



ANNOUNCEMENTS AND NEWS

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



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WELCOME TO CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION!

We are delighted to welcome you to Church of the Ascension. A vibrant church community in Denver since its founding in 1904, Ascension is a place where faith and real life intersect. From here, we are called to share God's love in the Church and in the world through generous hospitality, serving one another, community involvement, and providing a safe place to explore a relationship with God. Whether you are a Denver native or have recently moved here, a committed Christian or someone inquiring about the faith for the first time, we want you to feel at home. Please know that you are invited to participate in all aspects of our worship. We are so glad that you're here.

Lucy Amerman, Interim Rector

WELCOME

PLEASE WELCOME The Rev. Canon Lucy S. L. Amerman our Interim Rector for the next 10 weeks. Lucy has years of experience serving on not-for-profit boards, dealing with child welfare and elder care. She attended Goucher College, Widener University School of Law, Princeton Theological Seminary, and Oxford University. She and her husband Jackson Haas, a retired Lutheran pastor, have a blended family of six grown children and eight grandchildren living from coast to coast. Lucy is excited to join us at Ascension.



GIVING

The generosity of our parishioners and friends is what makes Ascension thrive. From children's and youth ministries to music to outreach and so much more, your generosity contributes to the vitality of our parish. You can contribute financially by texting AscensionDenver to 73256, going to www.ascensiondenver.org, or by mailing your contribution to 600 Gilpin Street, Denver, CO 80218. *Please consider a gift to provide an even stronger foundation for 2024 and beyond.* Thank you!

KEEPING PLEDGES CURRENT. During this time of transition, it is especially important that we manage our budget, and you can help by keeping your pledge payment current over the course of the year, especially during the spring and summer months. While many of us will enjoy time away, Ascension's expenses do not take a vacation! Simply text "AscensionDenver" to 73256 or visit www.ascensiondenver.org/pledge. Thank you for your generosity!

THE ASCENSION LEGACY. Participants in The Ascension Legacy have made a commitment to support Ascension through a gift in their will or other planned gift. Any person, regardless of age or circumstance, can make a gift of gratitude that will help create a lasting foundation for Ascension. To find out more, please contact Endowment Committee Chair Chad Nichols or Parish Administrator Sarah Dougherty at sarah@ascensiondenver.org.

PARISH LIFE

ASCENSION SUNDAY. Ascension Sunday will be on **Sunday, May 12**. Remember to wear your Ascension blue! May 12 is also Mother's Day. It is an Ascension tradition to present a red rose to the mothers of – and those who have been like mothers to – our parishioners.

PENTECOST SUNDAY CELEBRATION. Save the date for our Pentecost Day celebration on **Sunday, May 19!** We will honor our graduating seniors, rising 6th graders, acolytes, and Sunday School volunteers during the 10 a.m. service. This will also be Mary Maragaret's last Sunday! Please plan on joining us at 11 a.m. coffee hour as we celebrate and thank Mary Margaret.

RECTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE. The Search Committee is excited to announce that the Rector job has been posted! View our profile at our website: www.ascensiondenver.org/rectorsearch. Please spread the word in the broader church about this position and our wonderful parish. The application will be open until May 15, and the Diocese will present the committee with candidates in late May. If you have any questions about the search, please email search@ascensiondenver.org. Please keep Ascension and our future rector in your prayers.

PRINTED DIRECTORY UPDATE. Thank you to everyone who participated in the photo sessions for our new directory. The process of merging all the addresses and other information is almost complete. A printed directory should be available by **early June**. This is a lengthy process, and we are excited to share the final product soon. If you have any questions, please email Amy Leonard at amyleonard022@gmail.com or Christi Canada at christi.canada@gmail.com.

SENIOR FELLOWSHIP LUNCH. Join us **Wednesday, May 8 at 11:30 a.m.** for a potluck lunch and fellowship in the Parish Hall. There is no need to RSVP, but please contact Joan Casey at jccaset01@gmail.com or (303) 204-5683 if you need a ride!

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL. There will be Sunday School today at 9 a.m. for children in PreK through grade 5. Sunday School continues through **May 19**.

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL. Youth Sunday School for those in grades 6 through 12 continues through **May 19** in the library upstairs.

NURSERY. The nursery is open for children ages 0-4 every Sunday from 9 until 11 a.m. through May 19.

POPSICLES AND PIZZA ON THE PLAYGROUND. Save the date for Pizza and Popsicles on the playground! **This afternoon** we will gather at Observatory Park from 4:30-6 p.m. to celebrate the end of the program year! This is a great way to connect with other Ascension parents and children.

