

The Herald of Grace

A Weekly Newsletter for Grace Lutheran Church

December 18, 2025



Come Worship with us on Christmas Eve!

Wednesday, December 24th

5:00 pm @ Our Savior

7:00 pm @ Grace

Pastor's Christmas Letter

Dear Grace,

It's that time of year again. Christmas is only a week away as we at Grace celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior next Wednesday evening at 7:00. I hope you can be here with us.

Although things around us are continually changing, there is one sure and certain constant throughout the days of our lives: the love that God has for us. A love that showed His face in a manger in Bethlehem and carried that love on His outstretched arms to the cross to die for my sins and your sins.

It has been a year of change for our family also, some tearful and some joyful. Ashley's father went to be with His Lord back in April after a short but devastating disease of ALS. He is greatly missed and we look forward to the day when we will see him again in heaven. But we also gained a nephew this year, Cade, son of Travis and Lexi (Mueller) Middleton and now my wife and I are expecting another daughter in January! Life moves forward often with tears of sorrow and tears of joy, but life moves forward; the only direction God gives us.

Our Christmas prayer for you and your families is that as things change around us whether in age and health, finances and jobs, relationships, or struggles, keep your eyes focused on the Babe of Bethlehem who will walk with you all your days.

Christmas reminds us of God's incredible love, demonstrated in the gift of His Son. "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given..." (Isaiah 9:6). Through Jesus, we are all an eternal family that spans generations and nations. What a privilege it is to call one another brothers and sisters, mothers and fathers and friends in Christ, united by His grace and bound together by His love. We can't ever bring joy and peace to Christmas. Christmas brings joy and peace to us once again.

God's peace to you this Christmas,

Pastor, Ashley, Addison and Baby Miller



Weekly Calendar

Sunday, December 21	Children's Sunday School	9:15 am
<i>4th Sunday in Advent</i>	Worship- Divine Service	10:30 am
Wednesday, Dec. 24	Christmas Eve Service @ Our Savior	5:00 pm
	Handbell Choir Practice	6:15 pm
	Christmas Eve Service @ Grace	7:00 pm
Thursday, Dec. 25	<i>Merry Christmas!</i>	
Sunday, December 28	No Children's Sunday School	
<i>1st Sunday after Christmas</i>	Worship- Divine Service	10:30 am



Dec. 18 – David Arnett
Dec. 19 – Daniel Harvey
Dec. 21 – Stacey Griffin
Dec. 21 – Michelle March
Dec. 27 – Charlotte Erdman

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

ESPEJO HOUSE UPDATE

Good news! As of December 18, 2025, the city approved our Conditional Use Permit at 120 Espejo!!!! Progress is being made daily to finish the renovations. 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.

