

# 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:** Welcome! Please join us for fellowship and refreshments after the service, and let us know how we may serve you.

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

**Assistive listening devices** may be obtained from the person at the soundboard (rear of worship space).

**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

5:00pm Bible Study. Contact Halvorsen's.

## Thursday

8:00am Ladies Breakfast at Smokey's Kitchen

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## CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

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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.*

♪ **“Open the Eyes of My Heart”**

♪ **“We Bow Down”**

### WELCOME

### INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

#### \* GATHERING SONG

♪ **“Crown Him with Many Crowns”** –v. 1,3,4

#### \* GREETING

Grace and peace from our God and Father,  
hope in our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the consolation of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

#### \* PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God of power and might,  
**your Son shows us the way of service,  
and in him we inherit the riches of your grace.**  
**Give us the wisdom to know what is right  
and the strength to serve the world you have made,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.**  
**Amen.**

#### \* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,  
who forgives our sin, heals every illness,  
saves us from death, enfolds us with tender care,

and crowns us with steadfast love.

**Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God of abundant mercy,  
**we confess that we are more ready  
to be forgiven than to forgive others.  
We hold too closely your gifts to us.  
We trample your vineyard, our good earth.  
Have mercy, O God;  
turn us again to you and toward others;  
and grant that we may live for you and die in you,  
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord.  
Amen.**

God is generous and faithful, forgiving sins without number,  
welcoming all to the feast, giving us a place among the saints.  
Through the humble obedience of + Christ Jesus,  
who went to the cross for our sake, you are forgiven and made whole.  
The Spirit of God is at work in us, enabling us to live for one another.  
**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 age 3 through grade 8 may go to Sunday School.*

**FIRST READING**

Ezekiel 34:11–16, 20–24

For thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they

shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM**

Psalm 95:1–7a

Come, let us sing to the LORD;

let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

**Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving  
and raise a loud shout to the LORD with psalms.**

For you, LORD, are a great God,  
and a great ruler above all gods.

**In your hand are the caverns of the earth;  
the heights of the hills are also yours.**

The sea is yours, for you made it,  
and your hands have molded the dry land.

**Come, let us worship and bow down,  
let us kneel before the LORD our maker.**

For the LORD is our God,  
and we are the people of God's pasture  
and the sheep of God's hand.

### **SECOND READING**

Ephesians 1:15–23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among

the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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

♪ **“Firm Foundation”** (refrain)

**\* GOSPEL READING**

Matthew 25:31–46

When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of

these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON** – “The Shepherd” (Ezekiel 34:11–16, 20–24)

*Silence for reflection.*

**SONG IN RESPONSE TO GOD’S WORD**

♪ “We Are Called”

**\* NICENE CREED**

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**\* PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Hear us, O God.  
**Your mercy is great.**

**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.*

Temple Talk – Lynn Rogers

**\* 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.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God.  
By the witness of the saints you show us the hope of our calling,  
and strengthen us to run the race set before us,  
that we may delight in your mercy and rejoice with them in glory.  
And so, with all the saints,

with the choirs of angels and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

♪ **“Holy, Holy, Holy Lord”**

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

Together as the body of Christ,  
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes:  
**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

With this bread and cup we remember your Son,  
the first-born of your new creation.  
We await his coming when all our sins and sorrows will be no more.  
**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Send upon us and this meal your Holy Spirit,  
whose breath revives us for life, whose fire rouses us to love.  
Enfold in your arms all who share this holy food.  
**Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

Fill us with your blessing,  
until, needy no longer and bound to you in love,  
we feast forever in the triumph of the Lamb:  
through whom all glory and honor is yours, O Living God,  
with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

**\* ♪ LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, which 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.**

**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 in remembrance of what God has done for us through the death and resurrection of Jesus. You may either eat the bread and drink from the common cup of wine (first chalice) or hold the bread and dip it in the grape juice (second chalice). Children who do not yet 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**

♪ **“Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise”**

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

God our shepherd,  
you have gathered us again from scattered places  
and nourished us with rich food in word and sacrament.  
Go with us now, that we may seek the lost,  
bind up the injured, and strengthen the weak,  
until you gather us and all the saints into your eternal feast  
with Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

### **\* SENDING SONG**

♪ **“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”**

### **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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