TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, November 13, 2022

MARCO LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TODAY

MARCO LUTHERAN CHURCH FOUNDATION

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OFFICE HOURS:

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



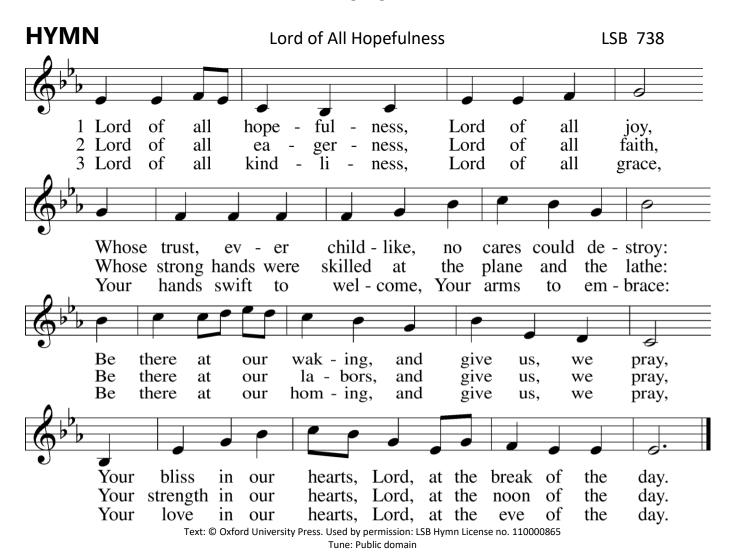
In today's Readings, we hear warnings about the coming day of the Lord. Such warnings can fill us with fear and questions. But we are also encouraged by God's faithfulness and steadfastness. He protects us from the assaults of Satan. He establishes us and keeps us. He directs our hearts toward love. "May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the steadfastness of Christ" (2 Thessalonians 3:5). God grant us such hearts!

▼ PREPARATION ▼

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

A moment of friendship and welcome

PLEASE STAND



INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: The Lord is faithful.

People: He establishes us and guards us against Satan.

Pastor: The Lord is steadfast.

People: He directs our hearts to love our neighbors.

Pastor: We can be confident in the Lord and His love for us.

People: May He grant us quiet lives free from trouble.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: In our lives, we struggle to follow Jesus' example of love, steadfastness, and

faith. We have sown hatred, shown laziness, and known many doubts. We have not kept our eyes fixed on Jesus. Yet our heavenly Father invites us to

draw near to His throne in confidence and ask for forgiveness.

Silence for reflection.

Pastor: Heavenly Father,

People: we have sinned against You in thoughts, words, and actions. Help us to serve

in joy and love. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us back to You, on account of

Jesus. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die and rise for you and for His

sake forgives you all your sins. 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. We are forgiven by the steadfast love of Christ.



SALUTATION

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader: Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, You are always faithful. As we await Your promised return,

help us to recognize Your gifts in this life so that we may serve You in

confidence and quietness, for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy

Spirit, one God, now and forever.



₩ WORD ₩

FIRST LESSON Malachi 4:1–6

Leader:

¹ "For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming shall set them ablaze, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. ²But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall. ³And you shall tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day when I act, says the Lord of hosts.

⁴"Remember the law of my servant Moses, the statutes and just decrees that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel. ⁵"Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the Lord comes. ⁶And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Leader:

⁶Now we command you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you keep away from any brother who is walking in idleness and not in accord with the tradition that you received from us. ⁷For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us, because we were not idle when we were with you, ⁸nor did we eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you. ⁹It was not because we do not have that right, but to give you in ourselves an example to imitate. ¹⁰For even when we were with you, we would give you this command: If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat. ¹¹For we hear that some among you walk in idleness, not busy at work, but busybodies. ¹²Now such persons we command and encourage in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living.

¹³As for you, brothers, do not grow weary in doing good.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.



HOLY GOSPEL Luke 21:5–19

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-first chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

Pastor:

⁵ While some were speaking of the temple, how it was adorned with noble stones and offerings, [Jesus] said, ⁶"As for these things that you see, the days will come when there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down." ⁷And they asked him, "Teacher, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when these things are about to take place?" 8And he said, "See that you are not led astray. For many will come in my name, saying, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is at hand!' Do not go after them. ⁹And when you hear of wars and tumults, do not be terrified, for these things must first take place, but the end will not be at once." ¹⁰Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. ¹¹There will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and pestilences. And there will be terrors and great signs from heaven. ¹²But before all this they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors for my name's sake. ¹³This will be your opportunity to bear witness. ¹⁴Settle it therefore in your minds not to meditate beforehand how to answer, ¹⁵ for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶You will be delivered up even by parents and brothers and relatives and friends, and some of you they will put to death. ¹⁷You will be hated by all for my name's sake. ¹⁸But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹By your endurance you will gain your lives.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

