

GOOD AFTERNOON!

WHAT'S HAPPENING (June 12)

Summer Worship Schedule continues, with worship services on Saturday at 4:00 pm and on Sunday at 9:00 am. The Summer schedule will continue until the weekend of September 7-8. Following the 9:00 service there will be Coffee Under the Trees, and Adult Bible Study begins at 10:30 am.

Preaching Themes and Verses: Summer 2025

June 8 - Two Masters? Matthew 6:24

June 15 - Why Worry? Matthew 6:25-34

June 22 - Peace John 14:27; 16:33

June 29 - Joy Philippians 4:4-7

July 6 - Forgiven and Forgiving Matthew 6:12

July 13 - Pastor Kelly Crabbe, Preaching

July 20 - Pastor Mike Zehnder, Preaching

July 27 - Too Much!! Matthew 11:28-30

August 3 - Pastor Mike Zehnder, Preaching

August 10 - God in Control Romans 8:28

August 17 - A Fortress Psalm 46

August 24 - A Temple 1Corinthians 6:19-20

August 31 - Work Colossians 3:23-24

Please note, the church parking lot will be repaved on Monday, June 9 through Wednesday, June 11. If you park at church during those 3 days, please park on the south side of the building, along Caley. Thank you.

The Memorial Service for Edna Achziger will be on Thursday, June 12 at 11:00 a.m. A meal will follow the service.

The Memorial Service for Jim Adams will be on Friday, June 13 at 11:00 a.m. A meal will follow the service.

VBS 2025: We are having a wonderful week at True North Vacation Bible School!! 76 children are learning about trusting Jesus through fun games, science-y gizmos, tundra treats, Bible adventures and more! We are thankful for our 45 plus staff and volunteers who are helping to make this a successful week!

***The Sacred Art of Ascension** Ascension has been richly blessed with beautiful works of sacred art throughout our building. Jude Donovan has created a booklet describing our art and its symbolism, entitled "The Sacred Art of Ascension," and copies are now available in the narthex. Each week we will include a page of the booklet in the Happenings. As Jude says, "A picture is worth a thousand words, come and enjoy the ORIGINALS!" 😊

Do you have a Summer Date to Celebrate? Individuals, couples, families, or committees can come together to provide coffee and donuts or other treats after the Sunday morning worship service. This is a wonderful opportunity for fellowship! *We still have 2 dates available: August 3 and August 31.* Sign up this weekend in the narthex!

Come to the Coffee Under the Trees on June 8: There will be a table there for everyone who is planning to attend the **LVR Retreat**, we will help you get registered and will provide a list of items to bring! We will also have information about scholarships, etc.

Ladies, we would love to have you join us for our JUNE 9TH brunch at 11:30 a.m. Plan to join us for great fellowship time. We will meet for brunch at TOAST Restaurant, located at 2640 Belleview Ave., Littleton. Reservations will be needed to reserve a room by Friday, June 6th. Yes, you can bring a friend with you! If you would like to attend, please let Shelia Beu know by calling her at 720-202-4739 or email, sheliabeu@yahoo.com. We'd love to have you join us.

The Ordination and Installation of Ben Oesch The congregation of Shepherd of the Hills invites you to the ordination and installation of Ben Oesch as Associate Pastor of Shepherd of the Hills, 7691 South University Blvd. in Centennial. **The Service is at 3:00 PM on Sunday, June 15** at Shepherd. Ben is a 2025 graduate of Concordia Seminary in St. Louis. He is married to Amelia and are the parents of a 9-week-old daughter, Olive.

Please include Ben and Amelia and Shepherd of the Hills in your prayers and the prayers of your congregation as we receive Ben, Amelia and Olive at Shepherd!

Funeral Reception Committee If you are able to help set up, serve and/or clean up for funerals at Ascension, please call Patti Zeggert, 303-697-1531 and leave a message. She will call you back. You can also email her at zeggerp@gmail.com

*****Ascension Congregational Retreat – August 1-3***** at Lutheran Valley Retreat near Woodland Park, Colorado! [Lutheran Valley Retreat](#) (LVR) is a year-round retreat and summer camp facility for all ages, tucked away in the Pike National Forest. They are located 1.5 hours from Colorado Springs and 2.5 hours from Denver. Their mission is to share God's grace and glory through His creation.

From Friday evening, August 1 until Sunday morning, August 3, 2025, members and friends of our congregation will share Christian fellowship and engage in fun, safe indoor and outdoor activities for all ages. We will be staying in cabins; married couples may request to stay together as space is available. Bath facilities are near the cabins. Meals are served cafeteria-style. There are trailer hook-ups available (20 amp receptacles), as well as tent campsites.

To register:

Go to <https://lvr.org/>, scroll down to the bottom of the page, find "Sign Up for a Camp Now" and click "REGISTER." Each family will create a log-in if they have never

registered with LVR before. When you reach the list of camp dates, scroll down until you see "Ascension Church Retreat on August 1-3." Then register each family member attending for:

August 1-3: "Ascension Church Retreat"

Password: Ascension

Here is a video if you need help: [How to Create an Account and Register for Camp at LVR](#)

The cost is \$175 / person (under age 4 is free) (Cost also applies if you are tent / RV / trailer camping), which includes the program, meals and lodging. **Scholarships and payment plans are available, please call the church office at 303-794-4636.** You will NOT pay for your registration on the LVR website. Instead, please bring your payment to the church office OR you can pay securely online using [this link](#)

Young Adult Bible Study The Young Adult Bible Study will meet again on Friday, June 13, at Jenna and Michael Lawrenz' house. The group will study "The Case for Christ," by Lee Strobel. For more information, please call or email Jenna at 303-913-3512 or jenna.lindeman@cune.org

Bible Study with Pastor Ginkel: Each Wednesday, Pastor Ginkel leads Bible Study at 10:00 am in Room 106. Next Wednesday, the group will be discussing Hell, as it is described in the Bible.

