

GOOD AFTERNOON!

WHAT'S HAPPENING (October 30) Blessed All Saints Day!

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.

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

Welcoming New Members! We welcome several new members to our congregation during worship services this weekend: Peggy Daniel, Cathy Darrow, Gary Selzer, Emily Harmon, Thomas Firth and Susan Sherrer-Firth, Rev. Edward Maas, Bill and Sharon Milliken, and Diane Patterson.

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.

As shared last week, the second and final Voters' Meeting for 2025 is scheduled for December 7th and we will elect a President, Treasurer, Board for Congregational Life Chairperson, Board for Education Chairperson, and Board of Trustees Chairperson. This week we highlight the position of President of the congregation. Please prayerfully consider running for one of these positions or serving on a board.

Per our bylaws, *"The President provides leadership and direction ensuring all things are done in accordance with the Constitution and Bylaws. The President shall preside at all Council meetings and Voters' Assembly meetings and is a non-voting ex-officio member of all Boards and Committees. The President shall appoint a Nominating Committee of at least three members at least thirty days prior to any elections and appoint a Financial Review Committee to perform such financial reviews as may be required. The President is authorized to officially disburse funds in the absence of the Treasurer."* If you are interested in running for this position please reach out to Dawn Munson at the Church office for more information.

Our congregation would like to recognize the dedicated work that one of our members, Christy Williams, has done in her service to the Douglas County School District. In 2021 the voters in Douglas County elected Christy to the School Board, a few years ago the Board selected her to President of the school board. She has served her county, the students, parents and teachers well. Thank you, Christy, for using your talents to serve others so graciously.

Prayers and Assistance Needed! Rocky Mountain District President Rev. James Maxwell has requested assistance on behalf of Pastor Nathaniel Brown and his wife Laura, of the Minnesota North District. Pastor Brown serves 3 parishes in Minnesota.

He and his wife will arrive soon and will be staying here in Denver, far from home, through the holidays, in order that their soon-to-be newborn baby will be able to have needed surgery and post-surgery care right away after birth at Children's Hospital-Aurora. Here are some ways to help Pastor Brown and Mrs. Brown while they are in town:

- Gift Cards - Nathan and Laura have a need for gift cards to cover expenses while they're in Denver. The following gift cards would be immensely helpful: Visa gift cards (for gas), King Soopers, and restaurants. Here's a [link to a few local spots](#) near the hospital if you'd like to choose a particular restaurant.
- Any gifts intended for the Browns should be directed to Pastor Nathaniel Brown and can be mailed to Our Father (6335 S. Holly Street Centennial, CO 80122). [Here's a link to his Venmo](#) account.
- [Here's a link to their Caring Bridge website](#). You need a free account to view updates.

Needed: Rides to Worship Service! If you live near C470 and S. Santa Fe Drive, and can provide rides to a couple of our dear ladies who live at Windcrest Senior Living, please call the church office at 303-794-4636. Thank you!

Trunk or Treat was a Huge Success! We saw many neighborhood and church families participate in this event. Thank you to our volunteers who helped with the games and hosted a trunk! We couldn't have done it without you!

And thank you to those of you who donated candy! We were well supplied and we appreciate your thoughtfulness!

Operation Christmas Child The Sunday school has extra Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes available if anyone wants to fill one. There are instructions inside every box and they are ready for you to pick up in the narthex. Return by November 23rd. Thank you!

God's Creation Calendars are here! \$10 for a beautiful 2026 calendar with Scripture verses and stunning pictures. Proceeds will go towards the youth summer mission trip to LVR next summer! Thank you for supporting our youth! Available in the narthex.

October Tuna Drive: Thank you to EVERYONE who brought cans of tuna to church for our October Tuna Drive – we were able to donate more than 244 pounds of tuna to Integrated Family Community Services this year! IFCS is always grateful for your food or money donations, find them at www.ifcs.org.

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 at 6:30 pm. \$10 cost for craft supplies. Please RSVP to Jenna at 303-913-3512 by Sunday, November 9.

Choir and Bell Choir! Last Sunday you may have seen our wonderful Gloria Dei Ringers ringing out during the 8:00 and 10:30 services! The bell choir rehearses on Wednesdays from 5:45-6:30 pm, and the Ascension Chorale rehearsal follows from 6:30-7:30 pm on Wednesdays. No experience necessary and all ages are invited! Childcare available upon request.