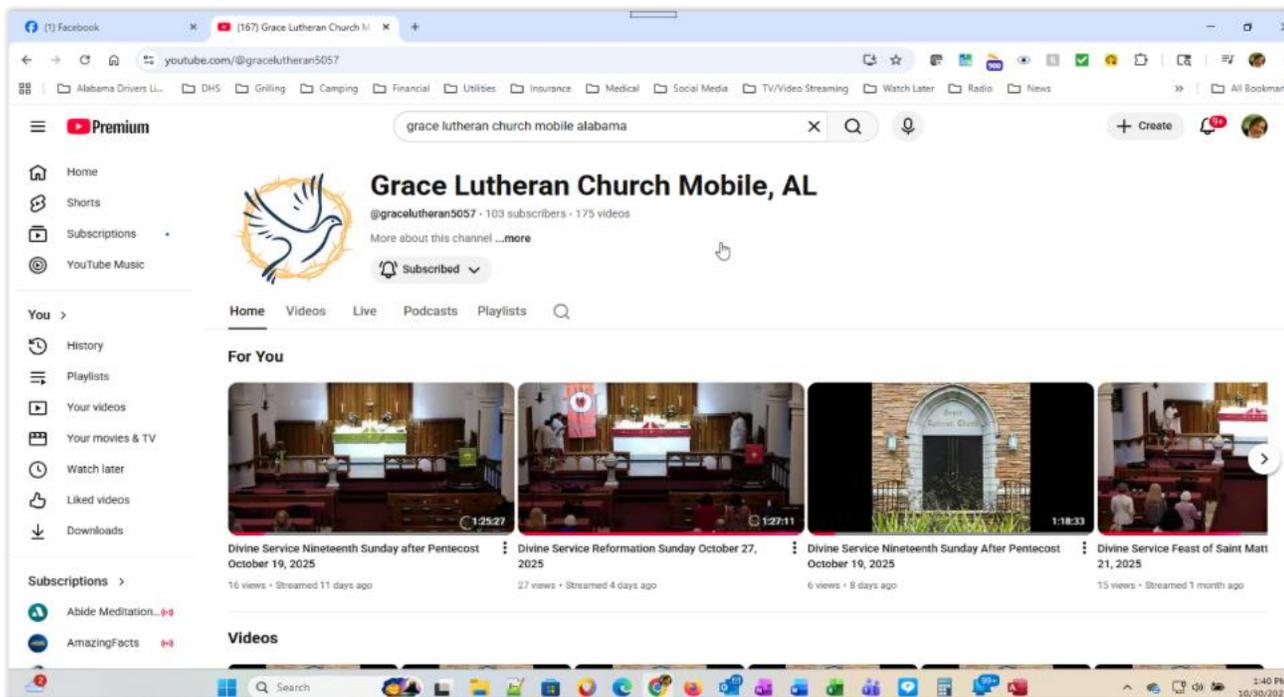
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/gracelutheranmobile>

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

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



Facebook



YouTube

VIDEO ARCHIVES

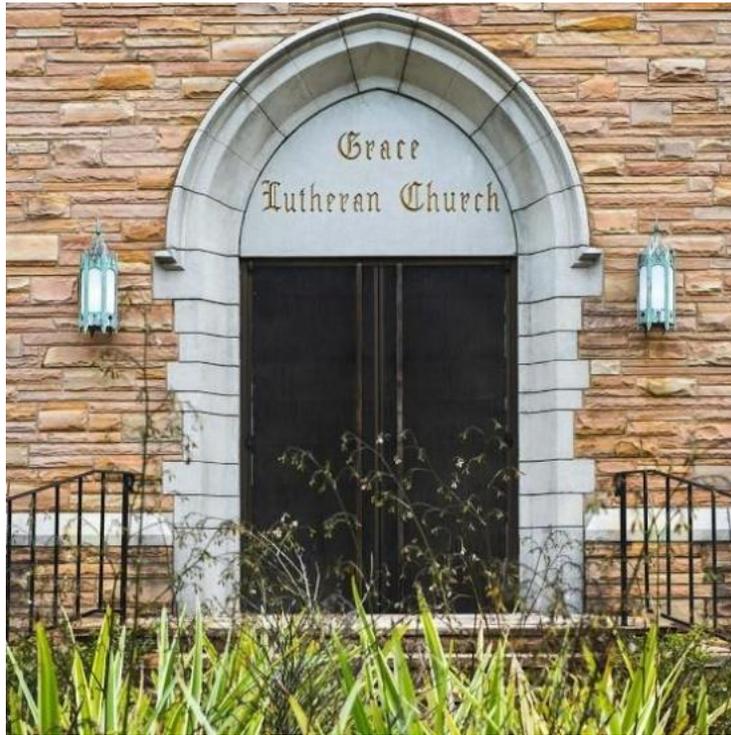
After the livestream ends, both Facebook and YouTube archive the video so you can view it later, should you miss the actual livestream. On Facebook, the video will be on the main Posts page. Please note that Facebook automatically deletes archives of live videos 30 days after they are posted.

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, 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

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

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

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.



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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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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)