

# NAZ NEWS

NAZARETH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

APRIL 6, 2025

## WORSHIP WITH NAZ

### SUNDAYS

CFU Channels 18 & 95.5 | 8:30 am  
In-Person Worship at Nazareth | 9 & 10:45 am

### WEDNESDAYS

CFU Channels 18 & 95.5  
4:30 pm Wednesday

### ONLINE OPTIONS

Recordings of sermons available on  
[Vimeo.com/mynazareth](https://vimeo.com/mynazareth)  
Livestreams Broadcast on our website  
[www.naz.org/onlinechurch](http://www.naz.org/onlinechurch)



*First Communion Class*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Holy Week Worship at Nazareth

Nazareth invites you to worship with us during Holy Week! With lively worship music, prayer, and scripture-filled messages, there is no better place for you and your family to experience the story of Jesus's death and resurrection. We hope you can join us starting April 10 for our final Thursday Lenten Service at 6:00 pm and a soup supper at 5:00 pm. with hamburger and chicken taco soup. Here are our Holy Week services:

- Apr 10: Lenten Service | 6:00 pm | Soup 5:00 pm
- Apr 13: Palm Sunday | 9:00 & 10:45 am
- Apr 17: Maundy Thursday | 6:00 pm | Soup 5:00 pm
- Apr 18: Good Friday | 10:00 am | 7:00 & 9:00 pm
- Apr 20: Easter Sunday | 9:00 & 10:45 am

### Baby Bottle Ministry Donations

Nazareth is participating in Alternatives Pregnancy Center's "Baby Bottle Campaign" during Lent. Alternatives is a first stop for people facing unplanned pregnancies, address at-risk sexual behavior, and build healthy families. They have offered quality, free, and confidential services to the Cedar Valley since 1991.

If you want to donate, please stop by the table in Fellowship Hall on April 6 and pick up a baby bottle. Take the bottle home and fill it with loose change or bills. Please return your bottle with your donation to Nazareth by Easter Sunday. You can also scan the QR code below to make your donation online. Any donation is appreciated and can help change a life.



**SCAN HERE TO DONATE  
TO ALTERNATIVES'  
BABY BOTTLE DRIVE!**

**HOLY WEEK AT NAZ**

Palm Sunday  
April 13  
9:00 & 10:45 a

Maundy Thursday  
April 17  
Soup 5:00 p | Service 6:00 p

Good Friday  
April 18  
10:00 a | 7:00 & 9:00 p

Easter Sunday  
April 20  
9:00 & 10:45 a

Livestream all services on naz.org

## CONNECT WITH NAZARETH

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- [www.naz.org](http://www.naz.org)
- MyNazareth
- [mynazchurch](https://www.instagram.com/mynazchurch)

# BIBLE OVERVIEW

EXPLORING THE WORD AND WORLD OF GOD

**TITLE | The Reference Letter**

**TEACHER | Pastor Mike Brost**

**TEXT | 2 Corinthians 3:1-13 & John 1:1-18**

## Synopsis

In the second-to-last week of our Bible Overview, we dive into the 21 books categorized as the Epistles and focus on the Apostle Paul's second letter to the Corinthians, where he refers to the believers in Corinth as letters. "You show that you are a letter from Christ delivered by us, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts." What does this mean for our lives today?

## SERVICE PROGRAM

*Open Up the Heavens*

*Goodness of God*

Confessions and Forgiveness

Announcements

Prayers of the Church

Lesson: 2 Corinthians 3:1-13

Children's Sermon

Offering: *Wonderful, Merciful Savior*

Gospel: John 1:1-18

Sermon

Words of Institution and Lord's Prayer

Communion

*Near the Cross | brown 385*

*My Jesus, I Love Thee | brown 364*

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross | brown 185*

Blessing and Benediction

## Flowers

The chancel flowers are dedicated to the renewal and spirit of spring, reflecting God's grace, hope, and new beginnings.

## Sympathies

Prayers and condolences to the family and friends of Laurene Saathoff, wife of Bob Saathoff.

## MUSIC SPOTLIGHT

At Nazareth, we want vibrant singing to be an integral part of our Sunday mornings. Using Spotify, these "Music Spotlights" are designed to encourage and familiarize us with the music for the upcoming weekend so that we can wholeheartedly sing as we worship together.

This coming weekend, we will sing "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross." Written in 1707 by hymnwriter Isaac Watts (known as the "Father of English Hymnody"), this hymn is inspired by Galatians 6:14: "But far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which[a] the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world." Many consider it the finest hymn in English church history, and Charles Wesley – an accomplished hymnwriter in his own right – reportedly said he would rather have written it than all of his own compositions. Remarkably, using only five pitches from a plainchant, Gregorian melody, the hymn's text gives us plenty to contemplate during Lent as our focus is on the cross and our response to Christ's crucifixion.

