

Welcome to Nazareth!

We are blessed to have you worship with us this Christmas Eve!



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evangelical lutheran church

Living together in God's amazing grace, we invite all people to know Christ, grow in Christ, and make Christ known.

A Special Welcome to Our Visitors

Whether you are visiting from across town or from out of state, we are grateful for your presence here! Please stop by the Welcome Desk for a Welcome Packet this evening to learn more about Nazareth. If you have any additional questions, please don't hesitate to go to our website at naz.org or to contact us at 319-266-7589 or at info@naz.org.

Communion at Nazareth

At Nazareth, Communion is typically offered during the first and fourth Sunday of each month.

Baptism at Nazareth

Baptisms are scheduled for the second Sunday of each month. A meeting with a pastor is required prior to baptism. To learn more, please email Membership Coordinator, Lori Fegley, at lori.fegley@naz.org.

Children and Student Ministry at Nazareth

Children of all ages are more than welcome to attend worship services with their families! However, for those families who prefer, the Naz Nursery is open during all worship services and welcomes infants and toddlers to age three. In addition, the Naz Wiggle Room, with a live stream of the service and toys/books for toddlers, is open in Room 151 for families with little ones. Activity bags for children are also available in Fellowship Hall. Here are some additional ministry opportunities for children and students:

- ◆ **KidzRock** (for pre-K to 6th grade) is offered from 9:30-10:30 a.m. on Sundays.
- ◆ **Confirmation Class** (for 7th-9th graders) is offered from 9:30-10:30 a.m. on Sundays.

These classes, along with many Adult Bible Study and Fellowship Groups, resume on Sunday, January 7.

Wednesday Evenings at Nazareth

Every Wednesday, join us for an evening of food, fellowship, worship and learning. All of the following activities resume on Wednesday, January 10:

- ◆ **The Wednesday Family Meal**
5:00-5:45 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
\$4 per person, with a maximum of \$15 per family
- ◆ **KidzWOW** (Worship on Wednesdays for K-4th Graders)
6:00-7:15 p.m. in Room 138
- ◆ **JUMP56** (Jesus Use Me Please for 5th/6th Graders)
6:00-7:15 p.m. in the Underground
- ◆ **CHAOS** (Christ Has All Our Solutions for 7th-9th Graders)
6:30-8:00 p.m. in Bethel Hall
- ◆ **BIGhouse** (for 10th-12th Graders)
7:00-9:00 p.m. at Orchard Hill Church

Membership at Nazareth

ALPHA, a class for those who would like to learn more about the Christian faith and to make connections here at Nazareth, is offered on Sunday mornings and Tuesday afternoons beginning in January. The atmosphere in ALPHA is friendly and inviting. For more information about membership at Nazareth, please contact Lori Fegley at lori.fegley@naz.org.

Naz Next Steps

At Nazareth, we desire for all people to make discipleship an ever-present part of their lives. In order to help, we offer a variety of tools including opportunities for fellowship; invitations to serve others in Christ's name; and spiritual growth resources, adult educational ministry programs and Bible study groups. Stop at the Naz Next Steps area in Fellowship Hall or email Jenny at jenny.nelson@naz.org with questions.

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Sunday Worship Services
9:00 and 10:45 a.m.

Pastor Brian King
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Pastor Bob Ericson
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Office Hours
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Monday - Friday

Prayer Chain
Call the church office to have your concern placed on the Prayer Chain.

Connect with Nazareth!
www.naz.org
info@naz.org
[facebook.com/MyNazareth](https://www.facebook.com/MyNazareth)
twitter.com/mynazchurch
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Be Invitational!
We encourage you to invite your family, friends and neighbors to join you in worship here at Nazareth.



"Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David, a Savior has been born to you; He is Christ the Lord."
(Luke 2:10-11)

As we live in response to God's amazing grace and love, the people of Nazareth value



Christmas Eve (6:00 p.m. Worship Service)

December 24, 2017

Christmas Eve Service

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Prelude - *Medley of Carols*.....String Quartet and Piano

Greeting

Carol - Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful.....#45 (green)

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| 1. Oh come all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant;
Oh come ye, o come ye to Bethlehem.
Come and behold Him, born the King of angels!
(Refrain) | 3. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation;
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, in the highest!
(Refrain) |
| 2. The highest, most holy, light of light eternal,
Born of a virgin, a mortal He comes;
Son of the Father, now in flesh appearing!
(Refrain) | 4. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning.
Jesus, to thee be glory given!
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing.
(Refrain) |

Refrain

Oh, come, let us adore him! Oh, come, let us adore him! Oh, come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!

Dialogue

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

Those who dwelt in the land of deep darkness, on them light has shined.

We have beheld Christ's glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father.

For to us a child is born, to us a Son is given.

In Him was Life, and the Life was the Light of all the people.

Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray:

Almighty God, you have filled us with the New Light of the Word who became flesh and lived among us. Let the light of our faith shine in all we do; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Solo - *Gesu Bambino* (Yon).....Janelle Kimpson, soprano

The Prophecy - Isaiah 9:2-7.....Travis Toliver, reader

The Lesson - Titus 2:11-14.....Travis Toliver, reader

Nazareth Choir - *Behold the Marvel of This Night* (Schalk)

Children's Sermon - *The Christmas Story*: Luke 2:1-20

Carol - Away in a Manger.....#67 (green)

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| 1. Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;
The stars in the sky looked down where he lay,
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay. | 3. Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay
Close by me forever and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in your tender care
And fit us for heaven to live with you there. |
| 2. The cattle are lowing; the poor baby wakes,
But little Lord Jesus no crying he makes.
I love you, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky
And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh. | |

Sermon - *He Will Be Called...Prince of Peace*.....Pastor Brian King

Offertory - *How Far Love Goes* (Marino/Johnson)

- The Britzman Family

Prayers and **The Lord's Prayer**

Service of Lights

Solo - *O Holy Night* (Adam).....Tim Bostwick, bass

Reading.....Travis Toliver, reader

Nazareth Choir/Carol - Night of Silence/Silent Night (please see screens)

Closing Prayer and Benediction

Postlude - *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* (arr. Young)



Preacher: Pastor Brian King

Assisting Minister: Pastor Dennis Hanson

Director of Music/Organist/Pianist: Nathaniel Parrish

Choir Director: Nicki Toliver

Instrumentalists: Julia Abbott and Vanessa Horstman (violin), Sally Malcolm (viola), and Megan Grey (cello)