

Prelude - *All Things Bright and Beautiful* (arr. Burkhardt)

Welcome and Announcements

Greeting

Gathering Hymn - **Praise and Thanksgiving** - #689 (red)

Litany of Thanksgiving

P: It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praises to your name, O Most High;

C: To declare your steadfast love in the morning and your faithfulness by night.

P: Make a joyful noise to the LORD all the earth.

C: Worship the LORD with gladness; come into his presence with thanksgiving.

P: Know that the LORD is God. It is he that made us, and we are his.

C: We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

P: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name.

C: For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

Prayer of the Day: **Almighty God our Father, your generous goodness comes to us new every day. By the work of your Spirit lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits and serve you in willing obedience, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Special Music - *For the Beauty of the Earth*.....Worship Team

Lesson - Philippians 4:4-9.....Sue O'Brien

Children's Sermon.....Pastor Dennis Hanson

Children's Hymn - **God Whose Giving Knows No Ending** - #678 (red) (alt. tune)

Gospel - John 6:25-35

Sermon - Thanksgiving That Gladdens the Heart of God.....Pastor Bob Ericson

Sermon Hymn - **O Living Bread from Heaven** - #542 (red)

Prayers of the Church and **The Lord's Prayer**

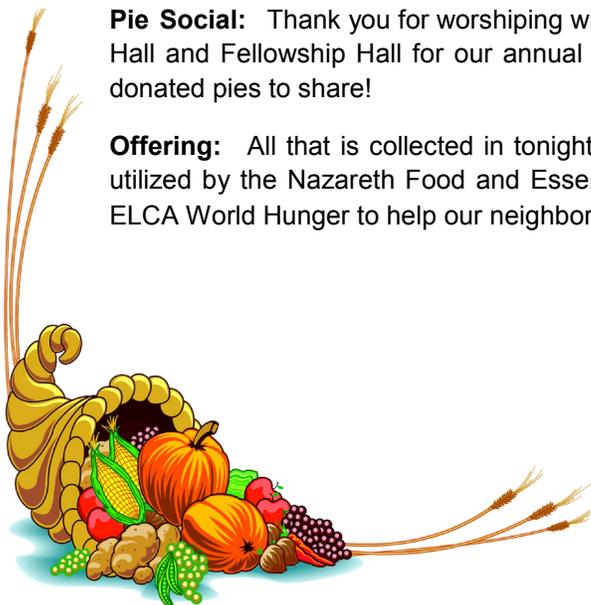
Offering - *Raise the Songs of Harvest* (arr. Larson).....Carillon Ringers

Sending Hymn - **The Doxology**

Postlude - *Now Thank We All Our God* (Karg-Elert)

Pie Social: Thank you for worshiping with us this evening! Immediately following the service, please join us in Bethel Hall and Fellowship Hall for our annual pie social. Pie and beverages will be served. A special thanks to all who donated pies to share!

Offering: All that is collected in tonight's offering will be given to alleviate hunger. Half of what is received will be utilized by the Nazareth Food and Essentials Pantry to assist those in need locally. The other half will be given to ELCA World Hunger to help our neighbors in need all cross the world. Thank you for your generosity!



Worship Assistants

Director of Music and Worship Arts.....Nathaniel Parrish

Worship and Technology Coordinator.....Steven Heerts

Worship Ensemble.....

Deb Christopher, vocals

Kim Christopher, bass guitar

Nancy Graen, vocals

Vic Ochoa, acoustic guitar

Ali Parrish, vocals

Bill Rhomberg, drums

Greg Tagtow, vocals

Craig Johnson, slides

Naz Nursery is Open Tonight!

Naz Nursery: Children of all ages are ALWAYS welcome in our worship services! However, for families who wish to use it, the Naz Nursery is open this evening for children ages three and under. The "Wiggle Room" is also open in Room #151.

Advent at Nazareth

All are welcome to celebrate Advent at Nazareth! From the Latin word for "coming", Advent is a time of preparation and anticipation for the coming of Christ as we celebrate His birth as baby Jesus and also as we look to the future with His promised second coming as Christ Triumphant. The "Coming Home for Christmas" themes throughout Advent will include hope, love, joy and peace.

Wednesday Advent Services are at 6:00 p.m.

Sunday Advent Services are at 9:00 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

Advent Soup Supper Menus:

December 4: Broccoli Cheese Soup and Hamburger Soup

December 11: Taco Soup and Chicken/Rice Soup

December 18: Chili and Chicken Noodle Soup

Soup is served from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m.



ADVENT
SOUP SUPPERS
5:00 p.m.
WORSHIP SERVICES
6:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAYS
December 4, 11, 18*

**This is a service of Comfort, Hope and Healing.*

The graphic features a central image of a Christmas tree with a sign that says "Coming Home for Christmas". To the right, the text is arranged in a vertical stack, with "ADVENT" in the largest font. The background is dark with white and gold accents.

Advent Devotionals: We invite you to find inspiration and encouragement as you celebrate the joy we find in Christ this Advent season through the daily reading of Nazareth's Advent Devotional. Devotionals cost \$5 each and are available at the Naz Next Steps.

Advent Devotional Reprise - a Discipleship U offering focused on reflecting on the biblical texts and personal narratives within the Nazareth Advent Devotional - begins on Sunday, December 1. Come any time between 9:30 and 10:30 to join the conversation!

Discipleship U Winter 2020 registration is NOW OPEN, and we encourage every Nazareth member to get connected by engaging in one or more of these opportunities to know Christ and grow in Christ. Please stop by Naz Next Steps to pick up a brochure and/or to register. Or, sign up online at www.naz.org/discipleship-u.

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Serve

Local Missions Christmas Outreach: The Local Missions Committee is seeking volunteers to assist with packing and delivering Salvation Army Christmas Food Boxes on Friday, December 6 (4:00-6:00 p.m.) and Saturday, December 7 (beginning at 9:00 a.m.). They are also seeking families and individuals to participate in the Local Missions Giving Tree partnership with Exceptional Persons Incorporated (E.P.I.) and to purchase school uniforms, personal care and household cleaning items and a family game for families at Highland Elementary and to purchase gifts for Angel Tree Ministries. Call the church office at 266-7589 with questions.

Christmas Carolers are needed to go to homes and care facilities on Sunday, December 15, from 2:45 to 5:00 p.m., with a meal to follow. This is a great opportunity for families and friends to serve together! Sign up at Naz Next Steps or contact Pastor Denny at 319-266-7589 with questions.

Mark Your Calendar

Christmas BASIC: All are welcome to enjoy a congregational soup supper at 6:00 p.m. followed by a worship service presented in the Naz Worship Center by BASIC, our college-age ministry, at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 12. For more information, go to basicatlang.org or email sara.sladky@naz.org.



CHRISTMAS BASIC
THURSDAY | DECEMBER 12
NAZARETH LUTHERAN CHURCH
DINNER 6PM | SERVICE 7PM
All are welcome!

The graphic has a dark, textured background with the words "CHRISTMAS BASIC" in a large, stylized font. Below it, the event details are listed in a smaller, clean font. A small orange flame icon is at the bottom right.

The Naz Christmas Eve "Eve" Worship Service will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, December 23.

The Naz Christmas Eve Worship Services will be held at 3:00, 5:00, 7:00 and 10:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 24.



Coming Home With Jesus
WORSHIP SERVICE TIMES
December 23 - 7:00 p.m.
December 24 - 3:00, 5:00, 7:00 and 10:00 p.m.

The graphic features a night scene with a bright star in the sky and silhouettes of people on camels following a path towards a small building on a hill. The text is overlaid in white and gold.