

The Herald of Grace

A Weekly Newsletter for Grace Lutheran Church

November 20, 2025



You are invited to our Lutheran Church Thanksgiving Eve Service on

Wednesday, November 26, 2025 @ 6:00 pm

WORSHIPPING AT

OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

5101 Government Blvd.

Mobile, AL 36693

(Tillman's Corner)

Please join us Thanksgiving Eve for a worship service with Holy Communion as we give thanks to God for all his blessings on this National Day of Thanksgiving.

We will have a special Thanksgiving processional offering which will include both non-perishable food donations and/or grocery store gift cards given during the service. If you are not able to attend, you can still donate this Sunday.

These donations will support the Waterfront Rescue Mission in the Mobile area. Grocery store gifts cards will help supplement the shelter with perishable needs. Any donations brought, please keep in the pew with you until given instruction for the offering processional. Thank you for giving thanks and giving to others in need.

Happy Thanksgiving from Grace and Our Savior!

Pastor's Newsletter

Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. (Colossians 2:6–7)

Come, ye thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home; all be safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin. God our Maker doth provide for our wants to be supplied; come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home! - LSB 892

I think it began with Thanksgiving services across our nation and soon infiltrated every-Sunday Worship. Over the years many of God's people have become more interested in staying home or attending their own festivities rather than coming together for the sacred appointed assemblies which the church offered for worship. Every Thanksgiving we sing, "Come, ye thankful people, come!" but what happens when they don't?

The Apostle Paul knew human nature. He knew that given time, the sinful nature and life in this troubled world would challenge our faith, causing some to become neglectful, even indifferent toward their faith in the Triune God. So he gives this advice: "Just as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving."

Walking in Jesus today is like walking with Him when He roamed the Holy Land two thousand years ago. The only difference is His visible presence. Today we are the body of Christ which means we live in Him and He in us! We are His presence in the world and that means His work is being done through believers in the power of the Holy Spirit. Like us, Paul did not follow Jesus through the Judean countryside physically walking with him. Just like us, he walked in Christ Jesus by faith. Part of his walk in life was abounding in thanksgiving!

As we look at the record of Paul's life with all the troubles he endured for Christ, it's hard to imagine that he "abounded in thanksgiving." How is that even possible? Because of this walk: "I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me."

God's love for you and me is the centerpiece and core of faith and the reason why we abound in thanksgiving. Of God's love Paul wrote: "neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Thanksgiving is not just a once-a-year event or a national holiday celebrated around a turkey; it is the daily response of a believer who walks in Christ Jesus the Lord established in this awesome faith.

Abounding with you in Thanksgiving,

Pastor Miller

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, November 23	Sunday School	9:15 am
<i>Last Sunday of the Church Year</i>	Worship- Divine Service	10:30 am
	Pastor and Ashley Miller's Sprinkle/Potluck	<i>after service</i>
Monday	Bible Study @ Our Savior	11:00 am
	Monday Night Small Group	6:00 pm
Wednesday	THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE at OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH	6:00 pm
	No Handbell Choir	
	No Adult Choir	
Thursday	<i>Happy Thanksgiving!</i>	
Sunday, November 30	Children's Sunday School	9:15 am
<i>1st Sunday in Advent</i>	Worship- Divine Service	10:30 am



Nov. 20 – Victoria Kringel

Nov. 20 – Bob West

Nov. 24- Amber Hubbard

Nov. 24- Daltrey LeGros

Nov. 25- Nancy Arnett

Nov. 25 – Kathy O'Daniel

Nov. 26 – Sue Dominguez

Nov. 26 – Karin Cotè

Nov. 27 – Luke and Lauren Mueller

Please join us for a

Baby Sprinkle

honoring

Pastor Miller and Ashley

Sunday, November 23rd
immediately after service

Entrée will be pulled BBQ
Please bring a side dish

No gifts necessary, but for those
inclined on gift giving, they are
registered on Amazon

To enter a Diaper Raffle,
bring a pack of diapers

Scan QR code
for registry





November 2025: Sunday School meets from 9:15-10:15 each Sunday morning. Classes include Preschool (Ages 3-5), Elementary (Grades 1-4), and Tweens (Grades 5-8).

