TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, August 14, 2022

MARCO LUTHERAN CHURCH

Rev. Thomas Boeck, Senior Pastor WORSHIP

Summer Worship 9:30 a.m. Sunday Service Streamed at www.marcolutheran.org

MARCO LUTHERAN CHURCH FOUNDATION

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Monday – Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. • Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. secretary@marcolutheran.org

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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.

A special welcome to our guests today.

May you find grace and blessing in the time we spend together. If you are looking for a church home, please speak to the Pastor, the Lay Minister for the day, or an Usher. We would be most pleased to share with you ways in which you might become a regular part of our Christian fellowship.



HOLY COMMUNION – WHAT WE BELIEVE

In this Sacrament, Jesus gives us Himself, His true Body and Blood as we receive the bread and wine. On the night He was betrayed and before He was put to death, Jesus celebrated this Meal with His disciples assuring us that each time we receive it, we are again remembering His death and receiving the full benefits of His grace, namely the forgiveness of sin.

In 1 Corinthians 11, St. Paul says that we should "examine ourselves" ahead of time. We can do so each time by asking ourselves these basic questions:

- † Do I acknowledge the fact that I am indeed a sinner and that I am sorry for my sin?
- † Do I believe that Jesus Christ is my Savior from all sin?
- † Am I trusting in Jesus' promise that I receive full pardon and strength through this Holy Meal?
- † Do I believe that the body and blood of Jesus is truly present in, with and under the bread and the wine of Holy Communion?
- † Finally, with the Lord's help, will I seek to amend my life and live in conformity with His Holy Will?

Jesus Himself invites baptized followers, who believe in Him as their Lord and Savior, who recognize their sinful condition and who seek His forgiveness, to come to His Table to receive His precious Body and Blood. May the Lord bless your personal reception as well as your daily living under His power and blessing. Should you have questions, please see a Pastor or a Lay minister prior to the worship service. If you prefer not to participate in the sacrament, please cross your arms when coming forward to receive a blessing.

For those who prefer, white grape juice is in the center of the tray. There are also gluten free wafers by informing a distributing Host. For those who may have difficulty coming to the front, please inform an usher so that the Sacrament may be brought to you.

As We Gather



Today's Epistle continues the list of heroes of faith begun last week. Today, the emphasis is on the trials they endured because of their faith. Unlike the false prophets in the Old Testament Reading, they had heard and believed the promises of God. No wonder faith in Christ, especially when it goes through trials, inevitably produces conflict with any unbelieving people near us, even though they might be members of our family! Today is a day to resolve to run the race with endurance, following our Lord Jesus, acting on faith each day until it is turned to sight.

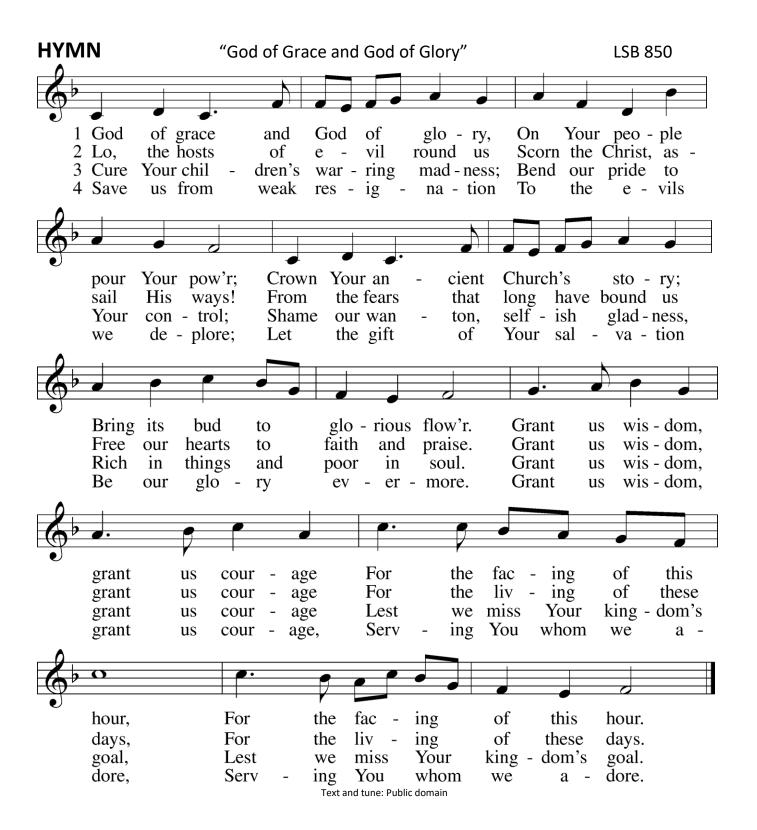
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The congregational responses in this service are printed in **BOLD**