ADULT SPIRITUAL FORMATION

For more information or to receive a Zoom link, please email Amy Feins at amy@ascensiondenver.org.

BIBLE STUDIES. **There is no Gospel Bible Study this week.** Gospel Bible Study will resume **next Sunday, May 5 at 9 a.m.** in Classroom B and will focus on the Gospel lectionary reading for the day. Tuesday Bible Study led by Associate Rector Amy Feins meets **Tuesdays at 12 noon** on Zoom and focuses on Hebrew scripture. **There is no Tuesday Bible Study this week, but we will reconvene on Tuesday, May 7 at noon** when we will begin our study of the Book of Lamentations.

BOOK GROUP. Throughout the year and within the context of our Christian faith, the Ascension book study seeks to listen to and explore a variety of voices through fiction, nonfiction, memoir, and poetry. The resulting thoughtful discussions take place on **Tuesdays at 5 p.m.** on Zoom. We are currently reading and discussing *The Women* by Kristin Hannah. **There is no book group this Tuesday, but we will reconvene via Zoom on Tuesday, May 7 at 5 p.m.** at which point we will finish the book!

WORSHIP

SONSHINE SINGERS. SONshine Singers will have their final “learning” rehearsal on **Wednesday, May 1 at 4:30 pm**. A required dress rehearsal is scheduled on **May 8**, prior to them singing in church on Ascension Sunday (May 12). For more information, please contact Cindy Lindeen-Martin, cindy@ascensiondenver.org.

COMMON CUP AT COMMUNION. At our 8 and 10 a.m. services, we offer bread (including gluten-free) and wine to sip from the chalice. *At this point, please note that our bishop has not authorized the return of intinction (dipping the bread in the wine) by parishioners.* Please know that receiving bread alone is full communion, and either or both constitute the full sacramental presence of Christ.

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH. Flowers remind us of the beauty of God's creation and are an offering of thanksgiving to God. If you would like to contribute flowers in thanksgiving, honor, or memory of someone or some special event, please email Sarah Dougherty at sarah@ascensiondenver.org.

OUTREACH AND MISSION

WOMEN’S HOMELESSNESS INITIATIVE. Once a month, Ascension parishioners make lunches that are distributed to Urban Peak in partnership with our outreach partner Women’s Homelessness Initiative. Please consider helping in the following ways:

- Bring the following items to the basket at the back of the Church: bottled water (**8 ounces or less, please**), bread, and savory and sweet individually wrapped snacks.
- Join us for lunch-making **on Tuesday, May 14 at 3:45 p.m.** in the Kitchen for this fun fellowship activity for all ages.

SAVE THE DATE FOR EVENING FOR HAITI. This year’s Evening for Haiti, the annual fundraiser for our outreach partner Locally Haiti, will be held on **Sunday, May 5 at 4:30 p.m.** at Tivoli Turnhalle. This year's celebration will feature special guests from Haiti, Dr. Vanessa Suffren and Johnny Verneus, a Haiti-themed dinner, live and silent auctions, and the presentation of this year’s Ted Lewis Award to Teresa Henry. To participate, please go to <https://www.locallyhaiti.org/blog-posts/2023/3/13/eveningforhaiti2024>. You can also reach out to John Douglas or Chris Nazar for more information.

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE 2027 PATH LUNCHEON. Help support affordable housing in our community by attending St. Francis Center’s Positive Action Towards Housing (PATH) lunch event on **Tuesday, May 7 at 11:30 a.m.** at Temple Emanuel, 51 Grape Street, Denver, 80220. Questions? Contact Andrew Sprinks at (303)244-0745.

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UPCOMING

MONDAY, APRIL 29

8 a.m. Morning Prayer, *Zoom*
6 p.m. The Steps We Took AA meeting, *Library*

TUESDAY, APRIL 30

8 a.m. Morning Prayer, *Zoom*

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1

8 a.m. Morning Prayer, *Zoom*
10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting, *North Meeting Room*

4:30 p.m. SONShine singers, *Music Room*
6 p.m. New Freedom AA meeting, *Library*

THURSDAY, MAY 2

8 a.m. Centering Prayer, *Chapel and Zoom*
7 p.m. Parish Choir Rehearsal, *Church*

FRIDAY, MAY 3

8 a.m. Morning Prayer, *Chapel and Zoom*

To receive a Zoom link for Bible or book studies, please email Amy Feins at amy@ascensiondenver.org.

To receive a Zoom link for Centering Prayer, please email Barb Watson at barbarawatson825@comcast.net.

To receive a Zoom link for Morning Prayer, please email Brian Ward at beemerward@icloud.com.



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and from where we are called to share God's love in the church and in the world.*

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Office Hours: Tuesday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and by appointment