

NAZ NEWS

NAZARETH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

MARCH 9, 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



Ash Wednesday Soup Supper

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Baby Bottle Ministry Donations

Nazareth is participating in Alternatives Pregnancy Center's "Baby Bottle Campaign" during Lent this year. Alternatives has offered high-quality, free, and confidential services to the Cedar Valley since 1991. Nazareth has partnered with Alternatives to help them be a first stop for people facing unplanned pregnancies, address at-risk sexual behavior, and build healthy families.

If you want to donate, please stop by the table in Fellowship Hall on March 9, March 30, or April 6 and pick up a baby bottle. Take the bottle home and fill it with loose change or bills. You can return the bottle to Nazareth on Sunday Mornings or during office hours during the week.

You can also scan the QR code below to make your donation online. Any donation is appreciated and can help change the lives of those in need. Thank you for your generosity!



**SCAN HERE TO DONATE
TO ALTERNATIVES'
BABY BOTTLE DRIVE!**

Welcome Hope Overflow Worship Group

Wartburg College's Hope Overflow is leading worship on Sunday, March 9. This student organization spreads the hope and love of Christ through service and contemporary music. They are traveling to Minneapolis, and Cedar Rapids to worship with and serve alongside homeless shelters, assisted living, food pantries, and churches. Hope Overflow is culminating this year's tour at Nazareth, continuing a 15+ year tradition!

Thursday Evening Lenten Services

Please join Nazareth for our Thursday evening services throughout the Lenten season. These services will be every Thursday at 6:00 pm, starting March 13 through April 10. Worship with us as we anticipate and prepare for Jesus' death and resurrection. Each service will feature a community soup supper at 5:00 pm. This upcoming Thursday, we will be serving Broccoli Cheese and Chicken Taco soup. We hope to see you there!

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BIBLE OVERVIEW

EXPLORING THE WORD AND WORLD OF GOD

TITLE | Jesus' Resurrection and Ascension

TEACHER | Pastor Tim Boettger

TEXT | 1 Corinthians 15:1-8 & Luke 24:1-12

Synopsis

In our Bible Overview series, we have been looking at the life of Christ, and we have now reached accounts of His resurrection and His ascension. The validity of the entire Christian faith hangs on the reality of the truth of the resurrection of Jesus. This week, we are looking at some details surrounding the empty tomb where Jesus was buried, and what happened after that first Easter Sunday morning.

SERVICE PROGRAM

Holy Water

How Deep the Father's Love

Confessions and Forgiveness

Welcome and Announcements

Prayers of the Church and Lord's Prayer

Lesson: 1 Corinthians 15:1-8

Baptism (9:00 am) / Children's Sermon (10:45 am)

Offering: *It is Well*

Gospel: Luke 24:1-12

Sermon

Prayer

I Know That My Redeemer Lives | red 619

Wrap Up

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Blessing and Benediction

Flowers

The chancel flowers are dedicated to the glory of God.

Baptisms

Congratulations to Henry Thomas Ruger, son of Zane and Nicole Ruger, who is celebrating his baptism.

Sympathies

Prayers and condolences to the family and friends of Don McGinnis, who passed Thursday, February 27.

MUSIC SPOTLIGHT

At Nazareth, we want to lift up vibrant singing as an integral part of our time together on 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 "*How Deep the Father's Love for Us*" – a hymn written by a British songwriter, Stuart Townend. Townend started playing the piano at a young age and writing music – primarily contemporary Christian music – beginning at age 22. Townend shares, "I distinctly remember getting this feeling one day that I was going to write a hymn! Now, like most people, I am familiar with hymns – they form part of my church background, and I love the truth contained in many of them. But I don't go home at the end of a busy day and put on a hymn album!"

He continues, "I'd been meditating on the cross, and in particular what it cost the Father to give up his beloved Son to a torturous death on a cross. And what was my part in it? Not only was it my sin that put him there, but if I'd lived at that time, it would probably have been me in that crowd, shouting with everyone else, 'Crucify him.' It just makes his sacrifice more personal and humbling."