A moment of friendship and welcome

PLEASE STAND

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INVOCATION

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

PSALM

Psalm 119:81-88; antiphon: v. 81

Pastor: Today we consider faith under trial. But we cannot remain strong without

God's help. Let us begin by praying today's Psalm responsively.

People: My soul longs for Your salvation; I hope in Your word.

Pastor: My eyes long for Your promise;

I ask, "When will You comfort me?"

For I have become like a wineskin in the smoke,

yet I have not forgotten Your statutes.

People: My soul longs for Your salvation; I hope in Your word.

Pastor: How long must Your servant endure?

When will You judge those who persecute me?

The insolent have dug pitfalls for me; they do not live according to Your law. All Your commandments are sure;

they persecute me with falsehood; help me!

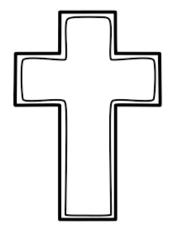
People: My soul longs for Your salvation; I hope in Your word.

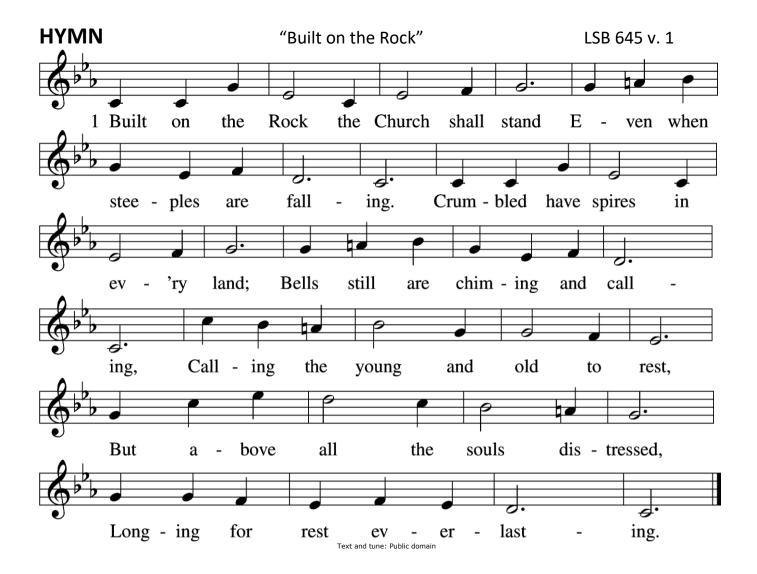
Pastor: They have almost made an end of me on earth,

but I have not forsaken Your precepts. In Your steadfast love give me life,

that I may keep the testimonies of Your mouth.

People: My soul longs for Your salvation; I hope in Your word.





SALUTATION

Leader:

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Leader: Let us pray for ourselves, the Church around the world, and all people in their various circumstances.

Merciful Lord, cleanse and defend Your Church by the sacrifice of Christ.

People: United with Him in Holy Baptism, give us grace to receive with thanksgiving the fruits of His redeeming work and daily follow in His way;

Let us pray for people who are deprived of justice, who are addicted to drugs and live in destructive communities, and all who are without hope of change.

Renew in them, O Lord, a trust in Your promises, and give them relief and change as fits Your gracious plans for them. Hear my prayer, O Lord:

People: My soul longs for Your salvation; I hope in Your word.

