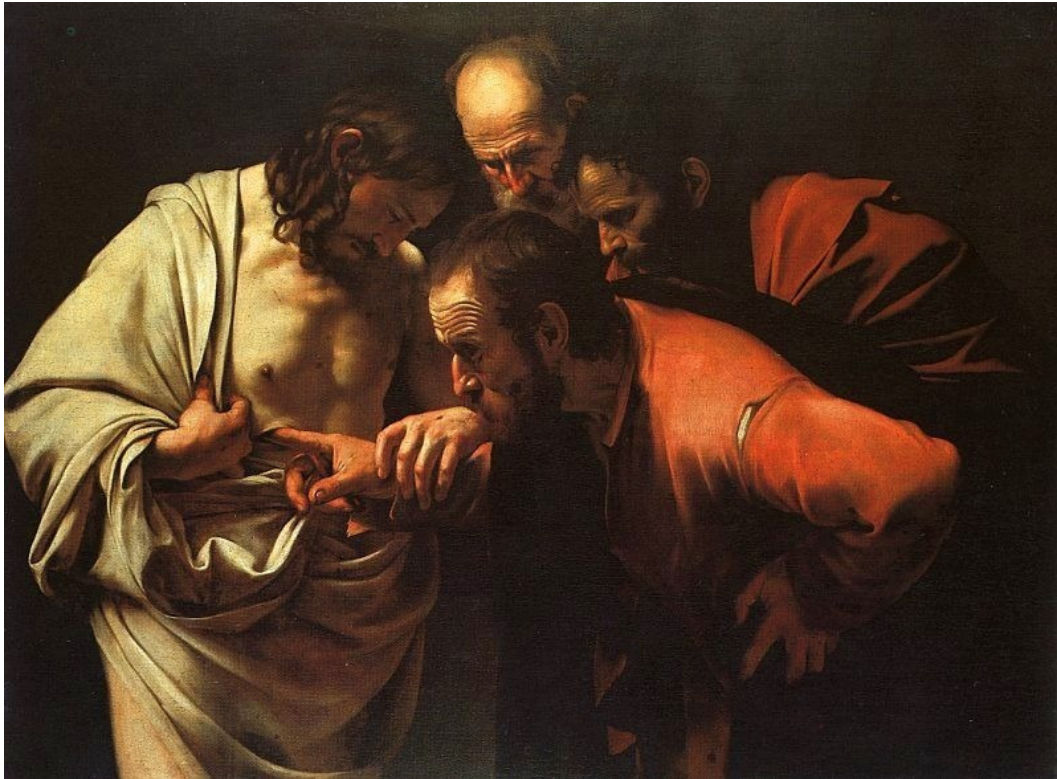


Second Sunday of Easter



The Incredulity of Saint Thomas
by Caravaggio, 1602

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
April 12, 2015



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-Tucson! 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.

