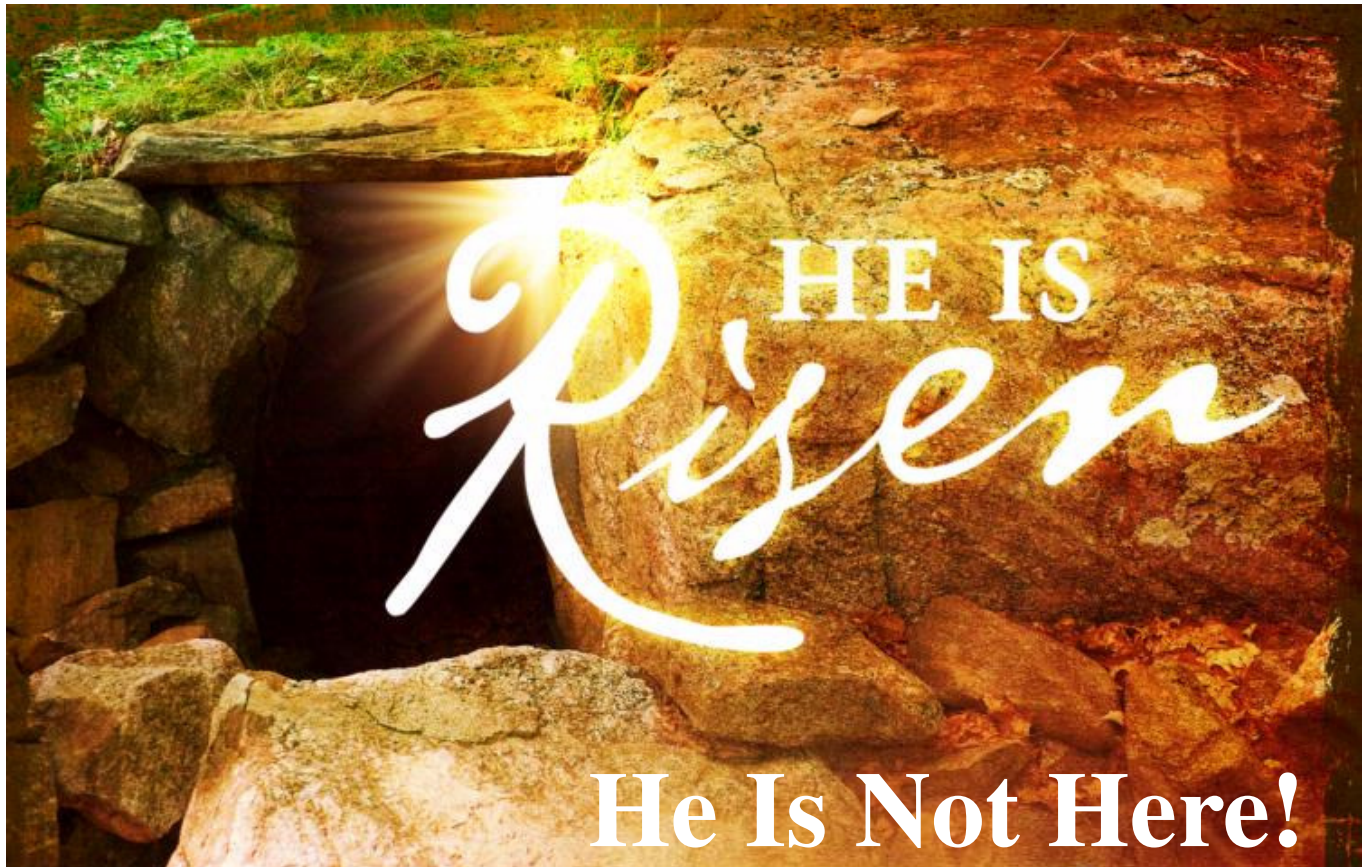


# The Resurrection of Our Lord

## Easter Day



Grace Lutheran Church  
April 8, 2012



# EASTER FESTIVAL WORSHIP

## PRESERVICE MUSIC

**Awake, My Heart, with Gladness**  
*Arranged by Robert Hobby*

**Jesus Christ Is Risen Today**  
*Played by the Brass Ensemble*

## WELCOME

## HANDBELLS & WORSHIP CHOIR

**Ring the Easter Bells**  
*Words & Music by Joseph M. Martin*

*Ring the Easter bells victorious for the resurrection day.  
Christ has proved His name all glorious, He has rolled our doubt away.  
He has conquered death's dread prison, He has ended sin's dark night.  
He has lifted us to heaven through His death and endless life.  
Ring the Easter bells victorious, Christ is risen, He's alive!*

*Ring the Easter bells in honor of the Lord who paid the price,  
for the love that bid Him suffer, for the pow'r that bid Him rise.  
Even as the bells are tolling, let our minds be set on Thee;  
Ringing not for death, but living, pealing forth in victory.  
Ring the Easter bells in honor of the Christ who sets us free.*

*Ring the Easter bells with gladness, let them ring throughout the land.  
Let us put away our sadness, Christ is risen as He said.  
Alleluia to the Savior, King of kings and Lord of lords,  
For He gains the Father's favor if upon His name we call.  
Ring the Easter bells victorious, Christ is risen, Lord of all.  
Christ is risen, Christ is risen, Lord, the Lord of all.*

## HYMN

**Jesus Christ Is Risen Today**  
*Christian Worship #157*  
*Trumpet: Tyler Koehler*

## STAND

## EASTER LITANY (M: Minister, C: Congregation)

M: Christ is risen!

C: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

M: Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: **He has given us new life and hope by raising Jesus from the dead.**

M: Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised!  
C: **God has won the victory! With a mighty arm God has triumphed!**

M: Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised!  