Leader:

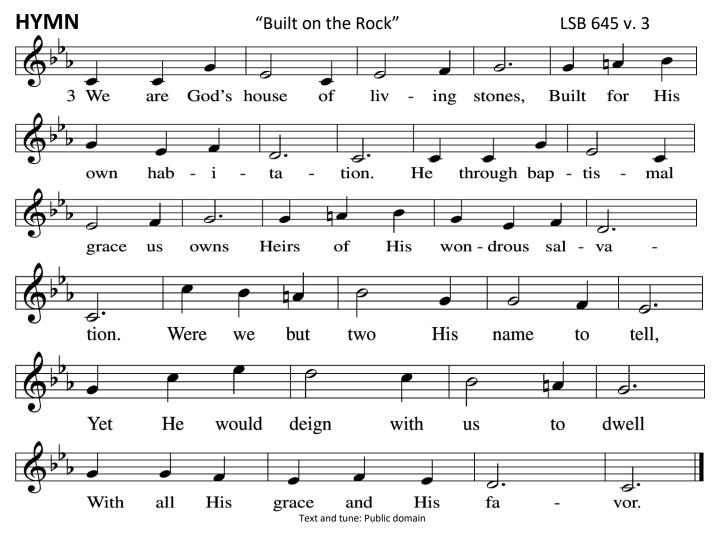
Support and guide the social agencies and extended families of all those who care for the young and the old, the poor and the sick, whether as professional health care workers or individuals intent on meeting the needs of the less fortunate. Grant them a sense of purpose and calling as they serve You and the people around them in love. Heavenly Father, we lift up to you **Habitat for Humanity** as they continue to build new homes in our community and in so doing show the love of Christ to many. Lord in your mercy. Hear my prayer, O Lord:

People: My soul longs for Your salvation; I hope in Your word.

Leader: These and any other things You would have us ask of You, heavenly Father,

grant to us for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, in whose name we

pray.



₩ WORD ₩

FIRST LESSON Jeremiah 23:16–29

Leader:

¹⁶ This is what the LORD Almighty says: "Do not listen to what the prophets are prophesying to you; they fill you with false hopes. They speak visions from their own minds, not from the mouth of the LORD. 17 They keep saying to those who despise me, 'The LORD says: You will have peace.' And to all who follow the stubbornness of their hearts they say, 'No harm will come to you.' 18 But which of them has stood in the council of the LORD to see or to hear his word? Who has listened and heard his word? ¹⁹ See, the storm of the LORD will burst out in wrath, a whirlwind swirling down on the heads of the wicked. ²⁰ The anger of the LORD will not turn back until he fully accomplishes the purposes of his heart. In days to come you will understand it clearly. ²¹ I did not send these prophets, yet they have run with their message; I did not speak to them, yet they have prophesied. ²² But if they had stood in my council, they would have proclaimed my words to my people and would have turned them from their evil ways and from their evil deeds. ²³ "Am I only a God nearby," declares the LORD, "and not a God far away? 24 Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them?" declares the LORD. "Do not I fill heaven and earth?" declares the LORD. ²⁵ "I have heard what the prophets say who prophesy lies in my name. They say, 'I had a dream! I had a dream!' ²⁶ How long will this continue in the hearts of these lying prophets, who prophesy the delusions of their own minds? ²⁷ They think the dreams they tell one another will make my people forget my name, just as their ancestors forgot my name through Baal worship. ²⁸ Let the prophet who has a dream recount the dream, but let the one who has my word speak it faithfully. For what has straw to do with grain?" declares the LORD. ²⁹ "Is not my word like fire," declares the LORD, "and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 11:17–31, 12:1–3

Leader: By faith Abraham,

People: when he was tested, offered up Isaac,

Leader: and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only

son, of whom it was said, "Through Isaac shall your offspring be named." He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which,

figuratively speaking, he did receive him back. By faith Isaac

People: invoked future blessings on Jacob and Esau.

Leader: By faith Jacob,

People: when dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, bowing in worship over the

head of his staff.

Leader: By faith Joseph,

People: at the end of his life, made mention of the exodus of the Israelites and gave

directions concerning his bones.

Leader: By faith Moses, when he was born,

People: was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw that the child

was beautiful, and they were not afraid of the king's edict.

Leader: By faith Moses, when he was grown up,

People: refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter,

Leader: choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the

fleeting pleasures of sin. He considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward. By faith he left Egypt, not being afraid of the anger of the king, for he endured as seeing Him who is invisible. By faith he kept the Passover and sprinkled the blood, so that

the Destroyer of the firstborn might not touch them.

By faith the people

People: crossed the Red Sea as if on dry land,

Leader: but the Egyptians, when they attempted to do the same, were drowned.

By faith the walls of Jericho

People: fell down after they had been encircled for seven days.

