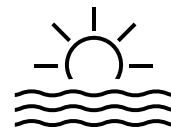


## GOOD AFTERNOON! *Blessed Holy Week!* WHAT'S HAPPENING (April 2)



**Worship Services** are Saturdays at 4:00 p.m., and Sundays at 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class and Sunday School classes are at 9:15 a.m.

**Holy Week Schedule:** The Maundy Thursday service with Holy Communion will be at 7:00 p.m. this evening, Thursday, April 2. Good Friday worship will begin at 7:00 on Friday, April 3. On Saturday, April 4, there will be an Easter Egg Hunt at 10:00 a.m. Please note, there will be no 4:00 service on Saturday, April 4. Easter Sunday Worship will be at 8:00 and 10:30 a.m., and will feature the Ascension Chorale and Gloria Dei Ringers!

From 9:00 to 10:15 a.m. on Easter morning, come and enjoy a delicious Easter Breakfast served by our youth! There will be a freewill offering to support the Youth Mission Trip this summer.

**Please Note:** The church office will be closed on Monday, April 6.

**Good Friday Tre Ore Services** The Three Hours' Agony (also known as the Tre Ore) is a Christian service that commemorates the three hours of Christ's hanging on the cross. Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church (7691 S University Blvd, Centennial, CO 80122) will have a Tre Ore Service on Good Friday, April 3, from 12:00 – 3:00 p.m. You are invited to come to one or more sections of the service, or stay for all! The theme this year is “Christ’s Seven Words on the Cross.”

The order of preachers will be:

- 12:00 pm “Father, Forgive Them” -Rev. Brad Stoltenow, Shepherd of the Hills, Centennial – **Luke 23:33-35**
- 12:25 pm “Today You Will Be With Me in Paradise” - Rev. Chris Mathis, Epiphany, Castle Rock – **Luke 23:39-43**
- 12:50 pm “Woman, Here is Your Son. Here is Your Mother.” Rev. John Larson, Ascension, Littleton – **John 19:25-27**
- 1:15 pm “My God, Why Have You Forsaken Me?” Rev. Maurice Goldhammer, Emeritus, Shepherd of the Hills, Centennial - **Matthew 27:45-49**
- 1:40 pm “I Am Thirsty” – Rev. Jim Tuell, Immanuel, Englewood – **John 19:28-29**
- 2:05 pm “It Is Finished!” Rev. Duane Feldmann, Emeritus, Shepherd of the Hills, Centennial – **John 19:30**
- 2:30 pm “Father, Into Your Hands I Commit My Spirit” – Rev. Craig Patterson, Emeritus, Grace, Parker – **Luke 23:44-49**

**Our Easter egg hunt** for church, preschool, and neighborhood families will be this Saturday, April 4th! *Thanks to everyone who donated pre-filled eggs, we now have plenty! We appreciate your generosity and support!*

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!** To our own Pastor Don Ginkel, who turned 94 years old on Tuesday, March 30, and to Dorothy Nelson, who will be 85 years old on Friday, April 10!

**Wednesday Evening Bible Class Resumes!!** This coming Wednesday, April 8, Pastor Larson's Bible Class resumes at 5:00. We will conclude the study of Galatians. You are invited to attend this one-hour study in the Fellowship Hall, and you can help us decide what to study next.

**Ascension's Faith Book** Please pick up your copy of our 2026 Faith Book now in the narthex or by the downstairs door. Thank you to all our wonderful writers who shared their stories in such a generous way. Pax Christi, Jude Donovan

**April 11-12, the Weekend After Easter,** organist Linda Olsen will be playing a J. S. Bach piece for the 8 minutes ahead of the start of the service. It is entitled Sonata III in D minor. We hope you will enjoy this beautiful music, which coincides with Bach's birthday on March 31!

**Do You Have A Room to Rent?** Daniel Weiner is a frequent visitor at Ascension and has attended several Young Adults events. He says, "I've been living in Littleton since August. I'm very happy here and plan to stay.

Unfortunately, my living arrangements have changed and I need to find a new place. I don't know many people in Littleton; my family lives in SC.

I've really enjoyed getting to know the people at the church and I feel very welcomed here. I was wondering if you know of any older members who might want to rent a room to me. I could help around the house - cut the lawn, go grocery shopping, etc. I currently have a job in the school system assisting autistic children. I will be looking for summer employment."

If you or someone you know has a room to rent for Daniel, please email us at [office@alutheran.org](mailto:office@alutheran.org) or call (303) 794-4636. Thank you!



