

GOOD AFTERNOON! WHAT'S HAPPENING (May 14)

Worship Services are Saturdays at 4:00 p.m., and Sundays at 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. Join us at 9:15 a.m. on Sunday in the Fellowship Hall for the Questioning of the Confirmands!

Summer Worship Schedule will begin on Sunday, May 31! The worship service on Saturday will begin at 4:00 pm (as usual), and we will have one traditional worship service at 9:00 am that day. The Summer schedule will continue until the weekend of September 5-6.

Blessings to Our Confirmands! At the 10:30 am worship service this weekend, we will confirm Juliette Dallet and Walter Auten. May God continue to bless these young people and their families!

Youth (7th-12th grades) are invited to a GAME NIGHT tomorrow night, Friday, May 15th in the youth room! GAGA BALL PIT, Video game tournament, air hockey, sardines, and more! We'll have prizes/trophies and yummy snacks! Join us from 6:30-8:30pm! Friends invited!

"Coffee Under the Trees" - Do you have a Summer Date to Celebrate?

Individuals, couples, families, or committees can come together to provide coffee and donuts or other treats after the Sunday morning worship service. This is a wonderful opportunity for fellowship! Sign up this weekend in the narthex!

Updated Directories are available in the narthex beginning this weekend. Please let the church office know if you have any changes, thank you! 303-794-4636, office@alutheran.org.

Board of the Month This month we are highlighting the Board for Evangelism. As you heard at the recent Voters' Meeting, this particular Board supports ongoing ministries championed by members of the congregation. These include Angel Tree (Jude Donovan), Prison Ministry (Bob Estes, Dave Zeller), HAAT - Homelessness Awareness and Action Task Force (Ann Kaneko), and GriefShare (Sherry Hitztaler, Linda Olsen). The Board also hosts larger events onsite with the goal of bringing our neighbors to the Church. This year we are hosting a community Blood Drive on July 25th and a free dinner/concert featuring the Blue 88's band on August 29th. If you feel called to help with any of these ministries, please reach out to one of the members listed above, Anita Baresel, or Bob Hea.

LADIES GUILD SALAD SOCIAL! You are Invited to a Salad Social! This evening, Thursday, May 14, 2026 at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. We invite you to spend time socializing and enjoying a variety of salads.

Bring: Your favorite salad to share - Your Mite Box – and of course, a friend!

Resurrection in the City, at 3560 York St, in Denver, is having a church work day / spring cleaning this Saturday morning, May 16. A half day of leisurely work on smaller projects and socializing - an opportunity to reconnect and get a little work done

together while we're at it! We'll meet at 8:00 and will have a hot breakfast to serve, and wrap up before lunch. *We'll forever be thankful for your partnership in sharing the Good News.*

For more information, or to "RSVP," please call Pastor Duane Meissner, 346-616-8090

LADIES BRUNCH!

WHEN: THIS COMING MONDAY, MAY 18, 2026 AT 11:30 A.M.

WHERE: TOAST RESTAURANT (2630 Belleview Ave. Ste. 100, Littleton)

WHY: SOME GOOD FELLOWSHIP AND ENJOY A DELICIOUS MEAL

We would love to have you join us for a brunch at Toast Restaurant on Monday, May 18 at 11:30 a.m. Delicious items like Bourbon Praline French Toast, Omelets, Burritos, Biscuits & Gravy, or luncheon special like Monte Cristo, Reuben, Triple Decker Club Sandwich or Cobb Salad. Something for everyone.

Please make a reservation if you would like to attend no later than this Friday, May 15. Please contact Shelia Beu by contacting her by texting 720-202-4739 or email, sheliabeu@yahoo.com.

THANK YOU TO OUR MUSICAL GROUPS AND INDIVIDUAL PERFORMERS

At the close of the school year, a number of our musical groups take a break (except for some) for the summer months. So it is a perfect time to say THANK YOU to a number of people who meet nearly weekly, September - May each year, to beautify our services. Thank you to our church music groups—Ascension Chorale, Youth and Agape praise teams, Gloria Dei Ringers and to the individual singers, instrumentalists, pianists, organists, directors and soloists—for your faithful, tireless, and joyful dedication in leading us in worship. Your time, talent, and ministering spirits turn our weekly gatherings into meaningful, hallowed experiences that help our congregation connect deeply with God. We are grateful for the time and effort spent in group and individual rehearsals, early Sunday morning warm ups and soundchecks, and your consistent presence in our services week after week. You offer more than songs; you provide a ministry of comfort, joy, devotion and spiritual upliftment. Thank you also for focusing on worshiping with us, rather than merely performing, which steers our hearts toward God. We hold our music ministry in high esteem and thank you for making our services truly memorable and spiritually profound.

Vacation Bible School is coming up 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>

Snack Supplies for VBS We are needing some supplies for VBS snack time. Please bring your donations to the church kitchen by the weekend of May 30-31, marked "VBS." If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call or text Charlene Auten (720-317-4242). Here is the link to sign up: [Sign Up Genius](#)

We appreciate your support and generosity in helping make this VBS week awesome!

Wednesday Evening Bible Class Pastor Larson's Bible Class meets on Wednesdays from 5:00-6:00 pm. This coming Wednesday, join us for our study of the Book of Titus in the Fellowship Hall.

Online Auction to Benefit Mission Experience in Haiti From Rev. Mike Paulison: "Despite all the troubles in Haiti, God's provision remains constant. To follow God's call, we need your help!"

