

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Sunday, October 23, 2022
MARCO LUTHERAN CHURCH

Rev. Thomas Boeck, Senior Pastor
Rev. Kenneth Garazin, Seasonal Pastor

MARCO LUTHERAN CHURCH FOUNDATION
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NEW MEMBER RECEPTION TODAY AFTER WORSHIP!

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday – Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. ▪ Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
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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



“How can you be so sure?” That is the question we may find ourselves asking when we read the confidence expressed by Paul in today’s Epistle: “There is laid up for me the crown of righteousness” (2 Timothy 4:8); “The Lord stood by me and strengthened me. . . . I was rescued from the lion’s mouth. . . . The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into His heavenly kingdom” (2 Timothy 4:17–18a). “Paul, how can you be so sure?” Today’s service will help us to see that Paul’s certainty was not based upon his

strength of faith or his works of ministry; no, it was based solely on God’s faithfulness to him in Jesus Christ, the Crucified! Through His Word and Spirit, God provides such confidence and certainty to us also as we gather in His presence and are received by Him as members of His heavenly kingdom. “To Him be the glory forever and ever. Amen” (2 Timothy 4:18b).

✠ PREPARATION ✠

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

A moment of friendship and welcome

HYMN

“The Lord, My God, Be Praised”

LSB 794 v.1-3



1 The Lord, my God, be praised, My light, my life from heav - en;
2 The Lord, my God, be praised, My trust, my life from heav - en,
3 The Lord, my God, be praised, My hope, my life from heav - en,



My mak - er, who to me Has soul and bod - y giv - en;
The Fa - ther's own dear Son, Whose life for me was giv - en,
The Spir - it, whom the Son In love to me has giv - en.



My Fa - ther, who will shield And keep me day by day
Who for my sin a - toned With His most pre - cious blood
His grace re - vives my heart And gives my spir - it pow'r,



And make each mo - ment yield New bless - ings on my way.
And gives to me by faith The high - est heav'n - ly good.
Help, com - fort, and sup - port In sor - row's gloom - y hour.

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INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Through faith in Jesus Christ, we are adopted as God's sons and daughters and drawn into His kingdom. By means of His Word and Supper, we gather to receive our Savior's mercy and then respond to Him in thanksgiving and praise. Because of our sins of thought, word, and action, we are unworthy of the grace we receive. Therefore, at our Lord's invitation, let us come before our heavenly Father in humility and faith, seeking His pardon for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

People: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

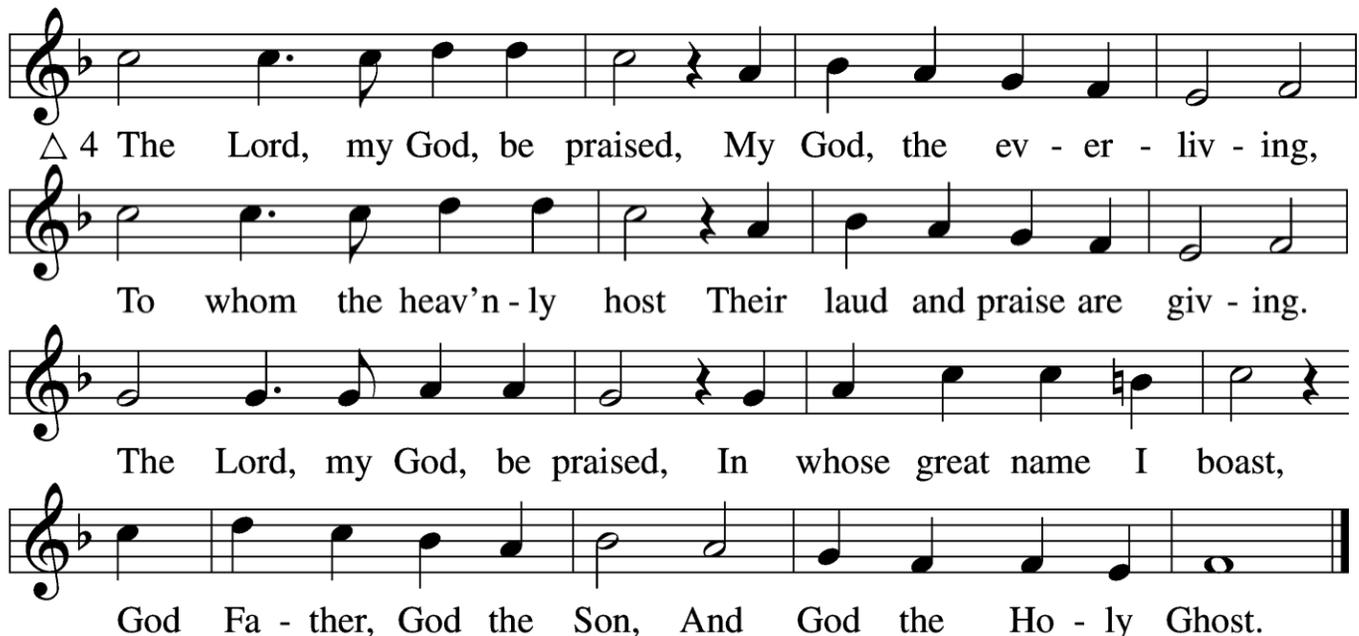
Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. Received into the certainty and security of His eternal kingdom, be assured that you belong to Him—He is your Father, and you are His children! As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

