

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 you to worship and grow with us as we live in God's amazing grace! Please join us for fellowship and refreshments after the service downstairs in the fellowship hall and let us know how we may serve you.

Supervised childcare for infants is available in the nursery room at the rear of the sanctuary. **Worship Bags** for young children are available at the welcome table in the Narthex, the welcome space at the top of the stairs.

Sunday School is offered downstairs in the classroom off the fellowship hall for children age 3 through grade 8 following the opening liturgy. They will re-join us in worship for communion.

Sheet music, large print bulletins, and assistive listening devices are available for your use. Please ask an usher for assistance. **Prayer Slips** available at the welcome table may be placed in the offering plate.

Please consume food and beverages in the fellowship hall only.

Today

1:00-3:30 Youth Collective Outdoor Games at Truckee Regional Park

Wednesday

8:00-9:00am Men's Bible Study at Coffee And.

Note: The Bible Study on the book of James will resume Nov. 11

Thursday

8:00-9:00am Men's Breakfast with COM at Jax Diner

4:00 pm TLPC Leadership Retreat

Friday

10:00am Hike with COM. Contact TruckeeHikers@gmail.com.

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TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 11, 2015

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 pray as we quiet our minds to hear God's voice and open our hearts to feel God's presence.

♪ **Come, Now Is the Time to Worship**

♪ **Surely the Presence**

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

(From Psalm 90)

In every generation, the people of God have been blessed to find their home and resting place in God!

We gather to worship and praise the God of all people.

All creation since time began have been blessed to find that the place of their birth is their Creator's hands.

We gather to worship the God of all creation.

We gather to worship and praise our God, and to ask God to fill us with the joy of your unfailing love.

May the favor and blessing of God be upon us this day. Amen.

WELCOME

* GATHERING SONG

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

* CONFESSION

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

By grace we have been saved through faith; and this is not our own doing; it is a gift from God.

Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin, first reflecting silently and then praying together.

Silence is kept for reflection.

We stand before you, Saving God,
stripped of our pretensions and pride,
for nothing we do or say, or do not, can be hidden from you.

You hear the angry words we preach to ourselves;
you sift through the rubble of hurts we have caused;
you see how we stumble,
weighed down by all that 'stuff' which keeps us from following Jesus.

We stand before you, Holy Grace.
As you empty our hands of that wealth of unneeded things
we cling so tightly to,
fill them with your grace and hope.
As we let go of all which might hold us back,
give us the trust to follow Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior,
into that life with which he offers to each of us. Amen.

*** ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS** (Responsively)

Hear the good news! Because God loves us, we lack for nothing;
because God forgives us, we have everything we need;
because God surrounds us with sisters and brothers,
we do not journey alone.

**Committing everything to God,
trusting in the One who redeems us,
we decide to live as God's faithful and forgiven people. Amen.**

*** SHARING THE LORD'S PEACE**

Christ is our peace. The peace of Christ be with you all.
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." We do so in the name of Jesus, who offered peace to his disciples when
they were gathered in fear [John 20] and who extended his life to the point of death to make peace
with humankind.*

Children age 3 through grade 8 may go to Sunday School.

FIRST READING

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

Seek the LORD and live,
or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire,
and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it.
Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood,
and bring righteousness to the ground!
They hate the one who reproves in the gate,
and they abhor the one who speaks the truth.

Therefore because you trample on the poor
and take from them levies of grain,
you have built houses of hewn stone,
but you shall not live in them;
you have planted pleasant vineyards,
but you shall not drink their wine.
For I know how many are your transgressions,
and how great are your sins—
you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe,
and push aside the needy in the gate.
Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time;
for it is an evil time.
Seek good and not evil,
that you may live;
and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you,
just as you have said.
Hate evil and love good,
and establish justice in the gate;
it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts,
will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*** PREPARING TO HEAR THE GOOD NEWS**

♪ **Spirit of God** – vs. 1

***GOSPEL READING**

Mark 10:17-31

As [Jesus] was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.’” He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.” Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the

kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.”

Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON - “The Eye of a Needle and Other Stumbling Blocks”

Spiritual reflection

SONG IN RESPONSE TO GOD’S WORD

♪ **Where Your Treasure Is**

GATHERING OF GIFTS

Our finest offering is our attention, moment by moment and day by day, to God’s purposes for our world. We join our constant efforts to be faithful with these weekly moments of giving that celebrate the love with which God surrounds us. We are God’s children, committed to caring for all of God’s creation.

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

♪ **New Doxology**- vs. 1

*** PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

When a worshiper concludes a petition with “Lord, in your mercy.”

Let all respond, “Hear our prayer.”

*** 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 and concludes. . .

Gracious God,
by these sacraments, may your Spirit nurture and strengthen us,
so that we will live as the Body of Christ,
ready to serve all those who hunger and thirst.
Almighty Father, all glory and honor is yours,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church, 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 to share in Holy Communion, also known as the Lord's Supper or the Eucharist. We believe that Jesus Christ is present in and with the elements. 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). Gluten-free wafers are available; just give Pastor the "OK" sign as you come forward to receive the bread.

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, indicate this to an usher.

COMMUNION SONGS

♪ Amazing Grace

*** PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

God of justice,
Strengthen us as we live out our call as your disciples.
Empower this your church to embody your love.
Build up your compassion in us
For those we know in need
And those we do not know in need.
This we pray in our Savior's name. Amen.

*** SENDING SONG**

♪ **Bring Forth the Kingdom** – vs. 1,3,4

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**

*** SENDING**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

*** POSTLUDE**

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TLPC Worship and Community Notes:

Prayers of the People: We are making a shift in how we offer the Prayers of the People. The Pastor will conclude the Song of Thanks with a prayer, thanking God for both the monetary gifts and the written prayer requests. NOTE that instead of praying a series of individual petitions on various topics, the Assisting Minister will invite everyone to pray for the church, the community, the world and all those in need, including any personal petitions. We will then have one open time of prayer for all these topics. Those who have written a prayer request may choose to pray that request aloud during this time as well. At the end of each prayer – whether praise or petition – the person will say, “Lord, in your mercy,” and the congregation’s response will be “Hear our prayer.” The Pastor will then offer a concluding prayer.

Handbell Choir forming: Sue Fitch is a longtime bell ringer who is inviting others to play with her. Prior ringing experience is not necessary. Ringers should be grade five and older. Rehearsals have been scheduled for Tuesday evenings at 6:30 at Sue’s home in Truckee. Please speak with Sue or contact her by email at sfitch1047@gmail.com if you’re interested.

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