

# NAZ NEWS

NAZARETH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

APRIL 13, 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

### Easter and Holy Week with Nazareth

You are invited to join Nazareth, Sunday April 20, to worship and celebrate Easter! With lively worship music, prayer, and scripture-filled messages, Nazareth is the perfect place for you and your family to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Nazareth's Easter Services are at 9:00 and 10:45 am in the worship center. You can also tune into either service through our online livestream, at [naz.org](http://naz.org). We hope you can join us for this celebration!

Naz will be hosting special services throughout Holy Week. Our Maundy Thursday service is April 17 at 6:00 pm. Rev. Dr. Amy Little, General Secretary of The North American Lutheran Church, will share Communion and the Word. After the service, there will be a discussion and light refreshments in Bethel Hall. Join us early for a community soup supper at 5:00 pm for chili and creamy chicken vegetable soup.

And don't miss our Good Friday services on April 18! Our 10:00 am service in Larson Chapel will not be livestreamed. Our evening services at 7:00 & 9:00 pm will be led by our high school ministry students. We hope to see you there!

### Order Your Easter Flowers

Celebrate Easter with Nazareth by filling the Worship Center with beautiful flower arrangements! You can take home one of these Easter flowers for \$20 each this year. Flowers may be dedicated in honor or memory of a loved one. To place your order, sign up at the Welcome Desk, email Jordan at [jordan.kv@naz.org](mailto:jordan.kv@naz.org), or call the church at 319-266-7589 by Wednesday, April 16. Payment is accepted in cash or by check only.

### Prayer Shawls Available

Nazareth's faithful and dedicated Prayer Shawl Ministry will have a wide selection of prayer shawls available in Fellowship Hall after each service on Palm Sunday, April 13. Prayer Shawls make the perfect gift for a loved one to let them know you're thinking of them. The Prayer Shawl Ministry invites and encourages anyone to stop by the Fellowship Hall table and take a comfortable hand-made prayer shawl home.

## CONNECT WITH NAZARETH

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# BIBLE OVERVIEW

EXPLORING THE WORD AND WORLD OF GOD

**TITLE | A Day of Praise**

**TEACHER | Pastor Tim Boettger**

**TEXT | Psalm 100 & John 12:12-19**

## Synopsis

Jesus entered Jerusalem on the last Sunday before His crucifixion with the intention of dying for all of humanity's sins. No one at the time was aware of or understood Jesus' plan. Reflecting on the events that occurred that week, we can learn more about ourselves, our nature, and the nature of God.

## SERVICE PROGRAM

Confessions and Forgiveness

*All Glory, Laud and Honor* | brown 173

Responsive Reading

Confession and Forgiveness

Announcements

Prayers of the Church and Lord's Prayer

Lesson: Psalm 100

Children's Sermon

*Above All*

*In Christ Alone*

Sermon

*Christus Victor*

Apostles' Creed

*Lift High the Cross* | red 660

Blessing and Benediction

## Flowers

The chancel arrangement is in memory of Jerry Ortman.

*Congregation members can dedicate service flowers to family, friends, or whomever they would like. This touching gesture is perfect for anniversaries, birthdays, or honoring individuals no longer with us. If you are interested, email [jordan.kv@naz.org](mailto:jordan.kv@naz.org).*

## Baptisms

Congratulations to Blaire Lang, daughter of John and Ciarra Lang, who is celebrating their baptism this Sunday morning.

## 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.

As we celebrate Palm Sunday this weekend, we will close our service by singing "Lift High the Cross" – a hymn rooted in the Anglican tradition. The year was 1887 when the Society approached the Reverend Dr. George William Kitchen for the Propagation of the Gospel, the Church of England's worldwide missionary organization, looking for a triumphant processional hymn for an upcoming festival. Debuting in Winchester Cathedral, Kitchen's work originally consisted of 11 verses but was later rearranged in 1916 by Michael Robert Newbolt, an Anglican priest. The hymn is a European staple often sung during Lent and Easter, but no Christians in America ever sang the hymn until it was published with the recommendation of Donald Paul Hustad in "Hymns for the Living Church" in 1974; Hustad spent 60 years in ministry as an organist, with the Moody Bible Institute's radio station, and – most notably – with the Billy Graham Evangelical Association.

