

# WELCOME

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## WORSHIP WITH NAZ

### SUNDAYS

CFU Channels 18 & 95.5 | 8:30a.m.  
In-Person Worship at Nazareth | 9a.m. & 10:45a.m.  
CW (check your local listings for channel) | 10a.m.

### WEDNESDAYS & SATURDAYS

CFU Channels 18 & 95.5  
4:30p.m. Wednesday | 5:30p.m. Saturday

### 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)

## MUSIC

December 23rd - 7:00 p.m.

Gathering Song: Hark The Herald Angels Sing  
Gathering Song: Angels We Have Heard On High  
Sermon Song: Hope Has A Name  
Sending Song: Silent Night  
Sending Song: Go Tell It On The Mountain

December 24th - 3:00 p.m.

Gathering Song: Hark The Herald Angels Sing  
Gathering Song: Angels We Have Heard On High  
Sermon Song: Hope Has A Name  
Sending Song: Silent Night  
Sending Song: Go Tell It On The Mountain

December 24th - 5:00 p.m.

Gathering Song: Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful  
Special Music: Night Of Wonder  
Special Music: Away In A Manger  
Sermon Song: O Little Town of Bethlehem | *red 279*  
Closing Song: O Holy Night  
Closing Song: Peace, Peace/Silent Night

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Special Music: Night Of Wonder  
Special Music: Away In A Manger  
Sermon Song: O Little Town of Bethlehem | *red 279*  
Closing Song: O Holy Night  
Closing Song: Peace, Peace/Silent Night

December 24th - 10:00 p.m.

Gathering Song: Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful  
Special Music: An Irish Christmas Blessing  
Special Music: Joseph's Lullaby  
Sermon Song: What Child Is This? | *red 296*  
Sermon Song: O Little Town of Bethlehem | *red 279*  
Closing Song: O Holy Night  
Closing Song: Silent Night | *red 281*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Nazareth Out of Office

The Nazareth Church Offices and Blessed Beginnings Child Care Center are closed December 23, 26-27th and January 2nd, in recognition of the holidays. Additionally, there will not be a Newsletter for the January 1st service. The Newsletter will return on January 7th, along with Council Conversations.

### Attention Online Pledging

For anyone planning to graciously pay a pledge online, Nazareth needs you to still submit a physical 2023 pledge-card that can be picked up at the Welcome or Receptionist Desk. This is essential for planning Naz's 2023 budget. Thank you for your generosity and understanding.

**NAZARETH IS NOT HAVING SERVICES ON CHRISTMAS DAY, SUNDAY DECEMBER 25TH**

December 23rd 7pm & 24th 3pm



**SERMON | Remembering Christmas**

**TEACHER | Derrick Akers**

**TEXT | Luke 2:1-7**



### Read It

Before exchanging Christmas gifts with your loved ones, take time to read through the Christmas Story and reflect on the greatest GIFT of love - the birth of Jesus Christ. Remember that every gift you receive this year, symbolizes a loving connection with others, and there is a piece of God's love planted within it.



### Watch It

Watch your favorite TV show or movie that showcases an extraordinary act of grace and love, and appreciate that the grace we receive from God is so much greater than anything we can comprehend.



### Live It

As you go through the Christmas Holiday, remember the never-changing love God has for us. As you remember this love, find ways to authentically reflect that to other people you come in contact with. Be attentive and open-minded to opportunities that present themselves. Reflecting God's love can be as simple as offering a hug, helping put away the dishes, or connecting with someone new. If you seek deeper for these opportunities, you might become a trusted listener for someone in need, find yourself donating to a charity, and growing relationships you didn't think could exist. Reflecting God's love is powerful, and it can be done in big ways and in small ways.

December 24th 5pm / 7pm / 10 pm



**SERMON | When Does Christmas Begin?**

**TEACHER | Pastor Bob Ericson**

**TEXT | Isaiah 9:2-7 & Luke 2:1-20**



### Read It

*Martin Luther's Christmas Book* edited by Roland H. Bainton (Augsburg Publishing House, 1997) offers various excerpts from Luther's Christmas sermons. Explore Luther's words as he gives his unique perspective on the Annunciation, Visitation, Nativity, Shepherds, Herod, Wise Men, and Presentation of Jesus.



### Watch It

Embrace the celebration of Jesus's birth by tuning into the nationally televised Christmas service from the Vatican, Westminster Abbey or the Washington Cathedral OR watch a Christmas Concert of one of the local ELCA Colleges.



### Live It

Martin Luther observed: "There are many of you in this congregation who think to yourselves: *If only I had been there! How quick I would have been to help the Baby. How happy I would have been to go with the shepherds to see the Lord lying in the manger!* You say that because you know how great Christ is, but if you had been there at that time you would have done no better than the people of Bethlehem. Why don't you do it now? You have Christ in your neighbor. You ought to serve him, for what you do to your neighbor in need you do to the Lord Christ himself." In the week between Christmas and New Year's, find a way you can help a neighbor in need.