Many thanks to our dedicated teachers and staff throughout the month of October
Brittany Pollock, Kelly Johnson, Heidi Butler, Kathy O'Daniel - Preschoolers
Shari Jacoboson, Julie Harvey, Sue Dominguez, Heika Crane - Elementary
Micah Battaglia - Tweens
Dylan LeGros and Connie Rowe - Music

For the month of November, the Elementary and Tween classes continue the study of the Holy Spirit leading the apostles. Preschool emphasis is on God's love and promises. Music, story time, and interactive activities fill the hour.

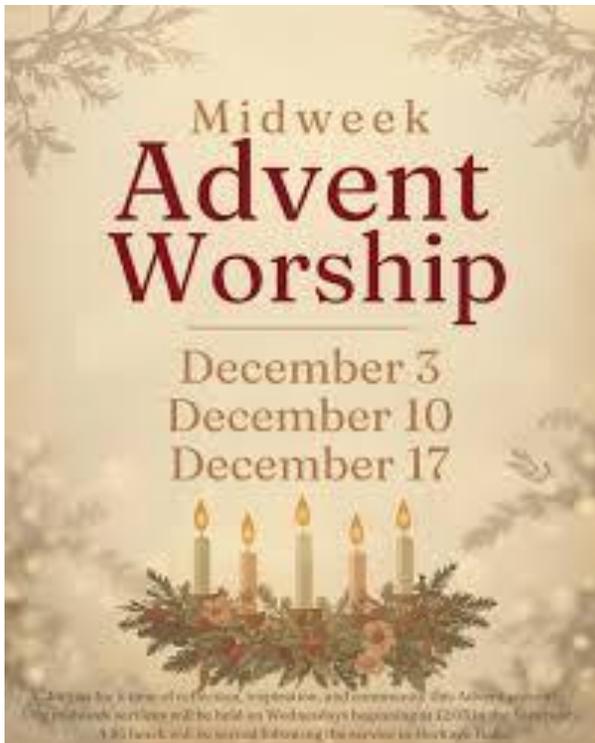
Our teachers and helpers for November are:

Preschool: Steve Johnson and Kathy O'Daniel (November 2)
Kelly Johnson and Kathy O'Daniel (November 9)
David and Haddon Lauber (November 16 and 30)
Elementary: Connie Rowe and Sue Dominguez (November 2 and 9)
Julie Harvey and Sue Dominguez (November 16 and 23)
Tweens: Micah Battaglia and Dylan LeGros
Music: Dylan LeGros and Connie Rowe

****Teachers are needed for Preschool on November 23 and
Elementary (Nov 30, Dec 7, 14, 21)**

****Please step up if you have an interest in helping with our Sunday School program. New teachers are needed for the new year beginning January 4, 2026. Contact Connie Rowe if you can help. 251 270-9000 connierowe90@gmail.com**

PARENTS AND GRANDPARENTS: WE NEED YOUR CHILDREN TO CONTINUE TO GROW OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL.



ADVENT begins Sunday, November 30. Midweek Advent Services will be held on Wednesdays at Our Savior @ 11:00 with lunch and at Grace @ 7:00 with supper served from 6:15-7:00.

Services will be informal downstairs and will reflect once again on another set of Christian messages found in TV Christmas specials.

December 3- Frosty the Snowman
Meal hosted by Church Council

December 10- A Christmas Carol
Meal hosted by LWML and Elders

December 17- The Little Drummer Boy
Meal hosted by Chef Hugh Sovik

MONDAY NIGHT SMALL GROUP will hold their last gathering until the New Year on Monday, November 24 @ 6:00 pm. We will be watching the documentary, Monumental, about the Pilgrim's journey and faith.

