

The Herald of Grace

A Weekly Newsletter for Grace Lutheran Church

July 16, 2026

"I always thank my God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus."

-1 Corinthians 1:4

When our Congregational President, Julie Harvey, made some remarks last Sunday regarding my 11th Anniversary at Grace, I almost forgot that morning of my installation on July 12, 2015. For over a decade, I have been blessed to serve you and be served by this congregation and the Lord Himself. God has certainly brought us together and I am filled with gratitude. German theologian and philosopher Meister Eckhart is quoted as saying "If the only prayer you ever said in your whole life was, 'thank you,' that would suffice."

Thank you.

For your generosity with your resources and time and skills to support ministries that serve and care for our congregation and community. Many of you participate and serve every week in so many ways. Some that are visible and some that are more behind-the-scenes. For all the preparing, teaching, organizing, meeting, cooking, decorating, installing, fixing, cleaning, updating and caring for our property. For mission work and contributions and sharing Jesus with others. For serving on boards and committees in leadership roles. For your prayers and support and care for each other and the community. For being there for those in need with cards and calls and meals and visits.

For showing up, in this place, to study and hear the word of God and to share in the Lord's Supper, even when life is busy and especially when it's hard. To be the body of Christ together, joining our hands and voices together in worship opening our hearts to song and prayer, lament and praise.

For welcoming all people, especially newcomers and children, with warmth and hospitality, smiles and greetings.

For your faithful giving to financially support the ministry and mission of Grace, in operations, as well as special offerings.

To each of you, thank you for sharing yourselves with Grace Lutheran Church and I give thanks to God for you! This Church doesn't belong to any one of us but to Christ and He will make us the Church we need to be. May God continue to bless us with servants and disciples. I pray that we grow in our study of God's Word, our Sunday School, our mission work, and volunteering.

Thanks be to God for what is already established for us in the Word and Sacrament Ministry of Jesus Christ. With all our history of successes and failures, our gifts and abilities, our stewardship, our fruits of the Spirit and indeed our sins and shortcomings, above all is the Gospel of Jesus Christ and it is the power of salvation to all who believe. I pray that you always receive and know the grace, mercy and peace we have in Jesus Christ our Lord.

With joy and thanksgiving in serving you,
Rev. Wayne J. Miller

Upcoming Sunday Readings and Hymns:

Readings:	Isaiah 44:6–8	Romans 8:12-17	Matthew 13:24–30, 36–43
Divine Service Setting 4			
Opening Hymn:	For the Fruits of His Creation	LSB 894	
Hymn of the Day:	What a Friend We Have in Jesus	LSB 770	
Distribution Hymns:	What Is This Bread	LSB 629	
	I Heard The Voice of Jesus Say	LSB 699	
	Sent Forth by God's Blessing	LSB 643	
Closing:	Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing	LSB 924	

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, July 19 <i>Eighth Sunday after Pentecost</i>	Children's Sunday School	9:15 am
	Adult/Teen Fellowship and Bible Study @Espejo House	9:15 am
	Worship- Divine Service	10:30 am
Wednesday, July 22	No Bible Study – @ Our Savior	
	No Handbell Choir (restarts in Sept.)	
	No Adult Choir (restarts in Sept.)	
	No Confirmation/Communion Youth Class	
Thursday, July 23	No Bible Study	
Saturday, July 25	Memorial Service – Tommy Griffin	1:00 pm
Sunday, July 26 <i>Ninth Sunday after Pentecost</i>	Children's Sunday School	9:15 am
	Adult/Teen Fellowship and Bible Study @Espejo House	9:15 am
	Worship- Divine Service	10:30 am
	Semiannual Congregational Meeting and Potluck	<i>After worship service</i>



July 16 – Deborah Lamb

July 17 – Luke Mueller

July 18 – Kelly Beck

July 20 – Devon Addison

July 20 – Charlotte March

July 21 – Ella Bryant

July 24 – Mary Ann West



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

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

Upcoming Dates available:

August 16, 23, 30

Please return any glass vases and green liners the floral arrangements are placed in when sent home.

Semiannual Congregational Meeting and Potluck on Sunday, July 26.
For the potluck, please bring something to share if you are able. With the summer heat, we prefer cold salads, sandwiches, fruits, etc. so the ovens are not needed.
Thank you!



Grace Lutheran Camp Dixie Weekend!

All men, women, children and families are invited to a Camp Dixie Weekend on August 14-16, 2026!

More information will be forthcoming!

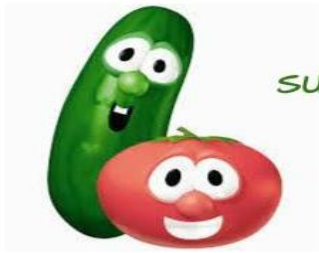


Sunday School meets from 9:15-10:15 each Sunday morning. Classes include Preschool (Age 3-5), Elementary (Grades 1-4), and Tween (Grades 5-8).
Sunday School News- July 2026

Our Sunday School children are having a great time this summer. During June, the children have been on a discovery hunt, attacked Goliath with slingshots and ping pong balls, built and then destroyed the Walls of Jericho. Our adventures continue during July. Thanks to Kelly Johnson who has planned, organized, and is teaching the summer program. Our adventures continue during July. Come and join us for the fun!

Sunday School News

June 7 - August 2
9:15 - 10:15



Join us for
SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Veggie Tales
Crafts
Games
Snacks



Carillon Donation Challenge This Summer!

We have a generous anonymous donor who is matching up to \$7500 for a new digital Carillon system. Our goal is having the Carillon operational for Christmas. The cost of the new system will be approximately \$18,000. Together with current funds raised and the donor's \$7500 match, we can easily meet the goal by the end of the summer.

Cash and coins can be placed in the wooden church donation box in the narthex. Checks are to be made to Grace Lutheran Church with the memo line marked "Carillon Project". Checks can be placed in the offering plate.

Thank you and we look forward to bells ringing once again from Grace Lutheran Church praising our Lord and serving the community.

PAWS for a Cause



The City of Mobile Animal Services has provided a wish list of needed items for their shelters throughout Mobile County. There will be a collection box located in the narthax throughout the month of June. Your generous donations will help the shelters care for the rescue animals they provide for daily. Our pets give us unconditional love, let us return that love to animals in need.



STILL AVAILABLE AT ONLY 8 MONTHS AWAY! BOOK NOW!
Call Galyna Henry. Deposits could be as low as \$50 pp.
More info on next page.



Grace
LUTHERAN CHURCH



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

NOT INCLUDED:

- ◆ Gratuities to shipboard staff
- ◆ Optional shore excursions
- ◆ Travel Protection

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 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

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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

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