

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.

Thursday

8:00am Ladies Breakfast at Smokey's Kitchen

Friday

10:00am Hike/Snowshoe. Contact Holtebeck's for info.

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY, SOUPER BOWL 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.*

♪ **“Everlasting God”**

♪ **“Hungry”**

WELCOME

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

*** GATHERING SONG**

♪ **“Jesus Shall Reign”** – vs. 1,4,5

*** 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

Almighty God,
**you sent your only Son as the Word of life
for our eyes to see and our ears to hear.**
**Help us to believe with joy what the Scriptures proclaim,
through Jesus Christ our 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 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

Isaiah 40:21–31

Have you not known? Have you not heard?

Has it not been told you from the beginning?

Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?

It is he who sits above the circle of the earth,

and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers;

who stretches out the heavens like a curtain,

and spreads them like a tent to live in;

who brings princes to naught,

and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.
Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown,
scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth,
when he blows upon them, and they wither,
and the tempest carries them off like stubble.
To whom then will you compare me,
or who is my equal? says the Holy One.
Lift up your eyes on high and see:
Who created these?
He who brings out their host and numbers them,
calling them all by name;
because he is great in strength,
mighty in power,
not one is missing.
Why do you say, O Jacob,
and speak, O Israel,
"My way is hidden from the LORD,
and my right is disregarded by my God"?
Have you not known? Have you not heard?
The LORD is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.
He does not faint or grow weary;
his understanding is unsearchable.
He gives power to the faint,
and strengthens the powerless.
Even youths will faint and be weary,
and the young will fall exhausted;
but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength,
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,
they shall run and not be weary,
they shall walk and not faint.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 147:1–11, 20c

Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises to our God!

How pleasant it is to honor God with praise!

**The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem,
and gathers the exiles of Israel.**

The LORD heals the brokenhearted

and binds up their wounds.

**The LORD counts the number of the stars
and calls them all by their names.**

Great is our LORD and mighty in power;
there is no limit to God's wisdom.

**The LORD lifts up the lowly,
but casts the wicked to the ground.**

Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving;
make music upon the harp to our God,
**who covers the heavens with clouds
and prepares rain for the earth,
making grass to grow upon the mountains.**

God provides food for the cattle
and for the young ravens when they cry.

**God is not impressed by the might of a horse,
and has no pleasure in the speed of a runner,**
but finds pleasure in those who fear the LORD,
in those who await God's steadfast love. Hallelujah!

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 9:16–23

If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel.

For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*** PREPARING TO HEAR THE GOOD NEWS**

♪ **“We Have Seen the Lord”**

*** GOSPEL READING**

Mark 1: 29-39

As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them. That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON – “Coming to Life” (Mark 1: 29-39)

SONG IN RESPONSE TO GOD’S WORD

♪ “Hungry”

*** 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**

♪ “God, You Give Us Recreation”

*** PRAYER OF THANKS**

Often the teachings of Jesus were at the table –
before, after, or during a meal.

Bread and wine are sacramental symbols of his abiding presence with us,

and of his anticipated return.
Whether for food or fellowship,
nourishment and nurture are set at the family table.

**Lord God, make us aware of hunger in the world –
of students who go to school without breakfast,
of seniors who must choose medicine or food,
of parents who go hungry so that their children may eat.
As we give thanks for your provision,
may we do our part to alleviate hunger, wherever it is found.
Help us realize there is much more we can do.
May we continue to be participants
in the struggle to end world hunger,
that all may receive sustenance and their share of God’s daily bread.
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

"Christ Beside Me"

"Jesus, Your Name"

*** 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**

♪ “I’ve Got a River of Life”

PREPARING FOR OUR MISSION IN THE WORLD

*** BENEDICTION AND SENDING**

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