ALL are invited. We will have popcorn.
Feel free to BYOF and BYOB!



*Due to Advent, Pastor's OS Monday morning and Grace Wednesday morning Bible Studies will resume in the New Year.

Grace Lutheran Missions



WINTER BLESSING BAGS for the Homeless

Hothands Hand & Sole Warmers
Men's Socks *Sock Cap * Gloves
(Travel Size) Toothpaste & Deoderant
(No Mouthwash) * Band Aids * Chapstick * Comb
A pkg(s) of Slim Jim's and/or Dried Fruit Snacks
Hand Wipes * Cereal Bar * Sugar-Free Gum
* WordFind or Soduko Book * Pencil or Pen
A kind note of encouragement!)

(Items will be going in a gallon size bag, travel size items are best.)
More Information and the Drop Off Box located in Foundation Hall.

FINDING GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH'S WORSHIP SERVICES ONLINE

Beginning in April of this year, we began live streaming our church services on our Facebook and YouTube pages. We also have discontinued our service with PodPoint for hosting audio podcasts of our services.

Here is a quick guide on where you can find all our videos and podcasts.

LIVE STREAMS

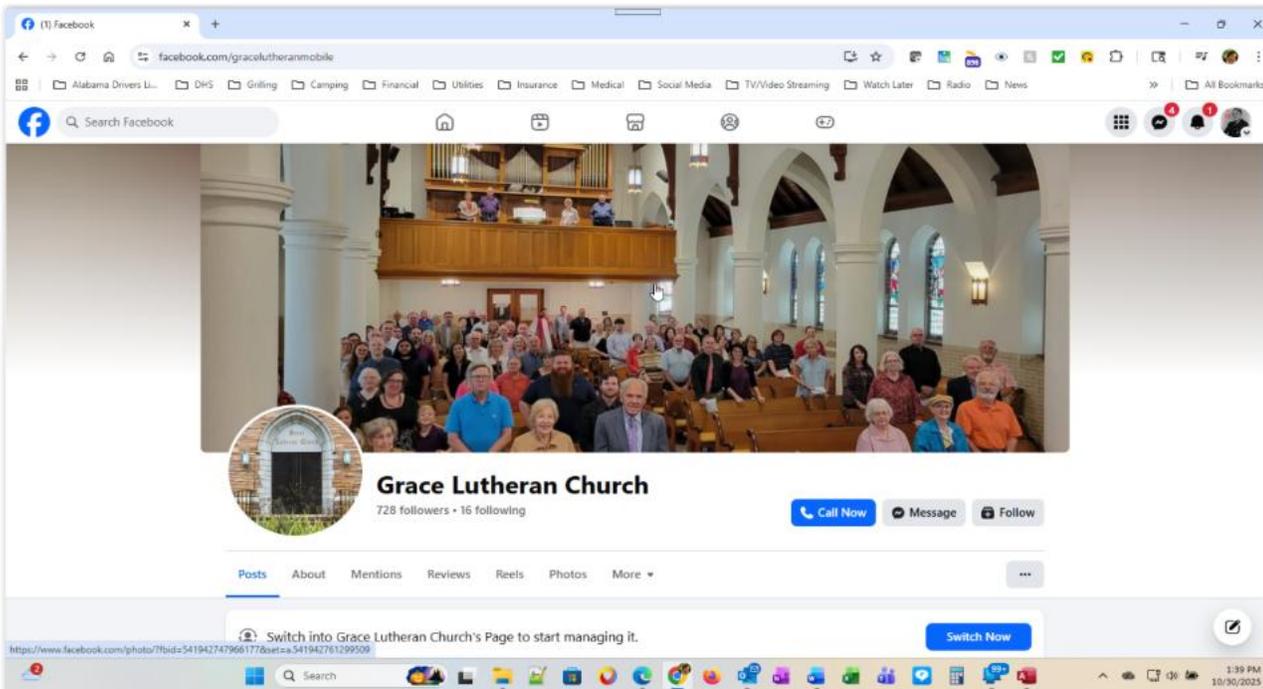
We stream simultaneously on Facebook and YouTube at present. The livestream generally begins 5 minutes prior to the 10:30 AM service. Please note that technology can have a mind of its own sometimes, and occasionally one of the platforms' streaming services may be down when we try to go live. If you don't see the livestream on one of these platforms, please check the other one.

