



# Jerusalem

evangelical lutheran church

February 2, 2025  
Presentation of Our Lord  
11:00 AM Worship Service



## Presentation of Our Lord

Mission Statement

SOW. The Gospel of Jesus the Christ to all generations

GROW. His followers into spiritually mature disciples

GO. Back into the world to serve others in His name

## WELCOME

We are so glad you have chosen to join with us today as we gather in worship to give thanks to our gracious and loving God. If you have particular needs and/or questions please speak with an usher. Again, thanks for spending a little time with us.

## THIS WEEK AT JERUSALEM

Sunday, February 2	8:30 AM	Traditional Worship Service with live stream
	9:30 AM	ASP Breakfast
	9:45 AM	Christian Education
	11:00 AM	Contemporary Worship Service with live stream
Monday, February 3	5:00 PM	Yoga Class at Carrie Burger's Residence
	7:00 PM	JLNSDC Board Meeting (SH)
Tuesday, February 4	7:30 PM	Finance Virtual Meeting
Wednesday, February 5	1:00 PM	Worship & Music Meeting (OP)
	6:30 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	7:30 PM	Adoration Rehearsal
	8:00 PM	AA Meeting (YC)
Thursday, February 6	6:30 PM	Steepleringers Rehearsal
	7:00 PM	Women's Bible Study (YC)
Saturday, February 8	7:00 AM	AA Meeting (YC)
	5 - 6:00 PM	Hoagie Sale Pick-up (SH)
Sunday, February 9	8:30 AM	Traditional Worship Service with live stream
	9:30 AM	Hoagie Sale Pick-up
	9:45 AM	Christian Education
	11:00 AM	Contemporary Worship Service with live stream

### The People of Jerusalem Congregation, Ministers Reverend Stanley Steele, Pastor

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### \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and ever-living God, your only-begotten Son was presented this day in the temple. May we be presented to you with clean and pure hearts by the same Jesus Christ, our great high priest, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

### SCRIPTURE READING Luke 2:22-40

<sup>22</sup> When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, [Mary and Joseph] brought [Jesus] up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord <sup>23</sup> (as it is written in the law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord”), <sup>24</sup> and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.”

<sup>25</sup> Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. <sup>26</sup> It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. <sup>27</sup> Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, <sup>28</sup> Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

<sup>29</sup> “Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,  
according to your word;

<sup>30</sup> for my eyes have seen your salvation,

<sup>31</sup> which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

<sup>32</sup> a light for revelation to the Gentiles  
and for glory to your people Israel.”

<sup>33</sup> And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him.

<sup>34</sup> Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, “This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed <sup>35</sup> so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.”

<sup>36</sup> There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, <sup>37</sup> then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. <sup>38</sup> At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

<sup>39</sup> When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. <sup>40</sup> The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

L: The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**\*GOSPEL READING Luke 4:21-30**

The holy gospel according to Luke, the fourth chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>21</sup> Then [Jesus] began to say to [all in the synagogue in Nazareth,] “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” <sup>22</sup> All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, “Is not this Joseph’s son?” <sup>23</sup> He said to them, “Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, ‘Doctor, cure yourself!’ And you will say, ‘Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.’” <sup>24</sup> And he said, “Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet’s hometown. <sup>25</sup> But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; <sup>26</sup> yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. <sup>27</sup> There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.” <sup>28</sup> When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. <sup>29</sup> They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. <sup>30</sup> But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

P: The gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## COMING EVENTS & NOTES...



### ASP Breakfast: Buffet Style!!

**Today, February 2nd from 9:30 AM-11 AM** in the Social Hall.  
Join us for the first fundraiser of the ASP season.



**Please Note:** We will remove our Christmas Tree today, February 2nd after the 11 AM worship service!  
Please consider lending a helping hand if able.

### ASP Hoagie Sale!!

Place your orders ASAP! Order form is now available!

***Please place your orders by February 2nd!***

Pick-up dates are Saturday, February 8th & Sunday, February 9th.  
See order form for full information.

Any questions reach out to Norma Grosick at 610-487-5673.



We will begin our next Women's Bible Study called "***Messy People***" by Jennifer Cowart. ***We will meet Thursday evenings at 7PM in the Youth Center.*** During this study we will discover sometimes we all struggle through life's intangible messes. But even through these challenging seasons God can use us through life's mess for his glory. If interested please contact the church office to receive a workbook.



**Teen Time:** Third Tuesday of the month! ***Tuesday, February 18th from 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM*** in the Youth Center. This month's topic is "Love". We will discuss what's it like to embrace new beginnings. Feel free to bring a snack to share and invite a friend!



in us for lunch: Last Wednesdays of the month at 12:30 PM

**Wednesday, February 26th, 2025 at 12:30 PM**

Harleysville Hotel

496 Main Street Harleysville, PA

***Reservations must be made before February 20th.***

Contact Dan Slemmer to reserve your place and request carpooling if needed.



