

THE LORD IS MERCIFUL AND COMPASSIONATE,
SLOW TO GET ANGRY AND FILLED WITH UNFAILING
LOVE. THE LORD IS GOOD TO EVERYONE. HE
SHOWERS COMPASSION ON ALL HIS CREATION.

- PSALM 145:8-9 -



NAZARETH LUTHERAN CHURCH of SOUTH BRISBANE
SERVICE WITH HOLY COMMUNION

17 Pentecost — 20th September, 2026

HYMNS: 365, 407, 377, 840, 341

“Be Alive in Christ and make Him known”

We do this by growing spiritually in God’s Word, allowing God to use us to grow His Church, by being Christ focused, being community focused and being inclusive.

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Our Sunday Services are livestreamed to our YouTube Channel [@nazarethlutheran](https://www.youtube.com/@nazarethlutheran)

Welcome First Timers! You’re invited to refreshments after service.



Welcome

P: If I live, it will be for Christ;

C: **and if I die, I will gain even more.**
(Phil 1:21)

Invocation

♪P: In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

♪C: **Amen.**



Hymn No: 365 With the Lord thy task begin

Confession of Sins and Absolution

P: Dear friends in Christ: let us draw near to God our Father with a true heart to confess our sins, and ask him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

♪P: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

♪C: **He made heaven and earth.**

♪P: I said, I will confess my sins to the Lord.

♪C: **Then he forgave the guilt of my sin.**

C: **Almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor helpless sinner, confess to you all my sins, and repent of all the evil I have done. I have deeply displeased you and deserve your punishment in time and in eternity. But I am sorry for my sins, and I ask you, for the sake of the holy innocent sufferings and death of your dear Son Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me. Amen.**

P: I ask each of you in the presence of God who searches the heart:
Do you confess that you have sinned, and do you repent of your sins?
I do.

P: Do you believe that Jesus Christ has redeemed you from all your sins,
and do you desire forgiveness in his name? **I do.**

P: Do you intend with the help of the Holy Spirit to live as in God's
presence, and to strive daily to lead a holy life, even as Christ has made
you holy? **I do.**

P: Christ gave to his church the authority to forgive the sins of those who repent, and to declare to those who do not repent that their sins are not forgiven. Therefore, upon your confession, I, as a called and ordained servant of the word, announce the grace of God to all of you, and on behalf of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

P: Peace be with you.

C: Amen.

Psalm No: 145 1-8

P: I will exalt you my God, the King.

C: **I will praise your name for ever and ever.**

P: Every day I will praise you

C: **and extol your name for ever and ever.**

P: Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise;

C: **his greatness no one can fathom.**

P: One generation commends your works to another;

C: **they tell of your mighty acts.**

P: They speak of the glorious splendour of your majesty—

C: **and I will meditate on your wonderful works.**

P: They tell of the power of your awesome works—

C: **and I will proclaim your great deeds.**

P: They celebrate your abundant goodness

C: **and joyfully sing of your righteousness.**

P: The Lord is gracious and compassionate,

C: **slow to anger and rich in love.**

♪C: **Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for evermore. Amen.**



Kyrie

♪ALL: **Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy, Lord, have mercy.**

Doxology

♪P: Glory to God in the highest

♪C: and on earth peace, among those with whom he is pleased. We praise you, we bless you, we worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory. O Lord God, heavenly king, God, the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father: You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the sin of the world; receive our prayer. You are seated at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy on us. For you alone are holy, you alone are Lord, you alone, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

♪P: The Lord be with you.

♪C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day – (Collect)

P: Let us pray for a willingness to serve others.

C: Almighty and merciful Father, your Son Jesus Christ has taught us that what we do for those in need we also do for him. As he became the servant of all, help us to be a servant to others. For he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



First Reading: Exodus 16:2-15 Bread from heaven in the desert

After the reading: This is the Word of the Lord

Please respond: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: Philippians 1:21-30 Living for Christ

After the reading: This is the word of the Lord.



C♪ Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Gospel Reading: Matthew 20:1-16 The workers in the vineyard

Before the reading ♪C Glory be to you, O Lord.

After the reading ♪C Praise be to you, O Christ.

C: Lord Jesus, thank you for your generosity, far beyond what we deserve. Teach us to be thankful, and not envious of others. Amen.

The Nicene Creed

All: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of the Father. He will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead; whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who together with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church; I acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

 Hymn No: 407 If thou but suffer God to guide thee

Sermon

 Hymn No: 377 Take my life, and let it be

Offertory Prayer

♫C: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.

P: Lord, thank you for being so generous and merciful to us. Help us to remember what Christ has done for us, and to give ourselves in love and service as a response to his love.

C: **Amen.**

Prayer of the Church

The response to each petition:

P: Lord, in your mercy

C: **hear our prayer.**

♪ Hymn No: 840 Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray

The Preface

♪P: The Lord be with you.

♪C: **And also with you.**

♪P: Lift up your hearts.

