

SEPTEMBER 6, 2020 ▪ FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

MARCO LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Rev. Thomas R. Boeck

Live, in-person worship with social distancing in place.

No Communion ▪ Limited seating ▪ Please wear a mask

If you would like to take communion on Wednesdays or would like to meet with Pastor Tom, please call first and make an appointment. He will be more than happy to meet with you in person with safe social distancing.



WORSHIP and STREAMING SCHEDULE Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

MARCO LUTHERAN CHURCH FOUNDATION:

www.mlclegacy.org

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday – Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. ▪ Friday, 8:30 a.m. to noon

CHURCH STAFF & CONTACT NUMBERS

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THE SHIP OF THE CHURCH

For Christians, since the days of the apostles, *THE SHIP* has been a symbol for the Christian Church. The mast and yardarm form a simple *CROSS* (in wood) which stands for Jesus who saved us by giving Himself on a cross that we might be forgiven.

The *CHI RHO* ✠ (in metal) is a combination of the first two Greek letters of the name *Christ*, meaning "The Anointed One" or "The Messiah." *THE WAVES* symbolize the troubles and difficulties of life on earth. *THE SAILS* are filled with wind, a symbol of the Holy Spirit, which empowers the Church. Thus, the Christian Church, under the Cross of Christ carries the faithful safely across the troubled seas of life to heaven.

As we come together for worship, the cross of Christ is before us. We choose, you and I, to worship with people for whom the cross is both the sign of salvation and the sign of Christ in our lives.

AS WE GATHER Completely Dependent

"Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" Jesus' disciples asked. Our Lord responded by welcoming a child into His midst. "Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven." Children are highly valued by our gracious God because they are completely dependent. On their own, they have nothing, yet they need everything.



This is true for all of us in our relationship with God! On our own, we have only our sinful, broken lives and are unable to please God and fulfill His commands. Yet, in Jesus Christ, we possess everything we need! Forgiveness of sins and the guarantee of life forever with God are freely given to those who turn from their sin and receive the forgiveness earned by our crucified and risen Savior. In Jesus, we are, like children, completely dependent. We have nothing to offer, yet everything we need is ours to receive from the gracious hands of our Savior.

RINGING OF THE BELLS

PRELUDE

John Davis

A Moment of
friendship and welcome

✠ PREPARATION ✠

The congregational responses in this service are printed in **BOLD**

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: It is good to give thanks to the LORD,

People: **to sing praises to Your name, O Most High;**

Pastor: to declare Your steadfast love in the morning,

People: **and Your faithfulness by night.**

Pastor: The Most High God gathers us to praise His name and declare His love together!

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Lord God, You promise grace and every blessing to all who come before You and repent of their sins. Hear us now as we, Your humble children, bring our prayers before You.

In silent prayer, we confess our sins to the Lord, seeking His cleansing forgiveness.

Pastor: Most merciful Father,

People: we come before You and admit our sinfulness. In our thoughts, words, and actions, we have failed to do what Your Word demands. We have not honored You fully with our lives, nor have we loved one another as You have first loved us. In the name of our loving Savior Jesus Christ, we ask for Your forgiveness. Because our Savior humbled Himself for our sake upon the cross, enable us in true humility to receive the remission You promise to Your repentant children. Amen.

Pastor: “Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.” God the Father has taken your sins and laid them upon our humble Savior Jesus Christ. Because of Christ’s sacrifice, God does not count your sins against you. He has taken them away! He remembers them no more! He preserves and delivers you as His child forever! As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

HYMN

Lord, I Need You

v. 1

Lord, I come, I confess
Bowing here I find my rest
Without You I fall apart
You're the One that guides my heart

Lord, I need You, oh, I need You
Every hour I need You
My one defense, my righteousness
Oh God, how I need You

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

O God, our gracious and loving Father, we are Your dependent children. Although we in no way deserve Your goodness, You freely offer Your grace to all who turn to You.

People: **Grant us faith to trust in Your Son, who humbled Himself for our salvation.**

Pastor: We pray this through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

HYMN

Lord, I Need You

v. 2

Where sin runs deep Your grace is more
Where grace is found is where You are
Where You are, Lord, I am free
Holiness is Christ in me

Lord, I need You, oh, I need You
Every hour I need You
My one defense, my righteousness
Oh God, how I need You

✠ WORD ✠

FIRST LESSON

Ezekiel 33:7–9

LEADER: ⁷“So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. ⁹But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND LESSON

Romans 13:1–10

LEADER: ¹Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. ²Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. ³For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, ⁴for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer.

