

NAZ NEWS

NAZARETH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

MAY 4, 2025

WORSHIP WITH NAZ

SUNDAYS

CFU Channels 18 & 95.5 | 8:30 am
In-Person Worship at Nazareth | 9 & 10:45 am

WEDNESDAYS

CFU Channels 18 & 95.5
4:30 pm Wednesday

ONLINE OPTIONS

Recordings of sermons available on
[Vimeo.com/mynazareth](https://www.vimeo.com/mynazareth)
Livestreams Broadcast on our website
www.naz.org/onlinechurch



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Honoring High School Students

We are excited to celebrate all graduating high school students at Nazareth and bless them at our 9:00 am worship service on Sunday, May 25. Before the service, we will meet together in Bethel Hall at 8:30 am. To honor your graduate, we ask that you share two pictures with us for a presentation during the service. One senior/recent photo and one of them 5 years old or younger. If you drop photos off in person, please write the student's name on the back. Also, please share their confirmation Bible verse or a meaningful verse. You can share all these items with Meg Husted when you RSVP by emailing meg.husted@naz.org before the deadline, Friday, May 16 at noon. We are so excited for this memorable day!

LSI Women's Luncheon

All women are invited to the Bremwood Auxiliary Luncheon on Friday May 16, at 1:00 pm in the Hanson Spiritual Life Center in Waverly, to hear an update from Lutheran Services in Iowa. No registration is necessary. If you have questions or want more information, contact Donna Kirschenmann at 319-231-2251. We are looking forward to this time of fellowship.

Register for Vacation Bible School 2025

Registration for Nazareth's Vacation Bible School is now available! All children between the ages of 4 years old and 6th grade are invited to join us June 8-12 from 6:00 to 8:30 pm for this year's VBS "Road Trip," where we are on the go with God!

Each night will be packed with worship, songs, Bible skits, science experiments, crafts, and recreational games, to help us learn that God is with us; on the journey, when we go off course, when we are joyful, when we are lonely, and near and far.

To join Nazareth on our exciting Road Trip this summer, please register online by visiting our website, naz.org, or stop by the VBS Booth in Fellowship Hall any Sunday between now and when VBS starts! T-shirts and music are also available for purchase at the booth. If you have questions, please email our Children's Ministry team; kim.albertsen@naz.org and sam.wyckoff@naz.org.

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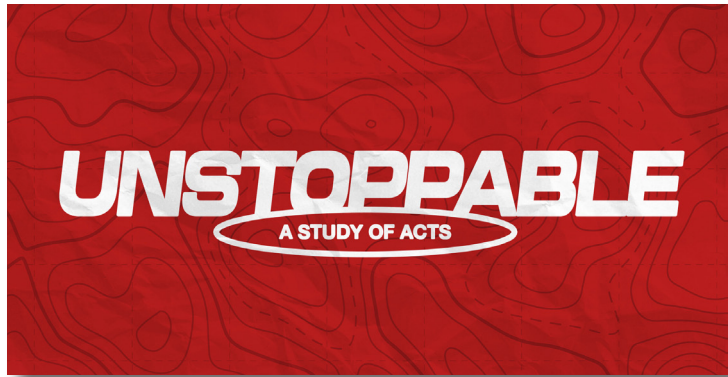
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TITLE | A Vision of Revival
TEACHER | Pastor Mike Brost
TEXT | Acts 2:14-24, 37-41 & Luke 1:1-17

Synopsis

In Matthew 16:18, Jesus said, "I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." Today, we look at how Jesus' church expanded and ask ourselves if this can be a vision for the church today.

Digest The Word

Read the scripture passages and reflect on these questions to help you live out God's Word in your life.

- How did the sermon challenge/encourage you?
- Does this passage teach you about who God is?
- What are the personal implications for you?

SERVICE PROGRAM

Who You Say I Am
'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus
Confessions and Forgiveness
Welcome and Announcements
Council Update
Prayers of the Church
Lesson: Acts 2:14-24, 37-41
Children's Sermon
Celebrate with Ringing
Gospel: Luke 1:1-17
Sermon
Words of Institution and Lord's Prayer
Communion
Let Us Bread Together | red 471
What Feast of Love | red 487
Blessing and Benediction

Flowers

The chancel flowers are in memory of Louise Lundberg.

