

# Fourth Sunday of Easter



Jesus Walking on Solomon's Porch by James Tissot

*"Then came the Feast of Dedication at Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was in the temple area walking in Solomon's Colonnade. "*

*John 10 :22-23*

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

April 26, 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.

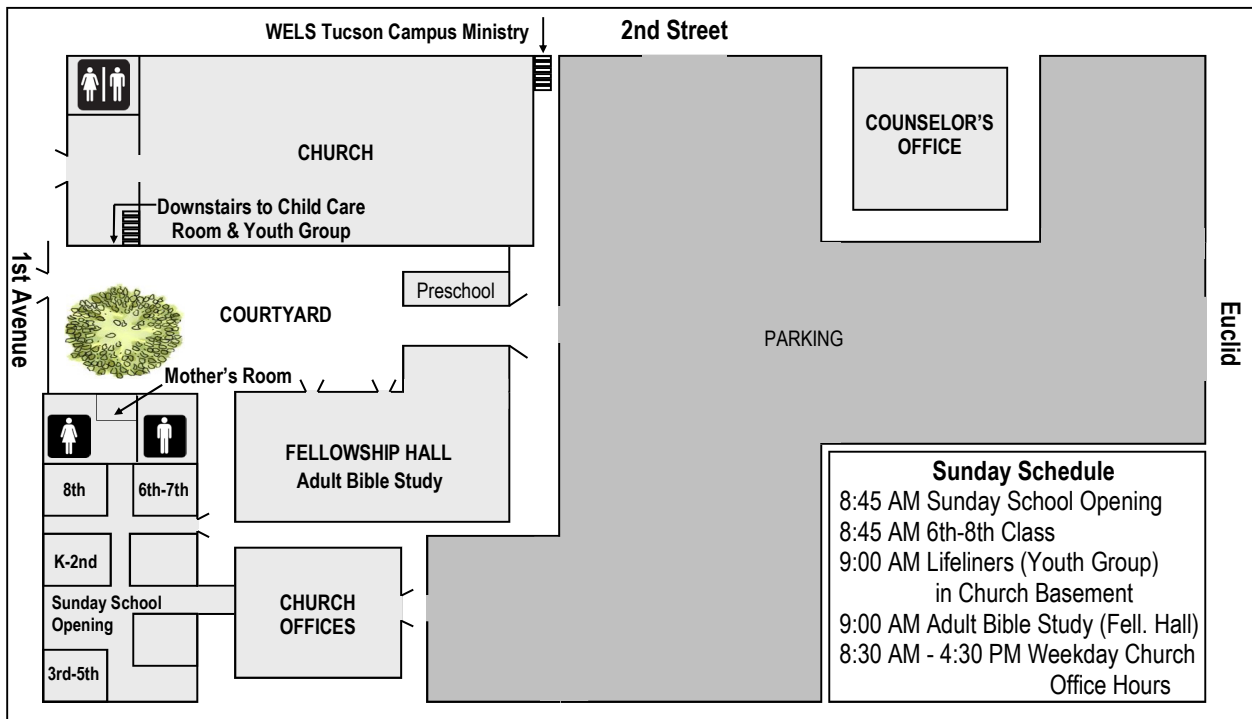
**Hymns** are found in our hymnal, *Christian Worship*, which is the red book in the pew rack in front of you.

**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](http://www.GraceLutheranSAZ.org)



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

**PRESERVICE MUSIC:**

**7:45 AM—**  
*Sheep May Safely  
Grace*  
By J.S. Bach  
Arr. by Sylvia Oines

**10:00 AM—**  
*Savior, Like a  
Shepherd Lead Us  
with He Leadeth Me*  
Arr. by Cindy Berry

**WELCOME**

**HYMN**

**Speak, O Savior; I Am Listening**  
*Christian Worship #283*

*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.

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.

O Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Good Shepherd who laid down your life for the sheep. Lead us now to the still waters of your life-giving Word that we may abide in your Father's house forevermore; for you live and reign with him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Please be seated

## FIRST LESSON

“I will make a covenant of peace with them and rid the land of wild beasts so that they may live in the desert and sleep in the forests in safety. I will bless them and the places surrounding my hill. I will send down showers in season; there will be showers of blessing. The trees of the field will yield their fruit and the ground will yield its crops; the people will be secure in their land. They will know that I am the LORD, when I break the bars of their yoke and rescue them from the hands of those who enslaved them. They will no longer be

## Ezekiel 34:25-31 (NIV)

plundered by the nations, nor will wild animals devour them. They will live in safety, and no one will make them afraid. I will provide for them a land renowned for its crops, and they will no longer be victims of famine in the land or bear the scorn of the nations. Then they will know that I, the LORD their God, am with them and that they, the house of Israel, are my people, declares the Sovereign LORD. You my sheep, the sheep of my pasture, are people, and I am your God, declares the Sovereign LORD.”

