



Good Shepherd

Lutheran Church - Noosa

1 Christmas

Dec 28, 2025



God's Doing...

A noun and a verb

Isaiah 63:7

Gathered to Grow - Sent to Serve



WELCOME TO GOOD SHEPHERD!

We believe that every church exists to give glory to God and to make disciples (followers of Jesus) (Matt 28:19-20). Following Jesus is a journey, a lifelong process of faith formation that we describe simply as:

Gathered to Grow...Sent to Serve!

Everything we do at Good Shepherd is focused on this faith formation process. It is our way of helping one another become the disciple Jesus is calling us to be. All are welcome to join us on our journey of faith in Christ. Enquiries can be made to - 07 5455 8645.

AS WE GATHER

Once again, we welcome a new year. Looking back on the months, weeks, days, and even minutes that have flown past at lightning speed...remembering the blessings and joys; the big events and the daily happenings; the growth and the learning. And then, inevitably, my mind goes to the sorrows, the missed opportunities, and the nagging habits that have been hard to break. The successes and the failures; the hopes and the dreams... It's amazing to think about all that happens in a year, isn't it? And through it all, God is faithful. God is at work. God is "doing" in our lives and in our world. So, as I move beyond reflecting on the past, my eyes turn toward the present and future. The blessings and joys to come. The big events on the calendar and the daily happenings that await. The opportunities and challenges that lie ahead. How exciting it is to begin a new year! How comforting to know that "according to his steadfast love" we will be "lifted up and carried." How calming to remember that God is faithful. God is at work. God is "doing" in our lives and in our world.

THEME VERSE

"I will tell of the kindnesses of the Lord...yes, the many good things he has done for Israel, according to his compassion and many kindnesses." Isaiah 63:7

REMEMBER 1 THING

God's doing does not depend on our doing. Isaiah says God acted because of God's love and compassion.

BIBLE READINGS

Isaiah 63:7-9

Hebrews 2:10-18

Matthew 2:13-23

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God, you are faithful through all kinds of circumstances: joy and sadness, trials and troubles. When we are overwhelmed with life itself, you are our God who is present with us, restoring us, lifting us and carrying us. You have come among us in Jesus, the Christ child. Help us to trust in your steadfast love and live as your grateful people. Amen.

'Holy Communion is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ given with bread and wine.'" 'In the Sacrament we receive forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation'. 'The words **for you** require simply a believing heart'.

Come to this Sacrament

- as a **sinner** who wants God's forgiveness;
- as a baptised **believer** who trusts that Jesus died for the forgiveness of all sins;
- as a **guest** who humbly accepts what Jesus gives: his true body and blood with the bread and wine;
- as a **witness** who gladly joins in this public confession of the death of Christ.

If this is what you believe and confess, you are welcome to attend the Lord's Supper. Gluten Free wafers and non-alcoholic wine are optional. Please inform the server for gluten-free wafer, and pick-up non-alcoholic wine on table.

If you would like to come forward for just a blessing, please cross your arms to indicate, and receive a blessing. Children will receive a blessing.

If you have any concerns or questions, please see Pastor before the service.

CALENDAR: This Week

Sun	Dec 28	9:30am	WORSHIP: w/HC
Wed	Dec 31		New Year's Eve
Sun	Jan 4	9:30am	WORSHIP: w/HC

ROSTER DUTIES

DUTY	28/12/25	4/1/25	11/1/25
Counting	M Radke		M Newman
Welcomer/ Ushers	V Tullett, M Bartholomaeus		
Music	Hansen	D Nivala	S O'Connor
PA/PPT	J MacDonald	T Sykes	
Lector	X Kalodye		X Kalodye
Lay Assistant	T Sykes		
Kid's Talk	A Hansen		
Morning tea	V&G Handreck, A Reed	M Newman, G Farley	N Quayle, C Goessling

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome! It's great to have you worshipping with us today. May you be richly blessed as you share in our worship and fellowship time. If there is anything we can do to help you while you are here with us today, please do not hesitate to ask the Ushers.

- **Toilets:** Situated behind the Kitchen down the hall. Just follow the signs.
- **Kids Worship Bags:** Available in the Kids Korner of the church. Different bags for different age groups. Please return at end of service.
- **Kids Activity Sheets:** Available in box in the Kids Korner. Please return clipboard and pencils at end of service.

1. **Today,** we welcome into membership Stuart, Jessica, India, Pia & Benjamin MacDonald into our fellowship here at Good Shepherd. We give thanks to God for his continued growth.
2. **Baptism:** It is with joy that we announce that Steve Mawby was baptised into Christ at Sunshine Beach last Monday, December 22, 2025. We give thanks to God for his grace to Steve!
3. **Holiday:** Pr Mark & Anne will be away this week on holiday. If you need any assistance during this time, please speak to David Nivala. Pr Mark will return on January 6, 2026.
4. **House Title** for 36 Neptune Circuit Noosaville has been officially transferred, and we now have the Registration Certificate. This brings the transfer of title to a close, and we can now start renting the house. As per the AGM, funds from the rental will go towards employing a lay worker. More details to come. Once again, we give thanks to God for the gift from the Kraatz family.
5. **Roster:** If you are here in January, we could really use some help to fill blank spots in the Roster. Please add your name on the Roster (located on the Usher's Desk) or email Mel on goodshepherd.noosa.qld@lca.org.au Thanks & blessings 😊

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