

## Blessing and Gratitude

God's blessing and our gratitude has been the fall focus of our worship life at Nazareth. At the heart of our lives as God's people in Christ, is the blessing of Jesus' amazing grace and the promise of life. One's life as a disciple and steward is in response to this amazing blessing in Christ. Gratitude is the acknowledgment of God's abundant blessing and the starting point for how we respond to and live each day in God's rich blessing and promise. Gratitude launches a response of joy and thanksgiving for all that God does for us in Christ.

*Thank you God for your abundant blessings in our lives, especially your Son, Jesus Christ. Open our hearts in gratitude and delight as we receive your gifts and use them for ministry in our congregation, family, and community.*



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evangelical lutheran church

### Thank You for Your Pledge

Thank you to everyone who participated in Ingathering Sunday on November 15. We will build the 2016 budget on your response.

If you were not able to attend last week's service, you may return your pledge card and *Naz Next Steps* sheet in one of the following ways:

- Bring them to Thanksgiving Eve worship
- Bring them to worship next Sunday
- Mail them to Nazareth

7401 University Ave, Cedar Falls IA 50613

### Automated Payments Make Giving Simple

"Simply Giving" is a convenient, safe, and simple way for individuals to make automatic payments to Nazareth through electronic funds transfer (EFT) directly from checking or savings accounts. To learn more, visit [www.naz.org](http://www.naz.org)

### Naz Next Steps

To get plugged in where you are being called, complete the Naz Next Steps form on [www.naz.org](http://www.naz.org) or stop by Naz Next Steps in Fellowship Hall today!

### Service Opportunities

#### Help Decorate Trees at Nazareth for Christmas

Sunday, November 29 • 12:30 p.m.  
Decorate trees throughout the building  
Please sign up at the Welcome Desk today

#### Pies for Thanksgiving Eve Pie Social

We need 40 pies of all kinds  
Deliver to Nazareth by 6:00 p.m. • November 25  
Please sign up at the Welcome Desk today.

#### Pies Needed for Boys & Girls Club

We need 40 pies delivered to Nazareth by Monday, November 23 to be delivered to the Boys & Girls Club on November 24. Please sign up at the Welcome Desk today.

#### Light the Advent Candles

Volunteers are needed to light the advent candles at all three worship services on November 29, December 6, 13 & 20. Sign up today at the Welcome Desk to light the candles at the service of your choice.

#### Christmas Eve Ushers & Greeters Needed

Greeters needed for every entrance  
Ushers needed for all services  
Sign up today at the Welcome Desk

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

#### Nazareth Evangelical Lutheran Church

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#### Sunday Worship Services

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

#### Pastor Brian King

Senior Pastor  
[brian.king@naz.org](mailto:brian.king@naz.org)

#### Pastor Dennis Hanson

Associate Pastor  
[dennis.hanson@naz.org](mailto:dennis.hanson@naz.org)

#### Pastor Bob Ericson

Visitation/Teaching Pastor  
[bob.ericson@naz.org](mailto:bob.ericson@naz.org)

#### Office Hours

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Monday - Friday

#### Connect with Nazareth

[www.naz.org](http://www.naz.org)  
[twitter.com/mynazchurch](https://twitter.com/mynazchurch)  
[facebook.com/MyNazareth](https://facebook.com/MyNazareth)  
[instagram.com/mynazchurch](https://instagram.com/mynazchurch)



"True Christians consider themselves not as satisfying some rigorous creditor, but as discharging a debt of gratitude."

-William Wilberforce, "Real Christianity"

**November 22, 2015**

**Sermon** - "Enduring Thankfulness" - Enrique Ochoa  
**Today's Texts** - Philippians 1:3-11; Matthew 5:14-16

**8:30 a.m.**

Prelude - *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need* (arr. Martin)  
Gathering Song - *We Plow the Fields and Scatter* -#362 (green)  
Hymn of the Day - *I Love Your Kingdom, Lord* - #368 (green)  
Offering - "Presto" from *Sonata in c minor* (Pescetti)  
Sending Song - *On What Has Now Been Sown* - #261 (green)

**9:50 a.m.**

Prelude  
Gathering Song - *We Plow the Fields and Scatter* -#362 (green)  
Offering - *For the Beauty of the Earth* (ensemble)  
Distribution - *The Air I Breathe* (ensemble)  
Sending Song - *On What Has Now Been Sown* - #261 (green)

**11:10 a.m.**

*Happy Day; Cornerstone; Always; We Are*

**Worship Assistants**

Nathaniel Parrish - Director of Music (8:30/9:50)  
Nicki Toliver - Choir Director/Cantor (8:30)  
Jordan McDonald - Worship Leader (11:10)  
Anne Mershon - Reader (8:30)  
Phyper Davis - Reader (9:50)

**A Special Welcome to Our Visitors**

Whether you're visiting from across town or out of state, we're glad you're here! Please stop by the Welcome Desk for an information packet and special gift.

