

The Herald of Grace

A Weekly Newsletter for Grace Lutheran Church

April 16, 2026

Dear Easter People,

This Easter season is blessed at Grace with new beginnings, celebrations, and growth. Sometimes after major holidays, even us Christians are guilty of being complacent for a little while in church activities and functions. Grace is driving full force ahead from the empty tomb celebrating 30 years of music with Chris and Connie Rowe, planning a Sunday School picnic, starting a teenage youth program, and formally opening the Espejo House for ministry use all while continuing to support the needs and desires of the Church and her people.

May we never forget what the Lord has given us in this life: our resources, our gifts and abilities and most of all our time to invest in His Kingdom. Be involved, volunteer, support through prayer, give, receive and be filled with Easter joy.

Christ is Risen! He is Risen, Indeed! Alleluia!

Blessed to be your Pastor,

Rev. Wayne J. Miller

Upcoming Sunday Readings and Hymns for April 19:

Readings: Acts 2: 14a, 36-41 1 Peter 1:17-25 Luke 24:13-35

Divine Service Setting One

Opening Hymn: This Joyful Eastertide LSB 482

Hymn of the Day: Who are You Who Walk in Sorrow LSB 476

Communion Hymns: Come Let Us Eat LSB 626

O Living Bread from Heaven LSB 642

Closing: Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won LSB 490

A decorative border featuring a treble clef, musical notes, and various flowers like daisies and roses in shades of brown, tan, and cream, set against a background of gold speckles.

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE

30TH

Anniversary Celebration

HONORING

CHRIS AND CONNIE ROWE

30 YEARS OF MUSIC AND SERVICE
TO GRACE LUTHERAN

SUNDAY

APRIL

26

2026

10:30 AM

WORSHIP SERVICE AND
POTLUCK

ENTREE WILL BE PROVIDED.
PLEASE BRING COLD SIDES, SALADS,
BREADS AND DESSERTS TO SHARE

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, April 19 <i>Third Sunday of Easter</i>	Children's Sunday School	9:15 am
	Worship- Divine Service	10:30 am
Monday, April 20	Facility Use Committee Meeting	6:00 pm
Wednesday, April 22	Bible Study – Our Savior	11:00 am
	Handbell Choir	5:30 pm
	Adult Choir	6:15 pm
Thursday, April 23	Bible Study -Augsburg Confession	11:00 pm
Sunday, April 26 <i>Fourth Sunday of Easter</i>	Children's Sunday School	9:15 am
	Worship- Divine Service	10:30 am
	Chris and Connie's 30 th Ann. Potluck	<i>after service</i>



April 17 – Thomas Erdman

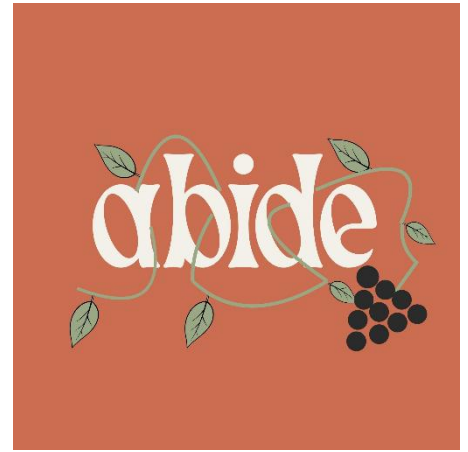


April 16 – David and Nancy Arnett
April 21 – Brian and Whitney Hankins
April 22 – Dan and Beth Unger
April 23 – Harold and Caroline Fischer

Hi parents and students,

I am so excited to announce the launch of Abide, a new 4-week youth night pilot program starting on May 3.

We know that between school, sports, and life, schedules are incredibly busy and students are often running on empty. Abide is designed to be a completely different kind of youth group experience. Instead of a traditional classroom setting, we are meeting at the Espejo House across the street for a relaxed, living-room-style night focused on authentic connection, rest, and community, centered around the message of the Vine and the Branches from John 15.



Here are the details for the 4-week pilot:

Dates: May 3, May 17, May 24, and May 31

Time: 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM

Location: The Espejo House (120 Espejo St, Mobile, AL 36604, across the street from the church)

Ages: 14-18

What to expect: Every night will kick off at 6:00 PM with free dinner (including Foosackley's, Little Caesars pizza, Jimmy John's, and Chipotle taco bar on our final night!), followed by some fun group games like Catch Phrase to break the ice. We will then transition into a short, 15-minute conversational teaching and break out into relaxed living-room discussions.