HYMN

“The Lord, My God, Be Praised”

LSB 794



△ 4 The Lord, my God, be praised, My God, the ev - er - liv - ing,
To whom the heav'n - ly host Their laud and praise are giv - ing.
The Lord, my God, be praised, In whose great name I boast,
God Fa - ther, God the Son, And God the Ho - ly Ghost.

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SALUTATION

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader: Let us pray.
 Almighty and everlasting God, You are always more ready to hear than we to pray

People: **and always ready to give more than we either desire or deserve.**

Leader: Strengthen us in the certainty of the forgiveness of sins and life everlasting in Your heavenly kingdom,

People: **that we may always trust in Him who was crucified for our salvation;**

Leader: through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

HYMN

In Christ There Is No East or West

LSB 653 v.1,4

1 In Christ there is no east or west,
 4 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith,
 In Him no south or north, But one great fel - low -
 What - e'er your race may be; Who serves my Fa - ther
 ship of love Through - out the whole wide earth.
 as His child Is sure - ly kin to me.

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(New Members please come forward)

RECEIVING NEW MEMBERS

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord, our Lord Jesus Christ said to His apostles: "Whoever confesses Me before men, I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven." Lift up your hearts, therefore, to the God of all grace and joyfully give answer to what I now ask you in the name of the Lord.

Pastor: Do you this day in the presence of God and of this congregation acknowledge the gifts that God gave you in your Baptism?

N. Members: **Yes, I do.**

Pastor: Do you renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways?

N. Members: *Yes, I renounce them.*

Pastor: Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord, and in the Holy Spirit?

N. Members: *Yes, I believe in God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

Pastor: Do you hold all the prophetic and apostolic Scriptures to be the inspired Word of God and the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, drawn from them and confessed in the Small Catechism, to be faithful and true?

N. Members: *I do.*

Pastor: Do you intend to hear the Word of God and receive the Lord's Supper faithfully?

N. Members: *I do, by the grace of God.*

Pastor: Do you intend to live according to the Word of God, and in faith, word, and deed to remain true to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, even to death?

N. Members: *I do, by the grace of God.*

Pastor: Do you desire to become a member of this congregation?

N. Members: *I do.*

Pastor: Will you support the work our gracious Lord has given this congregation with your prayers and the gifts God has given you?

N. Members: *I will, with the help of God.*

Pastor: Upon this your confession of faith, I acknowledge publicly that you are a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church and of Marco Lutheran Church. Receive the Lord's Supper and participate with us in all the blessings of salvation that our Lord has given to His Church, in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: *Amen.*

PRAYER

Pastor: Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank and praise You for Your great goodness in bringing these Your sons and daughters to the knowledge of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, and enabling them both with the

heart to believe and with the mouth to confess His saving name. Grant that by Your Word and Spirit they may continue steadfast in the one true faith in the fellowship of this congregation as together we await the day when all who have fought the good fight of faith shall receive the crown of righteousness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

***New Members being welcomed today:
Kathy Smith, Greg & Diane Waltrip, David & Connie Wuellner***

HYMN

In Christ There Is No East or West

LSB 653 v. 2,5

2 With God there is no tribe or race;
5 In Christ now meet both east and west;

In Him we all are one. He loves us as His
In Him meet south and north. All Chris - tian souls are

chil - dren through Our faith in His dear Son.
one in Him Through - out the whole wide earth.

