

The Herald of Grace

A Weekly Newsletter for Grace Lutheran Church

January 23, 2025



“Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.” – Isaiah 1:18

The Winter Storm of 2025 is an event to remember for Mobilians. The rare snowcalypse that hit the Gulf Coast on January 21, 2025, brought a historic snowfall accumulation of 7.5 inches according to Mobile Regional Airport. After this all-time record-breaking Mobile’s 1895 record, I wouldn’t blame

you if you were already done with snow and ice and it certainly reinforced my desire to never move back to snow country if God allows. Yet there is something beautiful about falling snow as it lights up the air all around, the pure white blankets of fluff and the quietness insulating the air like no other weather event.

One of the benefits of fresh fallen snow is that it covers up the mud and the brown and the fallen leaves and the dirt. At least for the first day of fresh snow, it reminds us of a teaching from the Bible, from Isaiah, where God says, *“Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be white as snow.”*

Snow may have disrupted our lives this week, but it gives us a great gift. It draws us to one of the great promises of God, in which he offers us forgiveness of sin. This is such a comfort for sinful people like you and me. Although we are stained by our own guilt and sin, stained so deep that we cannot wash it away ourselves, God promises to wash us clean, make us white, white as snow.


Like freshly fallen snow, it is uncontaminated. Because of Jesus, our Savior, that’s what God sees when he looks at us. He does not see the times we have disobeyed him or broken his commandments. He doesn’t see when we have neglected to do the good we ought to have done and have failed to do. He doesn’t see the dirt in our lives or the mud we have thrown. He sees us as clean and new. He sees the pure grace of Jesus reflected in us.

This week is a helpful reminder of the grace we have in Jesus Christ. Be safe, be warm, slow down. Absorb the scene of God’s forgiveness.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Miller

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, Jan. 26 <i>Festival of St. Titus</i>	Children's Sunday School Worship - Divine Service Congregational Meeting and Potluck	9:15 am 10:30 am <i>After Service</i>
Monday	Small Group	5:30 pm
Tuesday	RHH meeting	11:00 am
Wednesday	Bell Choir Choir	5:30 pm 6:15 pm
Sunday, Feb. 2 <i>The Purification of Mary</i>	Children's Sunday School Worship- Divine Service Bible Study (Matthew)	9:15 am 10:30 am <i>After Service</i>



BIRTHDAYS

Jan. 25 – Kaitlyn Wood
Jan. 28 – Travis Middleton
January 31- David Hoffman



ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING JANUARY 26, 2025

Immediately after the service.

We will have a potluck. Please bring a dish to share.
See Sherea Weiss for any details or inquiries.



New 2025 Flower Chart in Narthex! Please sign up now to reserve your dates for memorials, honorariums, etc.

Weeks available In February – 2, 16, 23



Our Annual Chili Cookoff is Sunday, February 23, 2025 After the service.

Free to enter!
Sign up in the back of the church.
Tastings will be anonymous.
We vote with dollars to support the youth.
Desserts and breads may also be contributed.



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If you need help, please find Dave LeGros after service on Sundays, and he will assist you. He is usually downstairs about five minutes after service ends.

You may also find our service recordings thru this link:
<https://gracelutheranmobile.com/message/>

Grace Lutheran Missions

Winter Coat Drive



Jan11-Feb 2, 2025

Share the warmth!

Help local men, women and children stay warm this winter by providing a new or gently used winter coat.

Donations collected in Foundation Hall.



Camp Dixie 2025

Chicken Dinner Schedule

All Camp Dixie Chicken Dinners are served from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm



Dates for 2025!

January 12, 2025
February 9, 2025
March 9, 2025
April 27, 2025
June 8, 2025
September 14, 2025
October 12, 2025
November 9, 2025

**Bring Your Family And Friends And Enjoy Fellowship,
And Fun, While Having Some FANTASTIC Fried Chicken!**

**Dine-In & Take Out Orders
For More Information, Please
Call (251) 987-1201 Or Visit Our Website
www.campdixieministries.org
Located At: 29711 Josephine Dr. Elberta, AL 36530**

All Proceeds Benefit Camp Dixie Lutheran Outdoor Ministry.

Mission Statement: Camp Dixie is a place where campers, counselors, and staff members are able to grow spiritually, physically, emotionally and intellectually, in a positive way by experiencing, reflecting and evaluating in an outdoor-based Christ-centered program.

Grace Lutheran Church
CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:15 am
SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE 10:30 am
ADULT BIBLE STUDY *After Service*

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Weekly newsletter items must be submitted by Wednesday of each week.