

# The Herald of Grace

A Weekly Newsletter for Grace Lutheran Church

April 30, 2026

## Upcoming Sunday Readings and Hymns for May 3:

Readings: Acts 6:1–9; 7:2a, 51–60      1 Peter 2:2–10      John 14:1-14

Divine Service Setting One

Opening Hymn: Christ Is Our Cornerstone LSB 912

Hymn of the Day: At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing LSB 633

Communion Hymns: You are the Way; Through You Alone LSB 526  
Jesus Comes Today With Healing LSB 620

Closing: Built on the Rock LSB 645

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## Weekly Calendar

Sunday, May 3 <i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i>	Children's Sunday School	9:15 am
	Worship- Divine Service	10:30 am
	Abide Youth Night	6:00 pm
Monday, May 4	Facility Use Committee Meeting	6:00 pm
Tuesday, May 5	Elders Meeting	6:00 pm
Wednesday, May 6	LWML meeting	10:00 am
	Bible Study – Our Savior	11:00 am
	Handbell Choir	5:30 pm
	Adult Choir	6:15 pm
Thursday, May 7	Bible Study -Augsburg Confession	11:00 am
Sunday, May 10 <i>Sixth Sunday of Easter</i>	Children's Sunday School	9:15 am
<i>Mother's Day</i>	Worship- Divine Service	10:30 am



*May 1 – Jon Kringel*  
*May 2 – Caroline Fischer*  
*May 5 – Karen Strickland*  
*May 6 – Amos Addison*

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**During the month of May, we are featuring in our newsletter, members of Grace Lutheran Church who are graduating from high school or college. Please submit your graduates with a brief bio, picture and their future potential plans. God bless our 2026 graduates!**

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

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

**Upcoming Dates available:**

**June 7, 14, 28**

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



**ALL MEMBERS ARE INVITED**

# Espejo Open House

**FRIDAY, MAY 15, 2026**

**ANYTIME BETWEEN 3-7 P.M.**

**Tours and Refreshments**

120 Espejo Street, Mobile, AL  
Kitty Corner behind the Church



**May 2026**  
***We need your help with our Sunday School!***

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)

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**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.

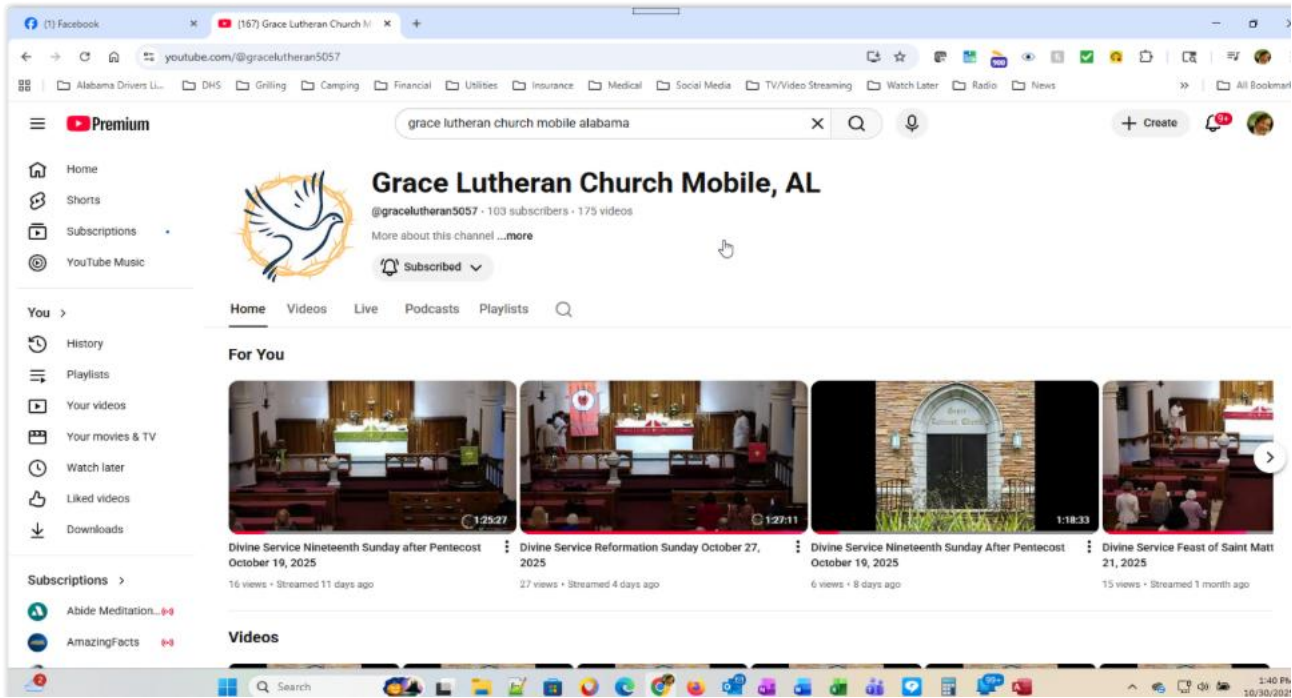
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/gracelutheranmobile>

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

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



## Facebook



## YouTube

### **VIDEO ARCHIVES**

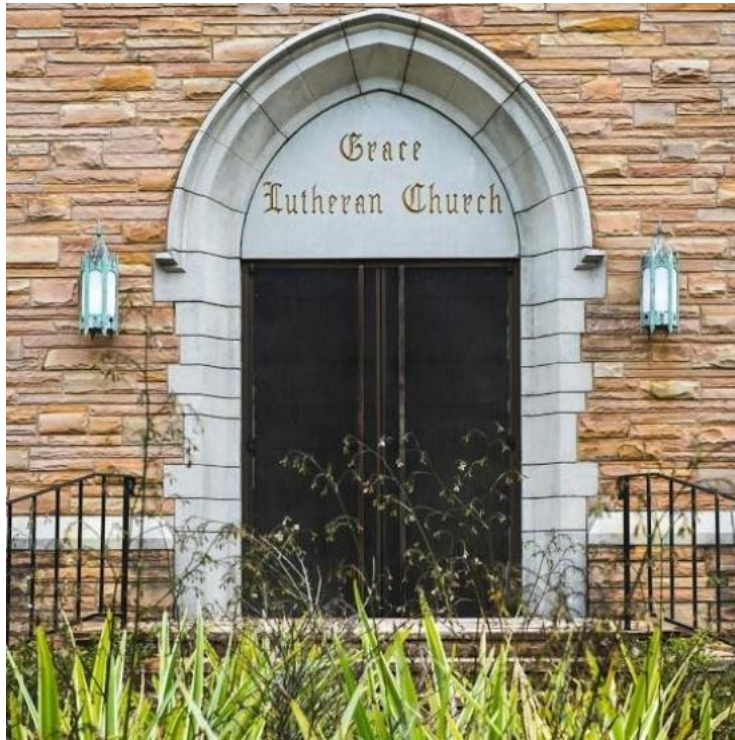
After the livestream ends, both Facebook and YouTube archive the video so you can view it later, should you miss the actual livestream. On Facebook, the video will be on the main Posts page. Please note that Facebook automatically deletes archives of live videos 30 days after they are posted.

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/6cvwTcKLeN9B5R6c17NsC7>

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



**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

### 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:

### 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



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 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.



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

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