

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: We wish you a warm welcome and invite you to join us for fellowship and refreshments after the service. Please let us know how we may be of service to you.

Sheet music and large print bulletins are available at the entrance.

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.

Coming Up at TLPC

Monday

6-9:30 Council Meeting at Karen Ellis' home.

Wednesday

5:00-6:00 Bible Study. See Rita and Dave Holtebeck for more info.

Thursday

8am Ladies breakfast at Smokey's Kitchen

Friday

TBA Hiking Group. See Rita and Dave Holtebeck for more info.

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ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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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 his voice
and open our hearts to feel his presence.*

♪ **“Blessed Be Your Name”**

WELCOME

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

* GATHERING SONG

♪ **“To God Be the Glory”**

* GREETING

Sisters and brothers, called to freedom in Christ:

Grace, mercy, and peace be with you all.

And also with you.

* PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God,

you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church.

Open our hearts to the riches of your grace,

that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear,

through Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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 forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us.

We confess that we have turned from you

**and given ourselves into the power of sin.
We are truly sorry and humbly repent.
In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown,
things we have done and things we have failed to do.
Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit,
so that we may live and serve you in newness of life
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin,
and made us alive together with Christ.

By grace we have been saved.

In the name of + Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven.

Almighty God strengthen us with power through the Holy Spirit,
that Christ may live in our hearts through faith.

Amen.

*** SHARING THE LORD'S PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING

Isaiah 1:1, 10–20

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and
Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

Hear the word of the LORD,
you rulers of Sodom!

Listen to the teaching of our God,
you people of Gomorrah!

What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices?
says the LORD;

I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams
and the fat of fed beasts;

I do not delight in the blood of bulls,
or of lambs, or of goats.

When you come to appear before me,
who asked this from your hand?

Trample my courts no more;
bringing offerings is futile;

incense is an abomination to me.

New moon and sabbath and calling of convocation —
I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity.
Your new moons and your appointed festivals
my soul hates;
they have become a burden to me,
I am weary of bearing them.
When you stretch out your hands,
I will hide my eyes from you;
even though you make many prayers,
I will not listen;
your hands are full of blood.
Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean;
remove the evil of your doings
from before my eyes;
cease to do evil,
learn to do good;
seek justice,
rescue the oppressed,
defend the orphan,
plead for the widow.
Come now, let us argue it out,
says the LORD:
though your sins are like scarlet,
they shall be like snow;
though they are red like crimson,
they shall become like wool.
If you are willing and obedient,
you shall eat the good of the land;
but if you refuse and rebel,
you shall be devoured by the sword;
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 50:1–8, 22–23

The mighty one, God the LORD, has spoken;
calling the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty,

God shines forth in glory.

Our God will come and will not keep silence;

with a consuming flame before, and round about a raging storm.

**God calls the heavens and the earth from above
to witness the judgment of the people.**

"Gather before me my loyal followers,
those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with
sacrifice."

**The heavens declare the rightness of God's cause,
for it is God who is judge.**

"Listen, my people, and I will speak: Israel, I will bear witness
against you; for I am God, your God.

**I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices;
your burnt offerings are always before me.**

Consider this well, you who forget God,
lest I tear you apart and there be none to deliver you.

**Whoever offers me a sacrifice of thanksgiving honors me;
I will show the salvation of God to those who go the
right way."**

SECOND READING

Hebrews 11:1–3, 8–16

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old — and Sarah herself was barren — because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not

ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*** PREPARING TO HEAR THE GOOD NEWS**

♪ **“Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises”** (refrain)

*** GOSPEL READING**

Luke 12:32–40

Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON – “Extravagant Generosity Is a Gift” (Luke 12:32–40)

SONG IN RESPONSE TO GOD’S WORD

♪ **“Bread for the World”**

*** PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

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**

♪ **“We Are An Offering”**

*** PRAYER OF THANKS**

God of mercy and grace,
the eyes of all wait upon you,
and you open your hand in blessing.
Fill us with good things at your table,
that we may come to the help of all in need,
through Jesus Christ, our redeemer 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.

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 death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.
Come, Lord Jesus.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, 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 as a remembrance of what God has done for us through the death and resurrection of Jesus.

You may either hold the bread and dip it into the chalice with grape juice (left side) or eat the bread and drink from the common cup with wine (right side). Children who do not 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 SONG

♪ **"Where Your Treasure Is"**

*** PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

God our creator,
at this table you have satisfied us
with the good things of your grace.
Fix our hearts on your mercy and truth,
that our lives may reflect your love for all creation,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

*** SENDING SONG**

♪ **"Sent Forth By God's Blessing"**

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**

*** POSTLUDE**

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