

# Sixth Sunday of Easter



**"Before long, the world will not see me anymore,  
but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live."**

**-John 14:19**

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

May 25, 2014





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.

We are very pleased that you have joined us for worship today at Grace-University! We pray that this time will be a blessing for you as God comes to you with his Word and promises and as you offer him your thanks and praise.

## Worship Notes

The **order of service** we follow is printed out in this worship folder. You'll notice that the service is a dialogue between God and us, his people. The pastor speaks to God along with the congregation and also speaks the Word of God to the people.

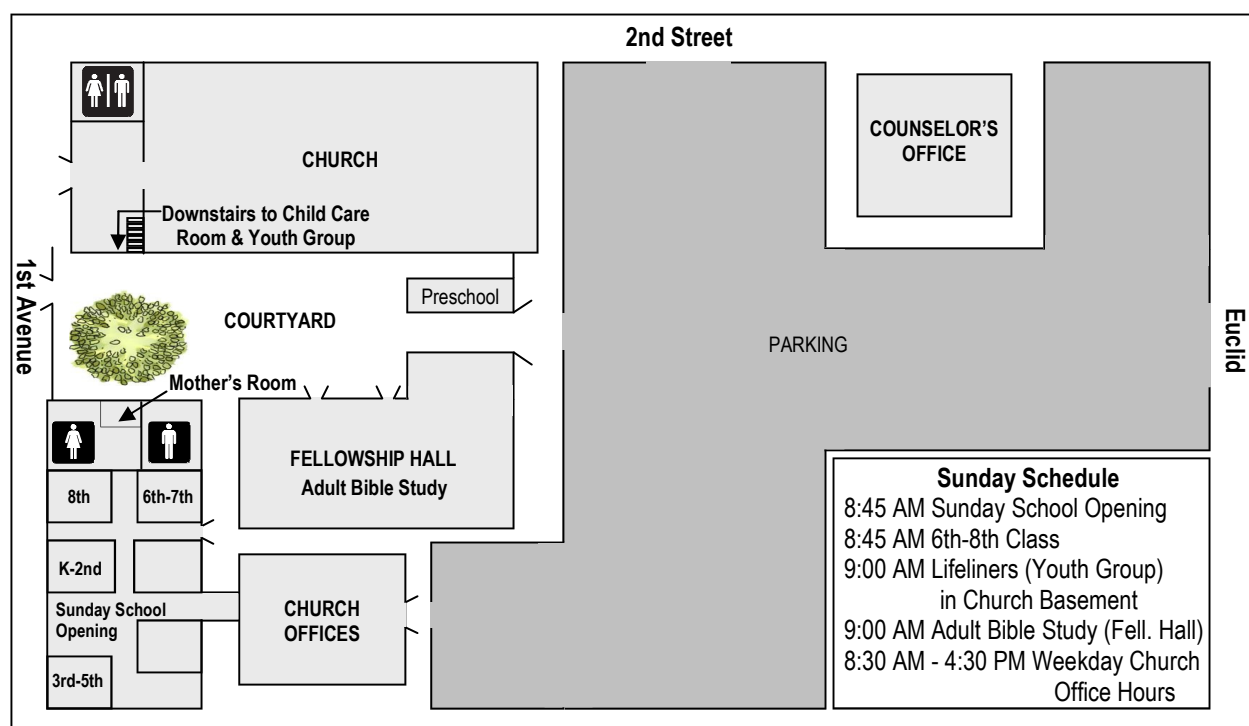
**Hymns** are found in our hymnal, *Christian Worship*, which is the red book in the pew rack in front of you.