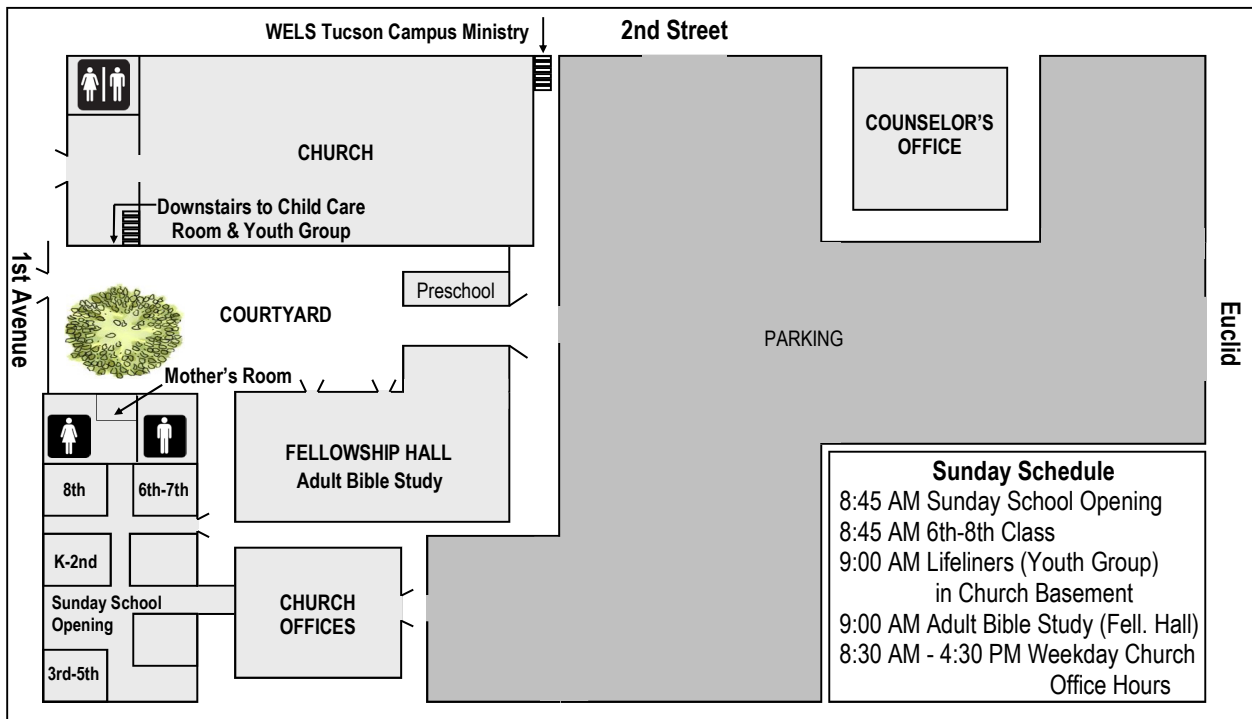
Hymns are found in our hymnal, *Christian Worship*, which is the red book in the pew rack in front of you.

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.GraceLutheranSAZ.org



DIVINE SERVICE II
Christian Worship Supplement

PRESERVICE MUSIC:

7:45 AM—
*The Day of
Resurrection*
Arr. by Victor
Labenske

10:00 AM—
*This Joyful
Eastertide*
Arr. by Dan Uhl

Thine is the Glory
Music by George
Handel

WELCOME

HYMN

Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain
Christian Worship #142

Please stand

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.

GLORY BE TO GOD

Luke 2:14

Gloria in Excelsis

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.

O risen Lord, you came to your disciples and took away their fears with your word of peace. Come to us also by your Word and sacrament, and banish our fears with the comforting assurance of your abiding presence; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Please be seated

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 15:1-6 (NIV)

After this, the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: “Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your very great reward.” But Abram said, “O Sovereign LORD, what can you give me since I remain childless and the one who will inherit my estate is Eliezer of Damascus?” And Abram said, “You have given me no children; so a servant in my household will be my heir.” Then

the word of the LORD came to him: “This man will not be your heir, but a son coming from your own body will be your heir.” He took him outside and said, “Look up at the heavens and count the stars—if indeed you can count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.” Abram believed the LORD, and he credited it to him as righteousness.

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.

PSALM OF THE DAY

PSALM 16

Refrain



I will walk in the pres-ence of the Lord, in the land of the liv - ing.

Psalm Tone



1. Keep me / safe, O God,*
for in you I take / refuge.
2. I said to the LORD, “You / are my Lord;*”
apart from you I have / no good thing.”
3. I have set the LORD always be- / fore me.*
Because he is at my right hand, I will not be / shaken.

Refrain

4. My heart is glad and my tongue re- / joices;*
- my body also will / rest secure,
5. because you will not abandon me / to the grave,*
nor will you let your Holy One / see decay.
6. You have made known to me the / path of life;*
- you will fill me with joy in your / presence.
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

SECOND LESSON

2 Peter 1:16-21 (NIV)

We did not follow cleverly invented stories when we told you about the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when the voice came to him from the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven when we were with him on the sacred mountain. And we have

the word of the prophets made more certain, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation. For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

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 20:19-31 (NIV)

M: The Gospel according to John chapter twenty.