SPECIAL MUSIC Sing

Sing Unto the Lord MLC Choir

SERMON Pastor Ken Garazin

APOSTLE'S 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 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 AND PRAYER

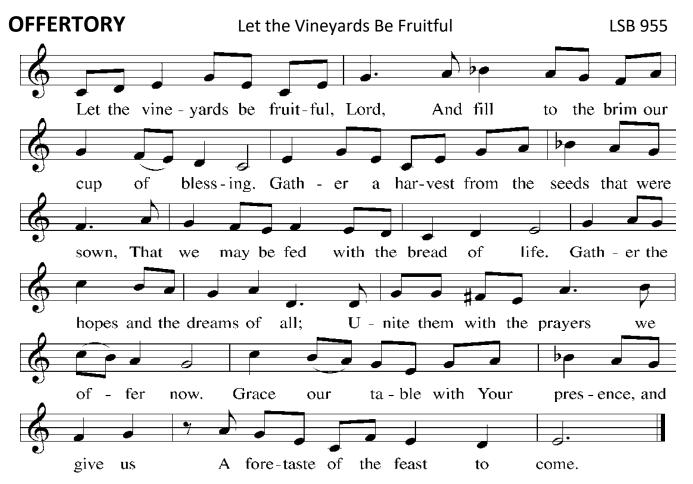
Pastor:

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 Malachi 3:10 the prophet writes: "¹⁰ Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need." 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.



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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. Lord, we have filled our lives with so much busyness

and chaos. Help us to remove from our lives those things that are not

beneficial and to lead quiet, peaceful lives that honor You. O Jesus Christ, do

not delay,

People: but hasten our salvation.

Leader: Lord, we are frequently tempted toward laziness and slothfulness. Strengthen

us to not be idle or lazy, but to work diligently for the good of our neighbors. O

Jesus Christ, do not delay,

People: but hasten our salvation.

Leader: Lord, You have borne our griefs and shared in our sorrows. Comfort all those

who are suffering in grief, especially the family of Rev. Carl Zahrte, who has

entered enter eternal rest with you. Point them to the hope of the

resurrection to eternal life with Jesus. Look with favor upon all who are sick, injured, and recovering. Have mercy upon them and restore them to health

according to Your wisdom. O Jesus Christ, do not delay,

People: but hasten our salvation.

Leader: Lord, we pray that Your Word might speed ahead so that all people hear the

Good News of Your salvation. Embolden us to share that Good News with

others. O Jesus Christ, do not delay,

People: but hasten our salvation.

Leader: Bless the ministry and mission of **Rev. Gary Schuschke** at Trinity Lutheran

Church in Frankfurt, Germany. Visit him with Your Holy Spirit that He may share the Gospel with those who do not know Jesus. O Jesus Christ, do not

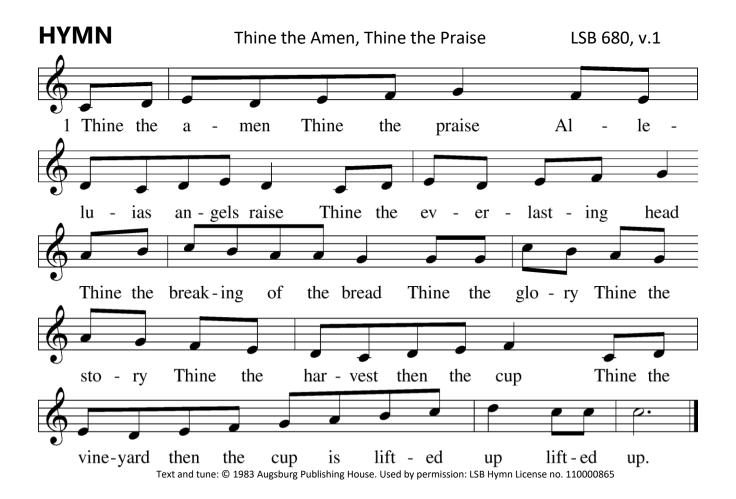
delay,

People: but hasten our salvation.

