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God of joy, keep us

from being weighed down by worry.

Encourage us instead to lay our burdens on you.

Make us cheerful and glad because your Son Jesus is always with us.

For he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

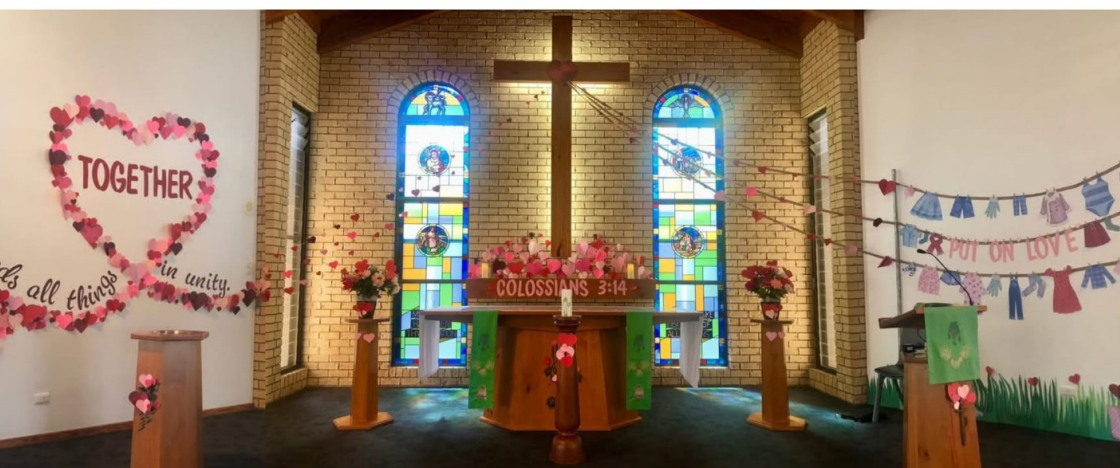
one God, now and forever.

Amen.



Please pray for...

Health & Wellbeing, Recovery: Sue Ancell, Glenys Creevey, Clare Dopking, Marie Nicholson, Cynthia Schulz, Peter Thamm, Leanne Maroske, Geoff Stapleton, Ross Krieg, Wendy Riekstins, Ann Diment, John Smout, Dianne Kleidon, Gwen Horsfield, Robert Keller, Jan Maroske, Val Siegle, Sean Giblin, Ann De Berg, Leslie Smith



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20th Sunday After Pentecost ST PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH CABOOLTURE AND BRIBIE ISLAND

Everything is Ready. Come



Upcoming Worship Service Times @ St Paul's **THIS WEEK**

Sunday, 11th October

Bribie Island @ 8am

Caboolture @ 9am

Monday, 12th October

Aged Care @ 10am

NEXT WEEK

Sunday, 18th October

Caboolture @ 10am

Monday, 19th October

Aged Care @ 10am



Bible Readings

This Sunday

Isaiah 25:1-9
Philippians 4:1-9
Matthew 22:1-14

Next Sunday

1 Thessalans 1:1-10
Matthew 22:15-22

When was the last time someone said, "You don't need to bring anything. Just come"—and you actually believed them?

Many of us find it easier to help than to be helped. We're happy to cook, organise, lend a hand or bring a plate. But receiving someone's kindness can leave us feeling that we ought to contribute something first. Perhaps we carry that same feeling into our relationship with God: Once I've done more, tried harder or sorted myself out, then I'll come.

Jesus tells a story that invites us to pause. A king has prepared a wedding feast for his son. The table is set, the meal is ready, and the invitation goes out: "Everything is ready. Come."

What might those words mean for you this week? For the responsibilities that keep piling up? For the regret you quietly carry? For the grief or worry that follows you even into otherwise happy moments?

There is something deeply comforting in the picture of a God who prepares a feast and wants us there. Yet receiving his welcome can also reveal what holds us back. Join us for worship, and take a little time with the daily devotions throughout the week. Together, we'll listen to this invitation, reflect on the welcome Jesus gives, and discover how his kindness makes room in our lives for others.

Come with your questions, your weariness and your hopes. There is good news waiting to be heard.

