

# The Herald of Grace

A Weekly Newsletter for Grace Lutheran Church

March 21, 2025

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

The azuleas are in full bloom so that is the local proclamation that spring is here. We had our deep cleaning of the church last week thanks to the many volunteers who gave their time and energy to making the church look sparkling clean for Easter. The first day of spring we are always in the season of Lent and I like to look at Lent sometimes as “Spring Cleaning for the Soul.”

As the Church points out, we are all sinners and we all need repentance. We all need to confess our sin and sinfulness and ask for God’s forgiveness. We are all in need cleansing and renewing. Lent gives us an intentional time of the year to do just that (although our prayer is that we practice confession/repentance year-round). The tool for this “spring cleaning of our souls” is the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The word “Lent” actually comes from an old English word for springtime. In the great scope of things Lent is a momentary pause to rethink the fundamental purpose of our lives. But it can also be the occasion of transformation; being guided on the path of becoming the people God has called us to be now matter what chapter of life you are living in and to bloom into what God has been working in us and for us since our baptism. After all we are attached to him and his cross and empty tomb and did he say, “*I am the vine you are the branches?*” May you continue to be blessed with the abundance of God’s grace this spring and for every season under the sun.  
Happy Spring

*O blessed spring, where word and sign  
embrace us into Christ the Vine:  
here Christ enjoins each one to be  
a branch of this life-giving Tree.*

*- O Blessed Spring, Lutheran Service Book*

**LENT 2025: GUIDED TO THE CROSS** Lent is a season when we are guided to the cross. Throughout this holy time, we are drawn to Calvary to live in forgiveness, hope, love, peace, trust and perseverance. Each week, the services and daily devotions reveal how Christ and his cross serve as examples for us of how to live our lives for and through our crucified Lord and Savior. Sundays in Lent:

**Ash Wednesday • Guided to Forgiveness** (Colossians 1:13-14):  
When we confess our sins, we find forgiveness in the cross of Christ and are empowered to forgive others.

**Week 1 • Guided to Hope** When we are uncertain about what the future holds, we discover in the cross the sure hope of heaven.

**Week 2 • Guided to Love:** When we are separated from others and from God by our sin, the cross brings us together through its love.

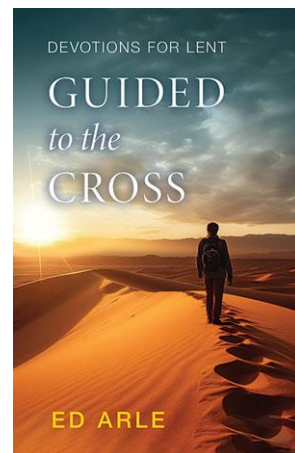
**Week 3 • Guided to Peace:** With wars waging within and without, the cross settles them all with peace to body, mind and soul.

**Week 4 • Guided to Trust:** Plagued by doubt and competing voices, we turn to the cross to put our trust fully in the salvation won for us there.

**Week 5 • Guided to Perseverance:** When we are faced with hardship, we look to Christ on the cross who endured to the end so that we might carry on.

**Wednesday Midweek Worship • *Guided to the Cross w/ Spiritual Vision Problems***  
Supper will be served from 6:15 - 7:00.

Wednesday, March 12	Supper hosted by Hugh Sovik
Wednesday, March 19	Supper hosted by Council
Wednesday, March 26	Potluck hosted by Everyone
Wednesday, April 2	Supper hosted by Elders
Wednesday, April 9	Supper hosted by LWML/Missions



### **HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE AT GRACE**


- Palm Sunday, April 13 • Government Street Palm Processional - 10:30 AM
- Maundy Thursday, April 17 • *“The Way of the Cross”* Journey - 4:30-7:30  
Groups of 12 or less will depart every half hour. The Journey will last approx. 50 min.  
Sign up requested but not required.
- Good Friday, April 18 • Tenebrae *“Service of Darkness”* - 7:00 PM
  - Easter Sunday, April 20 • 10:30 AM  
*Continental Easter Breakfast Served from 9:15-10:15 AM*