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✠ WORD ✠

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 4:1–15

Leader: ¹Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, “I have gotten a man with the help of the Lord.” ²And again, she bore his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a worker of the ground. ³In the course of time Cain brought to the Lord an offering of the fruit of the ground, ⁴and Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions. And the Lord had regard for Abel and his offering, ⁵but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his face fell. ⁶The Lord said to Cain, “Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen? ⁷If you do

well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is for you, but you must rule over it.”

⁸Cain spoke to Abel his brother. And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him. ⁹Then the Lord said to Cain, “Where is Abel your brother?” He said, “I do not know; am I my brother’s keeper?” ¹⁰And the Lord said, “What have you done? The voice of your brother’s blood is crying to me from the ground. ¹¹And now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother’s blood from your hand. ¹²When you work the ground, it shall no longer yield to you its strength. You shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth.” ¹³Cain said to the Lord, “My punishment is greater than I can bear. ¹⁴Behold, you have driven me today away from the ground, and from your face I shall be hidden. I shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me.” ¹⁵Then the Lord said to him, “Not so! If anyone kills Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold.” And the Lord put a mark on Cain, lest any who found him should attack him.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND LESSON

2 Timothy 4:6–8, 16–18

Leader: ⁶For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that Day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing. ¹⁶At my first defense no one came to stand by me, but all deserted me. May it not be charged against them! ¹⁷But the Lord stood by me and strengthened me, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion’s mouth. ¹⁸The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN

"Father Welcomes"

LSB 605

Refrain

Fa - ther wel-comes all His chil - dren To His fam - 'ly
through His Son. Fa - ther giv - ing His sal - va - tion,
Life for - ev - er has been won.
I Lit - tle chil - dren, come to Me, For My king - dom
is of these. Life and love I have to give,
Mer - cy for your sin.

Refrain

The image shows the musical notation for the hymn 'Father Welcomes'. It consists of seven staves of music in a single system, all in a treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first line is labeled 'Refrain'. The music is written in a simple, accessible style suitable for congregational singing.

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HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 18:9–17

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

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

⁹[Jesus] also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt:

¹⁰"Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹²I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.' ¹³But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' ¹⁴I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who

exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”

¹⁵Now they were bringing even infants to him that he might touch them. And when the disciples saw it, they rebuked them. ¹⁶But Jesus called them to him, saying, “Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. ¹⁷Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Make Me a Servant”

MLC Choir

SERMON

Pastor Ken Garazin

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 VIDEO & PRAYER

Pastor: Tithes and offerings may be placed in the donation boxes located behind the last seats at the back of this area or in the front as you come for 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.

HYMN

Children of the Heavenly Father

LSB 725 v.1-2

1 Chil - dren of the heav'n - ly Fa - ther Safe - ly
2 God His own doth tend and nour - ish; In 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
heav - en Such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
spares them; In His might - y arms He bears them.

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Leader: Let us pray for all the children of God, members of His heavenly kingdom, and also for all others whose needs are known to the Lord, that they may experience the certainty of His promises and blessings in their lives.

Gracious Father, we are richly blessed to come unto Jesus at His gracious invitation and to be assured of our identity as Your children and members of Your eternal kingdom. Inspire in us a dedication to the priorities of Your kingdom, O Lord, that we may dedicate ourselves to worshiping You and to making Your love known to all the world. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear Your children pray!

Leader: Loving Savior, many things in this world distract us from Your Word and draw us away from spending time in Your presence. Renew us, dear Jesus, by the Word that we have heard this day and by the Supper we will soon receive. Remind us of Your forgiveness for our trespasses and restoration for our brokenness that, with hearts and hands lifted to You, we rejoice always, pray continually, and give thanks in all circumstances, for this is Your will for Your children. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear Your children pray!