**Large print** hymn sheets are available in the entryway. You may also ask an usher or greeter to get one for you.

We believe that many blessings come from having families worship together and we love to have **children in worship!** If you need to calm a restless child, you may:

- stand for a few moments in the entryway, sometimes that's all that's needed
- go down the stairs to the left in the entryway—they will lead down to the Child Care Room where you will still be able to hear the service
- visit the private Mother's Room across the courtyard in the women's restroom—you will be able to hear the service there also

Printed copies of the sermon are available in the entryway. CDs of the entire worship service will be made upon request from the sound technician in the balcony. It only takes a few minutes to copy. You may also find sermons and services in print, audio and video on our website: [www.GraceTucsonWELS.com](http://www.GraceTucsonWELS.com)



**DIVINE SERVICE II**  
*Christian Worship Supplement*

**PRESERVICE MUSIC:**

*The Strife is O'er,  
the Battle Done  
Arr. by Cindy Berry*

**WELCOME**

**HYMN**

**Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice**  
*Christian Worship #377 st. 1-5*

*Please stand*

*This hymn from 1523 may have been the first written by Martin Luther for congregational use. Consider these comments from 1565: "I do not doubt that through this one hymn of Luther many hundreds of Christians have been brought to the true faith...the noble, precious words of the hymn have won their hearts."*

**INVOCATION**

Minister: In the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

**CONFESSION OF SINS**

M: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

C: Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.  
For faithless worrying and selfish pride,  
For sins of habit and sins of choice,  
For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,  
You should cast me away from your presence forever.  
O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.

**ABSOLUTION**

M: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant:

I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

**LORD, HAVE MERCY—Kyrie**

*Mark 10:47*

M: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C: Christ, have mercy.

*Kyrie is the Greek word for Lord. The expression "Lord, have mercy" is one of the oldest worship responses in the Christian Church.*

M: For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.

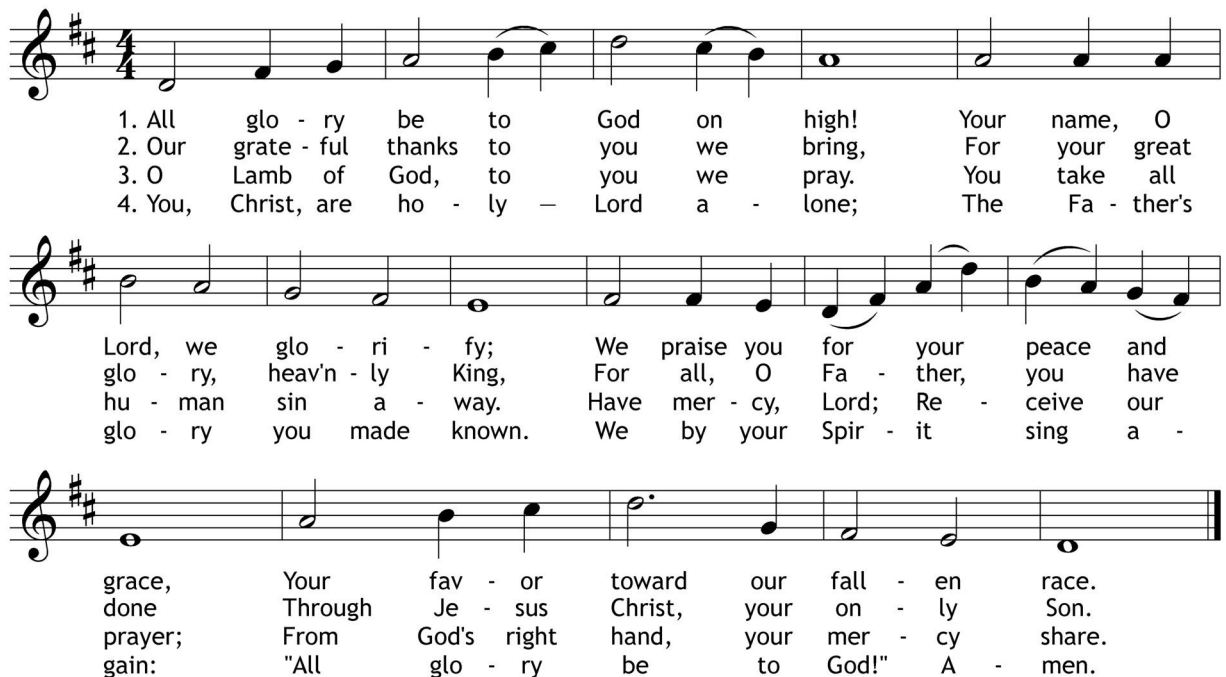
C: Amen.

Christians praise  
God by proclaiming  
the great things he  
has done to  
accomplish our  
rescue from sin.  
"Glory to God in the  
Highest" has been a  
Christian song of  
worship since the  
fourth century.