Belonging to Christ • We *grow, connect,* and *thrive* • To *serve* others

What's On at St Paul's

UPCOMING MONTH



Heavenly Father, bless every gathering this month and draw us closer to You and to one another.



**Each Tuesday
From 1pm**

Bible Study

Exploring the previous Sunday's readings and sermon in depth.



**Tuesday
13th October**

Womens Fellowship Caboolture

A regular time of encouragement and sharing



**Sunday
18th October
10am**

100th Anniversary Service

Communion Service with Thanksgiving to God for His Church and guest speakers.



**Thursday
22nd October
1:30pm**

Bribie Island Bible Study

Led by Pastor Michael Braunberger. Study is on the book of John



**Sunday
25th October
10am**

100th Anniversary Family Celebration

Longest Lutheran Lunch with singing, games, activities and more.



**Thursday
5th November
9:30am**

Ladies Fellowship Bribie Island

A regular gathering for women featuring faith, fellowship, friendship and encouragement.



**Wednesday
4th November
6:30pm**

W.I.P.

An evening of craft, games and chatting for women of all ages

LOOKING AHEAD



Lord, may everything we do together bring glory to You and blessing to others.



**LUTHERAN
CHURCH**
OF AUSTRALIA
QUEENSLAND DISTRICT

OPEN DOOR TO

Collaboration

Living in Christ-shaped collaboration, engaging generously with our partners in mission.



**ST PAUL'S
LUTHERAN
CHURCH**
CABOOLTURE AND BRIBIE ISLAND

Help Intercept give young people a brighter future



Sometimes a little practical support, offered at just the right time, can make a life-changing difference for a young person.

Each year, Lutheran Services' Intercept Youth & Family Program in Caboolture raises funds for its bursary program. These bursaries help young people across the Moreton Bay region overcome practical barriers and take important steps towards education, employment and greater independence.

Last year, the generosity of supporters helped young people access:

- ✓ dance lessons that encouraged confidence and connection
- ✓ parking for regular hospital appointments
- ✓ driving lessons
- ✓ White Card and First Aid training to improve employment opportunities
- ✓ a bicycle for travelling to school

These may seem like simple things, but for a young person facing difficult circumstances, they can open the door to hope, confidence and a more secure future.



**Lutheran
Services**
Youth & Family



Intercept
Youth & Family Program



Join us for a great night!



Friday, 23 October at 6:00pm
Redcliffe Leagues Club

Gather your family, friends or workmates, book a table and enjoy a wonderful evening of trivia, laughter and generosity—all while supporting young people in our local community.

Book your ticket or table here

<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1551578>



Can you help?

- ✓ Come along to the Trivia Night.
- ✓ Make a financial donation.
- ✓ Donate a prize for the Trivia Night auction.
- ✓ Share this invitation with others.

Every gift—large or small—helps Intercept provide practical assistance when a young person needs it most.

To make a donation by EFT

Account name: Lutheran Services
BSB: 084 424
Account number: 668567293
Reference: Intercept Bursary + your surname

Donations of \$2 or more are tax-deductible.
To request a receipt: finance@lutheranservices.org.au



To donate an auction prize or ask a question:

Intercept.fundraising@lutheranservices.org.au
07 5428 1684

Your generosity can help a young person overcome a barrier, discover a new opportunity and take their next step with confidence.

Thank you for supporting the young people of Caboolture. We would love to see you at the Trivia Night!

A different place, the same warm welcome

Sunday, 11 October 2026

Worship at 8am

At Bev and Mike Dance's home
21 Botany Crescent
Banksia Beach

With the Orchid Show taking place at our usual venue,
we'll gather at Bev and Mike's home for worship.

Come and join us — everyone is welcome!

Ladies FELLOWSHIP

Bribie Island

✝ Come for
FAITH

👥 Come for
FELLOWSHIP

💚 Come for
FRIENDSHIP

Meets on the
first Thursday
of every month.

For address please
contact Linda on
☎ 0431 570 299

*All women
welcome!*

Next fellowship time
5th November
9:30am

Bible Study

AT BRIBIE ISLAND



NEXT BIBLE STUDY TO BE HELD ON:

22nd October @ 1:30pm

A relaxed, friendly group for **all ages** to explore the Bible,
grow in faith and discover **God's great love** for you.

