

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 for complete calendar of events.*)

Wednesday

5:00pm Bible Study. Contact Holtebeck's for info.

Friday

9:00am Hike/Snowshoe

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SECOND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

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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.

♪ **“Shout to the Lord”**

♪ **“Where Could I Go?”** (Psalm 139)

WELCOME

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

* GATHERING SONG

♪ **“Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”**

* GREETING

The grace of Jesus Christ,
the mercy of the Holy One,
and the Spirit of the living God be with you all.
And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
most merciful redeemer,
for the countless blessings and benefits you give.
May we know you more clearly, love you more dearly,
and follow you more nearly, day by day praising you,
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,
who spoke light into creation,
who calls us to listen and follow,
who sends us to shine like stars.

Amen.

Let us come before God, confessing our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy and merciful God,
**we confess that we have sinned against our sisters and brothers
and against you.**

We cherish the values of this world.

We cause others to stumble.

The earth is wounded by our excess.

Have mercy, O God.

**Forgive us, renew us, and raise us up on eagles' wings,
that we may do your will with courage and delight.**

Amen.

Hear the voice from heaven: "You are my own, my beloved."
God gives power to the weary and strengthens the powerless.
Be cleansed, be healed, for in the name of + Jesus Christ,
I declare to you the forgiveness of our sins
and the revealing of God's reign.

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."*

FIRST READING

1 Samuel 3:1–10

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and

Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. The LORD called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 139:1–6, 13–18

LORD, you have searched me out;

O LORD, you have known me.

**You know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.**

You trace my journeys and my resting-places
and are acquainted with all my ways.

**Indeed, there is not a word on my lips,
but you, O LORD, know it altogether.**

You encompass me, behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.

**Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.**

For you yourself created my inmost parts;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

**I will thank you because I am marvelously made;
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.**

My body was not hid-^l den from you,
while I was being made in secret
and woven in the depths of the earth.

**Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;
all of them were written in your book;
my days were fashioned before they came to be.**

How deep I find your thoughts, O God!

How great is the sum of them!

**If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand;
to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.**

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 6:12–20

All things are lawful for me, but not all things are beneficial. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be dominated by anything. Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food, and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, "The two shall be one flesh." But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*** PREPARING TO HEAR THE GOOD NEWS**

♪ **"We Have Seen the Lord"**

*** GOSPEL READING**

John 1:43–51

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will

see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON – “Really, God...Me?” (1 Samuel 3:1–10)

SONG IN RESPONSE TO GOD’S WORD

♪ “Here I Am”

*** 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.

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

♪ “Thanks be to You”

*** 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 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

♪ "O Jesus, I Have Promised"

♪ "Send Me, Jesus"

*** PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Everlasting God,

**we bless you that you have brought us to the mountaintop
and fed us with the life and light of your Son.**

**Send us in his name from this place to bring light into dark corners,
healing where lives are torn, and nourishment to every hungry heart,
in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

Amen.

*** SENDING SONG**

♪ "Let Us Enter In"

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 AND SENDING**

*** POSTLUDE**

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