

# Welcome to Nazareth!

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



# nazareth

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](http://naz.org) or to contact us at 319-266-7589 or at [info@naz.org](mailto: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](mailto: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 6.

## Mid-Week Ministries at Nazareth

Join us for an evening of food, fellowship, worship and learning. All of the following activities resume on Wednesday, January 16 (with the exception of Thursday BASIC):

- ◆ **The Wednesday Family Meal**  
5:00-5:45 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
- ◆ **WOW** (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
- ◆ **POWW** (Parents on Wednesdays Worship)  
6:00-7:15 p.m. in the Coffee House
- ◆ **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
- ◆ **BASIC** (for college-age) (Thursdays, resumes 1/17)  
8:00 p.m. in Lang Hall on the UNI Campus

## 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 & Bible studies. Stop at Naz Next Steps in Fellowship Hall to learn more.

## Work as Worship

On February 22, 2019, we invite you to the *Work as Worship Retreat* — to hear from experts on connecting your faith and work. To learn more, go to [www.naz.org/workasworship.html](http://www.naz.org/workasworship.html).

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

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

**Connect with Nazareth!**  
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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** (5:00 and 7:00 p.m. Worship Services)

**December 24, 2018**

# Christmas Eve Service

December 24, 2018 (5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Worship Services)

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

Greeting

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

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| 1. | Oh come all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant;<br>Oh come ye, o come ye to Bethlehem.<br>Come and behold Him, born the King of angels!<br>(Refrain) | 3. | Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation;<br>Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!<br>Glory to God, in the highest!<br>(Refrain)              |
| 2. | The highest, most holy, light of light eternal,<br>Born of a virgin, a mortal He comes;<br>Son of the Father, now in flesh appearing!<br>(Refrain)   | 4. | Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning.<br>Jesus, to thee be glory given!<br>Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing.<br>(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).....Sarah Abbott, soprano (5:00) and Janelle Kimpston, soprano (7:00)

The Prophecy - Isaiah 9:2-7.....Travis Toliver, reader (5:00) and J.D. Cryer, reader (7:00)

The Lesson - Titus 2:11-14.....Travis Toliver, reader (5:00) and J.D. Cryer, reader (7:00)

Nazareth Choir - *In the Bleak Midwinter* (arr. Hayes) (with Wayne Jacobson, tenor)

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

**Carol - Away in a Manger**.....#277 (red)

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

Sermon - *Joy to the World*.....Pastor Brian King

Offering (5:00) - *Mary, Sweet Mary* (Selah).....Polly Jacobson, Wayne Jacobson and Ali Parrish, vocalists  
(7:00) - *Sweet Little Jesus Boy* (arr. MacGimsey).....Rhys Talbot, bass

Prayers and **The Lord's Prayer**

Service of Lights

Solo - *O Holy Night* (Adam).....Sharon Britzman, soprano (5:00) and Tim Bostwick, baritone (7:00)

**Carol - Night of Silence/Silent Night** (5:00) (with strings)  
- **Silent Night** (7:00) (with Ali Parrish and Laura Sohl-Cryer and strings)

Closing Prayer and Benediction

Postlude - *A Merry Tango* (arr. Raney)



Preacher: Pastor Brian King

Assisting Minister: Pastor Dennis Hanson

Director of Music/Organist/Pianist: Nathaniel Parrish

Pianist: Nancy Graen

Choir Director: Nicki Toliver

Instrumentalists: Vanessa Horstman and Cara Lockard (violin), Sally Malcolm (viola), and Lindmila Lebedeva (cello)