

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church
invites you to..

Join us for an *Incredible Journey!*
An Amazing Holy Land Pilgrimage
Feb 21 - March 3, 2018



Experience the Holy Land with all its breadth and beauty, and its rich biblical history from King David to Jesus, in this 11 Day Pilgrimage! From Jesus' boyhood home to his miracle-working and teaching in the Galilee to his passion, death, resurrection... and what it means for us today. Experience for yourself His life in this once-in-a-lifetime encounter! Communion celebrated at major holy sites with your host Rev. Andrew Abraham, pastor of Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church.

Bethlehem



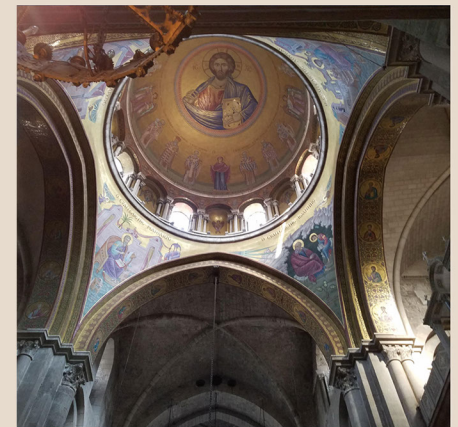
Nazareth



Galilee



Jerusalem





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Proposed Itinerary

Day 1 & 2 - Leave BNA, arrive in Tel Aviv.

Day 3 - Visit **Nazareth** the village Jesus was conceived and spent his childhood, **Cana** where he worked his first miracle at a wedding, changing water into wine. Head to the ancient ruins of **Sepphoris**, once the "Jewel of the Galilee" where Joseph and Jesus likely worked as carpenters. Take in the beautiful view of the **Sea of Galilee** from **Mt. of Beatitudes** and **Megiddo**, a site occupied by 26 civilizations, one after another from 7000 BC, overlooking Jezreel Valley.

Day 4 - Enjoy a **Boat ride on the Sea of Galilee**, then see firsthand the uncovered fisherman's boat from the time of Jesus. Explore **Capernaum**, the center of Jesus' ministry and join in Pastor Andrew's Bible Study, and finally **Tabgha**, site of the miraculous **Multiplication of Loaves and Fish**.

Day 5 - Travel to **Bethsaida**, hometown of five of the apostles, then the amazing excavation of Magdala, home of Mary Magdalene, and the breathtaking view from **Mt. Tabor**, traditional site of the Transfiguration, ending with a **Jordan River baptismal service**.

Day 6 - Going south through the Jordan River Valley, see the incredibly preserved ruins of **Beth Shean**, the ancient entry point for those travelling from the East to Israel, then **Jericho** where Zacchaeus discovered Jesus and where Jesus was driven into the desert to be tempted on the **Mt. of Temptation**, onto **Qumran** where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found, then up to Jerusalem.

Day 7 - Visit the **Temple Mount, City of David archaeological site, Western Wall, Southern Steps of the Temple** which Jesus and his disciples walked to enter the Temple courtyard, **Western Wall Tunnels** under which some believe the Ark of the Covenant lies buried. Conclude at the **Israel Museum** with an impressive Model of Jerusalem at the time of Jesus and the Shrine of the Book.

Day 8 - Travel to **Ein Kerem**, hometown of John the Baptist, **Elah Valley** where David fought Goliath, and **Bethlehem**, Jesus' birthplace within the **Church of the Nativity**. as well as **Shepherds Field** where the angels appeared to announce Jesus' birth.

Day 9 - Go to the Church of **Pater Noster** housing a cave where Jesus spent much of his time with and taught his disciples the "Our Father", famous **Mt. of Olives, Palm Sunday Path**, and **Garden of Gethsemane** where he began his agony and passion. Enter the Old City via the **Lion's Gate, St. Anne's (Pools of Bethesda), Ecce Homo** where Pilate exclaimed "Behold the Man" as Jesus stood trial, **Way of the Cross to The Church of the Holy Sepulcher**, site of Golgotha and the Resurrection Chapel, and Communion at **Lutheran Church of the Redeemer**.

Day 10 - See the **House of Caiaphas**, the high priest that tried Jesus and where Peter denied Jesus three times, **Mt. Zion, Jewish Quarter of the Old City** including the **Cardo and Herodian ruins**, free time in the **Old City**, concluding with Communion at the **Garden Tomb**, another possible site for Jesus' burial place. Enjoy a farewell dinner before heading to the airport.

Day 11 - Arrive home.



Join us for this unforgettable experience for only **\$3900/person** if paid by check or cash before August 30th, 2017.

This is an all-inclusive price (for dual occupancy), including airfare, with exception of lunches. Space is limited, so reserve your spot today by making your nonrefundable deposit check for \$500 payable to *Incredible Journeys LLC* and mail to St. Hilary Parish, 2750 W Market Street, Akron, OH 44333.

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