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NAZARETH LUTHERAN CHURCH of SOUTH BRISBANE

SERVICE WITHOUT HOLY COMMUNION

1 Advent — 29th November, 2026

HYMNS: 18, 501, 17, 15, 490

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

Welcome

P: God is faithful;
C: by him we were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
(1 Cor 1:9)

Invocation

♫P: In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.
♫C: Amen.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath (1st Candle)

Hymn No: 18 **Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates** *(Verse 1 only)*

1 Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates,
Behold, the King of glory waits!
The King of kings is drawing near,
The Saviour of the world is here;
Life and salvation He doth bring,
Wherefore rejoice and gladly sing:
We praise Thee, Father, now,
Creator wise art Thou.

Hymn No: 501 **God Himself is present**

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.

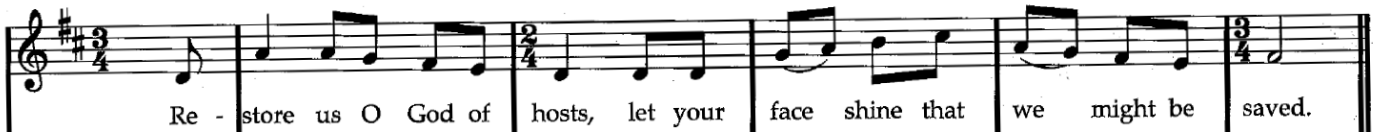
P: Do you believe that Jesus Christ has redeemed you from all your sins, and do you desire forgiveness in his name? **I do.**

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.**

<u>Psalm No: 80:1-7, 17-19</u>



Cantor: *Restore us O God of hosts, let your face shine that we might be saved.*

ANTIPHON: **Restore us O God of hosts, let your face shine that we might be saved.**

Cantor: *Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock! You who are enthroned upon the cherubim; shine forth before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh. Stir up your might and come to save us!*

ANTIPHON: **Restore us O God of hosts, let your face shine that we might be saved.**

Cantor: *Restore us, O God, let your face shine, that we may be saved. O Lord God of hosts, how long will you be angry with your people's prayers? You have fed them with the bread of tears and given them tears to drink in full measure. You make us the scorn of our neighbours, our enemies laugh among themselves.*

ANTIPHON: **Restore us O God of hosts, let your face shine that we might be saved.**

Cantor: *Restore us, O God of hosts, let your face shine, that we may be saved. But let your hand be upon the one at your right hand; the one whom you made strong for yourself. Then we will never turn back from you; give us life, and we will call on your name. restore us, O Lord God of hosts, let your face shine, that we may be saved.*

ANTIPHON: **Show us your steadfast love, O Lord, and grant us your salvation.**

♫**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 the presence of Christ.

C: Cleanse our consciences, Lord, and enlighten our hearts, through the daily presence of your Son Jesus Christ. Make us ready when he comes again in glory to be our judge. For he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



First Reading: Isaiah 64:1-9 Open the heavens and come down!

After the reading: This is the Word of the Lord
Please respond: **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 As you wait for Christ's return

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



C♫ Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Gospel Reading: Mark 13:24-37 No one knows the day or the hour

Before the reading **♫C Glory be to you, O Lord.**
After the reading **♫C Praise be to you, O Christ.**

C: Thank you, Lord Jesus, for promising to return. Help us always to keep watching and to be awake and ready. Amen.

The Apostles' Creed

All: I believe in God, the Father, Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty, from thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.



Hymn No: 17 **Come, Thou long-expected Jesus**

Sermon



Hymn No: 15 **Jesus came – the heavens adoring**



Offertory Prayer

C: What can I offer to the Lord: for all his göodness to me? I will lift up the cup of salvation: and call on the näme of the Lord. I will offer you a sacrifice of thanksgiving: and call on the näme of the Lord. I will keep my promises to the Lord: in the presence of all his people; In the courts of the house of the Lord: in your midst, O Jerusalem.

P: Lord, help us always to remember that Christ has promised to return. Keep us faithful to him, doing the work you have given us to do, until he comes to take us to himself.

C: Amen.



Prayer of the Church

The response to each petition:

P: Lord, in your mercy **C: hear our prayer.**



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 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: 490 O Son of God, we wait for Thee



Notes from Pastor Chris

Advent Blessings: Another church year has come to a close! Once more we remember that so many were looking for their Messiah to come, while we too look to our Messiah's return. As the busy-ness of the season descends and you start planning for events, dinners and maybe even trips away, I pray that you continue to keep your eyes fixed on the founder and perfector of your faith. May the love of Jesus be the centre of all you do in this Advent season.

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.

Diary

Sunday 29 November	**8:30am**	**Worship, Church | Morning Tea, d/stairs hall**
	10:30ish	**Extraordinary General Meeting, d/stairs hall**
Monday 30 November	8:30am	LCAQD Day of Discernment, downstairs hall
Tuesday 1 December	**9:30am**	**Triple C – Ladies' Fellowship, hall, then lunch nearby**
Wednesday 2 December	**12:30pm**	**BYO Lunch with Pastor | 1pm Bible Study, Vestry**
Thursday 3 December	2:00pm	ELC End of Year Party Setup & Party, d/stairs hall
	6:30pm	Music lessons, Church
Friday 4 December	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
Sunday 6 December	**8:30am**	**Worship with Holy Communion, Church**
	3:30pm	Swedish hall and church set up | Worship | Refreshments
Monday 7 December	10:00am	Hall booking may cancel due to upper hall works
Tuesday 8 December	**8:30am**	**Emergency Equipment Service all buildings & Manse**
Wednesday 9 December	**12:30pm**	**BYO Lunch with Pastor | 1pm Bible Study, Vestry**
	7:00pm	**Church Committee Meeting, downstairs hall**
Thursday 10 December	6:30pm	Music lessons, Church
Friday 11 December	9:00am	Singing lessons, Church
	9:30am	Finnish Playgroup, lower hall & outdoor area
	10:30am	**Pastor Chris & C Jones Worship at NazCare**
	2:45pm	Singing lessons, downstairs hall | 5:00pm Lesson, Church
	6:00pm	Hall hire setup for Saturday
Saturday 12 December	10:00am	Private booking, downstairs hall
Sunday 13 December	**8:30am**	**Worship, Church | Morning Tea, d/stairs hall**
	3:30pm	Swedish hall and church set up | Worship | Refreshments

"Glory to God in the highest Heaven and on Earth Peace" - Luke 2:14

Christmas Events 2026

Nazareth Lutheran Church of South Brisbane



ALL WELCOME

29 November, Advent Service *Hope*
8:30am

6 December, Advent Service, *Peace*
8:30am - With Holy Communion

13 December, Advent Service *Joy*
8:30am

20 December, Advent Service *Love*
8:30am - With Holy Communion

24 December, Latvian Service
6:30pm

24 December, Christmas Eve
11:00pm Carols, Choir, Readings

25 December, Christmas Day Service
8:30am - With Holy Communion

27 December, Divine Service
8:30am

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