Extended Day Preschool This week has been full of everything Halloween. Craft projects, the letter Hh, snacks, costumes, candy, and of course our costume parade! And when you put it all together you get 14 very happy and excited kiddos! 🎃

The preschool is selling BUTTER BRAIDS!!!! This fundraiser helps us retain our wonderful teachers, keep up-to-date teaching materials in the classrooms, provide a loving and educational place for children to grow and learn, and (this is the best part) to teach our little preschoolers about the love of Jesus. There will be a table in the narthex between services and the BB are still \$16.00 each, with 40% of the profits going to the preschool. We accept checks (to "Ascension EDP") or exact cash. The flavors are raspberry, apple, cherry, blueberry cream cheese, cinnamon, strawberry cream cheese, and Bavarian Creme with chocolate icing. 🧁

This month was 'Jesus Blesses The Children' and it was so much fun to ask the children when they were playing different activities, "who loves you?" and "does Jesus love you when you are doing puzzles?" The answer was always JESUS! and YES HE DOES! ❤️ Have a fun night of trick-or-treating or handing out candy tomorrow! 🍬 👻

HAAT Force – Check your Mailboxes! HAAT Force (Homelessness Awareness and Action Task Force) began their 2025-2026 season on October 1. We are having a supplies drive for them to help them serve their clients. A list of their needs has been placed in your mailbox. At this time, they are well-stocked with food items, so much of the list is for clothing. They serve families as well as individuals, so you'll notice some children's items on the list. Thank you in advance for your support! Questions? Contact Ann Kaneko – 720.289.6782 (cell)

"Handling grief is hard every day of the year," but ESPECIALLY during the Holidays. GriefShare provides a specific program, "Surviving the Holidays" that helps grievers 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. The big decision to make is whether an estate plan is merely a legal/financial activity or is it an activity of faith. If wealth preservation is your goal, then you only need legal/financial assistance. But if blessing family and supporting ministry is your aim, working with your Ascension Gift Planning Counselor will assist you in expressing your faith desires. Contact Jason Jones at Jason.Jones@lfnd.org or call him directly at (970) 988-0305.

Flowers on the Altar for this weekend are given by Roger and Judy Koester, in joyful celebration of their 60th Wedding Anniversary!

Prayers: For little Jordan Loptien, 3 years old, in treatment for leukemia. Jordan is the great granddaughter of Don and Marilyn Loptien and Rita Kratzer. For Barb Muirhead; For Dick Kuhlmann; For Kip Anderson, that he receive a clear diagnosis through further tests and a treatment plan that will address his suspected cancer; For Nancy Lugton's friend, Linda Parker, suffering from scleroderma; and for another friend of Nancy's, Jolene Musselman, in Wyoming, who loves the Lord but has been struggling with mental illness; For Kim McClaren's mother, Vera Berning, who has lost sight in one of her eyes. For little Charlie James Niederbrach, grandson of Scott and Dana Niederbrach, born three months early, on October 8; For Ann Kaneko, recovering from cataract surgery on October 28; For Athenia Michel, in rehab at Swedish following her

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 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 all the Saints, for the great cloud of witnesses who have shown us how to have faith in Jesus, and for the Church Triumphant!

From Charlotte Wilkinson: Thank you to everyone, to my friends and family, and especially to Pastor John, Shelia Beu and all their helpers, for making my 100th Birthday celebration last weekend so wonderful! You are all very special to me!

<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Service Time</u>	<u>Attendees</u>	
Saturday, 10/25	4:00 pm	52	
Sunday, 10/26	8:00 am	96	
	10:30 am	125	
			Total: 273

Online Views (as of October 28) for October 19: 133 views.

<u>Stewardship</u>	<u>October 25-26</u>	<u>Year-to-Date (YTD)</u>
Budgeted Revenue	\$14,000.00	\$594,000.00
Received Amount	\$20,261.00	\$568,518.00

Calendar (Saturday, November 1 - Sunday, November 9):

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
Mon. (11-3)	8:30 am – 1:30 pm	Extended Day Preschool
Tues. (11-4)	8:30 am – 1:30 pm	Extended Day Preschool
	9:30 am	Ladies Bible Study
Weds.(11-5)	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
		NO Choir or Bells This Evening
Thurs.(11-6)	8:30 am – 1:30 pm	Extended Day Preschool
	1:30 pm	Koinonia

Fri. (11-7)	8:30 am – 1:30 pm	Extended Day Preschool
Sat. (11-8)	8:00-3:30 pm	Heritage Fine Arts Workshop
	9:30 am	Ladies Guild Board Meeting
	3:00 pm	Saturday Bible Study
	4:00 pm	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
Sun. (11-9)	8:00 am	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
	9:15 am	Adult Bible Study / Sunday School
	10:30 am	Contemporary Worship with Holy Communion
	5:00 pm	Youth Travel from Ascension to Rend Collective Concert in Colorado Springs

The Bible in Woodcuts

Engraved on the Pews of Ascension Lutheran

GRAPES AND VINE

Symbol of Christ's teaching

I AM the Vine, ye are the branches.

John 15:5



MESSIANIC ROSE

Representing the promise of the Redeemer

“...the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the Rose... Isaiah 35:1



OLIVE BRANCH

Represents Peace and Charity.

Christ's teachings.



PENTECOST

The tongues of fire represent the descent

Of the Holy Spirit, on the Disciples the

Tenth day after Christ's ascension.