**Wondering about giving an offering?** If you're a guest today, please feel no obligation to give. Today's worship services are our gifts of praise and thanksgiving to God, and we welcome you here as our guest. If you already know the love and grace of God in your life, we invite you to respond generously and joyfully as you give.

**Read It!**

"Amazing Grace: William Wilberforce and the Heroic Campaign to End Slavery"  
"7 Men - and the Secret to their Greatness"  
"7 Women - and the Secret to their Greatness"  
(all three books written by Eric Metaxas)

**Watch It!**

"Amazing Grace" (Film, '06)  
"Thank You - for Giving to the Lord" (song, Ray Boltz, '88)

**Live It!**

Take the time to write a personal note of gratitude to someone in your past, in your present, or even to someone in the future.

**Service Opportunities  
Sign Up Today • Fellowship Hall**

**♣Angel Tree**

This ministry provides Christmas gifts to the children of prisoners in the Cedar Valley.

**♣Adopt-A-Family**

Brighten the holidays for families from Highland Elementary School in Waterloo, our Partner in Education. Purchase a new school uniform, hygiene and housecleaning essentials, and a family game.

**♣Deliver Christmas Food Baskets**

Christmas food baskets for our neighbors in need will be delivered on Saturday, December 12. Meet at 8:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall on delivery day for homemade bagels and muffins.

**♣Give a Meaningful Gift** - the next Blood Drive at Nazareth will be Tuesday, December 1 from 12 noon to 5 p.m. Sign up at the Welcome Desk today!

"**Letters from War**" artist **Mark Schultz** is coming to Naz on Monday, December 14, 7 p.m. "A Different Kind of Christmas" concert tickets can be purchased for \$15 online at itickets.com or at the Welcome Desk today!

**An Open House** in honor of John Peters' 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday will take place Sunday, December 6 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. • Bethel Hall • All Nazareth families are invited to attend

**Job Vacancies at Nazareth**

Please send applications via email to [angie.rath@naz.org](mailto:angie.rath@naz.org) or mail to 7401 University Ave. Cedar Falls, IA 50613 Attn: Angie Rath

**• Communication Coordinator • Part-Time**  
Bachelor's degree in journalism/graphic design preferred with a minimum of five years experience. Responsible for writing and designing the worship bulletin, brochures, printed materials, annual reports, etc..

**• Custodian • Part-Time** - Will be responsible for floor & carpet care, and general cleaning/maintenance of Nazareth.

**Flowers on the altar** are in memory of Marv and Mike Haugebak from Dorothy; the flowers placed at the piano are in memory of Roger Lohman from Evelyn & family an din celebration of Mark & Ericka Larsen's 1<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary from John & Laurie.

**Being Baptized Today** in the Chapel at 12:30 p.m. is Hudson Cameron Foster & Bailey Annaliesa Foster, children of Charles & Sarah Foster; and Charles Foster, adult.

**Thank You** to Pastor Brian, Pastor Denny, and Andy Walser and to all friends, from Connie Mommer during her recent hospitalization.

**With Deepest Gratitude** to all of our Naz family who prayed over us during Kellie's recent health issues; prayers have been answered in the affirmative. Miracles happen everyday and Jesus heals.

**Thanksgiving Eve Worship**  
Wednesday, November 25  
6 p.m. • Worship Center  
Pastor Bob Ericson will present the message  
*A pie social follows in Bethel Hall*

**Christmas Eve Services - New This Year!**  
Wednesday, December 23 - 7 p.m. Contemporary  
Thursday, December 24  
3 p.m. - Family Service  
4:30 & 6 p.m. - Traditional Service  
10 p.m. - Candlelight Service

**The Ultimate Christmas Extravaganza**  
A Special Event for Families  
Sunday, December 13 • 4:00 p.m. • Bethel Hall  
The Children's Ministry team invites you to get in the Christmas spirit by attending this great event! For more information, contact Children's Ministry Director Kim Hansen at 319-266-7589 or [kim.hansen@naz.org](mailto:kim.hansen@naz.org)

**The next Finance Committee Meeting** will be Sunday, December 6 at 12:30 p.m. **The next Church Council Meeting** will be Tuesday, December 8 with congregational input at 7 p.m.

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

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