♪C: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

♪P: Let us give thanks to the Lord.

♪C: **For that is fitting and right.**

♪P: It is truly fitting and right, and for our lasting good, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks to you, O Lord holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ our Lord; therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we adore and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you and saying:

♪C: **Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts;
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The Lord's Prayer

All: **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name; your kingdom come; your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory, are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

The Words of Institution

The Peace

 P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

 C: Amen.

Lamb of God

 C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us your peace. Amen.



The Distribution

Gluten Free wafers and non-alcoholic wine are available upon request.

Dismissal

P: The body of our Lord Jesus Christ and his precious blood strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life eternal. Go in peace † and with joy.

C: Amen.



The Song of Simeon

 C: Lord, now let your servant depart in peace according to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation which you have prepared in the presence of all people; A light to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people Israel. Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, As it was in the beginning is now and will be for evermore. Amen.

 P: The Lord be with you.

 C: And also with you.

 P: O give thanks to the Lord for he is good! Hallelujah!

 C: For his love endures for ever! Hallelujah!

Prayer after Communion

♪P: Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through this healing gift; and we pray that through it you would graciously strengthen us in faith toward you and in love toward one another; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever

♪C: Amen.

♪P: Let us bless the Lord.

♪C: God be praised for evermore.

The Blessing

♪P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favour † and give you peace.

♪C: Amen. Amen. Amen.

🪏 ♪ Hymn No: 341 Jesus, lead Thou on

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Notes from Pastor Chris

Bible Study Wednesdays at 1:00pm:

Join me Wednesdays for Bible Study, at 1:00pm in the Vestry. Our regular group is growing – come along and be part of our discussions. Bibles provided. Feel free to meet me for a BYO lunch and chat before Bible Study, around 12:30pm, in the Vestry.

General Notices and Events

📖 Nazareth Book Club – Everyone Welcome! Love books and good conversation?

Come along to our next Nazareth Book Club gathering on **Saturday 3 October at 10:00am in Nazareth Hall**. We'll be discussing *The Sewing Machine* by Natalie Fergie—a beautifully woven story of lives, loves and secrets across generations. Whether you're part of our congregation, a regular visitor, or completely new to Nazareth, you're warmly invited. Bring a friend, come for the book and stay for the conversation! Refreshments provided. **Please RSVP to 0492 912 725 by 1 October.**

Heartfelt thanks Harvest Helpers! A heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped set up our beautiful Harvest display last Saturday, and to those who kindly helped take it down on Sunday. Your time, care, and willingness to serve are greatly appreciated. Thank you for helping make our Harvest celebration so special!

Diary

Sunday 20 September	8:30am	Worship with Holy Communion Church
	After	Morning Tea, downstairs hall
	12:30pm	Finnish Worship, Church 1:30pm downstairs hall
Wednesday 23 September	10:00am	Children's Chapel, Church or NELC
	12:30pm	BYO lunch with Pastor Chris, Vestry, open to all
	1:00pm	Bible Study, Vestry, open to all
Thursday 24 September	6:30pm	Piano lessons, Church
Friday 25 September	9:00am	Singing lessons, downstairs hall
	10:30am	Pastor Chris & C Jones Worship at NazCare
	2:45pm	Singing lessons, downstairs hall 5:00pm Lesson, Church
Saturday 26 September	10:30am	Latvian Worship, Church
Sunday 27 September	8:30am	Worship, Church Morning Tea, d/stairs hall
Wednesday 30 September	12:30pm	BYO lunch with Pastor Chris, Vestry, open to all
	1:00pm	Bible Study, Vestry, open to all
Thursday 1 October	6:30pm	Piano lessons, Church
Friday 2 October	9:00am	Singing lessons, downstairs hall
	10:30am	Pastor Chris & C Jones Worship at NazCare
	2:45pm	Singing lessons, downstairs hall 5:00pm Lesson, Church
Saturday 3 October	10:00am	Nazareth Book Club, downstairs hall
Sunday 4 October	8:30am	Worship with Holy Communion Church
	After	Morning Tea, downstairs hall
	4:00pm	Swedish Worship, Church & Hall setup, d/stairs hall



NAZARETH BOOK CLUB – YOU’RE INVITED!

Love books, good conversation and meeting new people? Come along to our next Nazareth Book Club gathering!

 **Our October read: The Sewing Machine by Natalie Fergie** — a fascinating, beautifully woven story centred around an old sewing machine and the lives, loves and secrets connected to it across generations.

Whether you’re a regular book-club member, a keen reader, or simply curious and looking for a welcoming group to join, you’re very welcome! You don’t need to be Christian or connected with Nazareth — this event is open to everyone.

 **Saturday, 3 October, 2026**

 **10:00 am**

 **Nazareth Hall**

Come for the book, stay for the conversation!  

New faces are warmly welcomed — bring a friend and join us!

Refreshments provided - please RSVP to 0492 912 725
by 1st October

