

## GOOD AFTERNOON!

### WHAT'S HAPPENING (July 31)

**Summer Worship Services** are on Saturdays at 4:00 pm and on Sundays at 9:00 am. Following the 9:00 service on Sunday there will be Coffee Under the Trees, and Adult Bible Study on the Gospel of Matthew begins at 10:30 am.

### **Preaching Themes and Verses: Summer 2025**

August 3 - Pastor Mike Zehnder, Preaching  
August 10 - God in Control Romans 8:28  
August 17 - A Fortress Psalm 46  
August 24 - A Temple 1 Corinthians 6:19-20  
August 31 - Work Colossians 3:23-24

**Pastor John** will be with Ascension members at the Congregational Retreat at Lutheran Valley this weekend, August 1-3; thank you to Rev. Michael Zehnder for preaching and teaching the Adult Bible Class while Pastor is away!

**Welcome New Members!** Last weekend we welcomed six new fellow members here at Ascension: Gary Winkler, Laura Banko, Al and Madonna Forney, and Ken and Diane Cole! May the Lord bless these individuals and their families!

### **100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Englewood – an Invitation!**

“We joyfully invite you to join us for a Service of Thanksgiving and Praise on Sunday, August 24<sup>th</sup>, to give our gracious Lord all glory and honor as we celebrate ‘Immanuel – God With Us!’ The service will begin at 4:00 pm with a reception to follow around 5:30 pm. You are also invited to join us ahead of time at 3:00 pm for an open house and tour of our church building. We truly hope you will share the joy with us on this special day! Please RSVP for the reception by August 10 (so we can let our caterer know) at [GodWithUs@EnglewoodLutheran.org](mailto:GodWithUs@EnglewoodLutheran.org) or 303-781-5887.” - Your brothers and sisters in Christ, the Immanuel 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee, 3695 Acoma St., Englewood

**NEEDED:** Volunteers to join our Sunday school team for the 2025-26 Christian education year! Please pray about how you can serve in this way! It is a rewarding and joy-filled experience to share Jesus' love with His children! **We'd love to have you on our team!** If you can't commit to teaching every Sunday, you are certainly welcome to rotate with another teacher or teachers to do 1 or 2 Sundays a month. Must be willing to take a background check. For more information: [stephanieroettjer@gmail.com](mailto:stephanieroettjer@gmail.com)

**It's Time Again for Ladies' Brunch!** Ladies, we are hoping you will join us on Monday, August 11 at TOAST for brunch. We will meet at 11:30 a.m. and plan to enjoy great fellowship time with you plus a delicious brunch. We will join for brunch at TOAST Restaurant, located at 2640 Bellevue Ave., Littleton. Reservations will be needed to reserve a room by Friday, August 8. 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](mailto:sheliabeu@yahoo.com). We'd love to have you join us.

**You are invited to a Mental Health Presentation** at Wheat Ridge Lutheran Church, 8600 W. 38th Avenue, Wheat Ridge, CO on Sunday, August 25 at 12:00 noon. There is no charge and lunch will be provided. The event will conclude by 1:30, but our presenter will stay after to answer any questions.

The topic is "Gaslighting, Who Does it and Why?." This is a continuation of our last presentation, but you don't need to have attended the first one to benefit from this one. Our speaker is Robyn Ruetz, a licensed Christian therapist who is also a member of our congregation. If you've ever wondered what all the fuss is about the term gaslighting, join us! Anyone planning to attend should register by contacting me, [dcs.sara3@gmail.com](mailto:dcs.sara3@gmail.com) or 513-509-8108 (call or text). Please register by August 15th.

**Join us for a Special Worship Service on Saturday, September 6!** David Vogel is a vocalist and pastor with a passion to share encouragement and inspiration through music. This special, dynamic worship service will provide encouragement and inspiration – please bring a friend! For a preview, see link:

<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/m57acwy7wo7paivgrz74f/AscensionLutheranLittletonCo-video.mp4?rlkey=hcpf4eq1aw9yzkx6waflwwsyl&st=grypenmm&dl=0>

**"Grieving the loss of your spouse? Do you know someone who has lost their partner in life?"**

The loss of a spouse is such a devastating loss that the national program of GriefShare devotes a complete workshop geared to address this unique grief. Ascension presents this one-day, two-hour event on Saturday, September 6, 10:00 - Noon, designed to support and guide participants through the maze of spousal loss with the help of God's Word that promises healing and hope.

Please join us - Register online at [griefshare.org/findagroup](http://griefshare.org/findagroup) and look for our event under "Loss Of A Spouse." This workshop is for all who are interested so please invite your friends and neighbors who are in grief from the death of their spouse.

Questions? Please contact me at [hitz2@comcast.net](mailto:hitz2@comcast.net) or call the church office, 303-794-4636. - Sherry Hitztaler

**The Ascension Youth** will share their experiences at last week's National Youth Gathering in New Orleans with the congregation during the Adult Bible Study hour on Sunday, August 17. You won't want to miss it!

**Young Adult Bible Study** The Young Adult Bible Study will meet again on August 8, 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](mailto:jenna.lindeman@cune.org)

**Bible Study with Pastor Ginkel:** Each Wednesday, Pastor Ginkel leads Bible Study at 10:00 am in Room 106. We are studying the Gospel of John, one chapter a week. All are welcome!