⁵Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience. ⁶For the same reason you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing.

⁷Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed. ⁸Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God**

HYMN

Lord, I Need You

v. 3 & 4

So teach my song to rise to You
When temptation comes my way
When I cannot stand I'll fall on You
Jesus, You're my hope and stay.

You're my one defense, my righteousness
Oh God, how I need You
My one defense, my righteousness
Oh God, how I need You

Lord, I need You, oh, I need You
Every hour I need You
My one defense, my righteousness
Oh God, how I need You

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 18:12-20

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eighteenth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

Pastor: ¹²What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? ¹³And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. ¹⁴So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.

¹⁵“If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. ¹⁶But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

SPECIAL MUSIC John Davis

SERMON Pastor Tom Boeck

APOSTLES CREED

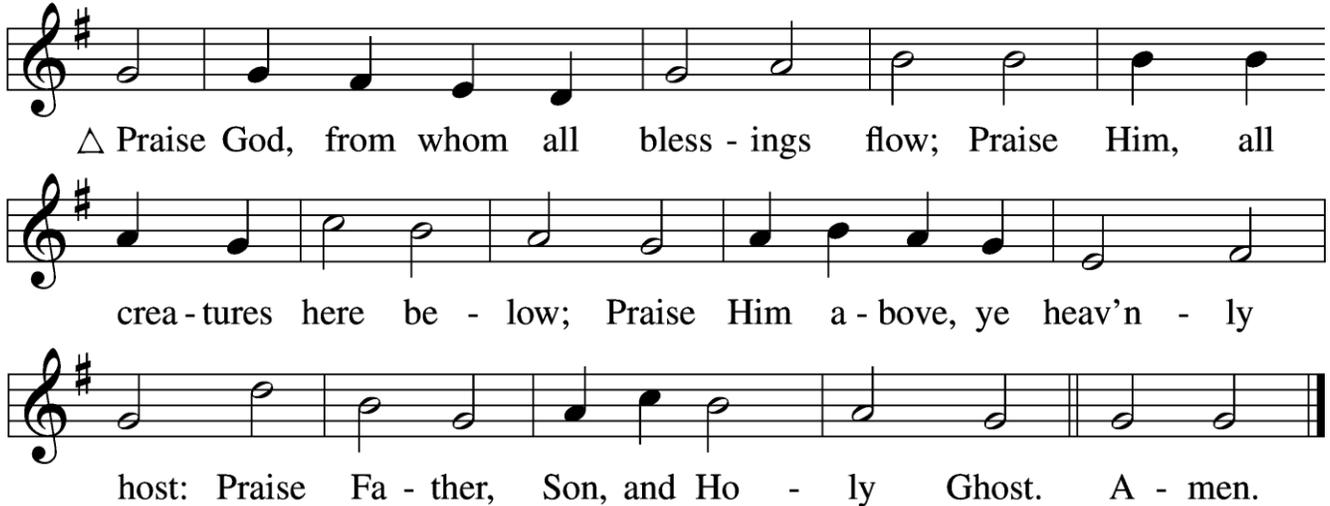
I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence 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

OFFERING & OFFERING PRAYER

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HYMN Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

LSB 805



△ Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all
crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly
host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Leader: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

For all the children of God, the Holy Christian Church, that we proclaim the salvation of Christ wherever we are and to whomever we meet, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Father, help us depend on You.**

Leader: As we celebrate Labor Day, we pray for all public servants who selflessly serve others, both those who serve locally and those throughout the world, that they would entrust their lives into the protecting care of their Maker, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Father, help us depend on You.**

Leader: For those who labor in the workforce, for the living out of our vocations, that no matter our station in life or what calling we have been given, that we faithfully represent our Savior with lives of humility, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Father, help us depend on You.

Leader: For all children, that they grow daily in the wisdom of the Lord, and for all parents and those who work to care for children, that they be guided in their important service of love, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Father, help us depend on You.

Leader: For all who suffer in heart, mind, and body, *especially for those who have requested our prayers*, that they with patience and faith receive the healing care You offer, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Father, help us depend on You.

