

GOOD AFTERNOON!

WHAT'S HAPPENING (August 14)

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 17 - A Fortress Psalm 46

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

August 31 - Work Colossians 3:23-24

Education Sunday and the Church Picnic is on the Calendar for Sept. 7th! We will be celebrating the start-up of our Christian education programs for the fall as well as moving to two services (8:00 and 10:30 AM).

Also, 3rd graders will receive their Bibles and 7th graders will get their Luther's Small Catechisms during the church service.

And that's not all! We'll have a wonderful picnic lunch at 12 pm with fried chicken, sides, and desserts! There will be games for the kids! If your last name begins with A-M, bring a side; N-Z, bring a dessert. Sign-up on the bulletin board. Thank you!

Any questions, contact Stephanie, stephanieroettjer@gmail.com

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

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

100th 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 24th, 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 or 303-781-5887." - Your brothers and sisters in Christ, the Immanuel 100th Anniversary Committee, 3695 Acoma St., Englewood

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 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>

North Littleton Promise continues to be a place where immigrant families connect with one another and the Littleton Community. NLP has experienced growth and increased momentum since moving to their new location at the East Community Center (formerly East Elementary School)! The new space has enabled NLP to expand their programming, including the launch of English and Spanish classes. Weekly participation grew from 100 to 150 individuals. **You are invited to join them** for their annual Fiesta fundraiser and hear their vision for 2026 on **Friday, September 19 at 6:00 pm** at South Fellowship Church, 6560 S. Broadway. Register to attend at www.northlittletonpromise.org/events.

"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 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 or call the church office, 303-794-4636. - Sherry Hitztaler

Young Adult Bible Study The Young Adult Bible Study will meet again on Friday, September 12, at Jenna and Michael Lawrenz' house. The group has begun a new Bible by Louie Giglio. 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. We are studying the Gospel of John, one chapter a week. All are welcome!

Saturday Afternoon Bible Study We meet on Saturday afternoons 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. Am I giving things away or am I trying to control how things will be used? There are stories attached to the assets that we now manage in our estates. Celebrating those stories and allowing new stories to be written by family or ministries with these same gifts is exciting. Your Ascension Gift Planning Counselor can assist you in anticipating those new stories. Contact Jason Jones at Jason.Jones@lfnd.org or call him directly at (970) 988-0305.

Prayers: For Judy Hermsmeyer, who will have surgery on her spine on Tuesday, August 19; For Marilyn Loptien, recovering from a knee procedure on Tuesday, August 12; For Mavis Slifka, following a minor fall; For Del Grau, who had skin cancer surgery last week; For Adeline Newth, in stable condition at Encompass Health after a stroke; For Hank Peepgrass, at Orchard Park for rehab; For Marion Wilson, now at Cherrelyn Health Care Center; For Athenia Michel, who will have an MRI on Monday morning, August 18, to determine next steps for her treatment; For Carolyn Helstrom's brother, Ernie Szugyi, who has decided against treatment for pancreatic cancer; For Deb Shiflet; 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 soon; For Margo Pasha; For Larry Nelson; For Rick Westra; For Jim Nichols; 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: From Jerry Gerdes for all of the blessings he has received...as he turns 87 on Monday, August 18th! Happy Birthday Jerry!

For Norm Hermsmeyer, after a visit to the ER for an emergency endoscopy ... he and Judy are thankful that everything came out ok!

For Joyce Gallagher, who got the "all clear" from her orthopedist that her hand has healed, and no longer needs to wear a brace, after many months!

Flowers on the Altar this weekend are given by Linda Achziger, in loving memory of Bill and Carla Achziger, and Bertha Propstein.

<u>Attendance</u>	Service Time	Attendees	
Saturday, 8/9	4:00 pm	59	
Sunday, 8/10	9:00 am	159	
			Total: 218

Online Views (as of August 11) for August 3: 161 views.

<u>Stewardship</u>	August 9-10	Year-to-Date (YTD)
Budgeted Revenue	\$14,000.00	\$434,000.00
Received Amount	\$12,924.00	\$430,338.00

Calendar (Saturday, August 16 - Sunday, August 24):

Sat. (8-16)	3:00 pm	Saturday Bible Study
	4:00 pm	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
Sun. (8-17)	9:00 am	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
	10:15 am	Coffee Under the Trees
	10:30 am	National Youth Gathering Presentation
	11:30 am	Youth Planning Meeting & Lunch
Mon. (8-18)	9:30 am	Extended Day Preschool
Tues. (8-19)	9:30 am	Extended Day Preschool
	9:30 am	Ladies Bible Study
Weds. (8-20)	9:30 am	Extended Day Preschool
	10:00 am	Bible Study with Pastor Ginkel
Thurs. (8-21)	9:30 am	Extended Day Preschool
	1:30 pm	Koinonia
Fri. (8-22)	9:30 am	Extended Day Preschool
Sat. (8-23)	3:00 pm	Saturday Bible Study
	4:00 pm	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
Sun. (8-24)	9:00 am	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
	10:15 am	Coffee Under the Trees
	10:30 am	Adult Bible Class
	10:30 am	Abuse Prevention Training for Volunteers & Staff
	4:00 pm	Immanuel Englewood – 100 th Anniversary Service

Liturgical Paraments

Paraments or **parements** (from Late Latin *paramentum*, "adornment", *parare*, "to prepare", "equip") are both the hangings or ornaments of a room of state, and the ecclesiastical vestments.

Church paraments are the cloths that adorn the altar, pulpit, communion table and other parts of a church sanctuary. Along with vestments, stoles and other pieces of traditional

clergy apparel, the paraments are changed with the church calendar and have specific colors and symbols to highlight various seasons and festival days. The Catholic Church somewhat standardized these colors in the Middle Ages. Pope Innocent III was one of the first to emphasize the distinctive colors circa 1216. Several mainline Protestant denominations also use a similar system of liturgical colors today.

In Lutheran churches, the altar, pulpit and lectern are usually hung with paraments, that is, the colored cloths with symbols on them. These change with various church seasons and occasions as a visual reminder of what we are celebrating in our worship. They are often adorned with artwork illustrating a biblical theme.

The Christian church year is split up into two main sections: the festival season and the non-festival season. During the festival season, the church celebrates all of its church festivals, including Christmas and Easter. Each season and each individual festival calls for specific decorations on the altar of the church. While these decorations are not necessarily required, many churches use them to reflect the season and celebrate and honor God.

A pastor's stole represents a yoke used to carry burdens. This symbol of the responsibility and authority of the pastoral office is first placed on a pastor when he is ordained.