Leader: By faith Rahab the prostitute

People: did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had given a

friendly welcome to the spies.

Leader: And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak,

Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—who through faith

conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, obtained promises, stopped the

mouths of lions, quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies

to flight. Women received back their dead by resurrection. Some were

tortured, refusing to accept release, so that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment.

They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword.

They went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, mistreated—

of whom the world was not worthy—wandering about in deserts and

mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.

And all these, though commended through their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

People:

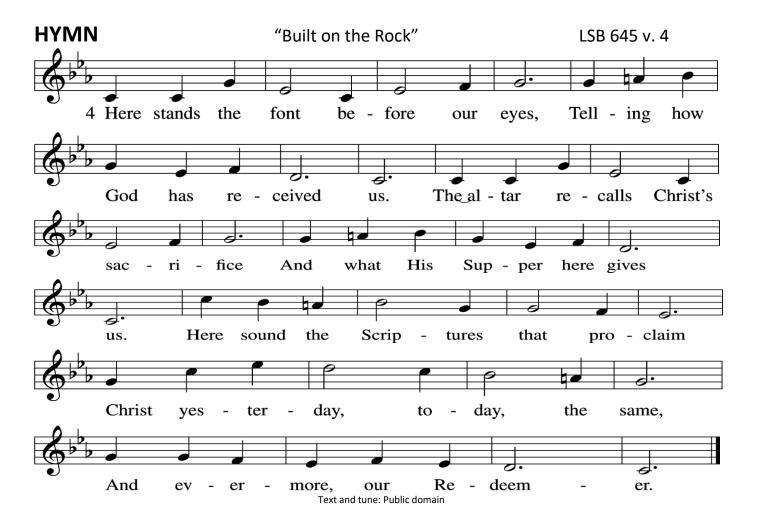
Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Leader:

Consider Him who endured from sinners such hostility against Himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.

This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.



HOLY GOSPEL Luke 12:49–53

Pastor:

⁴⁹ "I have come to bring fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! ⁵⁰ But I have a baptism to undergo, and what constraint I am under until it is completed! ⁵¹ Do you think I came to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but division. ⁵² From now on there will be five in one family divided against each other, three against two and two against three. ⁵³ They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twelfth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

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 T everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING VIDEO & PRAYER

Pastor:

Tithes and offerings may be placed in the donation boxes located behind the last seats at the center aisle in the back of the sanctuary or in the offering plates that are in the front as you exit toward the sides after communion.

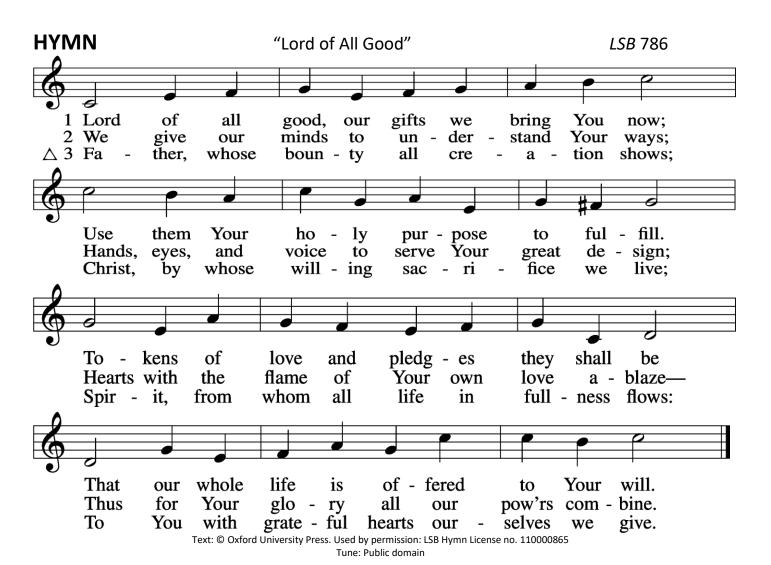
In 2 Corinthians 9:6-8 the apostle Paul writes: "6 ... whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap

bountifully. ⁷ Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸ And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work." Our offerings reflect our faith in God's promises. These gifts help to support the church, spread the gospel and to serve others. Through our gifts, we acknowledge that all we have is a gift from God, thereby giving to the ministry of the church and relying on God's faithfulness to fulfill all our earthly needs.