Leader: For our missionaries in East Africa give strength and encouragement to **Krista Young** and her team that they be filled with holy boldness to share the gospel with those who desperately need it. let us pray to the Lord.

People: Father, help us depend on You.

Pastor: For those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week, we praise You, Father, and we give You thanks as these celebrations of life and love are precious gifts from You. let us pray to the Lord.

People: Father, help us depend on You.

Leader: For these concerns and for every unspoken prayer that is on our hearts and minds, that our loving God would hear and answer us, let us pray to the Lord,

People: Father, help us depend on You for everything. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

People: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen

HYMN Children of the Heavenly Father

LSB 725; v. 1-4



1 Chil - dren of the heav'n - ly Fa - ther Safe - ly
2 God His own doth tend and nour - ish; In His
3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er From the
4 Though He giv - eth or He tak - eth, God His



in His bos - om gath - er; Nest - ling bird nor star in
ho - ly courts they flour - ish. From all e - vil things He
Lord His chil - dren sev - er; Un - to them His grace He
chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth; His the lov - ing pur - pose



heav - en Such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
spares them; In His might - y arms He bears them.
show - eth, And their sor - rows all He know - eth.
sole - ly To pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

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BENEDICTION

Pastor: It is good to give thanks to the LORD,

People: **to sing praises to Your name, O Most High;**

Pastor: to declare Your steadfast love in the morning,

People: **and Your faithfulness by night.**

Pastor: The Most High God now sends us out to praise His name and declare His love wherever we go! The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

People: **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

All non-member meetings and social activities are cancelled until further notice.
Congregational attendance is with precautions and safe social distancing in place.



Beginning September 13, communion will be offered AFTER worship.

WORSHIP LEADER THIS WEEK: Carmen Brookshaw

Thank you! **To this week's ushers:**

Karl Ristow, Jean Ristow, Paul Gremel, Hildegard Carney and John Noffze

PRAYERS FOR

THOSE IN MISSIONS: Krista Young, LCMS missionary serving the Lord in Eastern and Southern Africa

ENCOURAGEMENT: For those who fear for their safety in the face of riots

PRAYERS FOR MEMBERS



Laura Rydson, Cindy Anderson, Walter Murphy, Van Johnson, Mary Ninker, Dennis Hess, Olga Hakanson, Larry Meier, Lynne Holmes, Cindi Kramer, Lynne Chan, Martin Koepke, Sue Chapin, Joni Lowe.

Names are kept on the prayer list for 8 weeks unless the office is notified.

PRAYERS FOR FRIENDS & FAMILY

June (the Silcocks), the Harley family (Flo Hendricks), Barb Raphael (Jaye Spencer), Josh Meeker (Joni Lowe), Sue Smith (Carolyn Ohaman), Audrey Lovell (Grace Swanchak), Bob Stoudt (Lana Davis), Mike Naughton (Patti Naughton), David Dollins (Meredith Bair), Olga Denapoli (Meredith Bair) and those we name in our hearts.

Names are kept on the prayer list for 4 weeks unless the office is notified.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

For Pastor Tom Boeck as he successfully passed the Greek language qualifier and is now admitted into the seminary classes required to complete his program.



BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Mark Kuhnly, Michael Ballenger, Chuck Wiley, Jeffrey Bertelson
Conrad Henry Jr., Eve Lindgren, Jacquielynn Wolff, Ed Silcock,
Nancy Carrington, Marianne Glesmann, Shelbe Lanam, Elfie Walter,
Grace Swanchak

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Paul & Dede Greene, Tom & June Cooper, Nick & Greta Eckerle,
Paul & Shirley Goepfert, Dave & Joyce McKenzie, Charles & Sandra
Witherington

FLOWERS THIS WEEK:

Cindi Kramer – in honor of Labor Day

Nick & Greta Eckerle – In thankfulness for many blessings and in celebration of our anniversary

CORRECTION FROM LAST WEEK: FLOWER CONTRIBUTION:

