Good Shepherd
Lutheran Church - Noosa

24 Pentecost
November 8, 2026



Ready or Not

Matthew 25:13

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:

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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

As children, many of us played a game called "Hide and Seek." The seeker would cover their eyes and count aloud: "One, two, three..." and everyone else would scramble to find a hiding place. The countdown would reach its end with the familiar words: "Ready or not, here I come!" It didn't matter whether you had found the perfect hiding place. It didn't matter whether you thought you needed another minute. The game began when the seeker came looking. In today's Gospel, Jesus speaks about another coming. Not a game of hide and seek, but his return in glory. And his message is simple: "Be ready." Jesus speaks about a time when he will come again, but Jesus says that no one knows when he will come. Jesus wants us to be ready. But, how can we be always ready for him to come again if we do not know when he is coming? We can be ready for Jesus to return if we know the good news that God loves us. We wait in faith, trusting in the promises of our Savior who died and rose again for us. As we gather around God's Word and Sacraments, he fills us with the oil of faith and keeps us ready for the day when we will see him face to face.

THEME VERSE

"So always be ready, because you don't know the day or the hour the Son of Man will come." Matthew 25:13

REMEMBER 1 THING:

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BIBLE READINGS

Amos 5:18-24 | 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 | Matthew 25:1-13

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord Jesus Christ, keep us watchful and faithful as we await your coming. Fill us with the light of your Word, strengthen us through your Holy Spirit, and lead us to live each day in confident hope; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. 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	Nov 8	9:30am 11.30am	WORSHIP: w/HC GSLC Power Outage
Tues	Nov 10	8:45am	Mainly Music
Wed	Nov 11	12 noon 6:30pm	KYB lunch (Izzy Chai) KYB Dinner (Villa Noosa)
Thurs	Nov 12	4:45pm 6:30pm	Church Council (5:00pm Workshop start) Mother's Prayers
Fri	Nov 13	8:45am	WORSHIP: Primary Chapel
Sun	Nov 15	9:30am 2.30pm	WORSHIP: w/HC Noosa Orchestra Concert - 'An Emperor amongst Concertos'

ROSTER DUTIES

DUTY	8/11/26	15/11/26	22/11/26
Counting	J Ainsworth	M Newman	J Ainsworth
Welcomer/ Ushers	M&L Bartholomaeus	N Quayle,	D Emslie,
Music	D Nivala	Hansen	A Nivala
PA/PPT	T Sykes		T Sykes
Lector	X Kalodye	N Quayle	X Kalodye
Lay Assistant	S Wenke	T Sykes	
Kid's Talk	L Bartholomaeus	A Hansen	
Morning tea	C Goessling N Quayle	S&W Wenke, J Ainsworth	C Esmlie,

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. **Men's Breakfast:** the next Men's Breakfast will be at 8am on Saturday 21 November. It's always a great time of feasting and fellowship, so invite some friends and join us here at GSLC on the Friendship Terrace. Please RSVP on the sign-up sheet located on the Usher's Desk for catering.

2. **CrossWalk:** Our next CrossWalk will be **ADVENT, November 29, 2026.** (Note the different date) Please come to enjoy the beginning of the Advent season. All are welcome.

3. **Noosa Orchestra** present 'An Emperor amongst Concertos' on Sunday 15 November, 2.30pm - a performance of not one, but two concertos; one for the piano and one for the trombone. Tickets are available via www.trybooking.com

4. **Food donations** – Thank you to those who helped donate meals and non-perishables for our pantry here at GSLC. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

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