If you use the Facebook or YouTube phone apps, just search for "grace lutheran church mobile alabama." If you use an internet browser, here are the direct URL links.

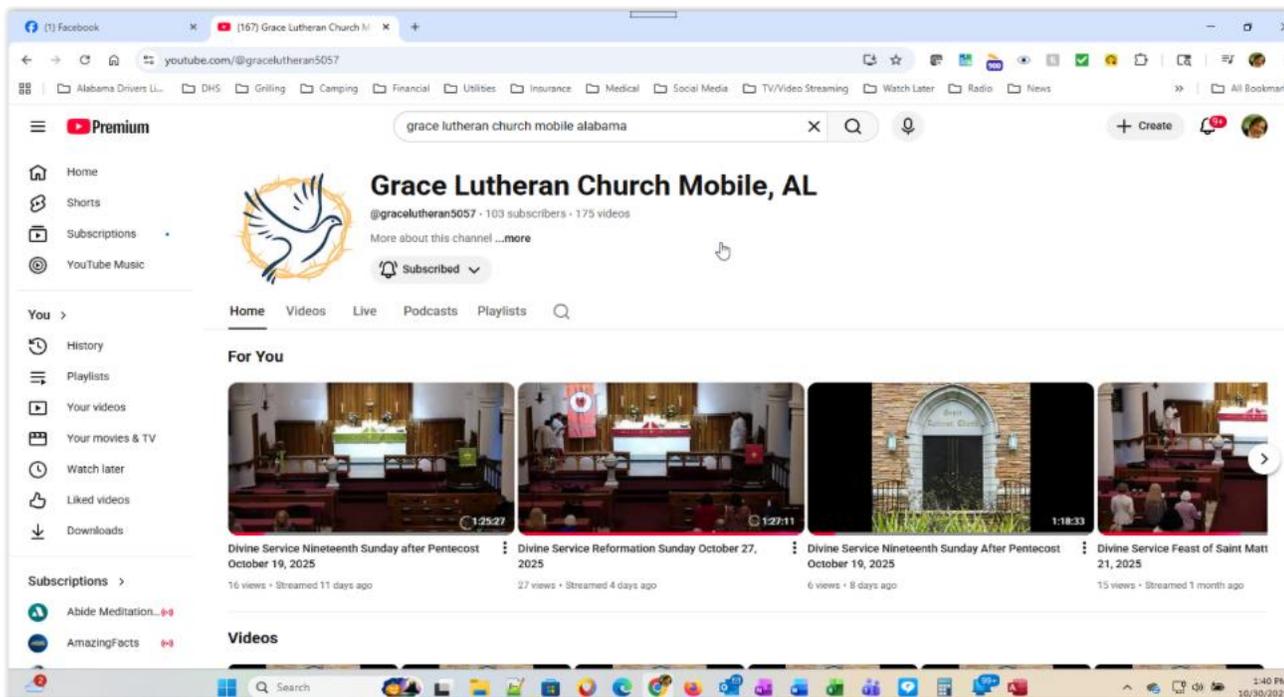
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/gracelutheranmobile>

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/@gracelutheran5057>

Whatever method you use, here are the pages you want to wind up on:



