

# NAZ NEWS

NAZARETH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

APRIL 27, 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://vimeo.com/mynazareth)  
Livestreams Broadcast on our website  
[www.naz.org/onlinechurch](http://www.naz.org/onlinechurch)



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Honoring High School Students

We want to celebrate your graduating high school students and bless them at the 9:00 am worship service on Sunday, May 25. Before the service, we will meet in Bethel Hall at 8:30 am. To honor your graduate, we ask that you share two pictures with us - a senior photo/recent picture and a photo of them 5 years old or younger. If you drop photos off in person, please write the student's name on the back. Also, share their confirmation Bible verse or a meaningful verse. All these items can be shared by email with Meg Husted when you RSVP by emailing [meg.husted@naz.org](mailto:meg.husted@naz.org) before the deadline, Friday, May 16 at noon.

### Spring Belong Membership Class

Are you interested in becoming a member at Nazareth and learning more about our beliefs, mission, Lutheran traditions, and church ministries? We encourage 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](http://naz.org/belong). A light lunch and childcare will be provided. We can't wait to meet you and have you join us and the work God is doing here at Naz!

### Spring Baptism Class

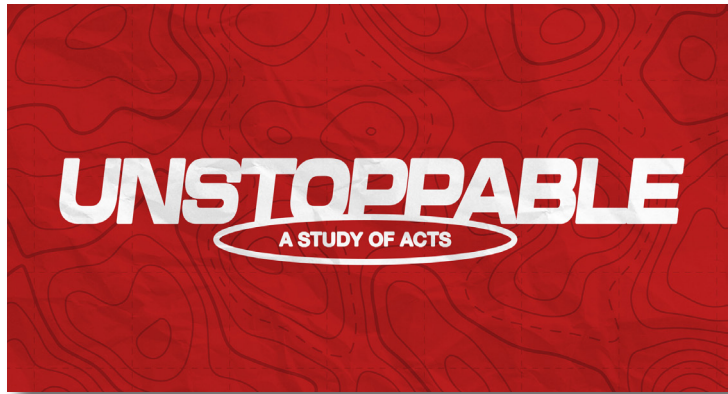
Baptism is a sign of God's love and that we are reborn in the image of Christ our Savior. At Naz, we practice Baptism at any age. For those seeking an infant baptism, we encourage you to attend our Baptism class, which educates parents on the theology behind this sacrament, parents' role, and the logistics of a Baptism on Sunday mornings. Naz's staff will provide an overview of the milestone project and family and children's ministry programming. Our spring Baptism class is on Sunday, May 4, from noon to 1:30 pm. You can register online at [naz.org/milestones](http://naz.org/milestones). If you have questions, please email [meg.husted@naz.org](mailto:meg.husted@naz.org). A light lunch will be provided, and childcare is available.

### 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. We can't wait for you to join us for food and fellowship!

## CONNECT WITH NAZARETH

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-  [www.naz.org](http://www.naz.org)
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-  [mynazchurch](https://www.instagram.com/mynazchurch)



## 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 coming weekend, we will sing “All Creatures of Our God and King” – a hymn credited to St. Francis of Assisi. So many stories have arisen around St. Francis of Assisi that it’s difficult to separate truth from fiction, but we do know that he was born in 1182 in central Italy, the son of a wealthy silk merchant. After a scanty education, he joined the army and was captured in war. He came to Christ shortly after his release, renounced his wealth, and began traveling the countryside to preach the Gospel, live simply, and make Christ known to those he met. Drawing on Psalm 148, he wrote the poem that serves as the basis for this hymn.

Interestingly, the poem wasn’t set to music as a hymn until 1919, when Rev. William H. Draper set it to a German Easter tune from 1623. In our modern day, this is why we often associate “All Creatures of Our God and King” with the Easter season. Draper brought together the text and music for a children’s worship festival in Leeds, England, and it was eventually published in a “Public School Hymn Book.” Today, though the words written by St. Francis of Assisi are some of the oldest used texts, the hymn appears in at least 270 hymnals across denominations worldwide. Listen to “All Creatures of Our God and King” along with the music for Sunday on Spotify:

[open.spotify.com/user/ovcn1ug98cq5vgzdb0668tcep](https://open.spotify.com/user/ovcn1ug98cq5vgzdb0668tcep)



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

### April Donation Requests

We are asking for donations of paper towels, toilet paper, garbage bags, pasta, pasta sauce, tuna, & boxed meals for our food pantry and partnered ministries. To learn more, schedule an appointment, or find a complete list of acceptable donations, visit [naz.org/foodpantry](http://naz.org/foodpantry).

**TITLE | From a Person to His Power**  
**TEACHER | Pastor Tim Boettger**  
**TEXT | Acts 1:1-11 & Matthew 16:13-20**

### Synopsis

After writing an account of Jesus’ life, Luke details what happened after Jesus ascended to heaven in the “Acts” of the Apostles. The Book of Acts records the beginning of the church and focuses on how Jesus’ power works in people like you and me to build His church. Join us as we start our journey, studying and learning from Acts.

### SERVICE PROGRAM

- All Creatures of Our God and King*
- Rejoice*
- Confessions and Forgiveness
- Announcements
- Prayers of the Church and Lord’s Prayer
- Lesson: Acts 1:1-11
- Children’s Sermon
- The Mission / How Great Thou Art*
- Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20
- Sermon
- Blest Be the Tie That Binds | red 656*
- Apostles’ Creed
- Blessed Assurance | red 638*
- Blessing and Benediction

### Flowers

The chancel flowers are in memory of Isaiah Jude Kraklio, grandson of John and Laurie Larsen.

### Sympathies

- Prayers and condolences to the family and friends of Marv Heller who passed away Friday, April 11.
- Prayers and condolences to the family and friends of Marvel Gerjerts who passed away Tuesday, April 15.
- Prayers and condolences to the family and friends of Ida Anderson who passed away Saturday, April 19.