# ASP Hoagie Sale

All hoagies are made with sharp or regular provolone cheese.

Please mark cheese of choice.

Fresh baked turkey breast is prepared the night before hoagie sale!

All hoagies include lettuce, tomatoes, and onions unless specify otherwise on the spaces below.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Italian Hoagie: Sharp: \_\_\_\_\_ Regular: \_\_\_\_\_

Qty: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$15 Subtotal \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Do you want to exclude any toppings?

Turkey Hoagie: Sharp: \_\_\_\_\_ Regular: \_\_\_\_\_

Qty: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$15 Subtotal \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Do you want to exclude any toppings?

Cheese Hoagie: Sharp: \_\_\_\_\_ Regular: \_\_\_\_\_

Qty: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$15 Subtotal \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Do you want to exclude any toppings?

Total: \_\_\_\_\_

**Payment can be submitted during pick-up**

Pick-up Saturday, February 8th from 5:00-6:00 PM in the Social Hall

& Sunday, February 9th from 9:30-10:30 AM in the Social Hall

Deadline for orders is Sunday February 2nd.

**Please make checks payable to JELC with ASP in the memo line.**

Tear here and place in basket in the Coffee Corner

## ADULT SPIRITUAL FORMATION

“Sacred Pathways: Nine Ways to Connect to God” will be the theme of our *Spiritual Growth Time* between services on Sunday morning. This will be an interactive time where you are invited to connect to God and grow spiritually in one of nine unique ways. Learn how to lean into your spiritual temperament and how to appreciate other people who engage with God differently. There will be hot brewed coffee and tea along with tasty treats. Come as we Sow and Grow in the Spirit of God. For more information please speak to Pastor Stan.

## SINGLE SERVICE STARTING MARCH 30TH

At the recent Church Council Retreat it was decided to move to one service on Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM, followed by Sunday Church School, Confirmation and Adult Education. Starting Sunday, March 30th. This will continue till Memorial Day when we will have our usual summer single service at 9:30 AM. This is a trial to see how you feel about the new format. Please feel free to discuss your feelings with any church council member or the Pastor. This decision came about due to feedback from many members to have a larger number of folks at the one service to enhance the worship service. Again please share your feelings about this change.

## SPECIAL THANK YOU

### From Better Days Ahead:

Huge thanks to [Jerusalem Lutheran Church, Schwenksville](#) for their highly needed \$5,000 donation to our Winter Emergency Rooms program! This will cover at least most of all of the 26 emergency rooms we have booked this week alone! Huge thanks to Norma Grosick who set this up and invited me to speak to their board a while back and I am so grateful they chose to help with this initiative - we have single moms with kids in rooms, elderly, vets, and many more warm and safe for the week thanks to all of the donors to this cause and we are eternally grateful!

If you would like to support this effort (funds are still needed to continue until spring):

<https://givebutter.com/Rtb6TA>

## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS SERVING TODAY

**11:00 AM**

**Ushers:** Linda Kehs & Mike Kehs

**Acolyte:** Ella Cusumano

**Tech Team:** Tim Arnold &

Chris Rittich

**Worship Assistant:** Glenda Ortiz

**Counters:** TBD

**Altar Guild:** Louise Hunsicker & Ardie Musselman

**Banners:** Louise Hunsicker & John Souder

## PRAYER CONCERNS....

### PRAYERS FOR SPIRITUAL, PHYSICAL HEALING & RENEWAL

Michelle Derecola, Dobrowsky Family, Michael Ehrhart, Anne Fisher, Joe Hallman, Marion Herden, Pat Giarrocco, Donnie Grosick, Effa Hunt, Nellie Ann Kodoziejski, Laurie Kribetisch, Judy Leveille, John Markley, Gene & Pat Miesse, Ardie Musselman, Don Peters, Linda Petrucelli, Noel Pumphrey, Shawn Schlichter, Joseph Schmitt, Jennifer Sone, Brian Wheatcroft, Gail Wetzell, & Lew Wolfe.

### ONGOING PRAYERS

Babs deFrenes, DiDomenico Family, Susie Barker, Jeanne Bullard, Bryan Delowery, Betty Erwin, Adelina Freer, Aaron Hamlin, Hunsberger Family, Morgan (Smith) Jordan, Linda Kuiken, Leslie Leben, Judy Leville, Sharon Morgan, George Miller, Janet Neumann, Bev O'Brien, Robert Schirk, Robin Schlichter, Carol Sprainer, Ashley Steele, & Marie Wolfe.

**Online Giving:** Please scan the attached QR code for online giving or to set-up automatic recurring payments if desired.