📅 ON THE **4TH**
THURSDAY
OF EVERY MONTH

LED BY
**PASTOR MICHAEL
BRAUNBERGER**
Currently studying the
Gospel of John

👥 **ALL WELCOME!**
Come as you are.
Everyone belongs.

Hear. Learn. Grow. Together in God's Word. 💚

📍 AT 3 ELIZABETH BATTS COURT, BANKSIA BEACH

HELP US BRING 100 YEARS OF MEMORIES TO LIFE



We are creating a special display celebrating the people and moments that have shaped St Paul's over the past century.

Do you have memorabilia to share?

We are especially looking for framed photographs of weddings, confirmations, church picnics, celebrations and other treasured moments from congregational life.



Please bring your items to the church office by **Thursday afternoon** so they can be included in the display.

Every photograph and keepsake helps tell our story.
Thank you for helping us remember, give thanks and celebrate together.



ST PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH



GIFT & GIVING PROJECT CHRISTIAN RI

An urgent opportunity to reach 286 high school students

286

That is 286 young people given the opportunity to explore faith and learn about Jesus.

JUST UNDER \$7
provides curriculum for one secondary student.

\$2,000
can provide curriculum for all 286 CABOOLTURE STATE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS who have opted in for Christian RI



HOW TO GIVE



Gift and Giving Basket
at the church entrance desk



or direct deposit:
BSB 034 640
Account 169299
Reference: GandG



Please also pray for the instructors and assistants needed.

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others.
1 Peter 4:10 (NIV)



INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING?

To teach Christian RI in schools, please talk to Pastor James.



ONE FOOT FORWARD

The walk for mental health

I've started!
My 300km Challenge for Mental Health Research

I'm taking on the One Foot Forward Challenge to support mental health research through the Black Dog Institute.

Mental illness doesn't always show on the outside. Too many people struggle quietly, believing they have to face it alone. They don't.

Every donation helps fund vital research, education and support that can change—and save—lives.



Progress so far...



Swimming
6 km
of 50 km



Running / Walking
12 km
of 100 km



Cycling
18 km
of 150 km

Please support me

as I take on this 300km Challenge. Together, we can make a real difference for those facing mental health challenges.



WALKING TOGETHER.



STANDING TOGETHER.



STRONGER TOGETHER.

Donate today!
Scan the QR code to support my challenge.





St Paul's Lutheran Ladies Fellowship

Caboolture





Our next get together is on
Tuesday, 13th Oct @ 9am

For more details please see Mavis Thamm.



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COME AND GIVE THANKS WITH US

THANKSGIVING SERVICE

SUNDAY 18 OCTOBER 2026 • 10.00 AM
ST PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH CABOOLTURE



BRING TO SHARE
Please bring a plate of finger food to share.
To help our kitchen team, please no hot food.



NAME BADGES
Please remember to wear your name badge.



HELP US PREPARE
**Working -bee on Saturday from 9:30am
and Friday from 1pm.**



THE CELEBRATION CONTINUES

A SUNDAY SCHOOL PICNIC THROUGH THE AGES

SUNDAY 25 OCTOBER 2026 • FROM 10.00AM
GREEN ZONE • ST PAUL'S LUTHERAN PRIMARY SCHOOL



COME AND CELEBRATE WITH US
We will begin with a short service of thanksgiving, with singing, a skit and prayers. Our Year 6 students will help lead us.



THEN THE PICNIC FUN BEGINS
Egg-and-spoon races • Three-legged races • Sack races
Face painting • Activities for all ages • And much more!



BBQ FOR EVERYONE
Enjoy a sausage sizzle, rissoles and plenty of onion.



HOW YOU CAN HELP
Invite your friends and family, together with past and present members. Bring a bowl of salad to share. Come ready to join in the fun as we celebrate our community.

