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NAZARETH LUTHERAN CHURCH of SOUTH BRISBANE

SERVICE WITHOUT HOLY COMMUNION

1 Christmas — 28th December, 2025

HYMNS: 29, 629, 746, 633

“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](#)

Welcome Visitors! Please join us for a cuppa and fellowship after service.



Welcome

P: In all our distress, the presence of the Lord saved us.

C: In his love and mercy he redeemed us;

P: he lifted us up

C: and carried us all the days of old.

(Isa 63:9 NIV alt)

Invocation

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

♪C: Amen.

Hymn No: 29 Come, your hearts and voices raising

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.**

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 that we may love one another as God has loved us.

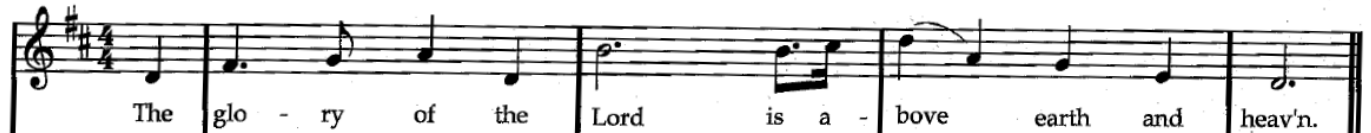
C: Lord, help us, in all our dealings with one another, to be subject to you, the Father of all. May we follow the pattern of your Son, Jesus Christ, who was obedient to your will, and gave up his life for us. For he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

 **First Reading:** Isaiah 63:7-9 The kindness of the Lord

After the reading: This is the Word of the Lord

Please respond: Thanks be to God.

Psalm No: 148



Cantor: *The glory of the Lord is above earth and heav'n.*

ANTIPHON: **The glory of the Lord is above earth and heav'n.**

Cantor: *Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights! Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!*

ANTIPHON: **The glory of the Lord is above earth and heav'n.**

Cantor: *Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars! Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!*

ANTIPHON: **The glory of the Lord is above earth and heav'n.**

Cantor: *Let them praise the name of the Lord, for he commanded and they were created. He established them forever and ever; he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.*

ANTIPHON: **The glory of the Lord is above earth and heav'n.**

Cantor: *Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps, fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command! Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars! Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!*

ANTIPHON: **The glory of the Lord is above earth and heav'n.**

Cantor: *Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth! Young men and women alike, old and young together! Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven.*

ANTIPHON: **The glory of the Lord is above earth and heav'n.**


Cantor: *He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful, for the people of Israel who are close to him. Praise the Lord!*

ANTIPHON: The glory of the Lord is above earth and heav'n.

♫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.

Second Reading: Hebrews 2:10-18 Jesus, our brother, pioneer of salvation

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

 **♫C** Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Gospel Reading: Matthew 2:13-23 The escape into Egypt

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 becoming a human being and living among danger and hardship for us. Be with us in all our troubles. 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: 629** Silent night, holy night!

Sermon

 Hymn No: 746 What child is this, who, laid to rest

 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.

P: Our protecting Father, thank you for making us your children and taking care of us. Help us to respond in thankfulness by giving ourselves in service to you and to other people.

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: 633 O little town of Bethlehem



Spiritual Book Club 2026

We'll discuss
"Oscar and Lucinda" by
Peter Carey

10am - 11:30am

Saturday, 21st February, 2026

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10am @ Nazareth Hall
12 Hawthorne St, Woolloongabba

Facilitated by Helen Brinkman.
Refreshments provided.

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"Where is God
in this story?"

