

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.

This Week at TLPC (*See www.tlpc.org for complete calendar of events.*)

Wednesday

5:00-6:00 Bible Study at Senior Center. Contact Holtebeck's.

6:15-7:15 TLPC Book Club, Truckee Book and Bean

Thursday

8-9am Ladies Breakfast, Smokey's Kitchen

Friday

TBA Hiking Group. Contact Holtebeck's.

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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.*

♪ “I Stand in Awe”

♪ “Here I Am to Worship”

WELCOME

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

* GATHERING SONG

♪ “Earth and All Stars” - vs. 1,2,5,6

* GREETING

The grace given to us in Christ Jesus,
the power of God who calls us with a holy calling,
and the help of the Holy Spirit living in us
be with you all.

And also with you.

* PRAYER OF THE DAY

Direct us, O Lord God,
**in all our doings with your continual help,
that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you,
we may glorify your holy name;
and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

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

Amen.

Recognizing our need for God's mercy,
let us confess our sin and seek reconciliation with God and each other.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of justice and compassion,
**we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We have not been faithful stewards of your creation.
We have failed to share the bounty of your harvest
with the poor and needy.
Forgive our sin, increase our faith,
strengthen us in service, and bring us to everlasting life.
Amen.**

Heaven rejoices when a sinner repents and a lost sheep is found.
In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us,
and for his sake God forgives us all our sins.
As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ,
and by his authority,
I therefore declare the entire forgiveness of all our sins,
in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

*** SHARING THE LORD'S PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 18:1–11

The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD: Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words. So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him.

Then the word of the LORD came to me: Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the LORD. Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it.

And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the LORD: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 139:1–6, 13–18

LORD, you have searched me out;

O LORD, you have known me.

**You know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.**

You trace my journeys and my resting-places
and are acquainted with all my ways.

**Indeed, there is not a word on my lips,
but you, O LORD, know it altogether.**

You encompass me, behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.

**Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.**

For you yourself created my inmost parts;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

**I will thank you because I am marvelously made;
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.**

My body was not hidden from you,
while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths
of the earth.

**Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb; all of them were
written in your book;**

my days were fashioned before they came to be.

How deep I find your thoughts, O God!

How great is the sum of them!

**If I were to count them, they would be more in number
than the sand; to count them all, my life span would need
to be like yours.**

SECOND READING

Philemon 1:1–21

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,
To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus
our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of
your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. I pray that the
sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that
we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement
from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through
you, my brother.

For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do
your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love — and I, Paul,
do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am
appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during
my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful
both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I
wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place
during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without
your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not
something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a
while, so that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more
than a slave, a beloved brother — especially to me but how much more to you,
both in the flesh and in the Lord.

So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If
he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my
account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing
about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit
from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience,
I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*** PREPARING TO HEAR THE GOOD NEWS**

♪ “Thy Word” – vs. 2

*** GOSPEL READING**

Luke 14:25–33

Now large crowds were traveling with him; and he turned and said to them,
"Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and
children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple.
Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For

which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON – “Do I Have To?” (Philemon 1:1–21)

SONG IN RESPONSE TO GOD’S WORD

♪ **“I Surrender All”**

*** 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**

♪ **“Lord of All Good” - vs. 1,3**

*** PRAYER OF THANKS**

God of all creation,

all you have made is good, and your love endures forever.

You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine.

Nourish us with these gifts,

**that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence
in 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.

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 salutary command,
his life-giving passion and death,
his glorious resurrection and ascension,
and the promise of his coming again,
we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,
not as we ought but as we are able.

We ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving
and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,
and these your own gifts of bread and wine,
so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ
may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace.

May we be formed to live as your holy people
and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory 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 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 SONGS

♪ **"Change My Heart"**

♪ **"Where Could I Go?"** (Ps. 139)

*** PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

O God,

**we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast,
the body and blood of your Son.**

**By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need
and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Amen.

*** SENDING SONG**

♪ **"Lift High the Cross"** – vs. 1,3,4

*** PREPARING FOR OUR MISSION IN THE WORLD**

*** BENEDICTION**

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