

# 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.

## Wednesday

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

9:30 am Sanding and Painting project at the Food and Resource Center.

Contact Scott, Bob Richards or Lis Green for info or meet us at 10111

E. Street in downtown Truckee.

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

## Friday

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

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## TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 18, 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.*

♪ **Bless the Lord**

### INVITATION TO WORSHIP

(From Psalm 91)

The Lord our God gives to each one of us  
a sense of blessing, security and confidence—

**For God alone is our refuge, our place of safety.**

Our life experiences reassure us that we can  
always trust in God's goodness and compassion—

**For God alone is our refuge, our place of safety.**

God's Presence is expressed to us in many ways  
which lead us into a closer relationship with God.

**For God alone is our refuge, our place of safety.**

**Let us worship this holy and glorious God. Amen.**

### WELCOME

#### \* GATHERING SONG

♪ **Baptized in Water**

#### \* 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.*

Almighty God,  
**We have sought recognition and honor, fame and wealth,  
and the successes of the world,  
over loving our neighbors and serving those in need around us.  
We would rather live in safety and security  
than seek justice for the oppressed and the marginalized.  
Forgive us for our selfishness,  
and turn us to the needs of those around us.  
May we remember that we are all part of Your body,  
we are all Your children.  
May we remember that Jesus calls us to serve others,  
and that instead of worldly recognition and riches,  
he went to the cross.  
May we seek forgiveness for our selfish ways,  
at the same time forgiving ourselves for not being perfect  
and not being able to do it all,  
and may we strive simply to do what we can,  
to participate in Your reign on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.**

**\* ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

**\* 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**

Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35b (Responsively)

Bless the LORD, O my soul. O LORD my God, you are very great.

**You are clothed with honor and majesty, wrapped in light as with a garment.**

You stretch out the heavens like a tent, you set the beams of your chambers on the waters, you make the clouds your chariot, you ride on the wings of the wind,

**you make the winds your messengers, fire and flame your ministers.**

You set the earth on its foundations, so that it shall never be shaken.

**You cover it with the deep as with a garment; the waters stood above the mountains.**

At your rebuke they flee; at the sound of your thunder they take to flight.

**They rose up to the mountains, ran down to the valleys to the place that you appointed for them.**

You set a boundary that they may not pass, so that they might not again cover the earth.

**O LORD, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.**

Bless the LORD, O my soul. Praise the LORD!

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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

♪ Thy Word

### **\*GOSPEL READING**

Mark 10:32-45

[The disciples] were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking ahead of them; they were amazed, and those who followed were afraid. He took the twelve aside again and began to tell them what was to happen to him, saying, 'See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be handed over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death; then they will hand him over to the Gentiles; they will mock him, and spit upon him, and flog him, and kill him; and after three days he will rise again.'

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, 'Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.' And he said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' And they said to him, 'Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.' But Jesus said to them, 'You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?' They replied, 'We are able.' Then Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.'

When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, 'You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.'

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON** – “Why is it so hard to follow Jesus?”  
*Spiritual reflection*

**SONG IN RESPONSE TO GOD’S WORD**  
♪ **Servant Song**

**\* 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**

♪ **Now Thank We All Our God-** 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**

♪ **Come, Share the Lord**

♪ **In My Life, Lord**

## **\* PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**Gracious God, you took the form of a servant,  
offering yourself as food, comfort, and strength  
to a sick and hurting world.**

**Having been renewed and strengthened  
by this meal as followers of Jesus,  
send us out to be his servants in the world,  
ready to follow the example that he sets for us. 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**

### **\* 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.

**Reformation Day to be celebrated Sunday, October 25:** By the end of the seventeenth century, many Lutheran churches celebrated a festival commemorating Martin Luther's posting of the Ninety-five Theses, a summary of abuses in the church of his time. At the heart of the reform movement was the gospel, the good news that it is by grace through faith that we are justified and set free.

**All Saints Day to be celebrated Sunday, November 1:** Worshipers will be invited during the service to light a candle to remember and honor those “saints” who have helped nurture them in faith or who have died.

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