C: **The grave has lost its power. Sin has lost its reign.**

M: Let the trumpets sound. Let children's voices praise him.  
C: **Let all the people praise him!**

M: Sing to the Lord a new song.  
C: **For God has given us new life.**

M: Shout aloud, Our God has won!  
C: **Victory is the Lord's!**

M: Christ is risen!  
C: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

## **PRAYER**

M: Let us pray.  
Lord of all life and power, through the mighty resurrection of your Son you overcame sin and death and opened the gates to eternal life. Grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may walk in the newness of life and ever rejoice in the hope of dwelling with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honor, glory and might, now and in all eternity.

C: **Amen.**

## **BE SEATED**

## **HANDBELLS**

## **Praise to the Lord the Almighty**

## **FIRST LESSON**

## **Isaiah 25:6-9**

On this mountain the LORD Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples, a banquet of aged wine—the best of meats and the finest of wines. On this mountain he will destroy the shroud that enfolds all peoples, the sheet that covers all nations; he will swallow up death forever. The Sovereign LORD will wipe away the

tears from all faces; he will remove the disgrace of his people from all the earth. The LORD has spoken. In that day they will say, "Surely this is our God; we trusted in him, and he saved us. This is the LORD, we trusted in him; let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation."

*The soloist will sing the verses, the congregation may join in the refrains and verse 7.*

*Refrain*



This is the day the Lord has made, let us re - joice and be glad!\_\_\_\_\_



This is the day the Lord has made, let us re - joice and be glad!\_\_\_\_\_

*Psalm Tone*



1. The LORD is my strength / and my song;\*  
he has become my sal- / vation.
2. The LORD'S right hand is / lifted high;\*  
the LORD'S right hand has done / mighty things!
3. I will not / die but live,\*  
and will proclaim what the / LORD has done.