**All Ladies are Cordially Invited** to a Women's Worship and Tea, the LWML Spring Rally, on April 25 from 8:30 am to 2:00 pm, hosted by the Ladies in Mission of Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 9770 Foothills Canyon Blvd., Highlands Ranch, CO. Cost is \$10.00, which includes breakfast, tea and lunch! Feel free to wear your Easter best, hats and gloves for fun! There will be an Ingathering for Lutheran Valley Retreat of items to be taken to the convention in June. LVR's Wish List includes:

- Sleeping bags (for 20 degrees or colder, new or gently used)
- Climbing shoes (all sizes, new or gently used)
- Ziplock bags (gallon and sandwich-sized)
- Board & Card Games (new or used, need all pieces)
- Tarps – 16x20 or larger

Reams of paper  
Masking tape

**"Save the date! On Sunday, May 3rd**, from 5-7 pm, we are having a FREE swimming party! Bring the whole family and a friend for some water fun! We will be meeting at the Ridge Recreation Center (6613 S Ward St, Littleton, CO 80127). Please RSVP to Jenna at [jenna.lindeman@cune.org](mailto:jenna.lindeman@cune.org) by Saturday, May 2nd, so that we have enough pizza! We hope to see you there!"

**Extended Day Preschool** We are back from spring break and getting ready for Easter. Explaining why we celebrate Easter to preschoolers can be a little confusing for them. But we present it as a JOYFUL happening, something children will hold in their hearts forever. That being said, we had our egg hunt today which is always fun. Some kids race around, trying to toss every egg they see into their basket, while others methodically search for eggs in hidden places.

May this Easter bless you abundantly! 🌸

### **Ascension Church Patio Project**

Please prayerfully consider supporting this beautiful upgrade to our Ascension campus.

During this Lenten season we look forward to what God provided – Easter and that astonishing gift to us. Let us work together to complete this wonderful outdoor area where we will work together, meet together and share in the love of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Please make your donation payable to Ascension and denote the funds for "Project Peter". Let us get this project going and completed this spring.

Luke 6:38: "Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."

Blessings,

The Capital Campaign Grounds Upgrade Committee: Bob Hea, Art Gordon, Kim McCormick, Chuck Mielke, Terry Utecht, Kathleen Wucherpfenning Larry Nisbet (Campaign Committee Chair)

### **"Welcome to GriefShare!"**

The GriefShare 13-Week support group at Ascension for 2026 will end Tuesday, April 28. Meetings are at Ascension on Tuesday afternoons, 1:30-3:30 pm. GriefShare programs are Christ-centered and designed to help all grievers, regardless of religious affiliation.

Please continue to pray for our participants: Barb, Geri, Kerrie, Libby, Mary and Mike, Mary, Susan, Vanessa, Richard and all who are grieving the loss of a loved one. Pray for our Grief Support Team: Pastor John, Linda, Suzy, Dawn, and myself that we can fully support our participants on this grief journey, "From Mourning

to Joy," through the love of Christ.

Thank you, Linda Olsen and Sherry Hitztaler; Co-Facilitators

Please email me ([hitz2@comcast.net](mailto:hitz2@comcast.net)) or call the church office if you are interested in joining us.

*"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted."* Matthew 5:4

**Save the date!** VBS is scheduled for June 1-5, 2026. Our theme this year is "Rainforest Falls." Beneath a canopy of chattering birds and howling monkeys, kids plunge into a lifelong adventure of discovering the nature of God. They'll explore what it means to have a relationship with God, their Creator, a safe place in life's storms.

Register here: <https://vbspro.events/p/alcvacationbibleschool>

**Ascension Quilters** meets each Friday in the Fellowship Hall beginning at 12:30 pm, all abilities for more information please call Jackie Adams, 720-877-0162

**Bible Study with Pastor Ginkel:** The group is studying 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians, focusing on a chapter a week. You are welcome to join them each Wednesday at 10:00 am in Room 106.

**Saturday Afternoon Bible Study** We will NOT meet this Saturday April 4 due to Easter weekend; join us next Saturday at 3:00 pm, for our Lighthouse Bible study on the book of Acts, with a focus on evangelism. Email Curt at [Kengle0920@gmail.com](mailto:Kengle0920@gmail.com)

**Young Adult Bible Study** The Young Adult Bible Study will meet Friday, April 10, at 6:30 pm at Jenna and Michael Lawrenz' house, for their Bible study by Louie Giglio. For more information, contact Jenna: 303-913-3512 [jenna.lindeman@cune.org](mailto:jenna.lindeman@cune.org)

**A good gift plan within an estate includes inheritance for family and gifts to ministry.** Sometimes the family side of things can be a bit tricky to plan. Your children do not have identical lives or identical needs. What may be good for one might not be good for the other. Being wise about how much inheritance to give, how to give it and when to give it, are all important questions as you look to be a faithful steward of God's things. Your Ascension Gift Planning Counselor can listen to your family story and offer some suggestions about how to care for your family the best. Contact Jason Jones at [Jason.Jones@lfnd.org](mailto:Jason.Jones@lfnd.org) or call him directly at (970) 988-0305.

