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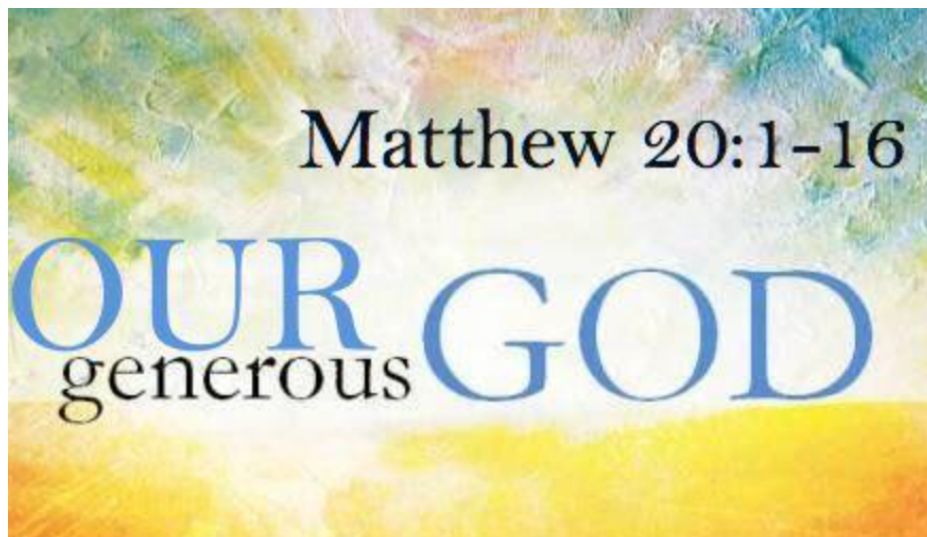
Welcome to Worship

September 20, 2026

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Gathered and gifted to celebrate and share the love of Jesus

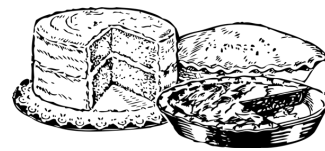
SUNDAY	8:30 am	-	Adult Bible Study
	9:30 am	-	Worship
	9:45 am	-	Children's Sunday School during worship
	10:30 am	-	Fellowship
MONDAY	9:00 am	-	Friendly Ties Quilters (1 st and 3 rd Mondays)
TUESDAY	11:00am	-	Bible Study
WEDNESDAY	1:00 pm	-	Book Club
THURSDAY	1:00 pm	-	Game Day – (1 st Thursday)
	1:00 pm	-	Movie Day – (4 th Thursday)
	6:30 pm	-	Church Council meeting – (2 nd Thursday)
FRIDAY	8:00 pm	-	AA and Al Anon
SATURDAY	10:00am	-	WELCA Ladies (Last Saturday of the Month)



Dallas Fields	1
Bob Bezyack	2
Joanna Wolf	3
Linda Fallat	6
Tyson Wallace	6
Aylin Valadez	7
Debra Jimenez	8
Mike Shane	8
Jesse McConnell	9
Linda Corey	10
Brendan Glover	13
Titus Hughes	14
Noah Gray	17
Paula Del Carlo	19
Caryn Merrell	20
Jessica Glover	23
Ladonna Stephens	23
Olivia Day	25
Mari Roberts	26
Jan Presley	29
Dayle Young	29
Vicki Allred	30
Shelie Ingram	30
Jeff Turner	30



Altar flowers this morning were given by Alan and Cindy Day in celebration of Olivia's birthday.



We have a sign-up list for homemade desserts for anyone that would like to bring one for James & Pastor Debra's farewell out in the Narthex.



Thank you to Kim Engelby and Renee Hart for bringing treats for coffee hour this morning.

Upcoming Events

Sep 24 – Family Promise Rise & Shine Breakfast Fundraiser

Sep 26 – Family Promise 5K Fun Run

Sep 26 – Church Clean-Up

Sep 27 – Special Congregational Meeting immediately following worship

Oct 4 – Farewell and Godspeed to James and Pastor Debra

**WELCOME
BACK**

Pastor Gordon

Hope you had a restful time away.



Thanks for your non-perishable food donations item for Utah Neighborhood Connection. We will be collecting though the end of September.



