealousies that divide families and nations,  
and for rivalries that create strife and warfare:

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,  
have mercy on us.**

For reluctance in sharing the gifts of God,  
and for carelessness with the fruits of creation:

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,  
have mercy on us.**

For hurtful words that condemn, and for angry deeds that harm:

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,  
have mercy on us.**

For idleness in witnessing to Jesus Christ,  
and for squandering the gifts of love and grace:

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,  
have mercy on us.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us,  
and for his sake God forgives us all our sins,

in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

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

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*Children may go to Sunday School.*

**FIRST READING**

1 Samuel 16:1–13

The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed is now before the LORD." But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM

Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd;

I shall not be in want.

**The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures  
and leads me beside still waters.**

You restore my soul, O LORD,

and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I shall fear no evil;**

**for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

## SECOND READING

Ephesians 5:8–14

For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light — for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Sleeper, awake!

Rise from the dead,  
and Christ will shine on you."

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## \* PREPARING TO HEAR THE GOOD NEWS

♪ "O How He Loves You and Me"

## \* GOSPEL READING

John 9:1–41

As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he

went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet." The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out. Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do

you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind." Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **SERMON**

### **\* SONG IN RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD**

♪ "Amazing Grace"

### **\* PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

God of 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**

♪ "I'm Forever Grateful"

### **\* PRAYER OF THANKS**

God our provider,  
you have not fed us with bread alone,  
but with words of grace and life.  
Bless us and these your gifts,  
which we receive from your bounty,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
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:*

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,  
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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

Remembering, therefore, his life, death, and resurrection,  
we await your salvation for all this thirsty world.

**Come, Lord Jesus.**

Pour out your Spirit on this holy food  
and on all the baptized gathered for this feast.  
Wash away our sin, that we may be revived for  
our journey by the love of Christ.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father,  
with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both 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 SONG**

♪“Jesus, Your Name”

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

Merciful God,

**accompany our journey through these forty days.**

**Renew us in the gift of baptism,**

**that we may provide for those who are poor,**

**pray for those in need, fast from self-indulgence,**

**and above all that we may find our treasure in the life**

**of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

### **\* SENDING SONG**

♪“Go, My Children”

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

### **\* BENEDICTION**

### **\* POSTLUDE**

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**VISION:****Grow :**

- in faith
- in spiritual maturity
- in discipleship

**Reach :**

- out to neighbors
- out to visitors
- out to the world

**MISSION:****Serve :**

- by helping those in need in our community and the world.
- by advocating for social justice.
- by caring for God's creation
- by supporting one another in our community of faith.

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