Leader: Lord Jesus, we commend all these people and situations into Your hands, for

You have promised to hear our prayers and intercede for us, and You live and

reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



▼ 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.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those

whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our

sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation

accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on

the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful 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

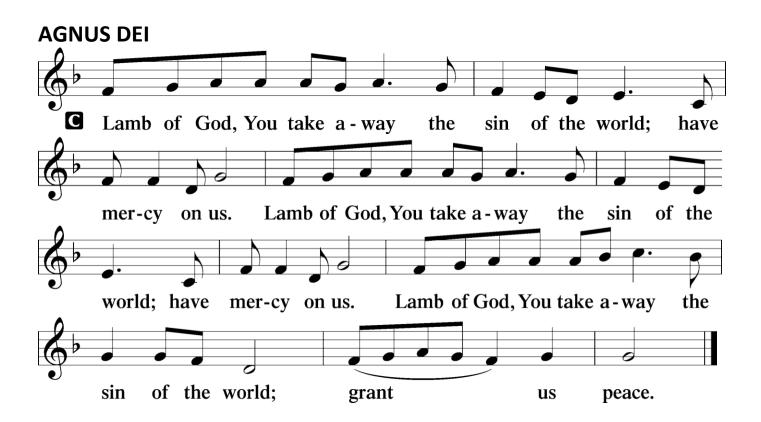
remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

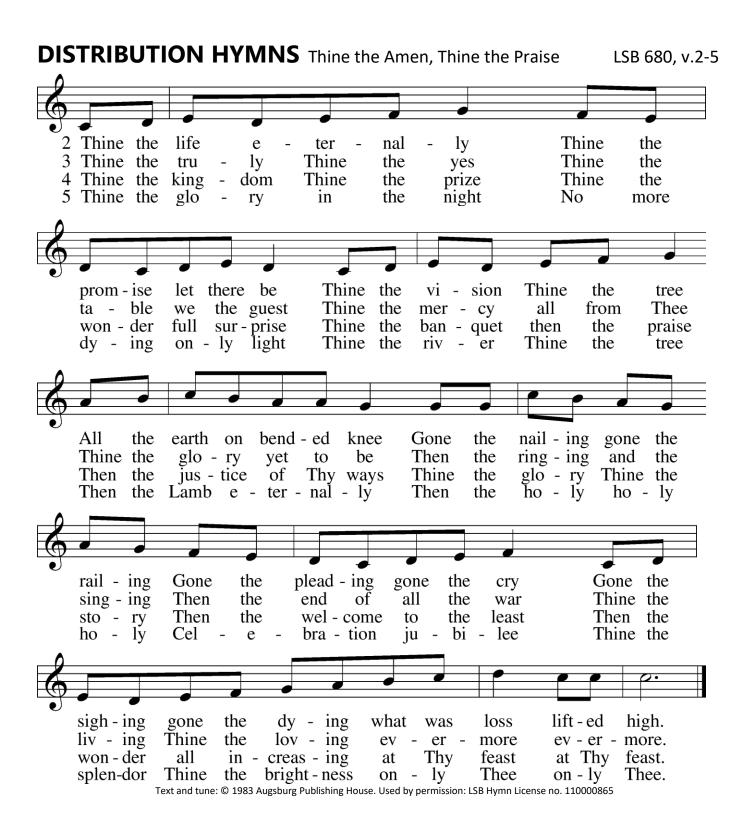
LORD'S PRAYER

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.

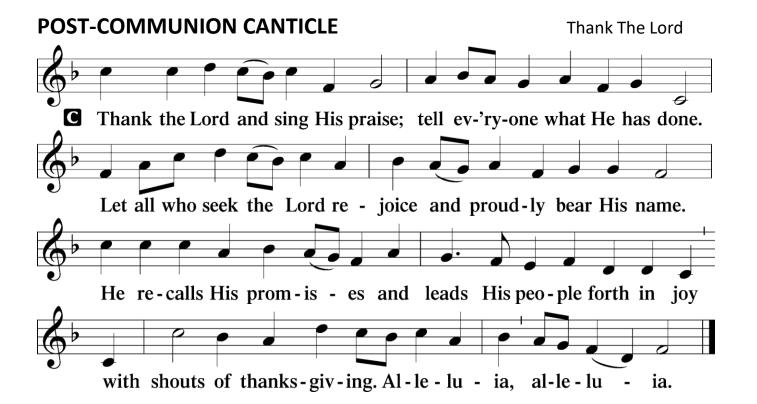
PAX DOMINI

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





POST-COMMUNION DISMISSAL



BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.



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DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God.

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Announcements

PRAYERS FOR MISSIONS — Rev. Gary Schuschuke, who serves the Lord in Frankfurt, Germany

PRAYERS FOR MEMBERS - June (Frances & Ed Silcock), Martin Koepke, Bob Reinig, Bob Kelley, Lyle Sledge, Dick Clark, Paula Lacefield, Meredith Bair, Emily Forslin Lauth, Carol Rayner, Shirley Robinson, Barbara Meyn, Pastor Tom, Chuck Hall, Sharon Boeck. *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 & Donna Lazansky (Nancy Carrington), Stephen Spargo, Donna Wilson, Juvento Cadvent, Roberto & Claudia Trejos, Frank Winterer (Ray Skelley), The Venteicher family & baby Ezra (Betsy), Billy Timilty (Paula C.), , Michele May Tomkinson (Jan May), and those we name in our hearts.

