



WELCOME TO NAZARETH

We are blessed to have you worship with us this Christmas Eve.
Please join us again on Sunday, December 27 at 8:30, 9:50 & 11:10 a.m.

A Special Welcome to Our Visitors

Whether you're visiting from across town or out of state, your presence is a blessing to us.

The information below is designed to provide answers to frequently-asked questions about Nazareth. If you have additional questions, please don't hesitate to call us at 266-7589.

About Communion

Communion is offered at the following times:

- The first Sunday of every month at all services
- Most Sundays at the 9:50 a.m. service

About Baptism

Baptisms are scheduled for the second Sunday of the month. A meeting with a pastor is required prior to the baptism. To learn more, contact Membership Secretary Deb Rhoades at 266-7589 ext 101 or deb.rhoades@naz.org.

About Children at Nazareth

- Our nursery is open during Sunday morning worship services and welcomes infants and toddlers up to the age of 3 years.
- Activity bags and children's bulletins are available for children who attend worship. Please ask the ushers for more information.

Sunday Morning Classes for All Ages

Adult Classes

8:30 a.m.	MidKids	Room 156
9:50 a.m.	New Lives	Room 155
9:50 a.m.	Young Adult Bible Study	Room 156

KidzROCK • 9:50 a.m.

3-year-olds – 6th Grade (assigned locations)

Confirmation • 9:50 a.m.

7th - 9th Grade (assigned locations)

High School Sunday School • 9:50 a.m.

10th -12th Grade (Room 224)

To Assist You Further

- **Wheelchairs and hearing assistance devices** are available upon request at the Information Desk.
- **Daily devotion booklets** are available free of charge in the wall racks in Fellowship Hall for our members and guests.
- **Fair trade coffee and chocolate bars** are available for sale in the church office M-F from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Interested in Becoming a Member of Nazareth?

Attend "Belong" and Learn How!

Sundays • April 13, 20, 27 & May 4 • Bethel Hall

Morning activities Sunday, January 25

Childcare provided

To register for this class, contact Deb Rhoades

319-266-7589 or deb.rhoades@naz.org

Wednesday Night Activities Return January 13

Every Wednesday, join us for an evening of food and fellowship, worship and learning. Activities for all ages will help you grow closer to God and one another.

Eat & Greet

5:00-5:45 p.m. • Fellowship Hall - seasonally
\$5/person • \$15 max/family • Kids under 3/free

KidzWOW (Worship on Wednesdays)

6:00 - 7:15 p.m. • Kindergarten - 4th Grade

JUMP56 (Jesus Use Me Please)

6:00 - 7:15 p.m. • 5th & 6th Grade

CHAOS (Christ Has All Our Solutions)

6:15 p.m. • 7th - 9th Grade
Family Life Center Gym

Big House

Wednesdays • 7:00 p.m. • 10th-12th Grade
Community Center at Orchard Hill Church

Discipleship U Classes Begin the Week of January 3

Visit the Naz Next Steps table in Fellowship Hall for a brochure that lists our winter selection of adult education classes.

ALPHA Course Begins Sunday, January 10 - March 6

9:45 a.m. in Bethel Hall. Contact Jenny Nelson at jenny.nelson@naz.org for more information or sign up at Naz Next Steps Table in Fellowship Hall!

Prayer Chain

To place your prayer request on the Prayer Chain, please call the church office at 266-7589.

Connect With Us!

Facebook: [MYNazareth](https://www.facebook.com/MYNazareth)
Instagram: [mynazchurch](https://www.instagram.com/mynazchurch)
Twitter: [mynazchurch](https://twitter.com/mynazchurch)

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Living together in God's amazing grace,

we invite all people

to know Christ, grow in Christ, and make Christ known

Sunday Worship Services

8:30, 9:50 & 11:10 a.m.

Pastoral Staff

Brian King, Senior Pastor

Denny Hanson, Associate Pastor

Bob Ericson, Teaching/Visitation Pastor

The Christmas Story

In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) And everyone went to his own town to register. So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child.

While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "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. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests."

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about." So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph and the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart.

The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

~ Luke 2:1-20 (NIV)



Christmas Eve Service

December 24, 2015

Nazareth Evangelical Lutheran Church

Cedar Falls, Iowa

Order of Worship – 4:30 and 6:00 p.m.

Prelude – *Medley of Carols* - John & Lauren Chiles, Vanessa Horsman, and Nathaniel Parrish

Greeting

Carol – Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful (please stand) #45 (green)

1. Oh, come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!
Oh, come ye, oh, come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him born the king of angels: (*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*)
 3. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God in the highest! (*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, 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 dwell 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 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.

Please be seated

Solo - (4:30) *Gesu, Bambino* Yon
Sarah Welter, soprano
(6:00) *When I Kneel at the Manger Tonight* Beall
Carly Groniga, soprano

The Prophecy – Isaiah 9:2-7 Page 683 - Old Testament

Nazareth Choir – *Let Your Hearts Make Him Room* Wagner
with John & Lauren Chiles and Vanessa Horsman

The Lesson – Titus 2:11-14 Page 1182 – New Testament

Please stand

Carol – Angels We Have Heard On High #71 (green)

1. Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strains.
Refrain
 2. Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heav'nly song?
Refrain
 3. Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord, the newborn king. *Refrain*
- Refrain*
- Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Please remain standing

The Christmas Story – Luke 2:1-20 see front of bulletin

Please be seated

Carol - Away in a Manger #67 (green)

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.
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.
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.

Sermon – *Finding God in the Manger* Pastor Brian King

Offertory – 4:30: *Rise Up Shepherd and Follows* (arr. Dobrinski) - Carillon Ringers;

6:00: *I Wonder as I Wander*(Niles/Hustad) - Travis Toliver, baritone

Prayers and Lord's Prayer

Service of Lights

Solo - *O Holy Night* (4:30: Ali Parrish, soprano; 6:00 - Timothy Bostwick, bass) Adam

Nazareth Choir/Carol – Night of Silence/Silent Night see screen

1. Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright
Round yon virgin mother and child, Holy infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.
2. Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight;
Glories stream from heaven afar, heav'nly hosts sing Alleluia!
Christ the Savior is born! Christ the Savior is born!
3. Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord at thy birth, Jesus, Lord at thy birth.

Closing Prayer and Benediction

Postlude – *Toccata on Creator of the Stars of Night* (Yon)

Preacher: Pastor Brian King
Assisting Minister: Pastor Denny Hanson
Director of Music/Carillon Ringers/Organist/Pianist: Nathaniel Parrish
Choir Director: Nicki Toliver
Readers: Jim Buschkamp (4:30); Adrian Talbot (6:00)

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Thank you to everyone who gave poinsettias to the honor and glory of God!