The goal of this pilot is to create a safe space where students can just breathe, hang out, and grow together without any pressure.

If you have any questions, please let me know. I can't wait to see everyone there!

Best,

Youth Council Member: Anthony Micah Battaglia 251-978-0002



ALTAR FLOWER SIGN-UP SHEET FOR 2026 IS NOW AVAILABLE!

2026 Price: \$100/set or \$50/each

**Upcoming Dates available:
May 10 and June 7, 14, 28**



**Sunday School
MAKES A DIFFERENCE**

**April 2026
We need your help with our Sunday School!
Teachers and helpers are still needed with our Sunday
School for April and May.**

Sign up board is in the back of the Church.
Sunday School meets from 9:15-10:15 each Sunday morning.

Classes include: Preschool (age 3-5)
Elementary (grades 1-4)
Tweens (grades 5-8)

Note from the Treasurer: Please consider, when donating to the Building Fund, to mark it for the Espejo House Principal. The loan for the purchase of the Espejo House was from the Grace Building Fund and all additional Espejo House Principal payments go back into the Grace Building Fund. Donations marked this way reduces the principal remaining on the loan and saves on the Grace loan interest payments on the life of the 20-year loan. (Instead of Grace paying the interest, the money will earn interest in a Thrivent account)

Original Loan Amount \$109,651.00 current Principal Remaining \$96,483.50

The missions project for a Carillon Bell system has received, to date, \$2,057, estimate project needs ~\$20,000.

Sunday, May 17

12 - 3 PM

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUMMER PICNIC

Medal of Honor Park

1711 Hillcrest Rd, Mobile



Lunch * Playground * Splash Pad

Take Note! 🎵



CARILLON FROM CANDY AND COINS!!

Please take an M&M tube of Mini's so you can return it in February full of quarters, folding money or a check into the steeple of the little "Sounding Joy Church"

Collection Drop Box.

Proceeds go toward funding a new Carrillon musical system for Grace Lutheran Church.

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.

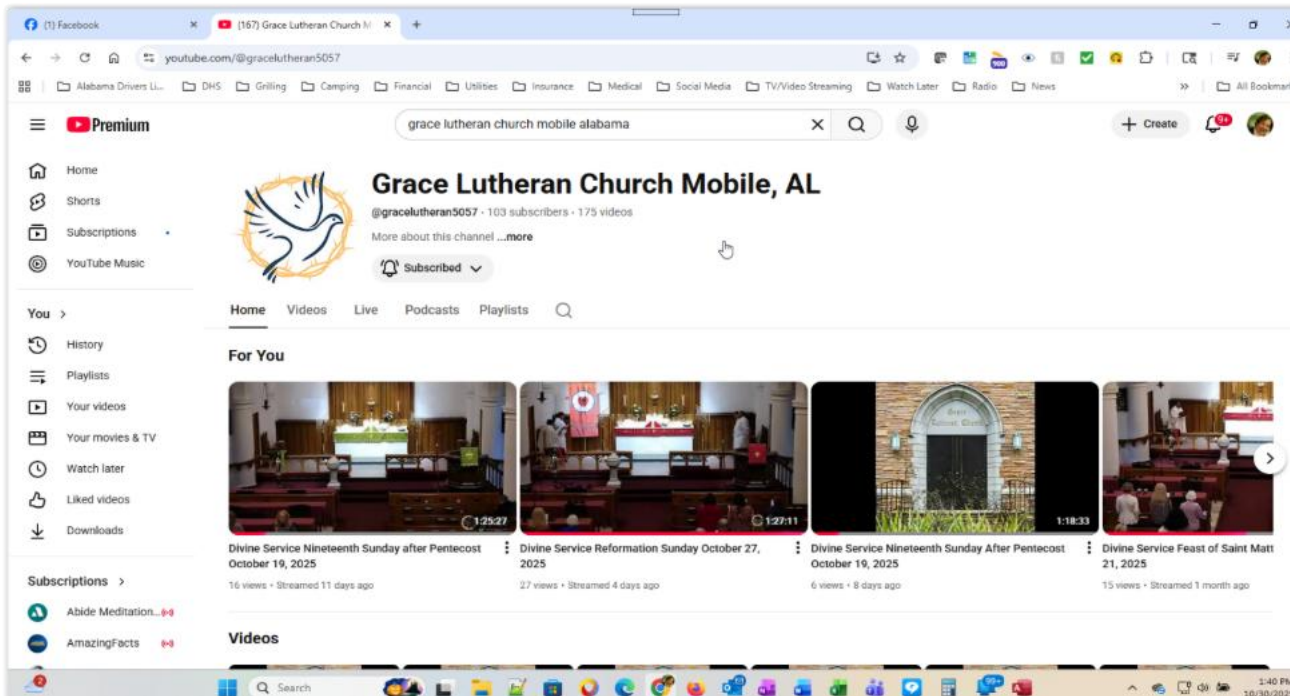
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/gracelutheranmobile>

