

WELCOME

This week is one of striking contrasts: Jesus rides a donkey into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday surrounded by shouts of glory, only to be left alone to die on the cross, abandoned by even his closest friends. Though we lament Christ's suffering, we also expect God's salvation. In the wine and bread shared on Maundy Thursday, Jesus promises his death will mark a new covenant with all people. We enter Holy Week thirsty for the completion of God's astonishing work, praying we live in His Kingdom day by day.

Be well! Be loving! Be courageous! Be the Church!
In Christ,
Pastor Denny

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Limited copies of the directory are available at the Welcome Desk or the Receptionist Desk during the week. Additional copies will be printed as needed.
- April 1 meal: Chicken noodle soup, ham sandwich, fruit, dessert

WE ARE INTRODUCING A NEW WEBSITE MARCH 29

Naz will be updating our website on March 29. We're excited as this will be user friendly and easy to watch services online. We're excited for you to check out naz.org on Monday!

SIGN UP AT THE WELCOME DESK TO ORDER YOUR EASTER FLOWERS!

Easter flowers are being ordered for Easter Sunday, April 4 and they will be displayed in the Worship Center. If you would like to purchase flowers, please sign up at the Welcome Desk by March 28. Cost will be \$15, and you can specify if you want them in memory or in honor of a loved one.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS...

Naz VBS 2021: Discovery on Adventure Island
June 13th to 17th

More details coming soon!!!



SIGN UP FOR IN-PERSON SERVICES AT NAZ.ORG

In-Person Services:

Easter Sunrise service at 6:30 a.m.

Traditional Easter service at 8:30 a.m.

Traditional Easter service at 10:00 a.m.

Contemporary Easter service at 11:30 a.m.

All services will be livestreamed and one of the traditional versions will be available for playback.

Televised services:

Saturday, April 3, at 5:00 p.m. on KWWL

Saturday, April 3, at 5:30 p.m. on CFU channels 18 & 95.5

Sunday, April 4, at 8:30 a.m. on CFU channels 18 & 95.5

Sunday, April 4, at 10:00 a.m. on the CW channel

Wednesday, April 7 at 4:30 p.m. on CFU channels 18 & 95.5

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Palm Sunday Services: 9A | traditional, 10:45A | contemporary

Maundy Thursday: 6P (communion offered)

Good Friday: 10A | traditional, 7&9P | student-led

All are in-person services and will also be livestreamed.



BELONG MEMBERSHIP CLASS

April 11, 18, 25 and May 2 from 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Register online at the Naz Website.

Contact Lori Fegley with questions: lori.fegley@naz.org or 266-7589 ext. 101.

**If you would be interested in being a mentor for a new member, contact Lori Fegley.*

CELEBRATING 150 YEARS OF NAZARETH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Continuing the 150th Anniversary display in Mission Lounge (across from Bethel Hall), we added a pictorial exhibit titled "Schleswig-Holstein: Turmoil on the Danish-German border." This exhibit explores the dual identity of the region. Long controlled by the Danish crown, fought over in 1848 and 1864 and finally reconciled to its current border in the 20th century, the history of this border region has a long reach. This exhibit is courtesy of the Museum of Danish America in Elkhorn, IA.

When you visit Mission Lounge this month, you will see several historical pieces:

- The cornerstone of the first Nazareth Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church formed in 1871.
- A copper name plate made after the word Danish had been dropped from the official name of the church.
- Information on the history of early Denmark prior to the emigration of 350,000 Danes to America (in the glass display case)

We invite you to stop in the Mission Lounge often as the displays will be changing periodically.

WORK AS WORSHIP

Work as Worship will take place May 14th from 8a.m-3p.m.

Register at

<https://events.rightnowmedia.org/attendee/site/4288>

SERMON | Good and Beautiful Life: "Living in the Kingdom Day by Day

TEACHER | Pastor Denny Hanson

TEXTS | Mark 11: 1-10, Philippians 2: 1-11, Matthew 7: 13-20

ALTAR FLOWERS | The flowers at the altar are in loving memory of my husband, Rex, and my daughter, Sheila, from Natalie Morgan.

PULPIT FLOWERS | The flowers at the pulpit are in loving memory of my husband, Bob, from Darlene Surface.

PIANO FLOWERS | The flowers at the piano are in loving memory of my grandson, Peter, from Darlene Surface.

Flower donors still needed for May 9 and May 30.

Contact Lori Fegley at lori.fegley@naz.org to order flowers.

GO BEYOND THE SERMON

Use the "Read It", "Watch It" and "Live It" recommendations to apply this Sunday's sermon to your everyday happenings, and/or, gather with a small group to discuss the sermon and do life together! Not connected with a Naz small group yet? Email Mallory Jensen at mallory.jensen@naz.org to learn more or join a group.

DIGEST THE WORD

Read the scripture passages from the week's Sunday's Worship Service and reflect on the sermon and on these questions to help you live out God's Word in your everyday life. Or, use these questions in your Naz Small Group to discuss and apply each week's scripture and sermon!

- How did this passage/sermon challenge or encourage you?
- What questions do you have about this topic?
- What does this passage teach you about who God is?
- What are the personal implications (for you)?
- What does this mean for the Church as a whole?

READ IT | Use the Nazareth 150th Anniversary Devotional, beginning on Saturday, "Holy Week: Journey to the Cross" and continuing each day through the Seven Last Words of Jesus from the Cross and prayers. Set aside a half hour to slowly and prayerfully read Mark 11:1 through 15:47; which is the story of Holy Week (Palm Sunday through Jesus' burial).

WATCH IT | On your computer or phone, search "Bible Project: The Crucifixion of Jesus Luke 19 - 23" and watch the video. In preparation for Easter, search "Bible Project: The Resurrection of Jesus Luke 24" and watch the video.

LIVE IT | Living in the Christ's Kingdom day by day centers on having an established relationship that abides and endures. God's gifts from the Holy Spirit work in us to keep the fire of faith burning using scripture, prayer, and a community of believers.

- Engage with Nazareth on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday in worship (on-line or in-person)
- Invite your neighbors to join Nazareth in worship on Easter Sunday by work of mouth or the sharing of postcards available for distribution at Nazareth.