C: Glory be to you, O Lord.

Thomas' two names both mean "twin". Thomas is Aramaic and Didymus is Greek.

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone

his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven." Now Thomas (called Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it." A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them.

Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe." Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you

have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise be to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY

This Joyful Eastertide
Christian Worship #160

SERMON

John 20:19-31
No, Really!

Please 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.

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!

From Luther's Catechism

THE MINISTRY OF THE KEYS

**First: What is the use
of the Keys?**

The use of the Keys is that special power and right which Christ gave to his church on earth, to forgive the sins of penitent sinners but to refuse forgiveness to the impenitent as long as they do not repent.

**Where is this
written?**

The holy Evangelist John writes in chapter 20, "Jesus breathed on his disciples and said, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.'"

THE PUBLIC USE OF THE KEYS

**Second: How does a
Christian
congregation use the
Keys?**

A Christian congregation with its called servant of Christ uses the Keys in accordance with Christ's command by forgiving those who repent of their sin and are willing to amend, and by excluding from the congregation those who are plainly impenitent that they may repent. I believe that, when this is done, it is as valid and certain in heaven also, as if Christ, our dear Lord, dealt with us himself.

**Where is this
written?**

Jesus says in Matthew, chapter 18, "Whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."



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

OFFERTORY MUSIC:

7:45 AM—

*Gelobt sei Gott
Arr. by Melchior
Vulpus*

10:00 AM—

*We Walk by Faith
and Not by Sight
CWS #756*

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.

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

O Sons and Daughters of the King
Christian Worship #165

Tuition Tax Credit

If you haven't completed your tax return for 2014, it's time to do so! Don't forget that it is not too late to make a donation to the HELP Scholarship Foundation which may also be claimed as a tax credit on your 2014 Arizona State Tax Return. In fact, up until April 15, you may make a donation and credit it to your 2014 tax year. Tuition Tax Credits can reduce (dollar-for-dollar) the amount that you owe in state income taxes up to \$2106 for a married couple (filing jointly) or \$1053 for an individual. These credits are also limited by your total tax liability. Visit www.helpscholarships.org for more information or to make a donation. Flyers with donation brochures are also available at any of Grace's locations. If you have any questions about the Tuition Tax Credit program, please speak to Stephanie Weinstein (520-909-8022) or one of the pastors.

For the 2015 tax year, donation limits increase to \$2134 per married couple and \$1067 for individuals.

Grace currently has 8 students enrolled at Redeemer Lutheran School (Colby Heinz, Samuel and Naomi Kassulke, Tristan and AJ McDunn, Emma and Jacob Miller, and Colton Watson) and 5 students at Arizona Lutheran Academy (Elizabeth Colton, Daniel Koehler, Dustin and James Pauley, and Josiah Weinstein). We are very thankful that through the tuition tax credits, Sam and Naomi Kassulke, Danny Koehler and Colton Watson's tuition costs have been covered for the current school year. Your help in this way is extremely valuable to families, and you are even allowed to recommend a specific student to receive the benefits of your donation.

LWMS Grand Canyon East Circuit Spring Rally

The LWMS (Lutheran Women's Missionary Society) 2015 Spring Rally is this Saturday, April 18. The rally will be at Shepherd of the Hills right here in Tucson (8799 N Northern Ave)! What a great opportunity to learn more about how WELS Women can support mission work, hear some inspiring speakers and spend the day with your sisters-in-Christ. **If you'd still like to register, please find a registration form in the Fellowship Hall and mail it with a \$10 check made payable to Grand Canyon Circuit East to Beckie Grube at 241 N Harrison Rd, 85748. You may also register at the door the day of the rally, but it's recommended to register beforehand.** Please contact Diane Kramm if you have questions at 440-8564.

Divine Call Extended

At Grace's Call Meeting on Sunday, March 8, a Divine Call was extended to Pastor James Hein. Pastor Hein currently serves at Resurrection Lutheran Church in Rochester, Minnesota. Please keep Pastor Hein and his wife Adrian in your prayers as he considers this Call. Also, please keep in your prayers the ongoing gospel ministry in Rochester and here at Grace!

