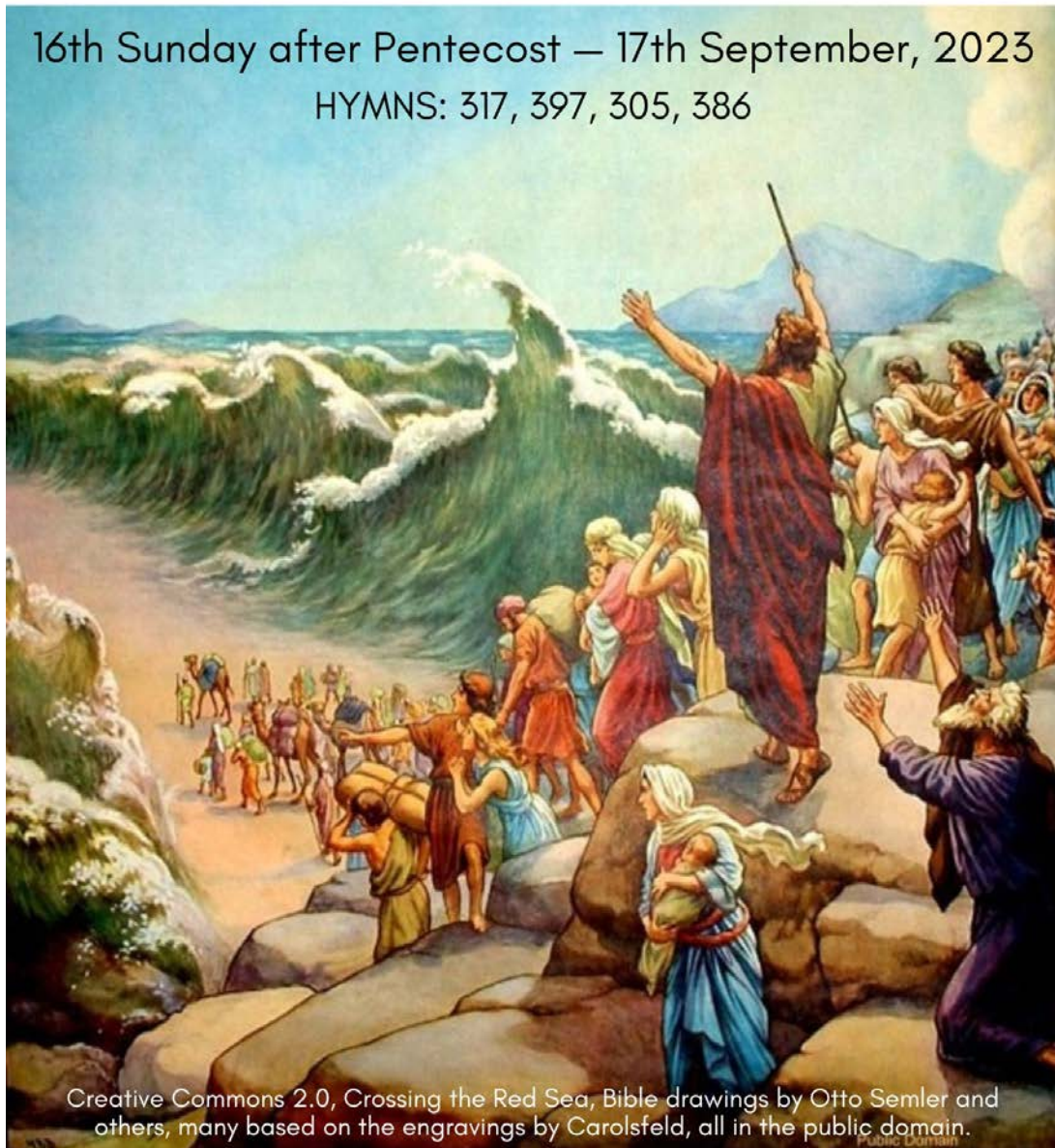


# NAZARETH LUTHERAN CHURCH of SOUTH BRISBANE

## LAY LED SERVICE WITHOUT HOLY COMMUNION

16th Sunday after Pentecost – 17th September, 2023

HYMNS: 317, 397, 305, 386



**“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/Being Inclusive*

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**Our Sunday Services are livestreamed to our YouTube Channel [@nazarethlutheran](#)**

**Welcome to all newcomers!**

We invite you to join in fellowship with a cuppa after service



## Welcome

L: If we live, we live to the Lord,  
C: and if we die, we die to the Lord;  
L: so then, whether we live or whether we die,  
C: we are the Lord's.  
(Rom 14:7,8 NRSV)

## Invocation

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



Hymn No: 317 Jesus sinners doth receive

## Confession of Sins and Absolution

L: 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.