5. The stone the builders rejected has become  
the / capstone;\*  
the LORD has done this, and it is marvelous /  
in our eyes.
6. This is the day the / LORD has made;\*  
let us rejoice and be / glad in it.
7. **Glory be to the Father and / to the Son\*  
and to the Holy / Spirit,  
as it was in the be- / ginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. / Amen.**

*Refrain*

4. I will give you thanks, for you / answered me;\*  
you have become my sal- / vation.

*Refrain*

**SECOND LESSON**

If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men. But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. But each in his

**1 Corinthians 15:19-26**

own turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

## **WORSHIP CHOIR**

## **The Tomb Stands Open Wide** *Words and Music by Lloyd Larson*

*It was early Sunday morning as they went to the tomb,  
The women mourned the death of Christ with hearts of gloom.  
But an angel of the Lord said, "Do not be afraid,  
for I know that you seek Jesus; come and see where He lay."*

*Refrain: The tomb stands open wide, Jesus lives today!  
The stone's been rolled away, and the Lord's been raised!  
Lift up your voice and sing to Christ the risen King!  
The tomb stands open wide, Jesus lives today!*

*Go quickly and proclaim the news that Jesus now lives!  
Go celebrate th'eternal hope this vict'ry gives.  
So they ran to spread the news of Christ, the living King.  
Death is conquered, He is risen! Let your alleluias ring!*

*Refrain*

*Alleluia, alleluia! Hearts to heav'n and voices raise:  
Sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise;  
He who on the cross a victim for the world's salvation bled,  
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory, now is risen from the dead!*

*The tomb stands open wide, Jesus lives today!  
The stone's been rolled aside, and the Lord's been raised!  
Alleluia! The Lord's been raised! And the tomb stands open wide!*

**STAND**

## **GOSPEL**

**Mark 16:1-8**

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body. Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb and they asked each other, "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?" But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed

in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. "Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.'" Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.

**BE SEATED**

HYMN

Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands

Christian Worship Supplement #720

Choir: st. 1-2, Congregation: st. 3, 4, 6

Timpani: Danny Koehler



Choir: 1 Christ Je - sus lay in death's strong  
 Choir: 2 No son of man could con - quer  
 ALL: 3 Christ Je - sus, God's own Son, came  
 ALL: 4 It was a strange and dread - ful



bands For our of - fens - es giv -  
 death, Such ru - in sin had wrought  
 down, His peo - ple to de - liv -  
 strife When life and death con - tend -



en; But now at God's right hand he  
 us. No in - no - cence was found on  
 er; De - stroy - ing sin, he took the  
 ed. The vic - to - ry re - mained with



stands And brings us life from heav -  
 earth, And there - fore death had brought  
 crown From death's pale brow for - ev -  
 life; The reign of death was end -



en. There - fore let us joy - ful be  
 us In - to bond - age from of old  
 er. Stripped of pow'r, no more it reigns;  
 ed. Ho - ly Scrip - ture plain - ly says



And sing to God right thank - ful -  
 And ev - er grew more strong and  
 An emp - ty form a - lone re -  
 That death is swal - lowed up by



ly Loud songs of al - le - lu -  
 bold And held us as its cap -  
 mains; Its sting is lost for - ev -  
 death. Its sting is lost for - ev -



ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 tive. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 er. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 er. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

ALL: 6 So let us keep the festival  
 To which the Lord invites us;  
 Christ is himself the joy of all,  
 The sun that warms and lights us.  
 Now his grace to us imparts  
 Eternal sunshine to our hearts;  
 The night of sin is ended.  
 Alleluia! Alleluia!

STAND

**APOSTLES' CREED**

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*BE SEATED*

**OFFERING** *Members of Grace respond to their Savior's love with offerings that are given joyfully, generously, regularly, and in a way that is proportionate to how the Lord has blessed them. Their cheerful gifts support the mission and ministry of our congregation. If you are a guest today, please know that we do not expect you to contribute to our congregation's work. However, if you would like to give an offering to the Lord in response to his love to you, we are happy to receive it and put it to work in God's kingdom.*

*Please fill out the Friendship Register located in the red folder at the end of the pew and pass it along. Thank You!*