A huge **THANK YOU** to everyone who worked so hard this week to make our yard sale a success! From setting up and sorting to pricing, organizing, working the sale, and cleaning up. It truly took many hands.

We are so grateful for the time, energy, and love you gave. Events like this are about more than a yard sale. They are another way Ascension opens its doors, welcomes our neighbors, and serves our community.

Our community is grateful for the ways we continue to show up, open our doors, and share God's love.

Thank you for making it possible! ❤️

After taking the summer off, our amazing quilters are back to tie quilts on the 1st and 3rd Mondays. The quilters motto "if you can tie a knot, you can tie a quilt". Please think about joining this wonderful ministry that has been part of Ascension for as long as anyone can remember.

Called to Welcome: Our Next Step as a Congregation

Last night at the ALC Church Council Meeting the motion was made and passed to hold a Congregational Meeting on September 27, 2026, immediately after the church service. The purpose of the Congregational Meeting is to ask the congregation to consider having Ascension Lutheran become a Reconciling in Christ (RIC) Church.

For the past four years Ascension has been talking about this in small, formalized group discussions and with the pastor individually. Two books were made available for congregants to read and discuss. The following information has been shared in multiple ways:

- This is the statement from the Rocky Mountain Synod (RMS) website:
 - **“We as the Rocky Mountain Synod, ELCA welcome all into the fullness of God’s love. This welcome is inclusive of people of every race, national origin, immigration status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, age, physical or mental ability, sex or station in life. Rather than using our differences to divide us, we pledge to use our differences as gifts for our work together”.**
 - Reconciling Churches in the RMS by number:
 - Utah – 5
 - New Mexico – 6
 - Texas -1 (Note: only El Paso, Texas is in the RMS)
 - Colorado – 27
- This information is from Reconciling in Christ regarding the four partner commitments:
 - Clearly state a welcome to people of “all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions” or “LGBTQIA+” and name its commitment to ;”racial equality” or “anti-racism” in a Welcome Statement.
 - Be open to calling LGBTQIA+ and BIPOC (Black, Brown, Indigenous, Person of Color) Rostered Leaders.
 - All sanctuary/community space to be used for LGBTQIA+ weddings and blessings.
 - Make a meaningful contribution to support the national RIC program.

If you were not able to get your answers when the small group discussions were held or still have questions or concerns, please talk with Pastor Gordon or any member of the Council.

Special Congregational Meeting on Reconciling in Christ

On September 10, 2026, the ALC Council voted to call a special congregational meeting to consider becoming a Reconciling in Christ congregation.

Special Congregational Meeting: Sunday, September 27, 2026, immediately after worship in the Fellowship Hall. Notice will be given during worship and in Parish Notes on September 13 and 20. Members unable to attend in person will receive a Zoom link by email, along with instructions for online voting. Voting will be by written ballot.

[\(More information on the next page\)](#)

Relevant Constitutional Provisions

C10.02. A special Congregation Meeting may be called by the senior pastor, the Congregation Council, or the president of the congregation.

C10.03. Notice of all congregational meetings must be given at worship on the two preceding consecutive Sundays and by mail or electronic means, as permitted by state law, to all voting members at least 10 days before the meeting.

C10.04. Thirty percent (30%) of voting members constitutes a quorum.

C10.08. The congregation may meet through remote communications, including electronic or telephone conference, provided participants can communicate simultaneously by audio or an equivalent method.

Ascension property To-Do List for September 2026

1. Pull weeds inside the rock barrier and on the outside of the curbing around the church building.
2. Trim sucker branches from the base of the two apple trees (southeast side) so they look like trees again.
3. Trim sucker branches from the base of the Sand Plum trees and lightly trim out-of-place upper branches.
4. Trim the sucker branches from the Cottonwood tree in the detention basin.
5. Pull the milk weed, etc weeds from the row of evergreens on the southwest side (parking lot side) of the CLC.
6. Trim the two rose bushes in the courtyard by about two feet and make them equal in size.
7. Pull obvious weeds from the north and east side of the courtyard.
8. Pull weeds in the sign garden.