Leader: Your Word instructs us, sovereign Lord, to lift before You our leaders and all those who serve in positions of authority among us. Grant Your blessing to all who make, administer, and judge our nation's laws. Protect those who lay down their lives for their fellow citizens. Uplift those who are weary and downtrodden in their daily lives that they may find joy in the roles they have in their families, communities, and congregations, knowing that their labor in the Lord is never in vain. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear Your children pray!

Leader: Healing Savior, Your ministry on earth included bringing heaven's touch to many who were afflicted with pain and suffering. Each of us has upon our hearts and minds people in need of healing mercies this day, and, for these and for all others who are sick, hurting, and undergoing procedures, we ask for Your special care and healing touch to be extended. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear Your children pray!

Leader: Heavenly Father, we lift up to you the work of **Amigos Ministries** as they boldly proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Into Your hands of mercy, faithful Father, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Him who invites us to experience the certainty of faith that belongs to members of His heavenly kingdom, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er From the
4 Though He giv - eth or He tak - eth, God His
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
show - eth, And their sor - rows all He know - eth.
sole - ly To pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

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✠ SACRAMENT ✠

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.**

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. At Jesus' gracious invitation, we, Your children, come unto Him and receive the assurance that You have made us members of Your eternal kingdom. Therefore with angels and archangels

and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

**People: Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: With gratitude and thanksgiving, O Father, we offer to You our sacrifice of praise! In Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, we are welcomed into Your eternal kingdom and given the inheritance that belongs to Your children! With certainty in the promises of Jesus and His salvation, hear us now as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

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.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

PAX DOMINI

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

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI

☐ Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world;
 have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the
 sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of
 God, You take a - way the sin of the world;
 grant us peace, grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN “Just as I Am, without One Plea” LSB 570 v.1-2,5-6

1 Just as I am, with - out one plea But that Thy
 2 Just as I am and wait - ing not To rid my
 5 Just as I am, Thou wilt re - ceive, Wilt wel - come,
 6 Just as I am; Thy love un-known Has bro - ken
 blood was shed for me And that Thou bidd’st me come to
 soul of one dark blot, To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each
 par - don, cleanse, re - lieve; Be - cause Thy prom - ise I be -
 ev - ’ry bar - rier down; Now to be Thine, yea, Thine a -
 Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
 spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
 lieve, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
 lone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

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POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

Thank the Lord

Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what
He has done. Let ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re -
joice and proud - ly bear His name. He re-calls His prom-is-
es and leads His peo - ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks -
giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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.

People: Amen.

HYMN

I Love Your Kingdom, Lord

LSB 651 v.1-3,5

1 I love Your king - dom, Lord, The place of Your a - bode,
2 Be - yond my high - est joy I prize its heav'n - ly ways,
3 I love Your Church, O God, Your saints in ev - 'ry land,
5 Sure as Your truth shall last, To Zi - on shall be giv'n

The Church our blest Re-deem-er saved With His own pre-cious blood.
Its sweet com-mu-nion, sol-emn vows, Its hymns of love and praise.
Dear as the ap-ple of Your eye And grav-en on Your hand.
The bright-est glo-ries earth can yield And bright-er bliss of heav'n.

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Announcements

PRAYERS FOR MISSIONS - Amigos Ministry

PRAYERS FOR MEMBERS

June (Frances & Ed Silcock), Martin Koepke, Bob Reinig, Bob Kelley, Lyle Sledge, Dick Clark, Paula Lacefield, Wilma Voglino, Meredith Bair, Emily Forslin Lauth, Carol Rayner, Shirley Robinson, Pastor Tom.

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

PRAYERS FOR FRIENDS & FAMILY

Andy & Cassie Hendricks, (Flo Hendricks), Sherry Schaeffer (Betty Clark), Barb Raphael (Jaye Spencer), Miranda C., (Judy Karlin), Chuck Hall, (Marilyn Kostelnik), Janet Fragerman (Marsha Schulz), Cory Castanada, Lois Dever (Mary Ninker), Tim Chylla (Joni Lowe), Todd Terry (Cindi Kramer), Sandy Caulk (Lynne Holmes), Judy (Tia Davis), Patsy Bekins, Patricia Gross (Tom Kramer), Mia Tobin (Rooksberrys'), Frank Lazansky (Nancy Carrington), Stephen Spargo, Donna Wilson, Juvento Cadvent, Roberto & Claudia Trejos, Billy Timilty (Paula Caltibiano), and those we name in our hearts.