**OFFERTORY MUSIC**

**In Christ Alone**

*Arranged by Mary McDonald*

*Organ: Tina Christianson, Piano: Sarah Oberhofer*

STAND

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**M: O Lord God, our strength, our song, and our salvation, you fulfilled your promises by the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, from the dead.**

**C: Thanks be to God! You give us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

**M: In your compassion you sent Christ, the Good Shepherd, who laid down his life to rescue the lost.**

**C: Drive out all doubt and gloom that we may delight in your glorious triumph.**

**M: Lift our eyes heavenward to see him who lives to make intercession for believers, and grant us confidence in the greatness of his power. Keep before us the vision of your redeemed people standing before your throne and singing the song of victory:**

**C: Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive wisdom and power and honor and glory and praise.**

**M: Make us instruments of your peace as we bring the good news of hope and new life to those around us. Guide us in the use of all that you have entrusted to us: our time, our talents, and our treasures.**

**C: Risen Lord, live in us that we may live for you.**

**M: Merciful Lord Jesus, grant healing to the sick, and strengthen the faith of the suffering and the dying. Assure them of your abiding presence, and comfort them with the hope of eternal life.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent prayer.*

M: Gracious Father, you have restored to us the joy of your salvation. With happy hearts, we come before you and say:

C: **Alleluia! Thanks be to God! Amen.**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

C: **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

*BE SEATED*

### **HYMN**

**I Know that My Redeemer Lives**

*Christian Worship #152*

*Trumpets: Tyler Koehler, Pastor Nathan Kassulke*

**ALL sing: st. 1-2, Men: st. 3, Women: st. 4-5, Men: st. 6, ALL: st. 7-8**

*STAND*

### **CLOSING PRAYER**

M: Almighty God, grant to your Church the Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes from above. Let nothing hinder your Word from being freely proclaimed to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that we may serve you in steadfast faith and confess your name as long as we live, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

### **BENEDICTION**

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

*BE SEATED*

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **CLOSING HYMN**

**He's Risen, He's Risen**

*Christian Worship #143*

### **POSTLUDE**

**A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing**

*Setting by Paul Manz*



*Those Assisting in Easter Worship*

*Worship Leader*

*Preacher*

*Organist*

*Worship Choir Director*

*Handbell Choir Director*

*Soloist*

*Timpani*

*Offertory Pianist*

*Brass Ensemble:*

*Director*

*French Horn*

*Trombones*

*Trumpets*

*Pastor Nathan Kassulke*

*Pastor Sam Clemons*

*Tina Christianson*

*Teri Guenther*

*Beth Kassulke*

*Jacob Hansen*

*Danny Koehler*

*Sarah Oberhofer*

*Missy Wiechmann*

*Cora Kosanke*

*Dallas Johnson*

*Cade Johnson*

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*Tyler Koehler*

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*Because He lives, I too shall live!*



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### To Aid You in Worship...

- LARGE PRINT BULLETINS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX. ASK A GREETER OR USHER FOR A COPY.
- For those with young children: A private Mother's Room is located across the courtyard in the Ladies' Restroom. Parents of young children may also use the Child Care Room in the basement at any time to quiet and care for them (the service can be heard in both locations).
- Sermon copies & service CDs are available in the narthex.

## Welcome to Grace!

**WE WELCOME** all who are visiting with us on this joyful Easter morning! Please join us again. We look forward to sharing the joy of our Risen Savior with you throughout the year! If you do not have a church home, we would love to have you worship with us regularly. If you are interested in membership at Grace, please speak to one of the pastors today or at any time.

**Our mission at Grace** is to teach the inspired and inerrant Word of God, to proclaim that Jesus Christ is the crucified and risen Savior of the world and to nurture believers for lives of Christian service.

God has blessed us with wonderful people, a magnificent facility, a fantastic location and, most importantly, many opportunities for worship, Bible study, events and groups. The gospel is at the heart of all we do here at Grace! Feel free to ask the pastors or any of the members any questions you may have about our church. For more information about our congregation there are **Guest Packets** available at both exits of the sanctuary or in the Fellowship Hall for you to take today.

