



1 Peter 2:25

**For “you were like sheep going astray,”
but now you have returned to
the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.**

**NAZARETH LUTHERAN CHURCH of SOUTH BRISBANE
SERVICE WITHOUT HOLY COMMUNION**

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HYMNS: 97, 609, 602, 422, 793

“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: The sheep hear the voice of the Shepherd, Alleluia;

C: he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. Alleluia!
(John 10:3)

Invocation

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

♪C: Amen.

 ♪Hymn No: 97 The strife is o'er, the battle done

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 for God's help to do his will.

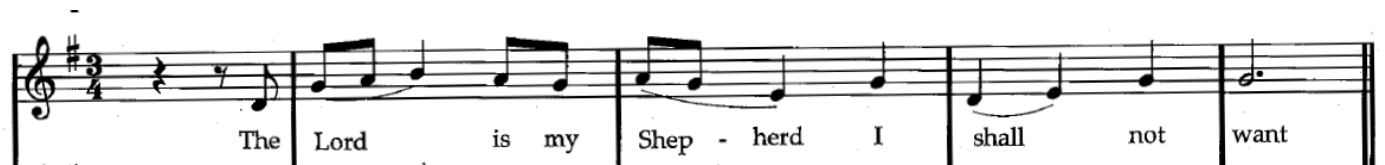
C: God of peace, you brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep. Equip us through his blood, which sealed the eternal covenant, with every good thing we need to do your will, and work in us what is pleasing to you. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

 **First Reading:** Acts 2:42-47 Life and worship in the apostolic church

After the reading: This is the Word of the Lord

Please respond: Thanks be to God.

Psalm No: 23



Cantor: *The Lord is my shepherd I shall not want.*

ANTIPHON: The Lord is my shepherd I shall not want.

Cantor: *The Lord is my shepherd I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.*

ANTIPHON: The Lord is my shepherd I shall not want.

Cantor: *Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff – they comfort me.*

ANTIPHON: The Lord is my shepherd I shall not want.



Cantor: *You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.*

ANTIPHON: The Lord is my shepherd I shall not want.

✪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: 1 Peter 2:19-25 The shepherd and bishop of our souls

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


 **C**  Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Gospel Reading: John 10:1-10 Jesus, the gate for the sheep

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 being the gate for the sheep to enter into life. Lead us to know you and to follow you. Amen.

  Hymn No: 609 Jesus loves me! This I know


Baptism:

 The Lord's Prayer

All: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory for ever and ever. 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: 602 I am Jesus' Little Lamb

Sermon

 Hymn No: 422 Good Shepherd of Thy people, hear

 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: Eternal loving Shepherd, your Son laid down his life for us, his sheep. Help us to follow him by loving and serving the people around us.

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: 793 To God be the glory, great things he has done!