Names are kept on the prayer lists for 2 weeks unless the office is notified.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK – Happy Birthday to you all!

Beverly Ertman, LaVonne Johnson, Kayette Obrenski, Donna Torchia, Brenda Dick

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK – Happy Anniversary to you!

Tom & Dani Graves, Jack & Marie Mahr, Pete & Cherie Schmidt

ATTENDANCE

Sunday: 156 Online: 83 Total: 239

ALTAR FLOWERS

Harry & Kim Rubash in celebration of Bev Ertman's birthday!

ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATIONS

The price of altar flowers is \$65 each. The sign-up sheet is on the hallway bulletin board. If you have signed up for future dates and decide not to do it, please remove your name from the list. Thank you!

ARTESIA BIBLE STUDY

Begins Tuesday, September 12 and continues to take place the **2nd and 4th Mondays from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.** Artesia is located at 1399 Barefoot Williams Rd, Naples, FL 34113. The class is held in the clubhouse theater located at 1460 Santiago Circle. A light supper is provided. Call the Church office for entry gate code. 239-394-0332.

ARTIST SERIES

The Artist Series desk is manned on Tuesday & Thursdays between 10:00 a.m. & 2:00 p.m.

CELEBRATE V

Join us for our 5th Annual Evening of Community Christmas Joy Featuring the 23rd Anniversary of Peter Mayer's Stars & Promises Christmas Tour. Join Peter along with the Marco Lutheran Choirs on Wednesday, **November 30 & Thursday, December 1 at 7:30 p.m.** in the Marco Lutheran Great Room. **Tickets are available at the Artist Series desk which will be manned on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m. and after Sunday service for your assigned seating tickets which cost \$30 per person.** Net Proceeds will support Christmas Feeding Missions.

CHOIR

CHOIR REHEARSAL IS NOW AT 4:00 ON WEDNESDAYS!

We hope you will consider offering your talent and sign up to be on the **LYRIC LEADERS' TEAM.**

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. 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.

HURRICANE IAN DAMAGE

We are extremely pleased that Marco Lutheran came thru hurricane IAN with only landscaping cleanup and water in the basement storage area. We have needed to toss many items and are currently assessing what needs to be replaced. MLC has determined that we will be able to cover these losses without any congregational donations. The building itself suffered no damage due to the completion in recent years of a new roof (both shingle & flat), new hurricane glass in all windows & doors, and a new 495' sea wall along the canal. (Note: this was just completed in August!!) All this was possible as MLC was extremely fortunate to receive two very large bequests from a congregational family

that provided the funds, which added to our reserves, enabled us to tackle these projects that had been put off for many years.

HURRICANE IAN RELIEF FUNDS

Marco Lutheran Church is collecting funds to be used in our area. All money collected will be distributed to local organizations supporting the needs of those affected by this monstrous storm. You may donate via check (made out to Marco Lutheran Church w/ Hurricane in the memo field) or via online (check Hurricane option).

SEASONAL OFFICE HOURS

The FRIDAY Administrative office hours are now **8:30-2:00 p.m.** The office hours will remain the same, **8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m.** on Monday through Thursday.

OKTOBERFEST

Sunday, October 30 at 11:00. Tickets are available after worship at the Artist Series desk. The cost is \$15 per person, but \$25 at the door, so get your tickets soon. If you would like to sign up to bring a side dish, sign-up sheets are at the ministry desk in the Narthex.

WOMEN OF MARCO

The WOM are working again this year with Faith Lutheran Church and other surrounding Lutheran churches to help our Active Military have a better Christmas. We will be collecting sundries and phone card donations up until **Sunday, November 6**. Our valiant service members would love to hear from you, so if you would like to write them a card, we will send that along to them also.

NECESSITIES: sunblock, socks, flip flops, lip balm, talc powder

GAMES: playing cards, poker chips, crossword puzzles, word games

BEANIE BABIES: or other small stuffed animals

STATIONERY: paper, envelopes, pens

SNACKS: chips/salsa, nuts, trail mix, cookies (Oreos are the favorite), beef jerky, non-melting candy, drink mixes in single servings

The Women of Marco also invite you to join them to help decorate the church for Christmas on Monday, November 21 at 9:00 a.m. Pizza & beer will be served afterwards.