Check out the **NEW website:** [www.GraceTucsonWELS.com](http://www.GraceTucsonWELS.com)!

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#### Read Ahead for Next Sunday:

Acts 26:19-29  
1 Corinthians 15:12-22  
John 20:19-31

#### Next Sun. Sermon Text & Theme:

Acts 26:19-29  
A Message Fit For a King

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**Altar flowers** have been given by Sean and Mary Brearcliffe in thankfulness for 24 years of Christian marriage and in celebration of the 20th anniversary of the baptism of their daughter, Katherine.



### Easter Lilies

The lilies beautifying our worship space have been given by the individuals below:



- Teresa Travis—In memory of my dad, Dick Street, and thanks to God for my blessed son, Coltin.  
Dorothy Kaiser—In loving memory of Gerhard (Jerry) Wachsmann and my parents, Fred & Margaret Bonn.  
The Koehler Family—In thankfulness for our Christian friends at Grace.  
Brian & Linda Morris & Family—In memory of Larry Hess.  
The Dyjak Family—In memory of Joseph John Dyjak and in gratefulness for Christian parents, children, and the protection afforded us by those serving in the United States military.  
Sally Littau—In memory of loving parents.  
Greg & Karen Grorud—In memory of August & Dorothy Lehet.  
Audrey Street—In memory of Richard Street.  
John & Leslie Holz—In memory of Frank and Bernice Holz, Gerry Harves, Ralph Hagar, and Melvin Iburg.  
Bob & Nadine Rentschler—In memory of our parents.  
Emily Rudd—In thanks to God.  
Sean & Mary Brearcliffe—In memory of Noel and Mary Brearcliffe.

**For those of you who purchased lilies, please remember to take them home after the 10:00 AM service today. Thank you!**

### Today EASTER

- Sunrise Service (in the Courtyard)..... 7:00a
- Grace-Vail Easter Breakfast at Cottonwood Elem. .... 8:00a
- Easter Breakfast (in the Fellowship Hall)..... 8:00a
- Grace-Vail Festival Service at Cottonwood Elem. .... 9:00a
- Easter Concert (in the Church) ..... 9:00a
- Festival Worship (in the Church)..... 10:00a

**There is NO Adult Bible Class, Sunday School, or TCM Bible study today.**

### Monday

- NO Bible Study at Vail Golf Club (resumes April 16).....
- English as a Second Language Classes .....6:30p

### Tuesday

- NO Handbells Practice .....
- English as a Second Language Classes .....6:30p

### Wednesday

- NO Wednesday Bible Study (resumes April 18) .....

### Thursday

- NO Women's Bible Study (resumes April 19).....
- NO Worship Choir .....
- NO Men's Bible Study (resumes April 19).....

### Saturday

- Christian Fellowship Potluck at the Kwarts'** ..... 12:00p

### Sunday

- Worship Services/Communion..... 7:45 & 10:00a
- Children's Sunday School..... 8:45a
- Youth Confirmation Class..... 8:45a
- Adult Bible Studies:
  - *The Life of Christ* (Fellowship Hall)..... 9:00a
  - *Grow in Grace Class* (Conference Room in Office)..... 9:00a
- Lifeliners (High School Group): *Bible Study*..... 9:00a
- Grace-Vail Bible Study at Cottonwood Elementary..... 9:00a
- Grace-Vail Service at Cottonwood Elementary ..... 10:00a
- Coffee Fellowship following 10 AM Worship.....
- WELS Tucson Campus Ministry Bible Study .....7:00p

## **Christian Fellowship Potluck**

The Christian Fellowship Group will meet at noon this Saturday, April 14, at the home of Ron & Helen Kwart (2706 N. Walnut Avenue). Please bring your own meat to grill and a side dish to share with everyone. Debbie Dyjak will show a slide presentation and relate the ESL and nursing experiences she and her son, Erik, encountered while in Thailand recently. The potluck will be held outside so bring your hat and sunscreen. *The Christian Fellowship Group provides people 55 and older with an opportunity to enjoy the company of others on a very informal basis.*