Pastor: Let us pray:

People:

Lord, so often we forget how faithful you have been in caring for us. In love, You sent Your Son Jesus to save us and in Your mercy You continue to provide for all our earthly needs. Bless the gifts that we bring to you today. Multiply them to expand your kingdom, to help others, and to share the good news with those who do not know you. Encourage us to generosity in response to Your love. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



▼ SACRAMENT ▼

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Let us confess our sins, recognizing the forgiveness we receive because of our

Lord's sacrifice in our place.

Gracious heavenly Father,

People: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with

which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be

gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Pastor: People of God, "we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses," all of

whom struggled in their day, none of them perfect, but all of whom looked forward in hope. Because our Lord Jesus, "for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, . . . is seated at the right hand of the throne of God," we can be confident that He fulfilled all God's promises and has made His total, gracious forgiveness available to us. As a called and

ordained servant of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of

the Father and of the

■ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen. Thanks be to God!

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor:

Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on Your people, strengthening the faith of people who awaited our Savior, granting us to see them as models of firm faith, and offering Your Son as the answer to all our prayers. With repentant joy we receive the forgiveness, life, and salvation He bestowed by giving His life for us on the cross.

Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood that we remain firm in the faith through all testing that may come. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful who have gone before us the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God. now and forever.

People: Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death

until He comes.

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to

eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So

remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER

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

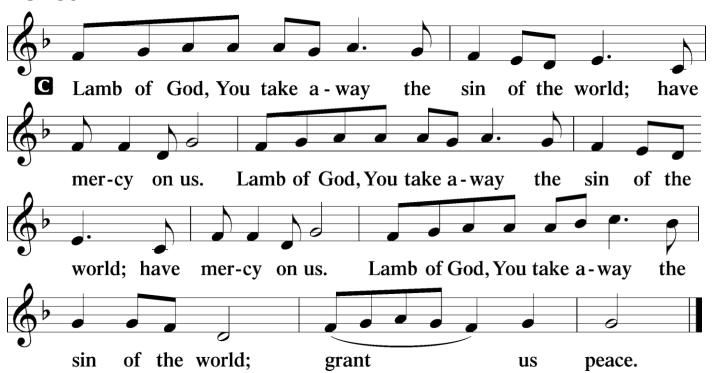
kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

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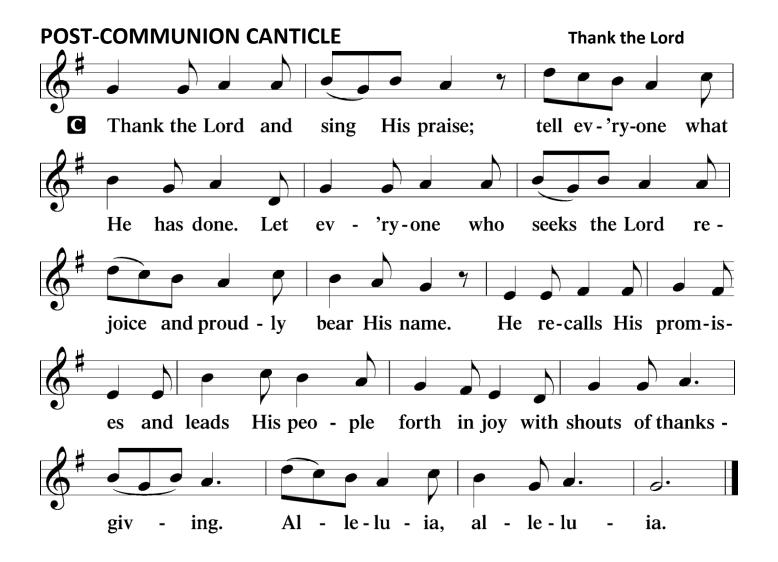


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Pastor: May this true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve

you in the true faith to life everlasting. Depart in peace.

