

GOOD AFTERNOON!

WHAT'S HAPPENING (October 23)

Worship Schedule

Worship times are 4:00 on Saturday afternoons, 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings. Adult Bible Class and Sunday School meet at 9:15 a.m. on Sundays. Pastor will be leading the Adult Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall.

Holy Baptism We celebrate along with Zachary and Katlyn Loptien, Don and Marilyn Loptien and their family this Sunday during the 10:30 worship service, as Brooks David Loptien receives the blessings of Holy Baptism! Brooks is the son of Zachary and Katlyn, and great-grandson of Don and Marilyn.

Daylight Savings Time Ends Next Weekend! Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour next Saturday night, November 1!

Stewardship Please place your Time and Talents Cards and your Financial Commitment Card, with your name on it, in the offering plate today or in the coming weeks. Both of these are important as we plan ministry and our budget for 2026.

Wednesday Evening Bible Study with Pastor John is on Wednesdays at 5:00 pm, come join the group as they study the Book of Galatians.

Because a person only turns 100 once in their life, we invite you to jot a note or provide a card celebrating the 100th birthday of **Charlotte Wilkinson**. Charlotte turns 100 this Saturday, October 25 and we will have a cake and drinks between the 8:00 and 10:30 services in the Narthex this Sunday, October 26, to celebrate! You may put cards or notes in the box in the narthex.

The second and final Voters' Meeting for 2025 is scheduled for December 7th. At that meeting we will elect new officers and Board chairpersons for two-year terms. There are five positions up for election: President, Treasurer, Board for Congregational Life Chairperson, Board for Education Chairperson, and Board of Trustees Chairperson. In the upcoming weeks, we will highlight the various positions and their responsibilities. By doing so, we hope that you may see an area of interest to contribute by running for election or serving on a board.

Board for Education: Per our bylaws, "the Board shall be responsible for the educational programs including the Pre-school, Sunday School, Confirmation and Pre-confirmation classes, Vacation Bible School, and Adult Bible classes." From a practical standpoint, the Board Chairperson will work with the DCE and Pastor on these programs and share in the responsibility. Christa Kirschner is retiring from this position, and we are extremely grateful for her years of volunteer service. If you are interested in assuming this position or merely want to serve on the Board for Education, please reach out to Dawn Munson at the Church office.

October is Tuna Month at Ascension! We are accepting donations in the box in the narthex through October 31 for our local food bank, Integrated Family Community

Services, IFCS.org. Next time you're at the grocery store, please pick up some extra cans, it is appreciated!

Our annual Trunk or Treat is scheduled from 5:30-7:00 pm on Saturday, Oct. 25th! We need volunteers to decorate their car trunks and hand out candy. Sign up at the table in the narthex. Thank you!

Parking for 4:00 Service During Trunk or Treat We will be at the East end of the parking lot this Saturday, October 25th from 5:30-7:00 pm. Saturday worshippers will see orange cones closing off that section of the parking lot as we prepare for the children. *For everyone's safety, please respect the cones, and park in the West part of the lot.* Thank you!

All Saints Sunday will be November 1-2. During worship services that weekend, Pastor will read the names of those we have lost since All Saints Day in 2024. If you would like to have a loved one mentioned, please let us know: (a) Their name/s and how you were related; and (b) When they passed away. We will have a Page of Remembrance in the bulletin for loved ones who passed prior to 2024. Please let us know by Monday, October 27. Thank you!

Our email is office@alutheran.org, and phone is 303-794-4636. The office is open 8:00am-3:30pm Monday-Thursday, 8:00am-1:00pm on Fridays.

Ladies Guild Craft and Bake Sale! We are preparing for our Annual Craft and Bake Sale which will be November 23rd. Time to think about some yummy baked items, candies, canned goods, and craft items you would like to donate for the Guild sale. All members of Ascension are welcome to donate.

This is our biggest fundraiser for Missions!

You can bring your items to the church Saturday, November 22nd 9am – Noon.
Contact: Charmaine Rohde 303-618-8889

LADIES GUILD EVENT: Thursday, November 13

Have you ever wondered what the Prison Ministry does or even how we support this ministry? Please join the Ladies Guild as we host Dave Zeller and Bob Estes, and hear about the great work that they both do for the Prison Ministry! Thursday, November 13 at 10:00 am, in the Fellowship Hall. Bring: all your inquiring questions, your mite box, and a friend!