## **Tuition Tax Credit Donations**

As you prepare your 2011 tax return this week, don't forget about the Arizona Tuition Tax Credit. State law allows you to make a donation in support of Lutheran education and to claim the same amount as a credit on your state tax return. Basically, this means that you get to decide how money that would otherwise be paid in taxes gets used. A donation made before April 15 and before you file your taxes may be claimed on the 2011 return, so you can also determine your tax liability before making a donation. Donations are made through a Student Tuition Organization (STO) such as the HELP Scholarship Foundation ([www.helpscholarships.org](http://www.helpscholarships.org)). You may even recommend your donation for a specific student. Donations are eligible for the tax credit up to \$500 for a single person or \$1000 for a married couple in 2011, with a slight increase to \$503 and \$1006 in 2012. Please contact the church office if you have questions.

## **Groundskeeper Needed**

After serving as our church groundskeeper for 12 years, Ted Malchow has decided to leave that position. We thank him for his faithful service and for taking such good care of the property. We are also beginning our search for a new groundskeeper. If you would be interested in serving in this capacity or in receiving more information, please speak to Dave Breikreitz (298-9758) or call the church office (623-6633).

## **Quarterly Statements Available**

Grace members may pick up their quarterly statements in the Fellowship Hall.



## Bible Study Opportunities

We are thankful for the opportunity to gather together to celebrate our Lord's resurrection today. In response to God's gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation, Christians desire to grow in faith through the study of God's Word. Many of our Bible studies do not meet this week, but you are invited and encouraged to join us for these upcoming Bible study opportunities:

- **Sunday Adult Bible Study, 9:00-9:45 AM in the Fellowship Hall** resumes next Sunday. Pastor Koehler leads this study, which is focusing on the Life of Christ.
- **Wednesday Adult Bible Study, 10:00 AM and repeated at 7:00 PM.** This study with Pastor Clemons resumes April 18. We are considering the lessons we can learn from the history of the church.
- **Thursday morning Women's Bible Study, 9:00 AM** in the east wing of the Fellowship Hall. This study begins a new topic on April 19. Join Pastor Koehler for a look at the first book of the Bible, Genesis.
- **Thursday evening Men's Bible Study, 7:30 PM** in the Fellowship Hall. Mr. Jay Pauley leads this Bible study and discussion geared toward equipping men for service and leadership. This study resumes April 19 and does not meet on the first Thursday of each month.
- **Sunday School & Youth Confirmation Class, 8:45 AM-9:45 AM** in the Classroom Building. These are wonderful opportunities for 3 year olds through eighth graders to learn and review the stories and teachings of the Bible.
- **Lifeliners, Sunday mornings 9:00 AM-9:45 AM** in the Church Basement. Our High School Youth Group meets for Bible study on a variety of topics, led by Mr. Jake Kassulke.
- **WELS Tucson Campus Ministry (TCM), Sunday evenings at 7:00 PM** in the Student Center (in the basement, entered from the parking lot). Our college-age Bible study meets most Sunday evenings during the school year. Schedules are available in the entryways. Pastor Kassulke leads this study and discussion.
- **Bible studies are also offered** at our Grace-Vail location and in Southeast Tucson on Sunday mornings at 9:00 AM starting April 15 (Cottonwood Elementary: 9950 E. Rees Loop), Mondays at 9:30 AM resuming April 16 (at Del Lago Golf Club: 14155 E. Via Rancho Del Lago), and Wednesdays at the Prigge's home starting April 18 (5391 S. Black Falls Dr, 85747).
- **Grow in Grace Class.** This study is intended for those who may be interested in becoming members of Grace. It is also a wonderful opportunity to learn and review the teachings of the Bible. The Pastors at Grace would be pleased to schedule a Grow in Grace Class for those who are interested.