

The Herald of Grace

A Weekly Newsletter for Grace Lutheran Church

July 2, 2026

BLESSED
be the
NATION
whose
GOD IS THE
LORD
psalms 33:12

Upcoming Sunday Readings and Hymns for June 28

Readings: Zechariah 9:9-12 Romans 7:14-25 Matthew 11:25-30

Divine Service Setting Four

Opening Hymn: Come Thou Almighty King LSB 905

Hymn of the Day: I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say LSB 699

Distribution Hymns: Lord of All Hopefulness LSB 738
 Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread LSB 625

Closing: Before You, Lord, We Bow LSB 966

Pastor's Newsletter

Jesus said, "If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed." -John 8

This Saturday on July 4th 2026, the United States will celebrate its Semiquincentennial. It will be 250 years since America declared its independence. On July 4, 1776, the 13 colonies declared that they were free from, and no longer subject to, King George III and the British monarchy. The Semiquincentennial will be a perfect day to give thanks to God for the many blessings He has bestowed on our nation since that historic moment.

It will also be a perfect day to give thanks to God for an even greater freedom. By His death and resurrection God's Son has set us FREE from a greater threat to our living: bondage to sin, death, and the devil. At your Holy Baptism you were set FREE from these evils and made a citizen of God's kingdom. Filled with His Spirit, you are no longer subject to a life ruled by sin, the looming threat of eternal death, and hopeless captivity to the devil.

The Christian life can be a struggle because sin, death, and the devil want to draw you back into bondage to them. We are tempted to worship the things of the world and even our own land but remember that we do not rely on kings and princes and the powers of this world. We trust in our Creator and Redeemer. So, each day is a perfect day to remember and celebrate your belonging to Christ, your Liberator. He then teaches us how to live a life of true freedom. Martin Luther famously wrote, "*A Christian is a perfectly free lord of all, subject to none. A Christian is a perfectly dutiful servant of all, subject of all, subject to all.*" When the Son sets you free in this way, you are free indeed. Free to serve God and everyone in joy and peace in knowing our freedom filled future awaits us in eternal kingdom of heaven.

Let us pray this 4th of July: *Faithful God, we thank you for the abundant blessings You have bestowed on this nation. We praise You for the precious freedom that we have in Christ crucified and risen for us. Fill us always with Your Spirit as we anticipate our eternal life that You have promised through our King of kings and Lord of lords. Amen.*

Have a safe and fun 4th of July!

Your Servant in Christ,

Pastor Miller

4th of July Pastoral Advice: God created you with 10 fingers. Cherish them all!

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, July 5 <i>Sixth 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
Tuesday, July 7	Elders Meeting	6:00 pm
Wednesday, July 8	Bible Study – @ Our Savior	11:00 am
	No Handbell Choir (restarts in Sept.)	
	No Adult Choir (restarts in Sept.)	
	Confirmation/Communion Youth Class	6:00-7:00 pm
Thursday, July 9	Bible Study	11:00 am
Sunday, July 12 <i>Seventh 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



July 6 – Melanie Weiss

July 7 – Dick Côté

July 8 – Talyn Hosey

July 10 – Virginia Duff



July 7 – Tom and Susan Hankins



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

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

Upcoming Dates available:

August 9, 16, 23, 30

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

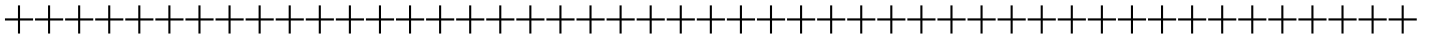


Mark your Calendars!

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).

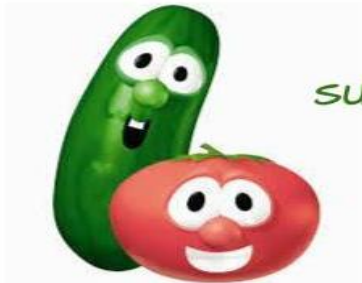
Sunday School News- July 2026

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



Another 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.

Note from the Treasurer:

Our Semi-Annual Congregational meeting is coming up on Sunday, July 26, after service. If there is anything about the finances that you have questions about please send an email (treasurer@gracelutheranmobile.com) with the question and I will address it in the meeting or in the newsletter.

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.



Galyna Henry

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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**

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