Young Adult Ladies (and Young-at-Heart) Ladies Night! For young adult and young-at-heart ladies! Join Jenna Lawrenz at her home for refreshments with a fiesta theme and a fun winter craft, Saturday, November 15. \$10 cost for craft supplies. Please RSVP to Jenna at 303-913-3512 by Sunday, November 9.

Choir and Bell Choir! Our CHOIR rehearsals this year have changed to an earlier time on Wednesday evenings. We sing in the worship service once a month. Please join us from **6:30-7:30 PM** in the music room. No experience necessary and all ages invited! Childcare available upon request. Also, the Gloria Dei Ringers (bell choir) has changed rehearsal time to **5:45-6:30 PM**.

Extended Day Preschool This week we talked about Dia de los Muertos and the fire engine that came today ... woo hoo! The bigs are starting to play board games with each other. We are working on game rules and being a good member of the team. Not everyone wins all the time and that is a new concept for some young children to understand (some adults too...). These are some of those “essential skills” that need to be in place before kindergarten. The littles are still parallel playing and they love the kitchen/home area. They also love to sit at the table and talk with Ms. Shelly while they color.

We are still so thankful for the beautiful weather...by the time it is playground time the chill has left and the sun is warming us up. – Meg Stenman, Director

HAAT Force: Homelessness Awareness and Action Task Force has been serving clients for the last 15 years, and they added the Severe Weather Shelter clients when they closed. They offer life-saving shelter in motels on severe weather evenings to the homeless from October through April. For more information on how you can help, please contact Ann Kaneko at kanekoa43@gmail.com.

“Handling grief is hard every day of the year,” but ESPECIALLY during the Holidays. GriefShare provides a specific program, “Surviving the Holidays” that helps griever honor their loved ones, navigate social events, re-evaluate traditions, and design their own plan to “survive the holidays.” Ascension Lutheran Church presents this workshop on Saturday, November 15, 10 AM - Noon. If this workshop does not apply to you, please consider neighbors and friends who are grieving a loved one and would benefit from this experience. At last month’s session, “Loss of a Spouse,” a participant found us only because his next door neighbor gave him the information from our flyer. (He is returning for this workshop as well). It is very important to register so that we have enough books available. Register by going on-line to griefshare.org/findagroup, contacting me (Sherry Hitztaler at hitz2@comcast.net) or by calling the church office at 303-793-4636. And as always, please continue to pray for all who mourn. “Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.” Matthew 5:4

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 Join us this Saturday afternoon, 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

Young Adult Bible Study The Young Adult Bible Study will meet again on Friday, November 14, at Jenna and Michael Lawrenz’ house. The group is doing a Bible study by Louie Giglio. For more information, please call or email Jenna at 303-913-3512 or jenna.lindeman@cune.org

We can face competing priorities when we think about planning our estates someday. To work on your Christian Estate Plan today, you must decide if you are more controlled by past goals or future desires. For those who are strongly guided by

specific goals in life, it can be difficult to accept that past goals might need to be changed. This can include financial accumulation, choices about personal representatives, power of attorney representatives or guardianship of a child. Illness might introduce new challenges. Your plan needs to be reviewed regularly. Your Ascension Gift Planning Counselor can help you get started. Contact Jason Jones at Jason.Jones@lfn.org or call him directly at (970) 988-0305.

Flowers on the Altar for this weekend are given by Hope, Don and Robyn Crawley, in gratitude to God for answered prayer – Robyn has gotten a job as an editor! Thanks be to God!

HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY to our own Charlotte Wilkinson, celebrating her 100th trip around the sun on Saturday, October 25! Happy Birthday Charlotte!

