

Nazareth Evangelical Lutheran Church

Christmas Morning Worship Service

December 25, 2016 ° 10:00 a.m.

Prelude - *Still, Still, Still* (arr. Gillock).....Nathaniel Parrish, Director of Music

Welcome and Greeting

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.

Hymn - *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*.....#55

Reading - Isaiah 52:7-10.....#730

Hymn - *Joy to the World*.....#39

Reflection - *Joy to the World*.....Laura Sohl-Cryer

Reading - Hebrews 1:1-4.....#1184

Hymn - *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*.....#44

Reading - Luke 2:1-7.....#1014

Hymn - *Away in a Manger*.....#67

Reflection - *Away in a Manger*.....Pastor Denny Hanson

Hymn - *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*.....#60

Reading - Luke 2:8-20.....#1014-1015

Hymn - *Angels from the Realms of Glory*.....#50

Reading - John 1:1-4; 10-18.....#1049

Christmas Day Prayer (All)

Almighty God, You gave us Your only Son to take on our human nature and to illumine the world with Your Light. By Your grace adopt us as your children and enlighten us with Your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Hymn - *It Came Upon a Midnight Clear*.....#54

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

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Offering - *In the Bleak Midwinter* (arr. Hartsell).....Nathaniel Parrish

Hymn - *Angels We Have Heard on High* (verse 1).....#71

Benediction

Hymn - *Go Tell It on the Mountain*.....#70

Postlude - *Go Tell It on the Mountain* (arr. Parrish)



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 morning 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

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

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Church Office Hours

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

Prayer Chain

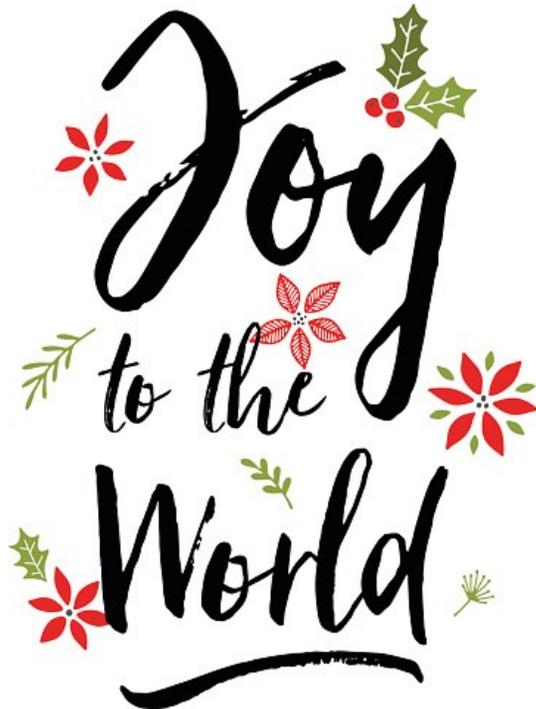
Call the church office
to have your concern
placed on the Prayer Chain.

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Be Invitational!

We encourage you to invite your family, friends and neighbors to join you in worship here at Nazareth.



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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 hymns, readings and reflections...

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