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

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



Facebook



YouTube

VIDEO ARCHIVES

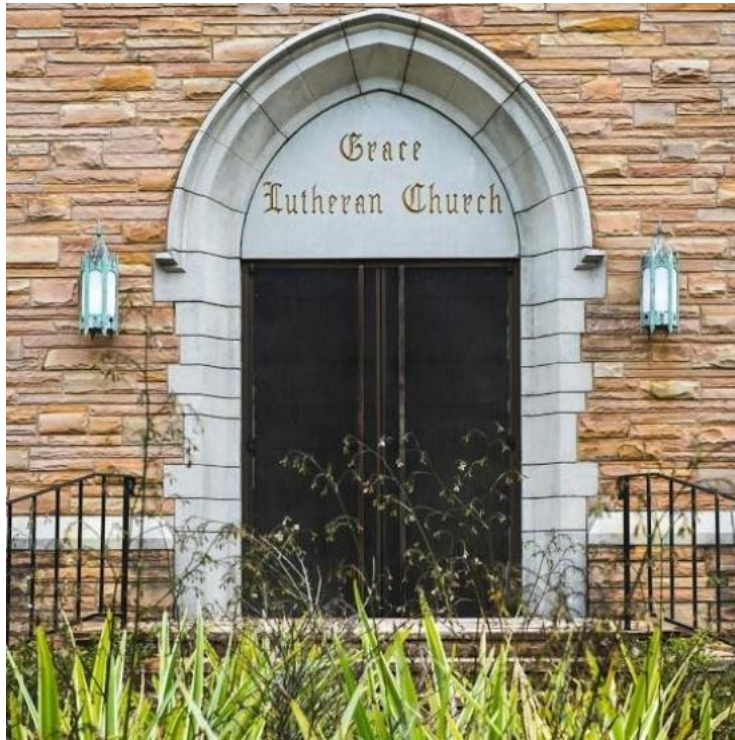
After the livestream ends, both Facebook and YouTube archive the video so you can view it later, should you miss the actual livestream. On Facebook, the video will be on the main Posts page. Please note that Facebook automatically deletes archives of live videos 30 days after they are posted.

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



STILL AVAILABLE AT ONLY ONE YEAR AWAY! BOOK NOW!
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.**



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CAMP DIXIE 2026

Chicken Dinners

Join us at Camp Dixie for our Chicken Dinner fundraiser events! 11am-2pm on the listed dates. \$15 for a good meal of fried chicken, green beans, mashed potatoes, and more! Stop by our Camp Store while you're with us and grab some Camp Dixie swag like a new t-shirt or water bottle!

2026 Dates

January 11
February 8
March 8
April 12
June 7
September 13
October 11
November 8



A Light Before Others

“Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.” Matt. 5:16

What is Camp Dixie’s aim? Ultimately, to glorify God! Let us reflect His light, teach of His sacrifice, and encourage other believers to do the same. Shine on!

In Christ,
Sam “Uno” Schmidt
Camp Dixie Director



Support Camp Dixie

Please keep Camp Dixie in your prayers and consider supporting this ministry further. Options include:

- Monetary Donations (head to website for digital donations)
- Gifts from our Wishlist
- Thrivent Action Team Grants
- Volunteer Service

See our website for more information



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)