## GLORY BE TO GOD *Gloria in Excelsis*

Luke 2:14

*Please join in singing the response below following a brief introduction.  
(Sung to the tune of "I Know that My Redeemer Lives," Christian Worship #152)*



1. All glo - ry be to God on high! Your name, O  
2. Our grate - ful thanks to you we bring, For your great  
3. O Lamb of God, to you we pray. You take all  
4. You, Christ, are ho - ly — Lord a - lone; The Fa - ther's

Lord, we glo - ri - fy; We praise you for your peace and  
glo - ry, heav'n - ly King, For all, O Fa - ther, you have  
hu - man sin a - way. Have mer - cy, Lord; Re - ceive our  
glo - ry you made known. We by your Spir - it sing a -

grace, Your fav - or toward our fall - en race.  
done Through Je - sus Christ, your on - ly Son.  
prayer; From God's right hand, your mer - cy share.  
gain: "All glo - ry be to God!" A - men.

## THE WORD

### SALUTATION

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Father of lights, every good and perfect gift comes from you. Inspire us to think those things that are true and long for those things that are good, that we may always make our petitions according to your gracious will; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

*Please be seated*

## FIRST LESSON

Adam lay with his wife Eve, and she became pregnant and gave birth to Cain. She said, "With the help of the LORD I have brought forth a man." Later she gave birth to his brother Abel. Now Abel kept flocks, and Cain worked the soil. In the course of time Cain brought some of the fruits of the soil as an offering to the LORD. But Abel brought fat portions from some of the firstborn of his flock. The LORD looked with favor on Abel and his offering, but on Cain and his offering he did not look with favor. So Cain was very angry, and his face was downcast. Then the LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry? Why is your face downcast? If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must master it." Now Cain said to his brother Abel, "Let's go out to the field." And while they were in the field, Cain attacked his brother Abel and killed him. Then the LORD said to Cain, "Where is your

## Genesis 4:1-16 (NIV)


brother Abel?" "I don't know," he replied. "Am I my brother's keeper?" The LORD said, "What have you done? Listen! Your brother's blood cries out to me from the ground. Now you are under a curse and driven from the ground, which opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. When you work the ground, it will no longer yield its crops for you. You will be a restless wanderer on the earth." Cain said to the LORD, "My punishment is more than I can bear. Today you are driving me from the land, and I will be hidden from your presence; I will be a restless wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me." But the LORD said to him, "Not so; if anyone kills Cain, he will suffer vengeance seven times over." Then the LORD put a mark on Cain so that no one who found him would kill him. So Cain went out from the LORD's presence and lived in the land of Nod, east of Eden.

*The First Lesson is frequently a reading from the Old Testament. It shares a common theme with the Second Lesson (often from one of the epistles) and the Gospel.*

*The congregation is invited to sing the entire psalm.*


*The accompanist will play the refrain, a verse, and the refrain again as an introduction.*

**Refrain**




Praise the Lord! Lift ev - 'ry voice! Al - le - lu - ia, sing, re - joice!


**Verses**



1. Make a joy - ful noise to God! All cre - a - tion join the song!  
 2. Come and see what God has done: Great the bless - ings to the just;  
 3. Bless the Lord, our ref - uge sure; Let our song of praise be heard!



See God's won - ders here dis - played, Un - ex - celled for a - ges long.  
 Walked the cho - sen through the sea; Brought their might - y foes to dust.  
 By whose jus - tice, we are tried; By whose grace, our guilt de - ferred.



Glo - rious is God's sa - cred name, A - ges old, yet still the same.  
 Let us lift a thank - ful voice; Praise God's mer - cies, sing, re - joice!  
 When our days on earth are past, God will guide us home at last.

## SECOND LESSON

## 1 John 3:11-18 (NIV)

This is the message you heard from the beginning: We should love one another. Do not be like Cain, who belonged to the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his own actions were evil and his brother's were righteous. Do not be surprised, my brothers, if the world hates you. We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love our brothers. Anyone who does not love remains in death.

Anyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life in him. This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers. If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him? Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth.