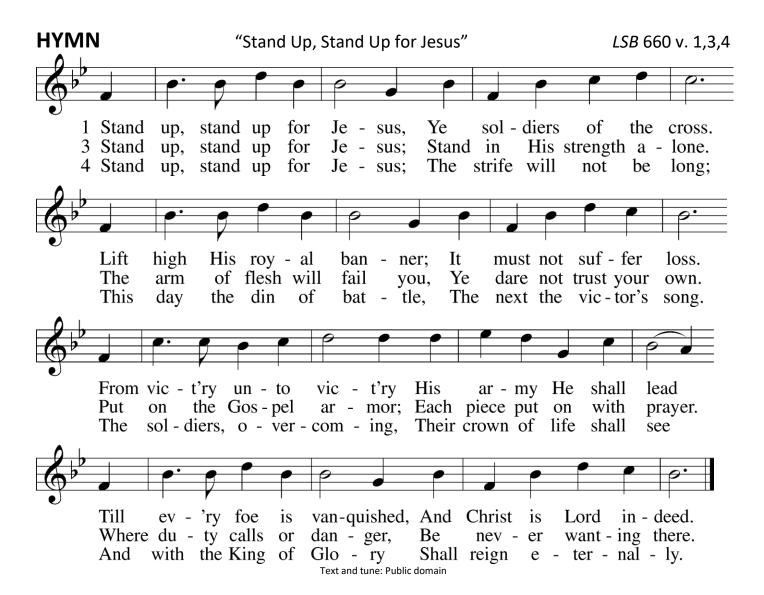


BENEDICTION

Pastor: 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.



DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

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Announcements

PRAYERS FOR MISSIONS

Habitat for Humanity

PRAYERS FOR MEMBERS

June (Frances & Ed Silcock), Martin Koepke, Bob Reinig, Bob Kelley, Lyle Sledge, Mike Naughton, Dick Clark, LaVonne Johnson, Paula Lacefield, Elly Wahl, Carmine & Wilma Voglino.

Names are kept on the prayer lists for <u>4 weeks unless</u> the office is notified.

PRAYERS FOR COMFORT

For the family and friends of Samuel Bunz who passed into eternal life on July 27. (family of Lynn Chan)

PRAYERS FOR FRIENDS & FAMILY

Andy & Cassie Hendricks, (Flo Hendricks), Sherry Schaeffer (Betty Clark), Barb Raphael (Jaye Spencer), Miranda C., Mike Sullivan, Kristen Forman (Lana Davis), Mark Walker (Judy Karlin), and those we name in our hearts.

Names are kept on the prayer lists for <u>2 weeks unless</u> the office is notified.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Lana Davis, Bill Hunter, Marilyn Knudson, Joan Kurtz, Lucky Lang, Jeff Patterson, Judy Karlin, Michael Lien, Lorann Rue, Lili Surber, Gerry Geartz, Diana Henke

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Jerry & Elaine Beck, Dennis & Georgia Hess, Merle & Becky Ericson, David & Denise Long, Harry & Kim Rubash, Scott & Kathy Berner

ATTENDANCE

Sunday: 119

ALTAR FLOWERS

Bob Scholle in loving memory of wife Diane

ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATIONS- IMPORTANT UPDATE!

There are openings each week for anyone who wants to beautify the altar and make a dedication for loved ones or to celebrate an important occasion. **EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY**, Marco Island Florist has had to re-set the price to \$65 each due to an increase in their costs. The sign-up sheet is on the hallway bulletin board.

BECOME A PART OF OUR TEAM

We would like to introduce a new volunteer position for someone to lead the hymns during services....a Lyric Leader. We hope you will consider offering your talent and sign up to be on the LYRIC LEADERS' TEAM.

BOOK CLUB

Meets on Wednesday, August 17 at 5:30 p.m. to discuss "The Color of Water" by James McBride.

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

There are 4 ways to give: **ONLINE, BY MAIL, BY PHONE, BY TEXT!**All transactions are secure and confidential. You can make a one-time donation or set-up a regular weekly or monthly donation.

https://marcolutheran.360unite.com/give If you have difficulty or questions, please email financialsec@marcolutheran.org You can also place your offerings in the offering boxes that are located at the exits. We appreciate your support!

YOGA CLASSES

Gentle Yoga meets at 12:30 p.m. and Chair Yoga meets at 2:00 p.m. on Mondays & Thursdays. \$5 per class. These classes continue throughout the year.

Thank You to Our Helpful Servants This Week!

WORSHIP LEADER
LAY MINISTER
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS
HEAD USHER
USHERS
TRANSPORTERS
ALTAR GUILD

Linda Harrison
Bob Harrison
Jan May
Bill Kaschube
Bob & Ruth Cory
Jan May & Linda Harrison
Beth Miller



Calendar: August 14 - September 3

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