Listen to "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" along with the music for Sunday on Spotify:

[open.spotify.com/user/ovcn1ug98cq5vgzdb0668tcep](https://open.spotify.com/user/ovcn1ug98cq5vgzdb0668tcep)



**SCAN HERE TO  
LISTEN TO THE  
SPOTIFY PLAYLIST!**

## CHURCH REMINDERS

### Dr. Amy Little Visit

Maundy Thursday we will be welcoming Rev. Dr. Amy Little General Secretary of The North American Lutheran Church. She will be sharing both Communion and the Word during the service. After the service all are invited to Bethel Hall for light refreshments and a short time of sharing.

### Visitation Updates

If you or a loved one have been hospitalized or are unable to attend church please email and update Andy Walser, Nazareth's Care and Missional Pastor, via [andy.walser@naz.org](mailto:andy.walser@naz.org), to schedule a hospital visit or home communion. We understand the importance and want to visit and share time with you, whatever situation you are in.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED...

### Order Your Easter Flowers

Celebrate Easter with Nazareth by filling the Worship Center with beautiful flower arrangements! You can take home one of these Easter flowers for \$20 each this year. Flowers may be dedicated in honor or memory of a loved one. To place your order, sign up at the Welcome Desk, email Jordan at [jordan.kv@naz.org](mailto:jordan.kv@naz.org), or call the church at 319-266-7589 by Wednesday, April 16. Payment is accepted in cash or by check only.

### Prayer Shawls Available Palm Sunday

Nazareth's faithful and dedicated Prayer Shawl Ministry will have a wide selection of prayer shawls available in Fellowship Hall after each service on Palm Sunday, April 13. Prayer Shawls make the perfect gift for a loved one to let them know you're thinking of them. The Prayer Shawl Ministry invites and encourages anyone to stop by the Fellowship Hall table and take a comfortable hand-made prayer shawl home.

### God of Covenant - Women's Study Group

Join us for a deep dive into Genesis with "God of Covenant" by Jen Wilkin, facilitated by Tammy Bakken on the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays at 7:00 pm. Beginning with Genesis 12, walk alongside the fathers of our faith—Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph—to discern Jesus in the stories of his people. In over 10 sessions, discover how God orchestrates everything for his glory and the good of His people, and see how the God of creation and covenant is the same yesterday, today, and forever. This is an intergenerational women's group with a laid-back/casual approach to discussion. This group is OPEN to new members and will begin April 8 through August 2025. Sign up at [naz.org/nextsteps](http://naz.org/nextsteps).

### Relational Trauma Survivors Group

We warmly invite you to our Relational Trauma Survivors Group's next meeting on April 14 at 6:00 pm, facilitated by Sarah Wherry and Alex Luecking. This group is for anyone looking to improve their relationships with themselves, God, and others after experiencing trauma and/or hardship in their personal relationships. Join us as we discover how God redeems our hurts as we relearn to trust God. Navigating relational trauma can feel isolating, but here, you'll find a compassionate space filled with understanding and shared experiences. We look forward to meeting you and offering and receiving support together. Registration is available today at [naz.org/nextsteps](http://naz.org/nextsteps).

### Acts Sermon Series and Study Book

Looking ahead, Pastor Tim and Pastor Mike will lead us through a sermon series covering the Book of Acts called "Unstoppable" beginning April 27. The Book of Acts gives us a beautiful narrative of how God's church was formed, the believers he inspired to lead, and what he still calls us to do TODAY! A Bible study guide created by The Bible Recap will be used for small groups and individuals. It is an accessible way to study scripture. The pastors will dedicate two Sundays to cover each weekly lesson in the study book. For those looking to take the next step:

1. Sign up to order a copy of the study book by emailing Meg at [meg.husted@naz.org](mailto:meg.husted@naz.org) (\$15) or sign up at the Next Steps desk after the service for personal/individual study by April 16
2. Order a copy of the book AND sign up for a small group that will meet (almost bi-weekly) through the summer. We have groups meeting on Sunday mornings, Monday and Wednesday evenings. Check out [naz.org/nextsteps](http://naz.org/nextsteps) to sign up or email [meg.husted@naz.org](mailto:meg.husted@naz.org) with questions.

### April Donation Requests

During the month of April, we are accepting donations for our food pantry and partnered ministries. Nazareth is participating in Love Inc's Make-a-Difference Monthly donation campaign, which is accepting Household Essentials such as paper towels, toilet paper & garbage bags.

Nazareth's food pantry is accepting donations of pasta, pasta sauce, tuna, & boxed meals. To learn more, schedule an appointment, or find a complete list of acceptable donations, visit [naz.org/foodpantry](http://naz.org/foodpantry) or email [peg.merfeld@naz.org](mailto:peg.merfeld@naz.org). All donations can be dropped off at the Welcome Desk on Sunday mornings or at the Receptionist's desk during the week's office hours.

### Nazareth Nursery

Do you have a baby who loves to wiggle and be active during Sunday services? No need to worry; Nazareth's nursery is open on Sunday Mornings! We welcome children three years old and under. The nursery room has consistent and caring staff, who can give parents and caregivers the break they need to focus on worship.