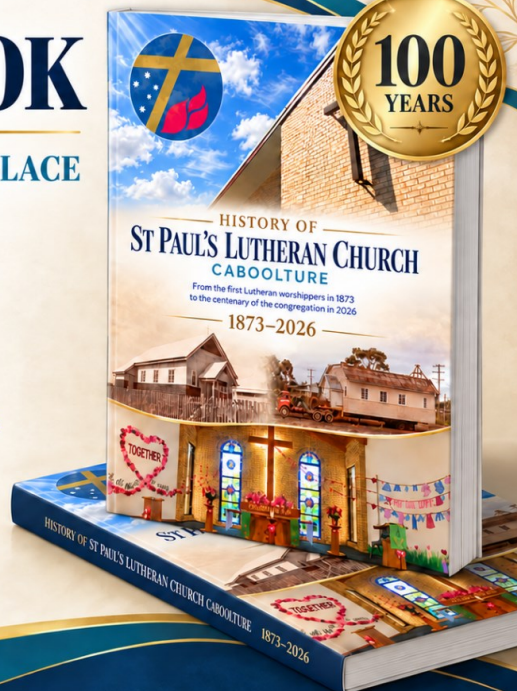
HISTORY BOOK

A CENTURY OF FAITH, PEOPLE & PLACE

Take home the story of St Paul's Lutheran Church Caboolture—a richly illustrated journey from the first Lutheran worshippers in 1873 to the congregation's centenary in 2026.

Through photographs, records and shared memories, meet the people, milestones, ministries and places that have shaped our life together.

A meaningful keepsake for members, families, former members and friends—honouring the past, giving thanks to God and carrying the story into the future.



AVAILABLE AFTER THE 10.00AM THANKSGIVING SERVICE

SUNDAY 18 OCTOBER 2026

\$15 EACH

NCLS
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2026 National
Church Life
Survey

LIFE TO The Full

YOUR VOICE MATTERS

St Paul's Lutheran Church • Caboolture & Bribie Island

What is the National Church Life Survey?

A nationwide survey listening to our experiences of church, faith and belonging.

Why take part?

Our responses help St Paul's—and Lutheran leaders in Queensland and nationally—understand our strengths, plan for the future and better serve our communities.

PLEASE STAY AFTER OUR NORMAL CHURCH SERVICE

BRIBIE ISLAND
Sunday 8 November 2026

CABOOLTURE
Sunday 15 November 2026

Allow about 20 minutes.

Surveys will also be available if you cannot attend either Sunday.

Belonging to Christ; We grow, connect and thrive; to serve others.

2026ncls.org.au

YOU'RE INVITED TO BIBLE STUDY

Everything Is Ready. Come.

Tuesday at 1pm

St Paul's Lutheran Church, Caboolture

Why can receiving
kindness be harder
than giving it?

What gets in the way of
accepting God's
welcome?

Who would we put on
the guest list?

Explore Matthew 22:1-14

Come, reflect and share together.

In Loving Memory of

Don Weier

With sadness, yet trusting in the hope we have in Jesus Christ, we share that **Don Weier** died overnight on **Monday, 5 October**, surrounded by loved ones. Don is now with his Lord in paradise.

We remember in our prayers Don's wife, **Gaye**, his daughters, **Joanne Schache** and **Elise Bliss**, and their families. We also hold in prayer all who mourn the loss of a much-loved husband, father, grandfather and friend.

Don's funeral will be held at

**Living Faith Lutheran Church,
Murrumba Downs,
on Friday, 16 October, at 1:00pm.**

May our loving Lord draw close to all who grieve, comfort them with his presence, and uphold them with his promise of resurrection and eternal life.

Growing Together:

Daily Devotions to Help You

BELONG | GROW | CONNECT | THRIVE | SERVE

Thursday: Bring Your Tears
Isaiah 25:7-9

"You must be feeling better by now." Words like these can leave us feeling very alone. Grief rarely follows a timetable. A familiar song, an empty chair or an ordinary afternoon can bring the ache back unexpectedly. Isaiah promises that God will swallow up death forever and wipe away tears from every face. What a tender picture. The God who prepares the feast also sees the tears of those he welcomes. You do not have to hide your sadness from him. You can bring the person you miss, the news you fear and the exhaustion you struggle to explain. Jesus knows sorrow. He wept at the grave of his friend Lazarus. He entered death himself and rose again. His resurrection gives us a sure hope beyond the losses we experience now. That hope does not require us to stop crying. We can grieve while trusting his promise. Perhaps today you feel joyful. Perhaps you feel fragile. Perhaps both feelings are sitting side by side. God welcomes you as you are. His promise reaches into this day: death will not have the final word. Christ will. Until then, you can place your tears in his care.