ESL Childcare Help Needed

Grace's English as a Second Language (ESL) program continues to need volunteer help with providing childcare for families who participate in the classes. ESL runs 6:30-8:30 PM on Mondays and Tuesdays. Providing childcare opens this service to many in our community who otherwise could not attend the classes. For more information or to volunteer, please contact the Church Office.



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

**Enjoy worship, Bible study and activities
at Grace locations in
Benson, Sahuarita, Tucson and Vail.**

This Week at Grace • Apr 12-Apr 19

TUCSON

Today

Worship Services 7:45 & 10:00a
 Coffee Fellowship following both services.....
 Children's Sunday School8:45a
 Youth Confirmation Class.....8:45a
 Lifeliners (High School Group): *Bible Study*.....9:00a
 Adult Bible Study (Fellowship Hall):
 • *The Life of Christ: Jesus' Last Days*.....9:00a
 WELS TCM: *Archaeology & The Bible*.....7:00p

Monday

Handbell Practice4:30p
 English as a Second Language Classes.....6:30p

Tuesday

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Wednesday

Midweek Bible Study: *Church History*10:00a
 Midweek Bible Study: *Church History*6:30p

Thursday

Women's Bible Study: *Leviticus*.....9:00a
 Worship Choir6:30p

Friday

Precious Lambs Playgroup9:30a

Saturday

LWMS Spring Rally at Shepherd of the Hills9:00a
 Holz/Erbe Wedding Rehearsal.....4:00p

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 WELS TCM: *Eegee's and Epistles: 2 & 3 John*7:00p

SAHUARITA

Today

Worship, Fellowship and Bible Study9:45a

Wednesday

Bible Study: *Church-Mission-Ministry*.....10:00a

Sunday

Worship Service/Coffee Fellowship.....9:45a

VAIL

Today

Bible Study: *Joshua*9:00a
 Children's Sunday School.....9:00a
 Worship Service/Coffee Fellowship10:00a

Monday

Bible Study at Rancho del Lago Golf Club.....9:00a

Friday

Precious Lambs Playgroup9:30a

Sunday

Bible Study: *Joshua*9:00a
 Children's Sunday School.....9:00a
 Worship Service/Coffee Fellowship10:00a

BENSON

Today

Worship Service7:30a

Sunday

Worship Service7:30a

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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.

Altar Flowers

The flowers beautifying worship this morning have been given by Sean & Mary Brearcliffe in remembrance of Katie White's baptism 22 years ago.

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 Mark & Jlyd Hallemeier. We hope you'll take advantage of this opportunity to greet your brothers and sisters in Christ.

NEXT SUNDAY

Next week's Scripture Lessons for Devotional Reading this Week

Acts 9:1-19a
Revelation 5:11-14
John 21:1-14

Craft Fair This Fall

The Women of Grace will host a craft fair in conjunction with the roast beef dinner this Fall. Now's the time to start working on projects! Anyone interested in donating crafts please let Debbie Koehler (405-7083) know. Don't forget, there are Scrip gift cards available for Michaels & Joann Fabric.

Donations for St. Marcus Students

Once again this year Grace is hosting a group of WELS 7th grade students from St. Marcus Lutheran School in Milwaukee. They are arriving in Tucson on April 30 through the program "Discover America" which rewards students based on their academic performance and behavior. Each student raised a portion of the expenses to come on the trip.

We are accepting donations to pay for the food that will be served to the students and teachers while they are here. You can make a cash donation or use a check made payable to *Grace Lutheran Church* (note St. Marcus on the bottom of the check). **Donations will be collected until April 27th.** The donation box can be found near the main entrance of church.



Grace Lutheran Church is a member of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS), a group of nearly 400,000 men, women, and children in nearly 1,300 congregations across the United States and Canada united by a common faith in Christ's saving love. We are committed to a common calling—encouraging each other in our faith and sharing God's gift of a Savior with the rest of the world.

For more information about our synod and what we believe visit: www.wels.net