

Nazareth Evangelical Lutheran Church

Candlelight Service ◦ December 24, 2018 ◦ 10:00 p.m.

Prelude - *Medley of Carols*.....Gaylord Stauffer, harp

Introduction - *On a long winter evening we gather to proclaim the coming of the light. Isaiah announces that the people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. Paul reminds us that the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all. In the familiar account of Christ's birth, the evening sky is bright with the heavenly hosts singing, "Glory to God in the Highest." Amid our broken world we proclaim that the Prince of Peace is born among us. God comes to us in human flesh - in Christ's body and blood - so that we may be bearers of divine light to all the world.*

The Proclamation of the Birth of Christ (please face the rear of the Worship Center)

Carol - *Oh Come, All Ye Faithful*.....#283 (red)

Confession and Forgiveness

Kyrie

Hymn of Praise - *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*.....#270 (red)

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence and in the last day wake to the brightness of His glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Prophecy - Isaiah 9:2-7.....Barb Ericson, reader

The Lesson - Titus 2:11-14.....Barb Ericson, reader

Carol - *What Child is This*.....#296 (red)

Gospel - Luke 2:1-20

Sermon - *Sharing the Joy of Angels and Shepherds*.....Pastor Dennis Hanson



The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the Church

Sharing of Peace

Offering - *Glory (Maher)*.....Larry Johansen, tenor

The Great Thanksgiving

Communion Distribution - *Medley of Carols*Gaylord Stauffer, harp

Blessing

Solo - *O Holy Night (Adam/Selah)*.....Ali Parrish, soprano

Benediction

Carol - *Silent Night*.....#281 (red)

Postlude - *Silent Night* (arr. Kartsonakis).....Nathaniel Parrish, piano

Instrumentalists:

Ryan Harms and Mitch Hrovat, Acoustic Guitar

Brittany Harms, Percussion

Caitlin Hrovat, Violin

Gaylord Stauffer, Harp



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 or if you would like to learn more about our mission, *"Living in God's amazing grace, we invite all people to know Christ, grow in Christ and make Christ known,"* please don't hesitate to go to our website at www.naz.org, to call us at 319-266-7589 or to email us at info@naz.org.



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

Pastor Brian King
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Prayer Chain
Call the church office
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Be Invitational!
We encourage you to invite your family, friends and neighbors to join you in worship here at Nazareth.



FOR
unto us a
Child is born,
unto us a **Son** is given
and the government shall be upon His
shoulder. And His name shall be
called
WONDERFUL
Mighty Counselor
Everlasting God Father
Prince of Peace
ISAIAH
9:6



Nazareth Evangelical Lutheran Church

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

December 24, 2018 • 10:00 p.m.

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)

...a service of celebration and reflection...

All hymns will be sung from the red hymnals found in the pews.