- > What sorrow or worry would you like to bring to God?
- > How does Jesus' resurrection speak to that sorrow?
- > Who might need your quiet companionship today?

Compassionate Father, hold me close in my sadness. Thank you that Jesus has overcome death. Give me comfort, patient hope and people who will walk beside me. Amen.

Friday: You Can Tell Him
Philippians 4:4-7

Sometimes our worries become loudest when everything else becomes quiet. We lie in bed rehearsing tomorrow's conversation, wondering about someone we love or calculating how everything will get done. Paul encourages us to bring our concerns to God in prayer, with thanksgiving. We can tell him what we need. This invitation can be wonderfully freeing. Prayer does not require polished words or a calm heart. "Lord, I'm worried." "Lord, I don't know what to do." "Lord, help me through today." Through Jesus, we belong to the Father. We can speak honestly because we are already welcomed and loved. Paul also reminds us that the Lord is near. Our joy rests in his presence, even when circumstances remain difficult. Giving thanks can help us notice the care already surrounding us: a friend's message, strength for one more task, a moment of rest, the promise of forgiveness. God's peace does not mean every problem immediately disappears. His peace guards us in Christ while we face those problems. If worry returns, you can pray again. You have not failed. Your Father is still listening.

- > Which concern keeps returning to your thoughts?
- > How might you turn it into a simple, honest prayer?
- > What small gift can you thank God for today?

Heavenly Father, you know what weighs on my heart. Thank you that I can tell you everything. Guard me in Christ's peace and help me trust your care for today. Amen.

Saturday: Making Room
Philippians 4:1-3, 8-9

An extra chair can say a great deal. It can say, "There is room for you." So can a phone call, an unhurried conversation or an invitation to share a simple meal. Paul writes affectionately to the Philippians. He also names a strained relationship and asks the community to help. Life together includes real differences and hurts. People who belong to Christ still need patience, forgiveness and support. He encourages them to attend to what is true, honourable, just and worthy of praise, and to put what they have learned into practice. God's welcome begins to shape our everyday relationships. We have been received through Jesus. His forgiveness frees us to acknowledge our own faults. His kindness helps us notice another person's need. His generosity makes room in our lives for others. You do not need an impressive dining room or a perfect menu. A cup of tea and a listening ear may be a lovely beginning. Nor must you solve every strained relationship today. You can ask God for wisdom about one faithful step. As this week ends, hear the invitation again: "Everything is ready. Come." Receive Christ's gifts. Then carry his welcome into the ordinary places you go.

- > Who could you make room for this week?
- > Is there a relationship that needs gentleness, prayer or support?
- > What simple act could express Christ's welcome?

Jesus, thank you for making room for me. Shape my thoughts, words and actions through your grace. Help me offer others the kindness I have received from you. Amen.



**God our King
invites all to
feast with him**



www.growministries.org.au

Sunday between
October 9 and
October 15



CONVERSATIONS

Share your highs and lows, or respond to the following:

1. Can you remember a party you enjoyed attending? What made it special for you?
2. Jesus told a parable about a wedding banquet (read Matthew 22:1-10). Who ended up receiving invitations and attending?



BIBLE READINGS

*Read the following Bible readings throughout this week.
Talk about what words or phrases stand out for you.*

S	Matthew 22:1-14	Parable of the wedding feast
M	Luke 14:15-24	Parable of the great banquet
T	Daniel 5:1-31	The banquet of Belshazzar
W	Esther 5:1-8, 7:1-10	Esther hosts a banquet
T	Exodus 32:1-14	The golden calf
F	Philippians 4:1-9	Closing appeal for unity
S	Psalms 23	The Lord is my shepherd

VERSE OF THE WEEK

**Rejoice in the Lord always.
I will say it again: Rejoice!**

PHILIPPIANS 4:4



CREATIVE RESPONSE

Choose a mealtime this week where you will all be home together and pick a theme for the menu and even dress up to match the theme.

You might choose a country (e.g. Mexican) or a decade (e.g. 70's) or something like 'movie magic'.



MEALTIME PRAYER

Lord God, as we enjoy this earthly feast, prepare us for the feast of heaven. Thank you for all you give and all you do. Amen.