Townend explains why he wrote "*How Deep the Father's Love for Us*," saying, "The danger now is that we are so focused on the experience that our worship can become self-serving. When our songs are about how we feel and what we need, we're missing the point. There is an omnipotent God who deserves our highest praise, and how we feel about it is in many ways irrelevant! I want to encourage the expression of joy, passion, and adoration, but I want those things to be the by-product of focusing on God – I don't want them to become the subject matter. I try to write songs that refer to us as little as possible and to Him as much as possible!" Listen to "*How Deep the Father's Love for Us*," along with the music for Sunday on Spotify:

open.spotify.com/playlist/0jO75nNb7eVxWWN3Atm8Gt



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

ANNOUNCEMENTS *CONTINUED...*

Spring Sing & Share at NewAldaya

Sing, dance, twirl, and jam with NewAldaya's annual early childhood music class on Saturday, March 15, at NewAldaya Lifescapes (7511 University Ave. CF) at 9:30-10:15 am and 10:30-11:15 am. Join the special community of music makers while helping young, at-risk families in the Cedar Valley. Registration cost is \$5, and at least one donation item for Alternatives Pregnancy Center (unopened package of diapers, wipes, formula, gently used baby or maternity clothes, etc.) per child. RSVP with kellyparker@fastmail.fm or call 347-251-2281 to ensure a spot in this year's class.

First Communion Class

We invite you and your fifth grader to participate in this year's First Communion Instruction on Sundays, March 30 and April 13, from 4:00 - 5:30 pm. Through interactive activities and discussion, we will learn about the meaning of Holy Communion and the different ways it is celebrated here at Nazareth. Our first night will include a traditional Seder Meal and making their own ceramic chalice that students are encouraged to use for their First Holy Communion. The date for First Communion is Maundy Thursday, April 17, at the 6:00 pm service.

Please RSVP (yes or no) by Thursday, March 27, so we can plan accordingly. Please email your response to Meg Husted, Director of Family and Discipleship Ministry, at meg.husted@naz.org.

Parents Night Out

Are you looking for time to yourself as a parent, time with another adult, or a chance to meet other parents? If so, Nazareth's Parents' Night Out is perfect for you! Join us on Friday nights: March 7, 21, 28, and April 11 – for an enjoyable night while Nazareth staff and volunteers spend time with the kids! We ask for a few dollars per child to help cover dinner.

If you are interested in joining any of our Parents' Night Out dates, please register online at our website – naz.org/programs. If you have any questions or concerns, please email Jennifer Brost at jbrost4@gmail.com. We are so excited to offer this opportunity to you!

No Student Ministries During Spring Break

Nazareth wishes all students and families a happy spring break next week. Our student and children's ministries – KidzRock, CHAOS, BIGhouse, and BASIC – will take the week off, Sunday, March 16 through Sunday, March 26, in conjunction with spring break. We look forward to seeing you again the following week.

March Donation Requests

Nazareth is participating in Love Inc's Make-a-Difference Monthly donation campaign, who is accepting Cleaning Products such as brooms, mops, sponges, and buckets.

Nazareth's food pantry is accepting donations of personal hygiene products such as soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, etc. 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.



Administrator

Do you have the gift of leadership? Are you organized and understand the importance of the process? Nazareth is looking for a new Administrator. The Administrator is responsible for overseeing and ensuring that the Church's daily operations and all of its ministry areas are efficient, compliant, and aligned with Nazareth's beliefs and policies. To learn more about the Administrator position, please visit naz.org/careers.

Food Outreach Ministry Coordinator

Are you organized, self-motivated, and have a heart for missions? Nazareth is looking for a Food Outreach Ministry Coordinator to join our staff. They will be responsible for Nazareth's Food Pantry and helping with outreach food ministry opportunities. This position is flexible, part-time, 10-20 hours per week. To explore the job description, please visit naz.org/careers.

If you are interested in applying for either position, please send a cover letter, resume, and application via email to kristin.swenson@naz.org or mail to Kristin Swenson at Nazareth Lutheran Church at 7401 University Ave, Cedar Falls IA, 50613. We look forward to hearing from you!