L: Our help is in the name of the Lord.  
♫C: He made heaven and earth.  
L: I said, I will confess my sins to the Lord.  
♫C: Then he forgave the guilt of my sin.

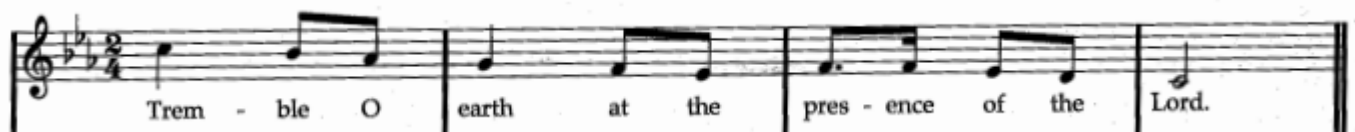
L: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we confess to you that by nature we are sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against you by thought, word and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to your infinite mercy and plead for your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: Most merciful God, you have given your only Son to die for us: Have mercy on us, and for his sake grant us forgiveness of all our sins. By your Holy Spirit increase our knowledge of you and your will, and make us obedient to your Word, so that by your grace we may come to eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

L: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy on us, and has given his only Son to die for us, and for his sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in his name he has given the right to become the children of God, and has given them his Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized will be saved. Grant this, Lord, to us all.

C: Amen.

## Psalm 114



*Cantor: Tremble O earth at the presence of the Lord.*

**ANTIPHON:** Tremble O earth at the presence of the Lord.

*Cantor: When Israel went out from Egypt, the house of Jacob from a people of strange language, Judah became God's sanctuary, Israel his dominion.*

**ANTIPHON:** Tremble O earth at the presence of the Lord.

*Cantor: The sea looked and fled; Jordan turned back. The mountains skipped like rams, the hills like lambs.*

**ANTIPHON:** Tremble O earth at the presence of the Lord.

*Cantor: Why is it, O sea, that you flee? O Jordan, that you turn back? O mountains, that you skip like rams? O hills, like lambs?*

**ANTIPHON:** Tremble O earth at the presence of the Lord.

*Cantor: Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the God of Jacob, who turns the rock into a pool of water, the flint into a spring of water.*

**ANTIPHON:** Tremble O earth at the presence of the Lord.

♩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

L: 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.


L: The Lord be with you.

♪C: And also with you.

## Prayer of the Day – (Collect)

L: Let us pray that we may depend on God's mercy.

C: Loving heavenly Father, it is by your mercy that we are redeemed. Help us always to remember that you have forgiven and accepted us only because of Christ, and not because of ourselves or anything that we have done. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.


 First Reading: Exodus 14:19-31 The crossing of the Red Sea

*After the reading:* This is the Word of the Lord

*Please respond:* Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: Romans 14:1-12 The strong and the weak faith

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

 C♪ Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

**Gospel Reading:** Matthew 18:21-35 Parable of the unforgiving servant

*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, that God forgives us for your sake. Help us to forgive one another. 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.



**♪C** **Hymn No: 397** Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us

### **Sermon**



**♪C** **Hymn No: 305** Today Thy mercy call us



### **Offertory Prayer**

**♪C:** What can I offer to the Lord: for all his goodness to me? I will lift up the cup of salvation: and call on the name of the Lord. I will offer you a sacrifice of thanksgiving: and call on the name 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.

**L:** Thank you, Lord, for your great mercy in continuing to forgive us. Help us likewise to show mercy to our brothers and sisters and forgive them when they wrong us. Strengthen our faith and our love, and lead us to live in gratitude for all you have done for us, serving you and other people.

**C:** Amen.

## Prayer of the Church

The response to each petition:

L: 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

L: The Lord bless us and keep us.

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

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

♫C: Amen. Amen. Amen.

## Hymn No: 386 In Thee is gladness



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