# Weekly Calendar

Sunday, March 23	Children's Sunday School	9:15 am
<i>Lent 3</i>	Worship - Divine Service	10:30 am
	Bible Study	<i>After Service</i>
Monday -Tuesday	Southern District Convention	Office Closed
Wednesday	Lenten Service at Our Savior	11:00 am
	Handbell Choir	5:30 pm
	Choir	6:00 pm
	Supper	6:15 pm – 7:00 pm
	Lenten Service at Grace	7:00 pm
Sunday, March 30	Children's Sunday School	9:15 am
<i>Lent 4</i>	Worship- Divine Service	10:30 am
	Bible Study	<i>After Service</i>

## Last Week's Attendance

Sunday Worship	87
Children's Sunday School	5
Adult Bible Study	11
Wednesday Lenten Service	50



**BIRTHDAYS**

March 21– Joey Kringel  
March 25 – Kevin Hanson



March 21 – Adam and Ashley Oswalt  
 March 22 – Michael and Melanie Tims  
 March 23 – Daniel and JoAnna Arnett



## ***10TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION DONATIONS***

As previously announced at the annual congregational meeting, funding for this special event stands completely on its own outside of the Church budget and tithing.

This memorable occasion in honor of Pastor Miller's noteworthy tenure and accomplishments is a unique opportunity to express our deep gratitude and love.

Please make your check payable to Grace Lutheran and designate "10th Anniversary Celebration" should you wish to make a donation.

*Your generosity in supporting recognition of this milestone is greatly appreciated.*



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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/>**



**Try to book by February 24 for best location and guaranteed prices!  
Call Galyna Henry. Deposits could be as low as \$50 pp.  
More info on next page.**



# 6-DAY BAHAMAS CRUISE

## Carnival Spirit

Monday, January 11 – Sunday, January 17, 2027

Starting at **\$734.00** per person

**STATEROOMS:**  
*Prices are per person based on double occupancy.*

Cat. 4D - Interior  
**\$734.00**

Cat. 4E - Interior  
**\$744.00**

Cat. 8D - Balcony  
**\$944.00**

Cat. 8E - Balcony  
**\$954.00**

Cat. 8K -  
Extended Balcony  
**\$974.00**

### ITINERARY:

- Monday, January 11: Depart Mobile, AL 3:30 PM
- Tuesday, January 12: Fun Day at Sea
- Wednesday, January 13: Celebration Key, The Bahama
- Thursday, January 14: Nassau, The Bahamas
- Friday, January 15: Fun Day at Sea
- Saturday, January 16: Fun Day at Sea
- Sunday, January 17: Arrive Mobile, AL 8:00 AM

### INCLUSIONS:

- ◆ 6-day cruise aboard **Carnival Spirit**
- ◆ Meals and entertainment on board the ship
- ◆ Port charges, government taxes, and fees

### NOT INCLUDED:

- ◆ Gratuities to shipboard staff
- ◆ Optional shore excursions
- ◆ Travel Protection



Prices are per person, based on double occupancy. Stateroom categories and prices are subject to availability and are on a first come, first serve basis. Other categories may be available by request. Pricing and stateroom availability for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> guests are available upon request. Prices are subject to change due to fuel charges and other vendor charges. **A valid passport is required with at least 6 months validity beyond return date.** **Deposit of \$250.00 per person is due with the completed registration form by February 24, 2025. Final payment is due September 29, 2026.**



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# 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

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[www.campdixieministries.org](http://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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If you would like to listen to the  
Sunday Worship Service you can find them here:

**Grace Lutheran's Facebook page**  
**or**  
**[podpoint.com/grace-lutheran-mobile](http://podpoint.com/grace-lutheran-mobile)**

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