Sympathies

Prayers and condolences to the family and friends of Darlene Nelson passed away on Sunday, April 27.

MUSIC SPOTLIGHT

At Nazareth, we want vibrant singing to be an integral part of our Sunday mornings. Using Spotify, these "Music Spotlights" are designed to encourage and familiarize us with the music for the upcoming weekend so that we can wholeheartedly sing as we worship together.

This weekend, we will sing "Let Us Break Bread Together" – an African American spiritual. Today, this hymn is most commonly used during communion, but it likely originated as a "signal song" for enslaved people in Virginia in the 18th century, who used it and similar ones to convene their secret meetings. Long associated with the Underground Railroad, scholars hypothesize that when the text says "fall on one's knees" and "face to the rising sun," slaves may have used this song to signal the time and place where they intended to meet others to escape. For example, the song called for a meeting to map out a strategy (hunched on one's knees, possibly drawing directions in the dirt with a stick); the time would be before sunrise (and therefore before the wake-up call for fieldwork), and the place of the meeting would be the East side of the slave quarters (the direction of the rising sun). Fittingly, slaves who were unsuccessful in their escape faced harsh consequences, and the hymn prays for the Lord to "have mercy on me." It wasn't until long after the Civil War that the hymn became appropriated for communion. We invite you to check out "Let Us Break Bread Together" along with other music for the upcoming Sunday at this Spotify playlist:

open.spotify.com/user/ovcn1ug98cq5vgzdb0668tcep



**SCAN HERE TO
LISTEN TO THE
SPOTIFY PLAYLIST!**

CHURCH REMINDERS

Membership Updates

We would love to be informed by members about their permanent or temporary address changes, family changes, or other life updates so we can update our records. Please share your relevant information with Jordan by calling 319-266-7589 or emailing jordan.kv@naz.org.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

May Donation Requests

During the month of May, we are accepting donations for our food pantry and partnered ministries. Nazareth is participating in Love Inc's Make-a-Difference Monthly donation campaign, which is accepting Fuel-Only Gas Cards in \$10 or \$20 Amounts.

Nazareth's food pantry is accepting donations of laundry detergent, soap, and cleaning supplies. To learn more, schedule an appointment, or find a complete list of acceptable donations, visit naz.org/foodpantry or email peg.merfeld@naz.org. All donations can be dropped off at the Welcome Desk on Sunday mornings or at the Receptionist's desk during the week's office hours.

Funeral Preference Forms

Nazareth offers Funeral Preference Forms for families who might be anticipating a loved one's passing. Death can be an intimidating or uncomfortable topic to discuss, but we believe that taking the time to complete this form can help prepare and comfort you for when that time comes. Anyone can fill out a funeral preference form. We encourage a copy to be put on file with our Membership Secretary and another copy kept with other legal documents, although the preference form is not legally binding. Call 319-266-7589 or email jordan.kv@naz.org for more information.



Mother's Day Breakfast

We are delighted to invite all visitors to our Mother's Day Breakfast, hosted by 5th and 6th graders on Sunday, May 11. The breakfast will be available from 10:00 to 10:45 am in Bethel Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend; we encourage you to bring your family and friends. Free will donations will be accepted. We can't wait for you to join us for great food and fellowship!



Spring Belong Membership Class

Are you interested in learning more about Nazareth's beliefs, mission, traditions, ministries, and what it means to be a member? We invite you to register for our Belong Membership Class on Sunday, May 18, from noon to 3:00 pm in rooms 151/153. To register for this life-changing opportunity, please visit naz.org/belong. A light lunch and childcare will be provided. We can't wait for you to join us and the work God is doing here at Naz!



Summer Trap Shooting Ministry

Nazareth's trap shooting Ministry begins June 10 at the Cedar Falls Gun Club. Join leaders Eddy Coen and Larry Steffens on Tuesday Nights from 5:30-7:00 pm for our 6-week program. Each night includes Biblical devotions, prayer, and trap shooting. This program is open to children and adults to learn trap shooting and gun safety. Children must be at least 12 years old and accompanied by a guardian. To register, please fill out the sign-up sheet at the Welcome Desk in Fellowship Hall or call the church during office hours.

Share in the Newsletter

Do you have a story to share, an event to promote, or an announcement for the Nazareth congregation? Please share any proposed entries with Nazareth's Communications Director, Sam Madson, via email at sam.madson@naz.org