**Saturday Afternoon Bible Study – Off for Two Weeks** We will take a break for the next two Saturdays, August 2 and August 9. We will meet again on Saturday, August 16 at 3:00 pm for our Lighthouse Bible study on the book of Acts, with a focus on evangelism. Anyone is welcome to join! Email Curt at [Kengle0920@gmail.com](mailto:Kengle0920@gmail.com)

**We may face competing priorities when we think about planning our estates someday.** The Lord gives us a charitable heart but where should we direct our charitable intent? A plan for charitable giving from your estate might need to be updated periodically as ministries you have favored might reach the end of their active lifespan in God's Kingdom. Do you need to review your choices? Your Ascension Gift Planning Counselor can help. Contact Jason Jones at [Jason.Jones@lfnd.org](mailto:Jason.Jones@lfnd.org) or call him directly at (970) 988-0305.

**Prayers:** For our group of 32 fellow members and Pastor John, who will attend this weekend's Congregational Retreat at Lutheran Valley near Woodland Park, Colorado; For pain relief for Athenia Michel, who will be seeing a neurosurgeon next week for persistent leg pain; For Ernie Szugyi, brother of Carolyn Helstrom, who has been diagnosed with cancer. His wife Diane has colitis of the stomach. They both live in Pensacola, Florida. For Rich Delk's mother, Lois, in Iowa, whose health has suffered after a fall; For peace and strength for Marion Wilson, at Swedish Hospital; For healing and hope for the family friend of Sherry Hitztaler - a 16-year-old who had serious back surgery and her recovery has stalled. For Kip, husband of Candace Uyeda as he has a second case of shingles, and Patti Heggen, who also has shingles; For complete healing and restoration for Deb Shiflet's broken kneecap; For Lois Schmitt, with an irregular heart beat; For Susan Price, Mike's wife, after knee replacement surgery; For Shirley Nichols' mother-in-law, also named Shirley, who has entered hospice; For Jackie Adams' granddaughter, Amy, and her husband Cooper, and their baby who will be born in early August; For Margo Pasha, undergoing chemo treatments this summer; For Tonya Cronberg; For Starla Moltz; For Larry Nelson; For Rick Westra; For Jim Nichols, father of Dawn Munson, in hospice care in California; Please pray for those who suffered great loss of life and property in Texas; For Christians in Africa who suffer persecution; For the people of Haiti, and for the children living there; For peace in the Middle East and Ukraine; For wisdom and discernment for world leaders; For God to send His Holy Spirit on all believers for strengthening of faith and witness.

**Prayers of Thanksgiving** For Mike Zeller, who got news from his doctor that he will not need surgery on his spine! He is now walking without a walker, he needs a brace but no other medical devices! Praise the Lord!

**Flowers on the Altar** this weekend are given by Rose Kahler, in loving memory of her husband, Vernon, on what would have been their 4<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.

<b><u>Attendance</u></b>	<b>Service Time</b>	<b>Attendees</b>	
Saturday, 7/19	4:00 pm	67	
Sunday, 7/20	9:00 am	102	
			Total: 169
Saturday, 7/26	4:00 pm	78	
Sunday, 7/27	9:00 am	143	
			Total: 221

**Online Views** (as of July 29) for July 20: 164 views.

<b><u>Stewardship</u></b>	July 19-20	Year-to-Date (YTD)
Budgeted Revenue	\$14,000.00	\$392,000.00
Received Amount	\$ 5,884.67	\$397,885.00
	July 26-27	Year-to-Date (YTD)
Budgeted Revenue	\$14,000.00	\$406,000.00
Received Amount	\$ 7,561.00	\$405,446.00

**Calendar (Saturday, August 2 - Sunday, August 10):**

Sat. (8-2)		Family Retreat at Lutheran Valley Retreat
	4:00 pm	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
Sun. (8-3)		Family Retreat at Lutheran Valley Retreat
	9:00 am	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
	10:15 am	Coffee Under the Trees
	10:30 am	Adult Bible Study
Tues. (8-5)	9:30 am	Ladies Bible Study
Weds. (8-6)	10:00 am	Bible Study with Pastor Ginkel
Thurs. (8-7)	1:30 pm	Koinonia
Fri. (8-7)	6:30 pm	Young Adult Group
Sat. (8-9)	4:00 pm	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
Sun. (8-10)	9:00 am	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
	9:00 am	Backpack Blessings
	10:15 am	Coffee Under the Trees
	10:30 am	Adult Bible Study

## **Holy Christian Church, The Communion of Saints**

More symbolism is interwoven in this 7<sup>th</sup> window than in any of the 8, flowing from top to bottom.

The top 3 circles represent the Trinity, whose work is focused in the Cross of Christ. Christ's work is made present to the Church today through the Word (Bible) and the

Sacraments, note the chalice, and the small loaf of bread on the altar. The seashell, an ancient symbol of life, spills water into the baptismal Font.



From the work of Christ and the Font, grows the Vine with its Branches. Jesus says, ***“I am the Vine, you are the branches.”*** The Vine winds down, growing fruit which turns out to be persons!

The Church is ‘catholic,’ that is, universal embracing people of all nations, as depicted in various ethnic groups.

Amid His people, we see the Lamb of God ***who takes away the sin of the world.”*** The banner with the cross symbolizes the mighty army of God marching toward eternity. Left of the Lamb are hands and a cup. This suggests the caring ministry of the Church: ***“Bear another’s burden”*** and ***“whoever gives a cup of water because you bear the name of Christ, will by no means lose his reward.”***