We will be hosting an online auction as a fundraiser this year. We are requesting donations of various items, such as a themed gift basket, handmade craft, artwork, weekend away, house cleaning, lawn mowing, home chef for date night, tickets or passes to places or events, etc. (Please make all donations a minimum of \$50.00 in retail value).

Please send a photo, description, dimensions, estimated value, as well as your name / contact info (we don't mind advertising if you have a business!), suggested opening bid and minimum bid (if needed) to sarah@missionexperience.org. Submissions are needed by the end of September."

Extended Day Preschool This is it from us until August. Today was our last day and it was full of fun. The kids sang their little hearts out at their program and then enjoyed cookies and ice cream. We sent them off with lots of well wishes and hugs, and maybe a tear or two. They all will do so well on their next step in life...and we'll be right here with the next batch of learners.

God has blessed the preschool this year and as congregation members you have been so kind and supportive to us. We are deeply thankful. Have a wonderful summer!

☀️ ❤️ Grace & Peace, Meg Stenman

Church Patio Project Update!

On Tuesday, May 12, the City of Littleton issued a permit for our plan for the church patio. The Trustees have now ordered the cover itself. Let's continue to work together to complete this wonderful outdoor area! Please make your donation payable to Ascension and denote the funds for "Project Peter".

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."

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

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 1st and 2nd 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 meet each Saturday at 3:00 pm, for our Lifelight Bible study on the book of Acts, with a focus on evangelism. Email Curt at Kengle0920@gmail.com

Young Adult Bible Study The Young Adult Bible Study will meet Friday, May 15, 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

A good gift plan within an estate includes inheritance for family and gifts to ministry. Some might consider this a difficult task. How does an LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor help? Working on your estate can be complicated as you balance legal, tax and financial issues, along with your desires to care for family and support ministry. Your Ascension Gift Planning Counselor has tools to organize all these things. Contact Jason Jones at Jason.Jones@lfnd.org or call him directly at (970) 988-0305.

Flowers on the Altar this weekend are given by Jim and Laurie Mullane, in loving memory of their son Ben, on what would have been his birthday, May 16.

Prayers: For the family of Roland Scott, whose grandfather, Roland I, died peacefully on Friday night, May 8, at the age of 91; For Elizabeth Wilhelm, at the death of her sister and her nephew; For Mavis Slifka, in the ICU at Littleton Hospital, pray her kidneys will continue to function, and she will heal completely from abdominal surgery on May 11; For Thomas Firth and Susan Sherrer-Firth, after a fire in their apartment building required them to evacuate, along with all the other residents. No one was hurt, but there is water and smoke damage and they are staying at a hotel; For Richard Kositzke, following surgery on his wrist on Tuesday, May 12; For For Bob Hea's mother, Betty, who had hip replacement surgery on Wednesday, May 13; For John Oldefest, at the death of his sister-in-law, Molly; For Ryan Newman's infant son, Archer, in the neonatal ICU; For Lisa Lujan's mom, who took a fall on Friday night, May 1st, and broke two ribs, and for Lisa's dad, who has some health concerns; For Barb Bader, recovering at home after hip surgery on May 4; For Hank Peepgrass, who will have eye surgery on May 28; For Mike Price, recovering from ankle surgery; For Bill Burchett; For Mike Zehnder, as he considers next steps for his back pain; For Michele Yowell and C.J. Earhart, as they go through cancer treatments; 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 for strengthening of faith and witness.

Prayer of Thanksgiving from Susan Sherrer-Firth and Thomas Firth on Thursday: "There was a fire in our apartment building yesterday, and we are now living in a hotel.....but, God is good, we weren't home so we are alive and unhurt!!!" *Prayers for all of the residents of their apartment building "The Willows," 6-8 other people are affected.*

<u>Attendance</u>	Service Time	Attendees	
Saturday, 5/9	4:00 pm	66	
Sunday, 5/10	8:00 am	85	
	10:30 am	108	
			Total: 259

Online Views (as of May 11) for May 3: 176 views.

<u>Stewardship</u>	May 9-10, 2026	Year-to-Date (YTD)
Budgeted Revenue	\$13,000.00	\$247,000.00
Received Amount	\$11,213.00	\$289,313.00
Project Peter 2026	\$1,365.00	\$ 27,573.00

Calendar (Saturday, May 16 – Sunday, May 24):

Sat. (5-16)	10:00am-3:00pm	Heritage Fine Arts Workshop
	3:00 pm	Saturday Bible Study
	4:00 pm	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
Sun. (5-17)		CONFIRMATION SUNDAY
	8:00 am	Traditional Worship w Holy Communion
	9:15 am	Confirmation Questioning & Reception
	10:30 am	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion and Confirmation
Mon. (5-18)	11:30 am	Ladies' Brunch at Toast
Tues. (5-19)	9:30 am	Ladies' Bible Study
Weds. (5-20)	10:00 am	Bible Study with Pastor Ginkel
	5:00 pm	Bible Study with Pastor John
Thurs. (5-21)	1:30 pm	Koinonia
Fri. (5-22)	12:30	Ascension Quilters
Sat. (5-23)	3:00 pm	Saturday Bible Study
	4:00 pm	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
Sun. (5-24)		PENTECOST
	8:00 am	Traditional Worship w Holy Communion
	9:15 am	Adult Bible Study
	10:30 am	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion