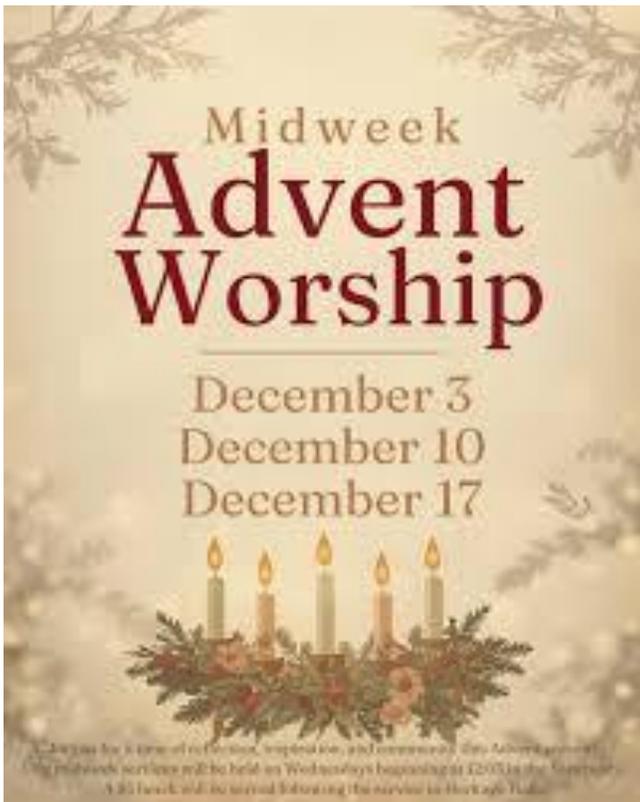


# The Herald of Grace

A Weekly Newsletter for Grace Lutheran Church

December 11, 2025



## ADVENT

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

Also, every family in church on Sunday, November 30, will receive an Advent Daily Devotional Booklet to benefit your faith during this penitential season as we prepare for the coming of our King!

\*Due to Advent, Pastor's Wednesday morning Bible Study and Monday Night Small Group will resume in the New Year.

Come Worship with us on Christmas Eve!

Wednesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>

5:00 pm @ Our Savior      7:00 pm @ Grace

## Weekly Calendar

Sunday, December 14	Children's Sunday School	9:15 am
<i>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Advent</i>	Worship- Divine Service	10:30 am
	LWML Bake Sale	<i>after service</i>
Wednesday	Advent 3 Mid-Week Service @ Our Savior	11:00 am
	Handbell Choir	5:30 pm
	Adult Choir	6:00 pm
	Advent Supper hosted by Hugh Sovik	6:15-7:00 pm
	Advent 3 Mid-week Service	7:00 pm
Sunday, December 21	Children's Sunday School	9:15 am
<i>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent</i>	Worship- Divine Service	10:30 am



*Dec. 11 – Kenny Weiss, Sr.*

*Dec. 12 – Eli Johnson*

*Dec. 15 – Heidi Butler*

*Dec. 15 – Trey Tomas*

*Dec. 17 – Lauren Grigsby*

*Dec. 18 – David Arnett*

*Dec. 19 – Daniel Harvey*

## Christmas Eve Window Arrangements



On Christmas Eve, our beautiful church windows will each be adorned with a special arrangement of flowers, foliage and a candle designed by Dennis Harris. These will be available for purchase as a memorial for a loved one or a thank-offering. Each arrangement will be marked accordingly and printed in the bulletin. After the service, you are able to take the arrangement home to enjoy.

There are only **6** windows available at \$50 each. They will be reserved on a first come first serve basis by calling/emailing the church office or signing up in the back of the church beginning on November 30. Deadline for reserving an arrangement is December 14. What a blessing to remember our loved ones this Christmas Eve.

# Grace Lutheran Women in Mission

LWML



## Christmas COOKIE SALE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2025

ALL MEMBERS OF THE CONGREGATION ARE INVITED TO DONATE  
COOKIES FOR THIS FUNDRAISER  
ON SATURDAY \* DECEMBER 13 \* 10:00 AM \* FOUNDATION HALL



# 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.



Sunday School meets each Sunday morning from 9:15-10:15. Classes include Preschool (ages 3-5 years), Elementary (grades 1-4), and Tweens (grades 5-8).

For the month of December, all classes will learn of Mary, Joseph, and the birth of Jesus.

We will meet on December 7, 14, and 21. Special activities are planned for December 21.

***No Sunday School on December 28.***

Teachers and staff for December are:

Preschool: David and Haddon Lauber

Elementary and Tweens: Lily Mcharo, Micah Battaglia, Sue Dominguez

Music: Dylan LeGros and Connie Rowe

Many thanks to our teachers and helpers throughout the month of November: Steve and Kelly Johnson, Brittany Pollock, David Lauber, Julie Harvey, Sue Dominguez, Kathy O'Daniel, Connie Rowe, Micah Battaglia, Dylan LeGros.

**Please step up if you have an interest in teaching or helping with our Sunday School program. Teachers are needed for the new year beginning January 4, 2026.** The Sunday School has had dedicated teachers and helpers who have shared the calling of teaching our children over the past 5 months.

*A new sign up calendar for teachers and helpers over the next 5 months can be found downstairs in the Sunday School area.*

If you have questions, contact Connie Rowe. 251 270-9000  
[connierowe90@gmail.com](mailto:connierowe90@gmail.com)

## **ESPEJO HOUSE UPDATE**

Lots of progress is being made at 120 Espejo. We are anticipating a move in and grand opening with a house blessing early in the New Year!

We planned on moving in sooner with the completion of our initial scope of work, but by God's grace, we have received additional funds from private donors requesting to do more to best utilize the new space now before moving in.

With up to \$100,000 in available funds and donations for Espejo (not for principle), we are able to make even more upgrades and improvements to serve the needs of this congregation in addition to covering any "surprises" that a 130-year-old home gives.

Almost every aspect of the house has been improved and completely paid for thanks to the generosity of God's people. All who are involved with Espejo are excited for Grace's ministry in using this home. Thank you, Lord, for our volunteers and donors!

A full report will be given at the Congregational Meeting regarding the details of the project. In the meantime, any questions or thoughts, please direct those to any Council Member or Pastor Miller.

Also, if you are interested in any volunteer opportunities in regard to Espejo projects, please contact Jan Tanner @251-232-9011 to get further information. Thank you!