*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 23 – The Lord’s My Shepherd (CWS #766)

*see page 8*

## SECOND LESSON

After this I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. And they cried out in a loud voice: “Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.” All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying: “Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!” Then one of the elders

## Revelation 7:9-17 (NIV)

asked me, “These in white robes—who are they, and where did they come from?” I answered, “Sir, you know.” And he said, “These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore, they are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst. The sun will not beat upon them, nor any scorching heat. For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd; he will lead them to springs of living water. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

**VERSE OF THE DAY** *(sung by the Vocal Quartet)*

**John 10:14-15**

*I am the good shepherd. I know My own and My own know Me, and I lay down My life for the sheep.*

*Please stand*

**GOSPEL LESSON**

**John 10:22-30 (NIV)**

**M:** The Gospel according to John chapter ten.

**C:** **Glory be to you, O Lord.**

*Solomon's Colonnade  
Solomon's Colonnade was a 75 feet by 45 feet portico—a roof supported by columns—which the Jewish historian Josephus said was the only remaining portion of the temple built by Solomon, which was destroyed by the Babylonian king Nebuchadnezzar in 586 B.C. Jewish rabbis and Jesus taught there and Christians used to meet there after Jesus' ascension (Acts 5:12).*

Then came the Feast of Dedication at Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was in the temple area walking in Solomon's Colonnade. The Jews gathered around him, saying, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I did tell you, but you do not believe. The miracles I do in my Father's name speak for me, but

you do not believe because you are not my sheep. My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. I and the Father are one."

**M:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C:** **Praise be to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**By Grace I'm Saved**  
*Christian Worship #384*

**SERMON**

**John 10:22-30**

**The Sheep Know the Good Shepherd**

1. **By the Way He Talks**
2. **By the Things He Does**
3. **By the Protection He Gives**
4. **By the Promises He Makes**

*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!*



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

## VOCAL QUARTET

### A Faithful Shepherd is My Lord

*A faithful Shepherd is my Lord, who doth great plenty me accord,  
Who leadeth me to pastures green, gives me to drink from waters unseen.  
A faithful Shepherd is my Lord, A faithful Shepherd is my Lord.*

*With loving hands He giveth bread, his gentle Spirit calms my dread;  
With health my body He endows, with blessings all my labor crowns.  
A faithful Shepherd is my Lord, A faithful Shepherd is my Lord.*

*On pathways narrow with Him I go; I shun not hardships, fear no foe.  
He is my Rod, He is my Staff, true joy affords, my soul doth laugh.  
A faithful Shepherd is my Lord, A faithful Shepherd is my Lord.*

*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.

*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.*

## 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

**Jesus, Shepherd of the Sheep**  
*Christian Worship #436*

*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

### CLOSING HYMN

I Am Jesus' Little Lamb  
*Christian Worship #432*

### THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Preacher ..... Pastor Ron Koehler  
Worship Leader ..... Pastor Sam Clemons (10:00 AM)  
Accompanists..... Elaine Goldie (7:45 AM), Teri Guenther (10:00 AM)  
Vocal Quartet ..... Dylan & Teri Guenther, Nathan & Beth Kassulke  
Ushers ..... Vic Thornton, Vernon Neal (7:45 AM)  
Dave Breitreitz, Ed Ethington, Dylan Guenther (10:00 AM)  
Lucas Guenther, Ferdie Kramm, James Pauley, Josiah Weinstein (10:00 AM)  
Sound & Recording Tech ..... Jay & James Pauley (10:00 AM)

### Call Meeting on May 9<sup>th</sup>

The next Call Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, May 9 at 10:00 AM at Grace-Sahuarita (17675 South La Canada Dr, Sahuarita, AZ 85629). We will be extending a Divine Call for a Pastor to serve at our Sahuarita site. All members are welcome to join us for this meeting and to offer appropriate input to the voters.

### Confirmation Open House Invitations

This year's Youth Confirmation is next Sunday, May 3. Six young people (Jeffrey Hock, Nicole McNamara, John Pikyavit, Alicia Shanklin, Demarco Tsosie and Isaac Walshaw) will be confirmed in the 10:00 AM worship service. All are invited to congratulate the confirmands with a cake reception following the service.

The Grace congregation is also invited to an open house for confirmands Nicole McNamara and Alicia Shanklin starting at 2:00 PM that afternoon (May 3) in the Grace-Tucson Fellowship Hall. It will be catered by El Molinito. **Please RSVP to Elaine Goldie (730-4784) or Linda Morris (529-2849) by Wednesday, April 29 if you plan to attend so enough food can be ordered.**

The congregation is also invited to an open house for Jeffrey Hock Sunday, May 3, 1:00-3:00 PM. The address is 2956 N Mountain Ave.