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. No registration necessary.

THANK YOU TO OUR HELPFUL SERVANTS!

WORSHIP LEADER

JAYE SPENCER

LAY MINISTER

MARK KUHNLY

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

KAREN KUHNLY & KIM RUBASH

HEAD USHER

DENNY JOHNSON

USHERS

MARK MUDEKING/BILL KASCHUBE/RON LISCH

TRANSPORTERS

GRETA ECKERLE & JAN MAY

ALTAR GUILD

ANNE ROZITE & JEAN RISTOW



VISITING SCHOLAR PROGRAM

AN OUTREACH ACTIVITY OF MARCO LUTHERAN CHURCH

Dr. Gregory Seltz

Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty, Washington D.C.

November 4, 5, & 6 2022

See our website for details.

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TITLE - GOD AT WORK – OUR 2KG CITIZENSHIP FOR THE SAKE OF THE CULTURE AND THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH

By Dr. Gregory P. Seltz, Executive Director,
Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty, Washington D.C.

The American context in the 21st century is increasingly antagonistic to the message and ministry of the Church. These lectures delineate the attacks on the religious liberty of the Church and the present cultural/political challenges to the Church in the American context. These presentations also describe the incredible opportunity that such challenges create for a robust, Two-Kingdom engagement for the sake of the culture and the mission of the Church. Indeed, the Church must exercise its unique voice, putting our temporal liberties to work for the sake of sharing the eternal liberties of Christ.

LECTURE ONE – Friday, Nov. 4 at 7:00 p.m.– Freedom Is a Biblical Ideal/Reality

LECTURE TWO – Saturday, Nov. 5 at 10:00 a.m. – The Unique Challenges and Opportunities In The American context

LECTURE THREE – Saturday, Nov. 5 at 1:00 p.m. – Christian Confidence When Worldviews Collide

LECTURE FOUR – Sunday, Nov. 6 at 10:45 a.m. – Spiritual First Responders Discipleship For 21st Ministry

CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER 23 – NOVEMBER 12

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
23 9:30 WORSHIP 10:30 NEW MEMBER RECEPTION 4:00 SAILING SOLO	24 12:30 GENTLE YOGA 2:00 CHAIR YOGA 6:00 ARTESIA BIBLE STUDY	25 *8:30 MEN'S BIBLE STUDY *10:30 SUNSHINE SISTERS *6:30 BIBLE STUDY FELLOWSHIP	26 10:00 WOMEN OF THE WORD 10:00 VISIONING TEAM 4:00 CHOIR REHEARSAL	27 9:30 ADULT BIBLE STUDY 12:30 GENTLE YOGA 2:00 CHAIR YOGA	28 *9:30 BRIDGE	29
30 9:30 WORSHIP 11:00 OKTOBERFEST	31 12:30 GENTLE YOGA 2:00 CHAIR YOGA	1 *8:30 MEN'S BIBLE STUDY *6:30 BIBLE STUDY FELLOWSHIP	2 10:00 WOW 1:00 *MARCO MENS CLUB 4:00 CHOIR REHEARSAL	3 9:30 ADULT BIBLE STUDY 12:30 GENTLE YOGA 2:00 CHAIR YOGA 3:00 MARCO FIRE FOUNDATION	4 VISITING SCHOLAR 7:00pm *9:30 BRIDGE 10:00 P.E.O.	5 VISITING SCHOLAR 10:00am & 1:00pm
6 9:30 WORSHIP VISITING SCHOLAR NO BIBLE STUDY	7 10:00 SEA GALS 10:00 INTERMENT DONNA UHL 12:30 GENTLE YOGA 2:00 CHAIR YOGA 6:00 BOHC/BOLM 7:00 BOARD NIGHT 7:00 STEWARDSHIP	8 VOTING ALL DAY *8:30 MEN'S BIBLE STUDY 5:30 FOUNDATION *6:30 BIBLE STUDY FELLOWSHIP	9 9:30 *MARCO MENS CLUB 10:00 WOW 4:00 CHOIR REHEARSAL	10 9:30 ADULT BIBLE STUDY 12:30 GENTLE YOGA 2:00 CHAIR YOGA	11 *9:30 BRIDGE	12

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