Facebook



YouTube

VIDEO ARCHIVES

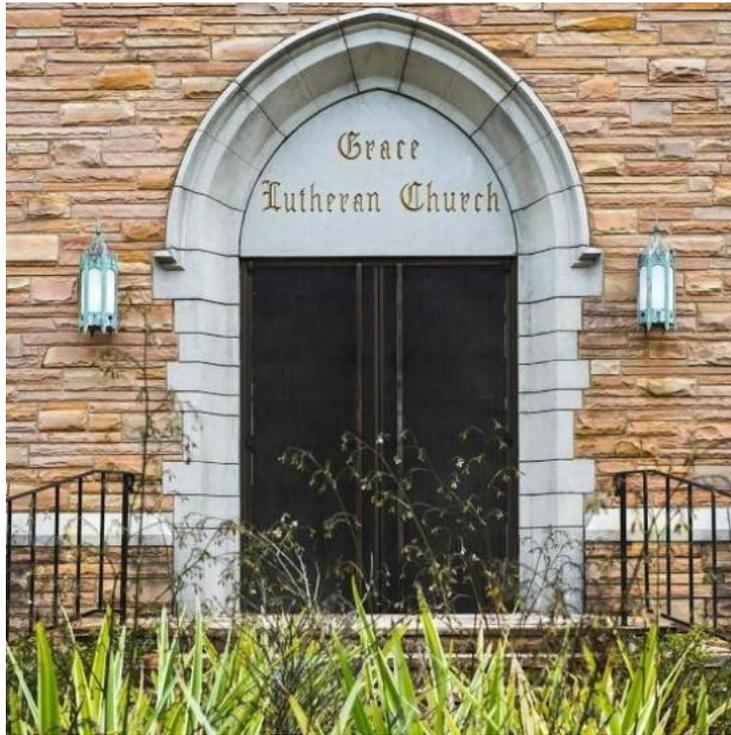
After the livestream ends, both Facebook and YouTube archive the video so you can view it later, should you miss the actual livestream. On Facebook, the video will be on the main Posts page. Please note that Facebook automatically deletes archives of live videos 30 days after they are posted.

On YouTube, the video archive is currently maintained indefinitely, so all videos are kept until the channel owner manually deletes them (which we do not do). To find the archived video, just click on the Live tab on our YouTube channel page.

PODCASTS

The archived video from YouTube is downloaded, and through a free service available through Spotify, a podcast version of the service is created which is automatically pushed out to all the major podcast platforms (Spotify, Apple Podcasts, Amazon Music, and YouTube Music). The podcast on Spotify is a video podcast; all the other platforms are audio only.

The name of the podcast on all platforms is Herald of Grace. If you use a phone app for any of the platforms, just search for Herald of Grace. The page logo on all the platforms is a picture of the front of the church.



If you are using an internet browser, here are the URL links for the podcasts:

Spotify: <https://open.spotify.com/show/6cvTcKLeN9B5R6c17NsC7>

Apple Podcasts: <https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/herald-of-grace/id1840014717>

Amazon Music: <https://music.amazon.com/podcasts/fc17026d-2a14-4db9-bb5c-bd75795d9aca/herald-of-grace>

YouTube Music: <https://music.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL8ZokvQV6mUGikk48-oHQjessIfU5syr>

If you have any questions or need any assistance, please don't hesitate to reach out to me. Email me at communications_it@gracelutheranmobile.com, call or text me at 251-422-0993, or catch me in the narthex after service on Sunday.

Dave LeGros
Communications Chairman

Go to Camp Dixie's website or Facebook page to sign up!

<http://www.campdixieministries.org/>



**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 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.***



Galyna Henry
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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*

Rev. Wayne J. Miller, Pastor
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Weekly newsletter items must be submitted by Wednesday of each week.



**If you would like to watch our
Worship Services, you can find them here:**

**Grace Lutheran's Facebook page
or
youtube.com**

(Search and subscribe to Grace Lutheran Church, Mobile, AL)