*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*

### POSTLUDE:

**7:45 AM—**  
*The King of Love My Shepherd Is*  
Arr. by Michelle Rose

**10:00 AM—**  
*Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*  
Arr. by Jack W. Jones

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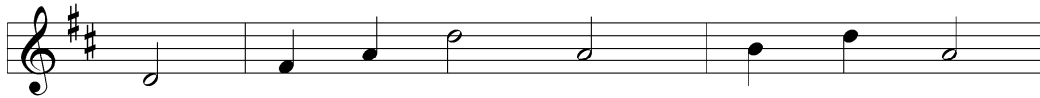
## The Lord's My Shepherd



1 The Lord's my Shep - herd; I'll not want.  
 2 My soul he doth re - store a - gain  
 3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,  
 4 My ta - ble thou hast fur - nish - ed  
 5 Good - ness and mer - cy, all my life,



He makes me down to lie  
 And me to walk doth make  
 Yet will I fear no ill;  
 In pre - sence of my foes;  
 Shall sure - ly fol - low me,



In pas - tures green; he lead - eth me  
 With - in the paths of right - eous - ness,  
 For thou art with me, and thy rod  
 My head thou dost with oil a - noint,  
 And in God's house for - ev - er - more



The qui - et wa - ters by.  
 E'en for his own name's sake.  
 And staff me com - fort still.  
 And my cup o - ver - flows.  
 My dwell - ing place shall be.



He lead - eth me, he lead - eth me  
 With - in the paths of right - eous - ness,  
 For thou art with me, and thy rod  
 My head thou dost with oil a - noint,  
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 And staff me com - fort still.  
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*The well-known themes of Psalm 23 are set to the popular tune BROTHER JAMES' AIR.*



**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 26-May 3**

**TUCSON**  
**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):  
 • *The Life of Christ: Jesus’ Last Days*.....9:00a  
 WELS Tucson Campus Ministry: *Moses* .....7:00p

**Monday**  
 English as a Second Language Classes.....6:30p

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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 Choir .....6:30p

**Friday**  
 Precious Lambs Playgroup.....9:30a

**Sunday YOUTH CONFIRMATION**  
 Worship Services/Communion.....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):  
 • *The Life of Christ: Jesus’ Last Days* .....9:00a  
 Cake Reception following 10 AM Worship.....  
 Hock Confirmation Open House .....1:00p  
 McNamara/Shanklin Confirmation Open House.....2:00p  
 WELS TCM Bible Study: *The Ten Commandments*..7:00p

**SAHUARITA**  
**Today**  
 Worship, Fellowship and Bible Study .....9:45a

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

**Friday**  
 Sahuarita WOG Meeting (snacks at 10:00a).....10:30a

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

**VAIL**  
**Today**  
 Bible Study: *Joshua* .....9:00a  
 Children’s Sunday School.....9:00a  
 Worship Service.....10:00a  
 Coffee Fellowship following worship.....

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

**Friday**  
 Precious Lambs Playgroup.....9:30a

**Sunday**  
 Bible Study: *Joshua* .....9:00a  
 Children’s Sunday School.....9:00a  
 Worship Service.....10:00a  
 Coffee Fellowship following worship.....

**BENSON**  
**Today**  
 Worship Service .....7:30a

**Sunday**  
 Worship Service .....7:30a

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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.

## 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 Eric & Erika Hanson. 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*

1 Samuel 20:12-17  
1 Corinthians 13:1-13  
John 13:31-35

## ALA Baseball Game in Tucson

The Arizona Lutheran Academy Varsity Baseball Team will play against Desert Christian in Tucson tomorrow, April 27 at 4:00 PM. The baseball field is located at 9415 E. Wrightstown. Grace members Danny Koehler and Josiah Weinstein play for ALA.



## Grace Polo Shirts & T-Shirts

We are excited to announce that polo shirts and t-shirts with the Grace logo are offered for sale at all four Grace locations. Youth, Ladies, and Men sizes are available. Photos of the shirt styles and colors will be available to help you make your selection. Prices: Poly/Cotton polo - \$14.50-\$19.50; Polyester Cool/Wicking polo \$24.00-\$26.50; T-shirts \$11.00-\$21.50. (Prices are slightly higher for XX and larger sizes.) **Orders will be taken today, May 3 and May 10.** Payment should be made when shirts are ordered. See Sally Littau in the courtyard if you'd like to place an order.

## Donations for St. Marcus Students

Grace is hosting a group of WELS 7th grade students from St. Marcus Lutheran School in Milwaukee on April 30. 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). **Today is the final collection day.** The donation box can be found near the main entrance of church.

## Quarterly Offering Statements Available

Those who use the offering envelopes for their giving to the Lord will find a quarterly offering statement envelope with their name on it on the table in the courtyard. Please pick yours up today. We hope you'll appreciate the opportunity to check for any recording errors we may have made and perhaps use it to review your gifts of love to your Savior.



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