PRAYER

Lord, we give our worries to you. Please help us and give us peace. Amen.



ACTION RESPONSE

Isaiah 25 describes a special feast that God is preparing for his people (read Isaiah 25:6).

Plan a special meal to show your appreciation to significant people in your lives e.g. school teachers, church staff, children's ministry volunteers, mentors. Work together to organise invitations and prepare the meal. Make this an annual event on your household calendar.



BLESSING

May God watch over your heart and your mind and keep you safe.



Monday: Everything Is Ready

Matthew 22:1-4

"What can I bring?" We often ask that when someone invites us for a meal. We appreciate their kindness, but arriving empty-handed can feel uncomfortable. Surely we should contribute something! That feeling can follow us into our relationship with God. We imagine we need to bring better behaviour, stronger faith or a more impressive prayer life before we can receive his welcome. But the king's message is simple: "Everything is ready. Come." The meal has already been prepared. The guests are invited to receive it. Through Jesus, God has prepared our salvation. Jesus lived faithfully, carried our sins to the cross and rose again. Our forgiveness rests on what he has done. You can come with empty hands. You can come with a tired heart. You can come knowing you have nothing impressive to offer. Faith receives the gift Jesus gives. Even when that faith feels small, his promise remains trustworthy. Today, pause before beginning your list of things to do. Remember that God's love for you is already given in Christ. Everything is ready. You are invited.

- > How do you feel when someone offers kindness you cannot repay?
- > What do you sometimes think you must do to earn God's welcome?
- > What would it mean to receive his grace today?

Jesus, thank you for preparing everything I need for forgiveness and life. Help me trust your promise and receive your gifts with open hands. Amen.

Tuesday: Wanted at the Table

Isaiah 25:1-6

There is a difference between being allowed to attend and being warmly wanted. Perhaps you have experienced both. At one gathering, you wondered whether anyone noticed you. At another, someone smiled, made room and said, "We're so glad you're here." Isaiah gives us a beautiful picture of God's generosity: a feast prepared for all peoples. It is a picture of abundance, celebration and welcome. The God who prepares this feast is also a refuge for the poor and needy. His generosity reaches people who are struggling, weary or overlooked. Sometimes we quietly assume that God welcomes other people more gladly than he welcomes us. We know our weaknesses. We remember our failures. We wonder whether we really belong. Jesus brings us into the Father's welcome through his death and resurrection. We belong because of him. When we gather for worship, we hear that welcome again. In Holy Communion, Jesus gives us his body and blood for our forgiveness. His gift is personal: for you. You are wanted at his table. Let that promise accompany you today, especially in moments when you feel unnoticed or unsure of your worth.

- > When has someone helped you feel warmly wanted?
- > What makes it difficult to believe God's welcome is for you?
- > Who might appreciate being noticed and included today?

Gracious Father, thank you for welcoming me through Jesus. Help me rest in your love and share your kindness with someone who feels overlooked. Amen.

Wednesday: The Invitation Comes Again

Matthew 22:1-4

Some invitations sit unanswered. We mean to reply. Then the washing needs hanging out, the phone rings, and another day disappears. Life becomes crowded surprisingly quickly.

In Jesus' parable, the invited guests refuse to come. The king then sends more servants, repeating his invitation and describing what he has prepared. There is something tender about that repeated invitation. The king wants his guests to share the celebration. We may recognise something of ourselves here. We become distracted. We keep God at a distance. Sometimes even serving him fills our days so completely that we forget to receive his care. At other times, shame makes us hesitate. We think we should sort ourselves out first. This passage invites us to take our response seriously. It also lets us hear the king's invitation again: "Everything is ready. Come." Today, God's word reaches you where you are. You can bring him your distractions, your reluctance and your need. Jesus has opened the way through his cross. Take a quiet moment.

Read the invitation slowly. Let your answer be a simple prayer: "Lord, here I am. Help me receive what you give."

- > What most often crowds out time to receive God's care?
- > Are you keeping any part of your life at a distance from him?
- > Where could you make space to listen today?

Patient Lord, forgive my wandering attention and hesitant heart. Draw me close through your word and help me receive your gracious invitation. Amen.