



**TRUCKEE LUTHERAN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**Eighth Sunday after Pentecost – July 14, 2024**

*We invite you to participate in worship, reading the parts in bold print. ♪ means All Sing!*  
*\* We invite you to stand, as you are able, for sections marked with an asterisk.*

**♪ PREPARING FOR WORSHIP – “Glory to the Lord Our God”**

Congregation

**WELCOME**

Pastor Pat Mecham

**OPENING PRAYER**

O God, from you come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments; and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

**\* ♪ GATHERING SONG – “Come, Now Is the Time to Worship”**

Congregation

**\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

In the name of the Father,  
and of the ✠ Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

***Time for silence and reflection***

To you, O God,

**all hearts are open, to you all desires known. We come to you, confessing our sins. Forgive us in your mercy, and remember us in your love. Show us your ways; teach us your paths; and lead us in justice and truth, for the sake of your goodness in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

By water and the Holy Spirit God gives you a new birth, and through the death and resurrection of ✠ Jesus Christ, God forgives you all your sins. The God of mercy and might strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

**\* SHARING OF THE LORD’S PEACE**

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.**

*All are invited to share the peace of Christ in a way that you feel most comfortable, saying “The peace of Christ be with you.”*

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

**PSALTER READING      Psalm 24**

The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it,  
the world, and those who live in it;  
**for he has founded it on the seas,  
and established it on the rivers.**

Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD?  
And who shall stand in his holy place?  
**Those who have clean hands and pure hearts,  
who do not lift up their souls to what is false,  
and do not swear deceitfully.**

They will receive blessing from the LORD,  
and vindication from the God of their salvation.  
**Such is the company of those who seek him,  
who seek the face of the God of Jacob.**

Lift up your heads, O gates!  
and be lifted up, O ancient doors!  
that the King of glory may come in.

**Who is the King of glory?  
The LORD, strong and mighty,  
the LORD, mighty in battle.**

Lift up your heads, O gates!  
and be lifted up, O ancient doors!  
that the King of glory may come in.

**Who is this King of glory?**

**The LORD of hosts,  
he is the King of glory.**

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

**\* GOSPEL READING      Mark 6:14-29**

King Herod heard of [the disciples' preaching,] for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

The Gospel, the Good News of God.

**Thanks be to God!**

**MEDITATION – “The Power of the Truth”**

Pastor Pat Mecham

**\* ♪ SONG IN RESPONSE – “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”**

Congregation

**\* APOSTLES’ CREED**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS AND PRAYER OF GRATITUDE**

Gracious God, you bless us with gifts of guidance, new life, growth in grace, and fruitful labor. Accept the first fruits of time and toil, field and orchard we offer here. Bless and multiply these gifts to our nurture and the care of your creation; for the sake of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Pastor Pat Mecham

*Please conclude your prayer with “Lord, in your mercy,” and all will respond, “Hear our prayer.”*

**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.

**THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**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.**

**INVITATION AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP**

**♪ COMMUNION SONG – “Eat This Bread”**

Congregation

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**\* ♪ SENDING SONG – “Let All Things Now Living”**

Congregation

## PREPARING FOR OUR MISSION IN THE WORLD – ANNOUNCEMENTS *Birthdays/Anniversaries*

*We are called to make Christ known by our words and actions - in our church, in our local community, and throughout the world.*

### \* BENEDECTION

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

**Amen.**

### \* SENDING

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### \* POSTLUDE

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