

## GOOD AFTERNOON! WHAT'S HAPPENING (August 7)

**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 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

**Lutheran Valley Retreat** It was great to spend time with 32 Ascension members at the Congregational Retreat at Lutheran Valley Retreat north of Divide, Colorado this past weekend! We all enjoyed ourselves immensely as we shared God's Word and Sacrament and got to know each other better! Hiking, horseback riding, ziplining, giant-swinging and axe-throwing ... corn hole, crafts, card sharking and excellent meals! These were just some of the activities we shared. Thank you to everyone who attended and organized the weekend, and most especially to the wonderful staff at Lutheran Valley Retreat! LVR is truly a blessing to so many churches and individuals!

**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 and an inflatable jumpy house 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](mailto:stephanieroettjer@gmail.com)

**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.

**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

**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 this Friday, 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 This Weekend** We will take a break this Saturday, 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 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? Throughout our lives, we have been responsible for directing and stewarding things God has placed in our purview. The temptation is to think we can control them, even from the grave. A Christian estate plan understands the transfer of God's blessings that have been His all along. Your Ascension Gift Planning Counselor can help you think through and apply this perspective. Contact Jason Jones at [Jason.Jones@lfnd.org](mailto:Jason.Jones@lfnd.org) or call him directly at (970) 988-0305.

**Prayers:** For Jeremy Murray, after a car accident; For Hank Peepgrass, who has a neck fracture and is now at Orchard Park Rehab; For Marion Wilson, recuperating at CU Medical Center – Anschutz after an abdominal procedure; For pain relief for Athenia Michel; For Ernie Szugyi, brother of Carolyn Helstrom, with cancer, and for his wife Diane, who has colitis; For Rich Delk's mother, Lois, in Iowa, whose health has suffered after a fall; For healing and hope for the family friend of Sherry Hitzler - a 16-year-old who had serious back surgery and her recovery has stalled. For complete healing and restoration for Deb Shiflet's broken kneecap; 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 Larry Nelson; For Rick Westra; For Jim Nichols, in hospice care in California; 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.

**Flowers on the Altar** this weekend are given by Terry and Cathy Utecht, in joyful celebration of their 45<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary!

<b><u>Attendance</u></b>	<b>Service Time</b>	<b>Attendees</b>	
Saturday, 8/2	4:00 pm	51	
Sunday, 8/3	9:00 am	94	
LVR Retreat		32 members (48 communed – some guests)	
			Total: 177

**Online Views** (as of August 4) for July 27: 159 views.

<b><u>Stewardship</u></b>	August 2-3	Year-to-Date (YTD)
Budgeted Revenue	\$14,000.00	\$420,000.00
Received Amount	\$11,968.00	\$417,414.00

**Calendar (Saturday, August 9 - Sunday, August 17):**

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
Mon. (8-11)	11:30 am	Ladies Brunch at Toast
Tues. (8-12)	9:30 am	Ladies Bible Study
	6:30 pm	Church Council
Weds. (8-13)	10:00 am	Bible Study with Pastor Ginkel
Fri. (8-15)	9:30 am	EDP Parent Orientation
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

## Resurrection of the Body and Life Everlasting

The palm branches are a near Eastern symbol for life and here remind the Christian of the Life Everlasting that is ours through Jesus Christ. Green is the liturgical color for life. The whole world/globe stands under the grace and judgment of Christ. The angels blow the trumpets, a signal of the call to resurrection. Above the heavens is the Crown with the Cross, echoing the blessed state of the faithful who are redeemed by a King on a Cross: ***“Be thou faithful until death and I will give thee a crown of life.”*** Rev 2:10. The sun rays, also present in the Creation, Resurrection and Holy Spirit Windows, blend the themes of light and life: ***“And night shall be no more; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their Light, and they shall reign for ever and ever.”*** Rev. 22:5

The book with the seven seals is a symbol of God’s plan for mankind in history; whatever the twists and turns of history, God’s plan of salvation for His people will not be thwarted or stopped. Matt 16:18