Prayers: For Dean Becker's mother, who is ill; For Kip Anderson, who has cancer; For Joyce Gallagher's family, especially for her nephew and great nephew; For Nancy Lugton's friend, Linda Parker, suffering from scleroderma; that her upcoming infusion treatment will help her condition; For Kim McClaren's mother, Vera Berning, who had surgery for a serious injury to her eye; she will not be able to see from that eye anymore. For little Charlie James Niederbrach, grandson of Scott and Dana Niederbrach, who was born three months early, on October 8; For Ann Kaneko, who will have cataract surgery on October 28; For Athenia Michel, recovering from successful back surgery on October 20; For Ellen Thompson's friend's great granddaughter, Rosemary, age 7, who is receiving cancer treatment; For Michael Lawrenz's grandmother, who is battling cancer; For Larry Koldeway, whose condition has improved somewhat. He is recovering from pneumonia at Swedish Hospital; For Wayne Beu, with shingles; For Rick Westra; 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 David and Tina Kaiser's new baby grandson, Noah David, born Sunday, October 19; For Jude Donovan's daughter, Julie, whose MRI and biopsy for breast cancer was benign! For Kenny Shiflet, Bob and Deb Shiflet's son, whose recent heart tests show that his condition is improving! Praise God for all these blessings!

<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Service Time</u>	<u>Attendees</u>	
Saturday, 10/18	4:00 pm	52	
Sunday, 10/19	8:00 am	96	
	10:30 am	75	
			Total: 223

Online Views (as of October 19) for October 12: 103 views.

<u>Stewardship</u>	October 18-19	Year-to-Date (YTD)
Budgeted Revenue	\$14,000.00	\$580,000.00
Received Amount 10/11-12	\$8,915.00	\$538,868.00
Received Amount 10/18-19	\$9,389.00	\$548,257.00

Calendar (Saturday, October 25 - Sunday, November 2):

Sat. (10-25)		CHARLOTTE WILKINSON'S 100TH BIRTHDAY
	3:00 pm	Saturday Bible Study
	4:00 pm	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
	5:30 – 7:00 pm	TRUNK OR TREAT
Sun. (10-26)		REFORMATION SUNDAY
	8:00 am	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
	9:15 am	Birthday Cake for Charlotte Wilkinson's 100 th Birthday!
	9:15 am	Sunday School / Adult Bible Study
	10:30 am	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
Mon. (10-27)	8:30 am – 1:30 pm	Extended Day Preschool
Tues. (10-28)	8:30 am – 1:30 pm	Extended Day Preschool
	9:30 am	Ladies Bible Study
	7:00 pm	Elders Meeting
Weds.(10-29)	8:30 am – 1:30 pm	Extended Day Preschool
	10:00 am	Bible Study with Pastor Ginkel
	5:00 pm	Bible Study with Pastor John
	6:00 pm	Confirmation Instruction
	5:45 pm	Gloria Dei Ringers
	6:30 pm	Ascension Chorale
Thurs.(10-30)	8:30 am – 1:30 pm	Extended Day Preschool
Fri. (10-31)		HAPPY HALLOWEEN!
	8:30 am – 1:30 pm	Extended Day Preschool
Sat. (11-1)		ALL SAINTS' DAY / DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TONIGHT
	9:30 am	Congregational Life Meeting
	3:00 pm	Saturday Bible Study
	4:00 pm	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
Sun. (11-2)		ALL SAINTS' DAY / DAYLIGHT SAVINGS
	8:00 am	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
	9:15 am	Adult Bible Study / Sunday School
	10:30 am	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion

The Bible in Woodcuts

Engraved on the Pews of Ascension Lutheran

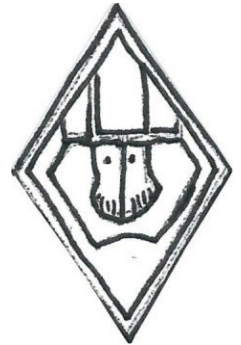
RESURRECTION

**As the pomegranate fruit bursts, the seeds are
Released and new life begins, symbolizing
Christ on Easter bursting from His Tomb.**



ASCENSION

**Christ's ascension into heaven.
The end of His life on earth.**



LUTHERAN ROSE

**Luther's family coat of arms adapted
For us by the Lutheran Church.**



SHIP

**Representing the church preaching the
Word of God to all nations. *"Go therefore
And teach all Nations."* Matthew 28:19**