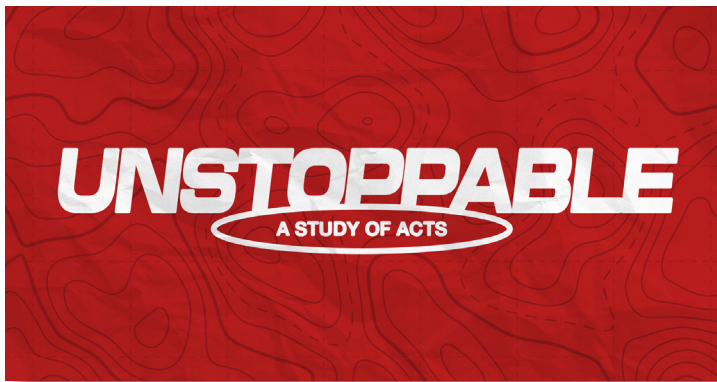
As Christians navigate an increasingly secular and hostile culture, it's important to never shy away from the physical symbol of Christ's sacrifice, death, and resurrection. Metaphorically speaking, lifting high the cross of Christ manifests in numerous ways – from openly professing and witnessing to living out the faith through our everyday interactions. It may have taken nearly 100 years for "Lift High the Cross" to make its way across the Atlantic Ocean, but – now that it's here – Christians would be wise to sing and live it daily. Listen to "Lift High the Cross" 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!**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED...



### Acts Sermon Series and Study Book

Looking ahead, Pastor Tim and Pastor Mike will lead us through a sermon series covering the Book of Acts called "Unstoppable" beginning April 27. The Book of Acts gives us a beautiful narrative of how God's church was formed, the believers he inspired to lead, and what he still calls us to do TODAY! A Bible study guide created by The Bible Recap will be used for small groups and individuals. It is an accessible way to study scripture. The pastors will dedicate two Sundays to cover each weekly lesson in the study book. For those looking to take the next step:

1. Sign up to order a copy of the study book by emailing Meg at [meg.husted@naz.org](mailto:meg.husted@naz.org) (\$15) or sign up at the Next Steps desk after the service for personal/individual study by April 16
2. Order a copy of the book AND sign up for a small group that will meet (almost bi-weekly) through the summer. We have groups meeting on Sunday mornings, Monday evenings, and Wednesday evenings. Visit our website, [naz.org/nextsteps](http://naz.org/nextsteps), to sign up or email Meg via [meg.husted@naz.org](mailto:meg.husted@naz.org) with questions.

### Life of Christ Study Group Postponed

Attention all members of the Life of Christ study group! We will not be meeting the final two weeks of April. The usual meeting times on Wednesdays and Thursdays will not be happening. Thank you for your patience and understanding. We look forward to seeing you again on May 7 and 8.

### Visitation Updates

If you or a loved one have been hospitalized or are unable to attend church, please email and update Andy Walser, Nazareth's Care and Missional Pastor, via [andy.walser@naz.org](mailto:andy.walser@naz.org), to schedule a hospital visit or home communion. We understand the importance of this and want to visit and share time with you, whatever situation you are in.

### HyVee Receipts Deadline For Highland

The end of the school year is quickly approaching, and the collection deadline for HyVee receipt donations for Highland School is Sunday, April 27. Please drop off your HyVee receipts in the bucket at the Welcome Desk in Fellowship Hall. Highland School's students and staff are grateful to everyone who donated this year. Thank you for your generosity to collect and share these items.

### April Donation Requests

During the month of April, 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 Household Essentials such as paper towels, toilet paper & garbage bags.

Nazareth's food pantry is accepting donations of pasta, pasta sauce, tuna, & boxed meals. To learn more, schedule an appointment, or find a complete list of acceptable donations, visit [naz.org/foodpantry](http://naz.org/foodpantry) or email [peg.merfeld@naz.org](mailto: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.

### Relational Trauma Survivors Group

We warmly invite you to our Relational Trauma Survivors Group's next meeting on April 14 at 6:00 pm, facilitated by Sarah Wherry and Alex Luecking. This group is for anyone looking to improve their relationships with themselves, God, and others after experiencing trauma and/or hardship in their personal relationships. Join us as we discover how God redeems our hurts as we relearn to trust God. Navigating relational trauma can feel isolating, but here, you'll find a compassionate space filled with understanding and shared experiences. We look forward to meeting you and offering and receiving support together. Registration is available today at [naz.org/nextsteps](http://naz.org/nextsteps).

### Nazareth Nursery

Do you have a baby who loves to wiggle and be active during Sunday services? No need to worry; Nazareth's nursery is open on Sunday Mornings! We welcome children three years old and under. The nursery room has consistent and caring staff, who can give parents and caregivers the break they need to focus on worship.