

The Herald of Grace

A Weekly Newsletter for Grace Lutheran Church

March 28, 2025

Next week is April Fool's Day, which is often during the Lenten season as we approach Holy Week in 2 weeks. The exact origin of April Fool's Day is unknown, but it is believed that April Fool's Day may have started in France when Pope Charles IX changed the calendar to go with the Roman calendar. Once long ago, the New Year started on April 1, but the people in France decided in the year of 1582 to change the New Year Date to January 1. Some of the people there did not know about the change and continued to celebrate the New Year on April 1. Those people were considered "April Fools."

Regardless of the origins, we can all be fools sometimes when it comes to the truth of God. As foolish as his disciples and us can be in trusting God, Jesus teaches us honesty through a conversation with his disciples. On Maundy Thursday, He tells them bluntly that one of them will betray him. One will deny him. All will run away from him in fear. Yet as they celebrate the Passover meal, Jesus reminds them that all he is doing, is done for them and for all of humanity. He will live out God's will and love in truth. God's plan of salvation is perfect, and it is the way of the cross.

April Fool's Day is just for fun but too often we are fools in life ...Lent ought to keep us confident that the wisdom of God is more powerful than the foolishness around us. As we prepare for the Paschal Feast of Easter Sunday, may we be blessed that the cross and empty tomb is no joke!

Blessed Lententide.

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.

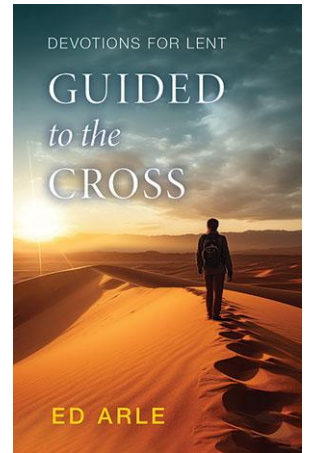
Week 3 • Guided to Peace: With wars waging within and without, the cross settles them all with peace to body, mind and soul.

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 30	Children's Sunday School	9:15 am
<i>Lent 4</i>	Worship - Divine Service	10:30 am
	Bible Study	<i>After Service</i>
Monday	New Building meeting	6:00 pm
Tuesday	Elders Meeting	6:00 pm
Wednesday	LWML Meeting	10:00 am
	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
Thursday	Pastor 10 th Anniversary Meeting	6:00 pm
Sunday, April 6	Children's Sunday School	9:15 am
<i>Lent 5</i>	Worship- Divine Service	10:30 am
	Bible Study	<i>After Service</i>

Last Week's Attendance

Sunday Worship	95
Children's Sunday School	2
Adult Bible Study	9
Wednesday Lenten Service	51



BIRTHDAYS

March 29 – Mia Hankins
March 30 – Karen Mitternight
March 30 - Kyle Mitternight
April 1 – Joseph Strickland
April 3 – Derrick Griffin
April 3 – David Lauber



March 28 – Rick and Julie Harvey
 March 28 – Buddy and Karen Strickland
 April 3 – James and Deborah Andreasen



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

NOT INCLUDED:



*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 3rd and 4th 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

**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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Grace Lutheran's Facebook page
or
podpoint.com/grace-lutheran-mobile

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