Some or all of these things can be accomplished by individuals during the week. Anything left to do can be accomplished on Saturday, September 26th beginning at 9:00am. More updated information will be available as we get closer to that timeframe. Contact Pat Refsdal, 908-625-2039 with any questions or to schedule individual clean-up efforts. Let's spruce up our grounds as we get ready to say farewell to Pastor Debra and James!! Thank you.

FAREWELL & GODSPEED

Pastor Debra & James

With gratitude for your faith, love, and faithful service.



Join us as we celebrate their ministry and wish them Godspeed.

ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH

1105 N. Washington Blvd.

Sunday, October 4, 2026

Service at 9:30 a.m.

Reception to follow

Gifts for Pastor Debra and James

Ascension's Gift

The council purchased a gift commemorating Pastor Debra and James's time at Ascension.

Letters and Small Gifts

The ALC Council invites friends of Pastor Debra and James to write letters for them to read when they return to Georgia. Please place letters, very small gifts, or gift cards in the box in the main office. The package will be sealed and shipped on October 5, 2026, with postage and shipping costs paid by ALC.

Farewell Video

Pat and Eric Refsdal are creating a farewell video featuring life and ministries at Ascension. Speak with Pat or Eric if you have an idea to contribute.

Please Lift Up in Prayer

- Pastor Debra & James
- Tracie Truitt, friend of Alyson's
- Maylan Chugg, Don & Dee's granddaughter
- Chris, friend of Alyson W.
- Amanda, friend of Alyson W.
- Jefferson Barrett
- Cheryl, friend of Alyson
- Mark Hughes and family
- Dick Graves
- Suzy and her family
- Alice, Anastasia, and all the people affected by the war in Ukraine
- Brian Washburn, Kamberlynn's dad
- Terry, Dee Brown's brother
- Lynn & Carol Benson
- Don Hughes
- Dee Brown
- Sue, Sharen's sister
- Dean and Val, Mike's brother and sister-in-law
- Steve Morlan
- Diana Warkentin
- David Stuart
- Sharen's Mahjong Group
- Babs B.
- Anne E.
- Baylee Rose, Danette's grandbaby
- Judy Neilsen, Carolyn's Aunt in law
- Michelle, friend of Pastor Debra
- Pam Burbank
- Judy P.
- Frank, Diana Warkentin's brother
- Laura V, friend of Dana
- Lisa Samples, friend of Kelly
- Bill Britt, friend of Pastor Debra
- Keith Jacques
- Carolyn Day Sloan and Aubrey
- Cindy Day
- Cindy Cutlip
- Mary Ann Thompson
- Lisa, friend of Stef Rhees
- Alli Spinden friend of Cindy Day
- Callie Simpson and Cassie Barker
- Pastor Gordon
- Bob B.
- Mike H.
- Dennis M, Kelly's uncle
- Tae No
- Florence and Kimberlee K, friends of Maria Jensen

†Praying for Loved Ones in the Military or deployed:

- Steve Johnson
- Kaleb Tarr, Ethan Lee, Michael Connelly (deployed 13 July 17, 2021)
- Dariyan Edsinger
- Mason Bushey and his wife Ida, and family
- Brody Wilcock
- Renee Kiel
- Justin Kiel
- Kris Kiel
- Matt Malde
- Jason Chugg
- Alex Treadway

If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, or would like to be added to our Prayer Warrior email group, please send Kelly an email jeffnkelly2@msn.com

September
Ascension Ministries

 SUN	 WORSHIP ASST	 ALTAR GUILD	 USHERS	 GREETERS	 ANNOUNCEMENT S	 COUNTERS
Sep 6	Russ Smith	Kim Engelby	Patti Hall & Stef Rhees	John & Diana Warkentin	Council Member	CJ Jordan
Sep 13	Katie Young	Kim Engelby	Sharen Kamp & Ada Ingram		Council Member	Renee Hart
Sep 20	Kelly Martin	Kim Engelby	Renee & Todd Hart	Stefani Rhees	Council Member	Paula Del Carlo
Sep 27	Kim Engelby	Kim Engelby	Dave Filanda	Joanna Wolf	Council Member	Debra Larsen

If you have articles or information for the parish notes this week, they need to be to Kelly by 5pm Friday.