**Flowers on the Altar** this weekend are given by Patti and Leo Zeggert, praising God for Jesus' Resurrection, and in joyful celebration of Patti's mother Margaret's 98<sup>th</sup> Birthday on April 6!

**Prayers:** For Krissy Schwerin and the Chick-fil-A community; they are mourning the loss of their coworker, Brandon, killed by a drunk driver, and one of their managers has been diagnosed with terminal stage four cancer; For Cindy Fowler and Peggy Daniel, and for their families, at the unexpected death of their cousin, Shelly Achterberg, in Nebraska on Palm Sunday; For the family and friends of Jack Renwick, Jude Donovan's brother-in-law, who died unexpectedly in his sleep in Virginia on Palm Sunday; For Jim and Laurie Mullane, as they remember their son, Ben, who died on

Easter morning in 2014; For Laurie's nephew, Michael, and his sister, Angie, as Michael hopes to receive a liver transplant; also for Laurie's brother, Ben. Ben has been battling kidney disease, and will need a kidney transplant. For Annette Wolfer; For Linda Paden; For Doc Williams, in need of healing of a torn tendon near his elbow; For Riley, grandson of Wayne and Barb Bader, who had to have a portion of his colon removed on Wednesday, March 25. For Noah Ramirez, a student at Concordia in Nebraska, for injuries from a car accident; For Ronnie and Dawn Wren, brother and sister-in-law of Rose Kahler. Dawn needs frequent transfusions, and may be facing surgery soon to check for a recurrence of cancer; For Carol Haeffele, in hospice care; For Ed Geisler, that his health may improve and movement becomes easier; For healing, relief from pain, and strength for Anita Baresel, recovering at home from back surgery; For Mike Zehnder's nephew Nick; For Michele Yowell and C.J. Earhart, as they go through cancer treatments; For Tonya Cronberg; For wisdom and discernment for our leaders, that we might have peace in the Middle East, Ukraine, Haiti, and Venezuela; For God to send His Holy Spirit on all believers for strengthening of faith and witness.

<u>Attendance</u>	<b>Service Time</b>	<b>Attendees</b>	
Saturday, 3/28	4:00 pm	61	
Sunday, 3/29	8:00 am	138	
	10:30 am	99	
			Total: 298

**Online Views** (as of March 30) for March 22: 175 views.

<b>Stewardship</b>	Mar. 28-29, 2026	Year-to-Date (YTD)
Budgeted Revenue	\$13,000.00	\$169,000.00
Received Amount	\$15,917.00	\$192,075.00
Project Peter 2026	\$75.00	\$ 19,608.00

***Calendar (Saturday, April 4 – Sunday, April 12):***

Sat. (4-4)	10:00 am	<b>EASTER EGG HUNT</b>
		<b>NO</b> Saturday Bible Study
		<b>NO</b> Saturday Worship Service
Sun. (4-5)		<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b>
	8:00 am	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
	9:15 am	Easter Breakfast & Youth Fundraiser
	10:30 am	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
Mon. (4-6)		<b>EASTER MONDAY – Church Office Closed</b>
		NO Extended Day Preschool
Tues. (4-7)	8:30 am – 1:30 pm	Extended Day Preschool
	9:30 am	Ladies' Bible Study
	1:30 pm	GriefShare Support Group
Weds. (4-8)	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
	6:00 pm	Heritage Fine Arts Board Meeting
Thurs. (4-9)	8:30 am – 1:30 pm	Extended Day Preschool
	9:00 am	Foundation Meeting
Fri. (4-10)	8:30 am – 1:30 pm	Extended Day Preschool
	12:30 pm	Ascension Quilters
	6:30 pm	Young Adult Group
Sat. (4-11)	9:30 am	Evangelism Committee Meeting
	3:00 pm	Saturday Bible Study
	4:00 pm	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
Sun. (4-12)	8:00 am	Traditional Worship w Holy Communion
	9:15 am	Sunday School / Adult Bible Study
	10:30 am	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
	3:00 pm	Eagle Court of Honor