## VERSE OF THE DAY

Romans 10:17



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Faith comes from hear - ing the mes - sage, and the mes - sage is heard through the

Word of Christ. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

*Please stand*

## GOSPEL LESSON

John 14:15-21 (NIV)

M: The Gospel according to John chapter fourteen.

C: Glory be to you, O Lord.

"If you love me, you will obey what I command. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever—the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Before long, the world will not

see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. Whoever has my commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves me. He who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love him and show myself to him."

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ.

*Please be seated*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice  
*Christian Worship #377 st. 6-10*

## SERMON

John 14:15-21  
Because We Love Our Living Lord

*Please stand*

*The congregation stands out of respect for the words of Christ our Savior.*

*The Apostles' Creed developed in the Early Christian Church as a personal confession. It is so named because it confesses the faith taught by the Apostles.*



*If you prefer, use your smart phone to give online by scanning this QR code.*

**OFFERTORY MUSIC:**

*Awake, My Heart,  
with Gladness  
Arr. by Wilbur Held*

**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.

*Please 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 row and pass it along. Thank You!*

*Please stand*

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH—EASTER SEASON**

**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 the saints, 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

*Matthew 6:9-13*

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.

*Please be seated*

## HYMN

**With High Delight Let Us Unite**  
*Christian Worship #168*

*Please stand*

M: Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart, that being strengthened and comforted by your Holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

## BLESSING

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.

*Please be seated*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Matthew 6 and Luke 11 record how Jesus taught his disciples to pray. We use his example prayer as part of our public worship, trusting that he will hear and answer our prayers.*

*The blessing of Aaron has been spoken over God's people for over 3,500 years. The Lord said, "So I will put my name on [them], and I will bless them." Numbers 6:27*

## THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

**POSTLUDE:**  
Go, My Children,  
with My Blessing  
Arr. by Valerie  
Floeter

**Preacher** ..... Pastor Nathan Kassulke  
**Worship Leader** ..... Pastor Ron Koehler (10:00 AM)  
**Accompanist** ..... Kathy Parra  
**Ushers** ..... Vic Thornton, Vernon Neal (7:45 AM)  
                                          Dave Breitreitz, Ed Ethington, Dylan Guenther (10:00 AM)  
                                          Ferdie Kramm, James Pauley, Josiah Weinstein (10:00 AM)  
**Sound & Recording Tech** ..... Jeremy Snavelly (10:00 AM)

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**Lifeline Bake Sale Today!**

Today, the Lifeliners who are participating in our trip to the WELS International Youth Rally will be hosting a bake sale. The sale will take place in the Courtyard during the cookie fellowship following our 10:00 worship service. All funds raised will be used to pay for this trip, which will include a visit to the Creation Museum in Kentucky. The Rally and Museum are unique opportunities for our young people to be encouraged in their faith. Your prayers and support are appreciated. If you are not able to join us for the bake sale, please consider a donation to the Lifeline Fund.

**Ministry Merger News**

Grace has spent the last four months considering requests from Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Benson and Peace Lutheran Church in Sahuarita. Both congregations have asked us to consider joining our ministries. Grace's congregational leaders, at the direction of the voters, studied the financial considerations of these proposed mergers and presented those results along with a proposed ministry plan for Grace as a four-site congregation. The presentation and discussion on May 12 and 13 was very helpful and well-received. In the Voters' Meeting on May 29, the Grace Church Council will present a motion to join with these churches, as outlined in the materials presented. Results from the Voters' Meeting will immediately be shared with our members and with these other congregations. Please keep the gospel work of all three churches in your prayers.

**May Voters' Meeting**

The next Voters' Meeting for our congregation is scheduled for **this Thursday, May 29, at 7:00 PM**. The meeting will be in the Grace-University Fellowship Hall. This meeting date has been changed from our recent practice of scheduling meetings on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month. Packets of reports are available at the church exits and Fellowship Hall to help voters prepare for the meeting and to keep all our members informed. Informational booklets from the recent Member Feedback Meetings are also available in the Fellowship Hall.



**Grace is one congregation  
at TWO places!**

**Enjoy worship, Bible study  
and activities at both  
Grace-University and Grace-Vail.**



## This Week at Grace • May 25-June 1

\*Unless otherwise noted, calendar events take place at Grace-University. Grace-Vail events are shown in red.

