

# Truckee Lutheran Presbyterian Church

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

TLPC is affiliated with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). 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.

**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.

**Large print bulletins and lap quilts** are available at the entrance.

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

**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.*)

## Today

9:00am Monthly Project MANA food offering  
8-11am Sierra Senior Services Pancake Breakfast at Sr. Center

## Monday

7:07pm YoungLife Club. Contact Ryan Hunter for details.

## Thursday

8:00am Ladies Breakfast at Smokey's Kitchen  
8:00am Men's Breakfast with Church of the Mtns at Jax Diner  
12:00pm Hot Meals for the Homeless

## Friday

AM Hike or Snowshoe. Contact Holtebeck's for details.  
7:00pm Wyldlife Club. Contact Ryan Hunter for details.

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## ASCENSION SUNDAY

May 5, 2012

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

The congregation will read/sing 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.*

♪ “Revelation Song”

♪ “Open the Eyes of My Heart”

### WELCOME

### INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

#### \* GATHERING SONG

♪ “Alleluia, Sing to Jesus” – vs. 1-3

#### \* GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

#### \* PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God,

**your only Son was taken into the heavens  
and in your presence intercedes for us.**

**Receive us and our prayers for all the world,  
and in the end bring everything into your glory,  
through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign 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 marked at baptism,  
as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,  
the fountain of living water,  
the rock who gave us birth,  
our light and our salvation.

**Amen.**

Let us come into the light,  
the revealing and healing light of God.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God of grace and glory,  
**you have brought us through the night of sin  
into the light of Jesus' resurrection.**

**Yet our lives are still shadowed by sin.**

**Make us alive in Christ, O God.**

**Make us new as you make all things new.**

**Rescue us from evil and the gloom of sin,  
renew us in grace,**

**and restore us to living in your holiness,  
through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.**

**Amen.**

Rejoice with all creation around God's throne!  
The light of the risen Christ puts to flight all evil deeds,  
washes away sin, restores innocence to the fallen,  
casts out hate, brings peace, and humbles earthly pride.  
Jesus Christ loves us and + frees us from our sins by his blood.  
To him be glory and dominion forever and ever!

**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

Acts 1:1–11

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM

Psalms 47

Clap your hands, all you peoples;  
shout to God with a joyful sound.

**For the LORD Most High is to be feared:**

**a great king over all the earth,**  
who subdues the peoples under us,  
and the nations under our feet;

**who chooses our inheritance for us,**  
**the pride of Jacob, whom God loves.**

God has gone up with a shout,  
the LORD with the sound of the ram's horn.

**Sing praises to God, sing praises;**  
**sing praises to our king, sing praises.**

For God is king of all the earth;  
sing praises with a song.

**God reigns over the nations;**  
**God is enthroned on high.**

The nobles of the peoples have gathered as the people

of the God of Abraham.

The rulers of the earth belong to God, who is highly exalted.

**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**

♪ “Heleluyan”

**\* GOSPEL READING**

Luke 24:44–53

Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you — that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON** – “I’m Going to Do What?” (Luke 24:44–53)

**SONG IN RESPONSE TO GOD’S WORD**

♪ “There Is a Redeemer”

**\* 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**

♪ “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

**\* PRAYER OF THANKS**

Blessed are you, O God,  
**ruler of heaven and earth.**

**Day by day you shower us with blessings.  
As you have raised us to new life in Christ,  
give us glad and generous hearts,  
ready to praise you and to respond to those in need,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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.**

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,  
for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ,  
who enthroned forever at your right hand  
intercedes for us as our great high priest.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter  
and all the witnesses of the resurrection,  
with earth and sea and all their creatures,  
and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

♪ **“You Are Holy”**

*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-giving death and glorious resurrection,  
we await your promised life for all this dying world.

**Come, Lord Jesus.**

Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup:  
carry us in your arms from death to life,  
that we may live as your chosen ones, clothed in the righteousness 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 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**

We give you thanks, O God,  
that you make your home with us,  
bringing heaven to earth in this holy meal.  
Fill us with your Spirit as we go from here,  
that we may wipe away tears,  
tend to those in mourning and pain,  
seek the healing of the nations,  
and bring to earth the presence of your Son,  
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
Amen.

### **\* SENDING SONG**

♪ **“Go Into the World”**

## **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**

The blessing of the Lord God Almighty,  
the blessing of + Christ, the Lamb who was slain,  
and the blessing of the Holy Spirit of truth  
be among you and remain with you always.

**Alleluia! Alleuia!**

**Thanks be to God!**

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