Saturday Afternoon Bible Study We meet on Saturdays at 3:00 pm for our Lifelight Bible study on the book of Acts, with a focus on evangelism. Anyone is welcome to join! Email Curt at Kengle0920@gmail.com

We can face competing priorities when we think about planning our estates someday. Will my plans preserve what I have gathered or give it away? We can become very attached to "things" of this life. Yet over and over, God's Word teaches us that our life does not consist in the abundance of our things. Your estate plan can reflect this aspect of your faith. Your Ascension Gift Planning Counselor can help you work toward that. Contact Jason Jones at Jason.Jones@lfnd.org or call him directly at (970) 988-0305.

Prayers: For our Vacation Bible School, for the children, their families, and for our hard-working and creative VBS staff and volunteers; For Susan Mielke and her family, at the death of her husband, Don; For Jackie Adams and her family, at the death of her husband, Jim, on May 29; For Jackie's granddaughter, Amy, and her husband Cooper, and their baby who will be born in early August; For Judy Bress, who is in the hospital; For Del Grau, who had a heart attack on Monday, June 2, and has received two stints to improve his circulation; For Karen Frundt, Ellen Thompson's sister. Karen has ovarian cancer that has spread, and she has entered hospice care in Texas; For Rita Kratzer, who has a broken arm and broken leg or ankle from a fall on Sunday, June 1; For Margo Pasha, whose chemo treatments started on May 28 and are scheduled to end on September 10; For Caleb, friend of Del Grau's niece - Caleb is having two

major surgeries and is in critical condition; For Linda Achziger and her family, at the death of her mother, Edna, on May 18. For Tonya Cronberg; For Jim Nichols; For Janet Parrott; For Starla Moltz; For Larry Nelson, undergoing chemotherapy for lymphoma; For Rick Westra; For the people of Haiti, and for the children living there; For those affected by violence in the Middle East and Ukraine; For our beloved country, and for its leaders; For God to send His Holy Spirit on all believers for strengthening of faith and witness.

Flowers on the Altar this weekend are given by Clyde and Ruth Wiggins, in joyful celebration of their 61st Wedding Anniversary!

<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Service Time</u>	<u>Attendees</u>	
Saturday, 5/31	4:00 pm	64	
Sunday, 6/1	9:00 am	150	
			Total: 214

Online Views (as of June 2) for May 25: 163 views.

<u>Stewardship</u>	May 31-June 1	Year-to-Date (YTD)
Budgeted Revenue	\$14,000.00	\$308,000.00
Received Amount	\$16,746.00	\$329,555.00

Calendar (Saturday, June 7 – Sunday, June 15):

Sat. (6-7)	9:30 am	Evangelism Committee Meeting
	3:00 pm	Saturday Bible Study
	4:00 pm	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
Sun. (6-8)	9:00 am	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
	10:15 am	Coffee Under the Trees – Ladies Guild
	10:30 am	Adult Bible Class
	10:30 am	Youth Parent Mtg re National Youth Gathering
Mon. (6-9)	11:30 am	Ladies Brunch at Toast Restaurant
Tues. (6-10)	9:30 am	Ladies Bible Study
	6:30 pm	Church Council
Weds. (6-11)	10:00 am	Weekday Bible Study with Pastor Ginkel
Thurs.(6-12)	11:00 am	Memorial Service for Edna Achziger
Fri. (6-13)	11:00 am	Memorial Service for Jim Adams
	6:30 pm	Young Adult Group
Sat. (6-14)	3:00 pm	Saturday Bible Study
	4:00 pm	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
Sun. (6-15)		FATHER'S DAY
	9:00 am	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
	10:15 am	Coffee Under the Trees – Education / Youth Boards
	10:30 am	Adult Bible Class

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***The Sacred Art of Ascension**

(see booklet in Narthex for more information)

Welcome to the Holy Christian Church, the Body of Christ, the Communion of Saints, through Ascension Lutheran Church.

God has revealed Himself to us in many ways, yet we, in our human limits recognize that mysteries remain in our concepts and interpretation of our Sovereign God, Lord, King, the Great I AM.

God has chosen to use nature, His Holy Word, the Bible, our senses, talents and experiences to manifest and demonstrate His love and purpose to us.

Some of the ways He uses are presented in this booklet of the sacred art found in our Sanctuary, our home of Worship. As you will see, we have chosen to explain our stained-glass windows, Liturgical Paraments/Banners and the woodcuts on the pews. Symbols represent a way to help us comprehend more clearly God's message to us.

Historically art was used because most people were unable to read. An example of that today is that we even use this way with pictures and symbols as we teach babies and toddlers to understand the world we live in.

We have been richly blessed at Ascension and hope these explanations will increase your faith and relationship with God. Additionally look throughout our building and outside to find more examples of His Handiwork.

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Pax Christi, Jude Donovan