### TODAY

Worship Services.....7:45 & 10:00a  
Coffee Fellowship Following Both Services .....  
Children's Sunday School.....8:45a  
Youth Confirmation Class.....8:45a  
Lifeliners (High School Group): *Bible Study*.....9:00a  
Adult Bible Study (Fellowship Hall):  
• *Jesus' Last Days* .....9:00a  
• *Grow in Grace Class* (Office) Non-Members Only .....9:00a  
*Grace-Vail Bible Study Cottonwood Elementary* .....9:00a  
*Grace-Vail Sunday School at Cottonwood Elem.* .....9:00a  
*Grace-Vail Worship at Cottonwood Elementary* ..... 10:00a

### Monday **MEMORIAL DAY**

**NO** Bible Study at Vail Golf Club .....

### Wednesday

Financial Peace University at Grace-University..... 6:30p  
*Bible Study at the Prigge's* ..... 7:00p

### Thursday

Women's Bible Study: *The Narrow Lutheran Middle* ..... 9:00a  
**Voters' Meeting** .....7:00p

### Saturday

Elvira Holmes Graveside Service (South Lawn) ..... 10:00a

### Sunday **ASCENSION**

Worship Services/Communion ..... 7:45 & 10:00a  
Coffee Fellowship Following Both Services.....  
Children's Sunday School ..... 8:45a  
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Adult Bible Study (Fellowship Hall):  
• *Mere Christianity* ..... 9:00a  
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## Welcome Grace Guests!

If you are a guest at Grace today, we are very happy to have you worship with us! If you would like more information about Grace or have questions about becoming a member of our congregation, please visit the Welcome Table in the courtyard. If this is your first time at Grace, please stop there to pick up a gift just for being our guest this morning.

## You Are Invited

You are invited to a coffee fellowship this morning in the courtyard following both services. Fellowship after 10:00 AM worship is hosted by the Lifeliners, our High School Youth Group. We hope you'll take advantage of this opportunity to greet your brothers and sisters in Christ.

## Altar Flowers

The flowers beautifying our worship this morning have been given by Karen and Greg Gorud to the glory of God and in loving memory of August and Dorothy Lehet.

### NEXT SUNDAY

#### *Next week's Scripture Lessons for Devotional Reading this Week*

Esther 6  
Colossians 3:1-4  
Luke 24:44-53

#### *Sermon Text & Theme*

Luke 24:44-53  
*We Celebrate the Lord's Ascension*

## Vacation Bible School

Grace's summer Vacation Bible School themed *Gangway to Galilee* will be June 16-20, from 9:00 until 11:30 AM at Grace-University. You may register online at [www.gracetucsonwels.com/vbs](http://www.gracetucsonwels.com/vbs).

If you would like to volunteer to assist with VBS, please speak to our coordinator, Cindi Breitzkreitz (298-9758) or to Pastor Kassulke. Donations for Vacation Bible School are also appreciated.

## Called Home to Heaven

Elvira Holmes was called home to heaven on Thursday, May 15. A graveside memorial service and committal will be held for her on Saturday, May 31 at 10:00 AM at South Lawn Cemetery (5401 S. Park Avenue). Memorials may be directed to the Grace Christian Education Fund.

## 50th Wedding Anniversary Open House

Nadine and Bob Rentschler are celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on Saturday June 7. You are invited to their open house from 2 to 5 PM at their home at 5910 N. Camino Escalante. There will be light refreshments. Children are welcome and Emily will be entertaining in her play house. No gifts please.

## Christian Fellowship Group Potluck

Saturday, June 14 at noon in the Grace-University Fellowship Hall, Grace member Reinette van den Berg will be our guest speaker. Reinette is from South Africa and will share her life experiences living there. It's a noon potluck so bring something to share. Come early so we can start promptly at 12:00. *The Christian Fellowship Group provides people 55 and better with an opportunity to enjoy the company of others on a very informal basis.*

## Wedding Invitation

The Grace congregation is invited to the wedding ceremony of Bob Nessinger and Audrey Street on Saturday, June 15 at 3:00 PM in the sanctuary.