## **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.

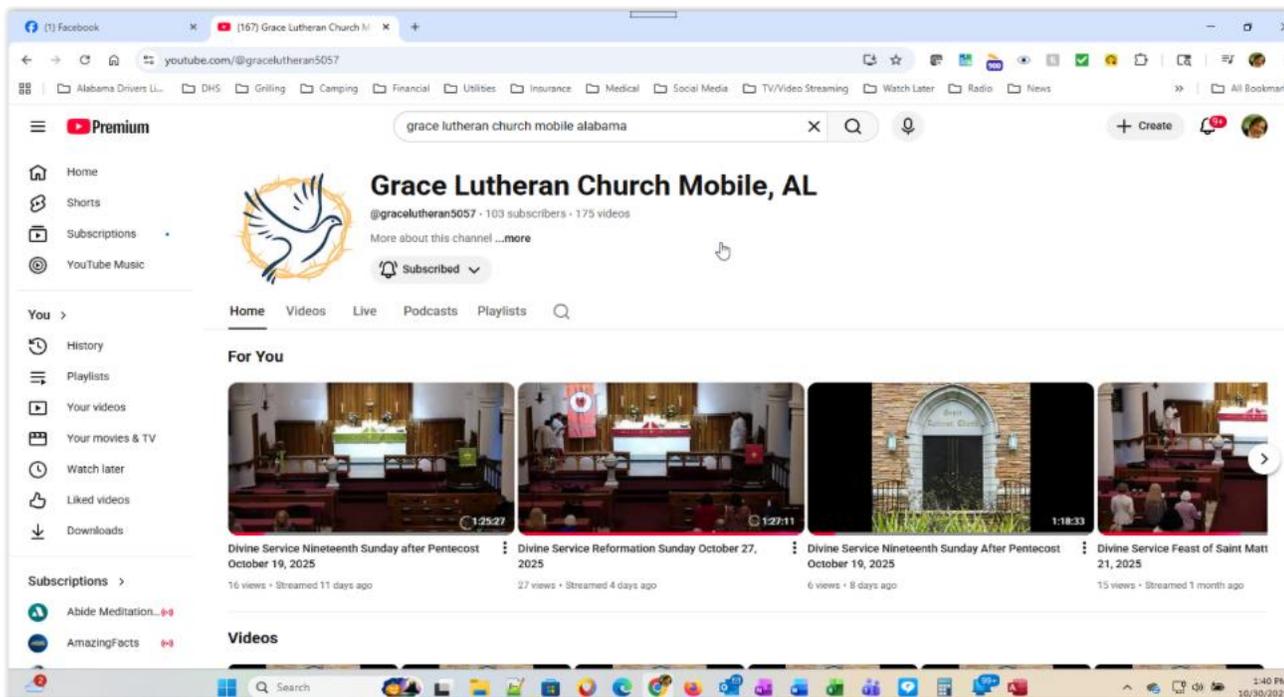
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/gracelutheranmobile>

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

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



Facebook



## YouTube

### **VIDEO ARCHIVES**

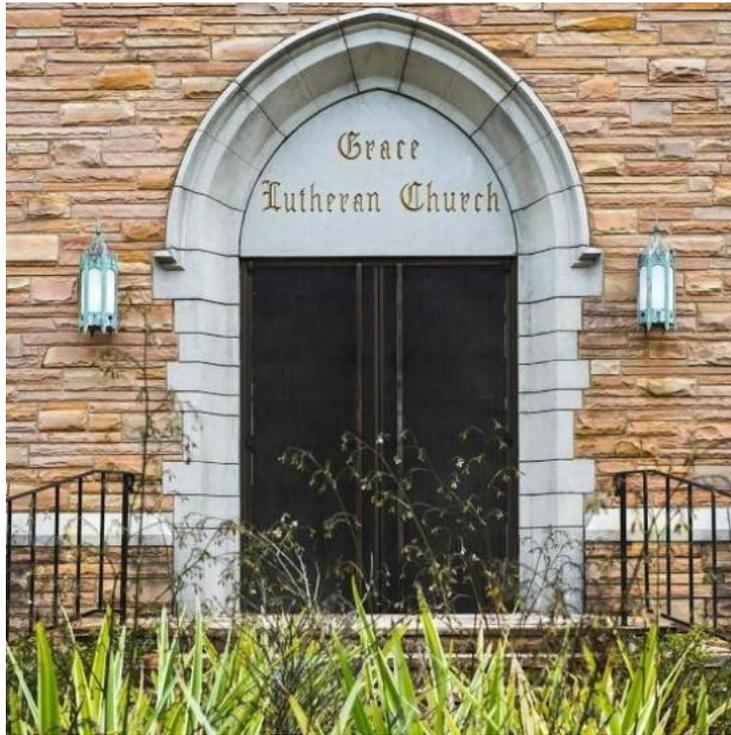
After the livestream ends, both Facebook and YouTube archive the video so you can view it later, should you miss the actual livestream. On Facebook, the video will be on the main Posts page. Please note that Facebook automatically deletes archives of live videos 30 days after they are posted.

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](mailto: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



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



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Worship Services, you can find them here:**

**Grace Lutheran's Facebook page**

*or*

**youtube.com**

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