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

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK - Happy Anniversary to you!

Bob & Anita Chaney, Karl & Mary Blomgren

PRAYERS FOR COMFORT

Family & friends of Carl Zahrte who passed into eternal life on November 7, 2022. Cards can be sent to: John Zahrte, 746 Seasons Pass, Brunswick, Ohio 44212

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK - Happy Birthday to you!

Norva Jeanne Rooksberry, Joyce Maxfield, Annette Bertelson, Sandy Draper, Dan Lange, John Schadler, Margit France, Anika Lapinoja, Karen Warriner, Bob Volatile

ATTENDANCE - Sunday: 182 Online: 85 Total: 267

ARTESIA BIBLE STUDY - Located at 1399 Barefoot Williams Rd., Naples, FL 34113. Meets on the **2**nd **and 4**th **Mondays from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.** 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. Season tickets are now available for pick-up during Artist Series Desk hours on Tuesdays & Thursdays between 10am and 2pm and most Sundays after service.

BLESSING BAGS — Our goal is to fill one hundred Thanksgiving blessing bags for underprivileged families in our community. Bags are available at the Ministry desk. Please help us reach our goal and return them by Wednesday, November 16, 2022. We will have a drive through distribution on Saturday, November, 19 from 9-12 p.m. and if you would like to participate, please contact Sharon at ssboeck@comcast.net

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 and our Choir Wednesday, November 30 & Thursday, December 1 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available at the Artist Series desk 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!

CHRISTMAS GALA TO BENEFIT AMIGOS MINISTRIES

Friday, December 9, 2022 from 7:00 – 10:00 p.m. Cost is \$30 per person and includes heavy hors d'oeuvres, beer & wine bar, Coffee & dessert bar, and live entertainment by Manhattan Connection. There will be a silent auction and Mystery Presents! Come help those that help us, and generously attend this benefit at Marco Lutheran Church. Tickets on sale after church and during the week in the church office.

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 <u>financialsec@marcolutheran.org</u> You can also place your offerings in the offering boxes that are located at the exits.

THANKSGIVING DINNER - Don't want to cook for Thanksgiving? Come and join us in the Great Room for some food, fellowship & fun! Please sign up on the sheet in hallway to bring side dishes, we will provide the Turkey, gravy, and beverages. Dinner is at 2:00 p.m. followed by dessert and a Christmas movie! There is no cost, but you MUST sign up so that we know how much food we need!

WOMEN OF MARCO - The Women of Marco 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.

BOARD OF OUTREACH FUN!

On Tuesday, November 15, we will be meeting in the Choir room at 10:00 a.m. to stuff as many shoe boxes as we can for the Samaritan's Purse "OPERATION CHRISTMAS". There will be plenty of "gifts" to stuff, we just need your help to put them together! There will be coffee & goodies to fuel your efforts!

Dear Marco Lutheran Church Family,

My wife, Sharon, has been diagnosed with breast cancer. By God's grace, her prognosis is good. She is scheduled for surgery toward the end of November, which will be followed by a period of radiation treatments.

We ask that you pray for healing on her behalf as she goes through this difficult time. We ask that out of consideration for her privacy, as she convalesces, that you refrain from phone calls but send any of your well-wishes through the mail.

Thanks for your love and support.

Pastor Tom

ALTAR GUILD

THANK YOU TO OUR HELPFUL SERVANTS!

WORSHIP LEADER
LAY MINISTER
HEAD USHER
USHERS
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS
TRANSPORTERS

Carolyn Ohman
Denny Johnson
Bill Kaschube
Pat Durinzi & Victor Argobright
Gwen Nestaval & Pat Durinzi
Paula Caltabiano & Linda Harrison
Fran Shaw & Lynn Thompson

CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER 13 - DECEMBER 3

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
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9:30 WORSHIP 10:30 CONGREGATIONAL MEETING NO BIBLE STUDY	12:30 GENTLE YOGA 2:00 CHAIR YOGA 6:00 ARTESIA BIBLE STUDY	9:00 *AMERICAN LEIGON 10:00 SHOE BOX STUFFING PARTY *6:30 BIBLE STUDY FELLOWSHIP	11:00 LUNCH WITH FRIENDS *1:30 MARCO MENS CLUB 4:00 CHOIR REHEARSAL 5:30 BOOK CLUB	ADULT BIBLE STUDY 9:30 12:30 GENTLE YOGA 2:00 CHAIR YOGA	*9:30 BRIDGE *10:00 P.E.O. MEETING	BLESSING BAG DISTRIBUTION
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