Hildegard Carney – in loving memory of her husband

ONLINE ATTENDANCE In person: 76; Online: 98

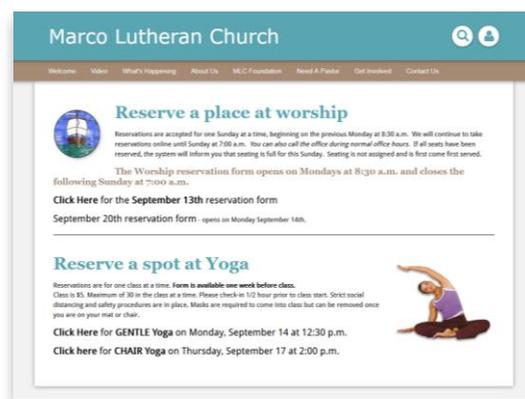
▶ NEW Seat Reservation Policy at MLC

Due to our anticipated attendee increase as we begin “season,” MLC is instituting a reservation policy for *worship and communion* beginning **September 13, 2020**. You will be asked to reserve a seat using our **online reservation form** that is on our website or by calling into the church.

Simply go to our website at: marcolutheran.org, hover over the “What’s Happening” link in the navigation bar and click on RESERVE to get the online form.



Reservations will be accepted for one Sunday at a time, beginning on the previous Monday at 8:30 a.m. We will continue to take reservations online until Sunday at 7:00 a.m. and by phone *during normal office hours*. If all seats have been reserved, the system will inform you that seating is full for this Sunday. Seating is not assigned and is first come first served.



As attendance increases and we get close to maximizing our 130 seat capacity, we will add another service on Sundays.

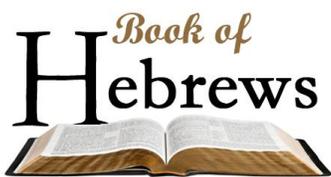


YOGA RETURNS with a limited schedule.

Gentle Yoga will begin Monday, September 14 at 12:30 p.m.
Chair Yoga will start Thursday, September 17 at 2:00 p.m. There will only be two classes per week for the remainder of September.

You must pre-register for each class using the online registration forms located on our website. A max of 30 people per class. The registration forms are available now. Welcome back Kathy!

ARTESIA BIBLE STUDY BEGINS MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14th at 6:00 p.m.



Taught by Pastor Tom, this study will be looking at the New Testament book of Hebrews. Meeting on the 2nd and 4th Mondays in the clubhouse at Artesia Community - 1460 Santiago Circle, Naples 34113. Facemasks are required of everyone entering the clubhouse. Please call the office for the gate code.

LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

As we get ready for the Stewardship season, we renew our call for volunteers in numerous areas.

- With season rapidly arriving, we will need more ushers for socially distanced worship and events on our campus.
- We also need people to work with the sound system, video system and projection system. These systems volunteers will need some training prior to serving, so we ask that you call the office as soon as possible, if this is an area in which you are willing to serve.



These are critical needs, so please consider serving. Thank you!

NEED HELP OR ENCOURAGEMENT?

Find Bible verses that speak to any situation on our website. Let the word of God comfort and encourage you. Find them on our website under the “Need A Pastor” tab. www.marcolutheran.org/gods-yellow-page



MLC PRAYER CREW Each week, the prayer crew will be sent the requested prayer list along with any additional prayer topics upon which the members of the group will pray.

The Prayer Crew lifts up the prayer needs of our church and anyone else who requests prayer, so that anyone who needs prayer can have someone pray for them.

This is a great ministry opportunity. Please contact the office if you are interested.

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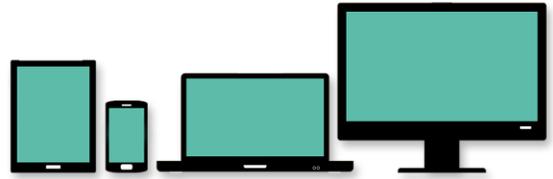
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If you have difficulty or questions, please e-mail our Financial Secretary, Roger Miller, at financialsec@marcolutheran.org. We appreciate the continuing support.

WATCH FROM HOME at www.marcolutheran.org/video

Congregational attendance is resumed with precautions and safe social distancing in place. Holy Communion is not offered during the service at this time.

We **LIVE-STREAM** our worship services and **We Urge Anyone** who does not feel comfortable attending church to continue to view the service on our website.



Watch on your phone, tablet, laptop, desktop computer OR Internet enabled TV.

- We **live-stream** the **SUNDAY** service at **9:30 a.m.**
- Recent and older videos are available to watch on the same webpage.
- You can follow along with each Worship Service using bulletins that are always available on our “Publications/Forms” page located under the “What’s Happening” tab at our website. **www.marcolutheran.org/publications**



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