

SUNDAY JULY 20, 2025
SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

MARCO LUTHERAN CHURCH

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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 12:30 P.M.

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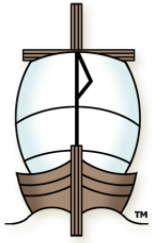
Marco Island, FL 34145

Our Mission Statement:

“At Marco Lutheran Church, we are followers of Jesus Christ who share His Good News by loving and serving all people.”

WORSHIP HOUR:

SUNDAY 9:30 a.m.



THE SHIP OF THE CROSS

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 we commune 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** available by informing the Communion 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

After His resurrection, Jesus appeared to His followers multiple times, not only proving that He was truly alive, but also transforming their fear into faith and their doubt into bold conviction. He walked with them, spoke peace over them, opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and commissioned them to carry His message to the world. These encounters with the risen Christ shaped their lives forever—they were no longer hiding in fear but courageously proclaiming the good news. That same Jesus is with us today. He still brings peace to our anxious hearts, clarity to our confusion, and power to our purpose. Just as He walked with them, He walks with us now, inviting us to live as witnesses of His resurrection and love.

✠PREPARATION✠

Please Stand and Face the Cross

INVOCATION

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

People: **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES

Colossians 1:21–22; Psalm 27:14

Pastor: And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds,

People: **Christ has now reconciled in His body of flesh by His death,**

Pastor: in order to present you holy and blameless

People: **and above reproach before Him.**

Pastor: Wait for the LORD; be strong,

People: **and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!**

OPENING HYMN

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

1. A mighty fortress is our God,
A sword and shield victorious;
He breaks the cruel oppressor's rod
And wins salvation glorious.
The old satanic foe
Has sworn to work us woe.
With craft and dreadful might
He arms himself to fight.
On earth he has no equal.
2. No strength of ours can match his might.
We would be lost, rejected.
But now a champion comes to fight,
Whom God Himself elected.
You ask who this may be?
The Lord of hosts is He,
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord,
God's only Son, adored.
He holds the field victorious.
3. Though hordes of devils fill the land
All threat'ning to devour us,
We tremble not, unmoved we stand;
They cannot overpow'r us.
Let this world's tyrant rage;
In battle we'll engage.
His might is doomed to fail;
God's judgment must prevail!
One little word subdues him.
4. God's Word forever shall abide,
No thanks to foes, who fear it;
For God Himself fights by our side
With weapons of the Spirit.
Were they to take our house,
Goods, honor, child, or spouse,
Though life be wrenched away,
They cannot win the day.
The Kingdom's ours forever!

SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

O Lord, grant us the Spirit to hear Your Word and know the one thing needful that by Your Word and Spirit we may live according to Your will; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

Please be Seated

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN

Abide with Me

1. Abide with me, fast falls the eventide.
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.
2. I need Thy presence ev'ry passing hour;
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r?
Who like Thyself my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.

FIRST READING

Acts 4:32-5:11

Leader: ³² All the believers were united in heart and mind. And they felt that what they owned was not their own, so they shared everything they had. ³³ The apostles testified powerfully to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and God's great blessing was upon them all. ³⁴ There were no needy people among them, because those who owned land or houses would sell them ³⁵ and bring the money to the apostles to give to those in need. ³⁶ For instance, there was Joseph, the one the apostles nicknamed Barnabas (which means "Son of Encouragement"). He was from the tribe of Levi and came from the island of Cyprus. ³⁷ He sold a field he owned and brought the money to the apostles. **5** But there was a certain man named Ananias who, with his wife, Sapphira, sold some property. ² He brought part of the money to the

apostles, claiming it was the full amount. With his wife's consent, he kept the rest. ³ Then Peter said, "Ananias, why have you let Satan fill your heart? You lied to the Holy Spirit, and you kept some of the money for yourself. ⁴ The property was yours to sell or not sell, as you wished. And after selling it, the money was also yours to give away. How could you do a thing like this? You weren't lying to us but to God!" ⁵ As soon as Ananias heard these words, he fell to the floor and died. Everyone who heard about it was terrified. ⁶ Then some young men got up, wrapped him in a sheet, and took him out and buried him. ⁷ About three hours later his wife came in, not knowing what had happened. ⁸ Peter asked her, "Was this the price you and your husband received for your land?" "Yes," she replied, "that was the price." ⁹ And Peter said, "How could the two of you even think of conspiring to test the Spirit of the Lord like this? The young men who buried your husband are just outside the door, and they will carry you out, too." ¹⁰ Instantly, she fell to the floor and died. When the young men came in and saw that she was dead, they carried her out and buried her beside her husband. ¹¹ Great fear gripped the entire church and everyone else who heard what had happened.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Please Stand

HYMN

Give Thanks

1. Give thanks with a grateful heart,
Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because He's given
Jesus Christ His Son.
Give thanks with a grateful heart,
Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because He's given
Jesus Christ His Son.
And now let the weak say "I am strong,"
Let the poor say "I am rich,"
Because of what the Lord has done for us.
And now let the weak say "I am strong,"
Let the poor say "I am rich,"
Because of what the Lord has done for us.
Give thanks, give thanks.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 10:38–42

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

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

Pastor: ³⁸ As Jesus and the disciples continued on their way to Jerusalem, they came to a certain village where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. ³⁹ Her sister, Mary, sat at the Lord's feet, listening to what he taught. ⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted by the big dinner she was preparing. She came to Jesus and said, "Lord, doesn't it seem unfair to you that my sister just sits here while I do all the work? Tell her to come and help me." ⁴¹ But the Lord said to her, "My dear Martha, you are worried and upset over all these details! ⁴² There is only one thing worth being concerned about. Mary has discovered it, and it will not be taken away from her."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

Please be Seated

SPECIAL MUSIC

Instrumental Moment

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die 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.**

✠SACRAMENT✠

PREFACE

2 Timothy 4:22

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 *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.” In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST *1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20*

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.

PEACE OF THE LORD

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

People: **Amen.**



DISTRIBUTION HYMN

The Lamb

1. The Lamb, the Lamb,
O Father, where's the sacrifice?
Faith sees, believes
God will provide the Lamb of price! **Refrain**

Ref Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own!
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!

2. The Lamb, the Lamb,
One perfect final offering.
The Lamb, the Lamb,
Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing. **Refrain**

3. The Lamb, the Lamb,
As wayward sheep their shepherd kill
So still, His will
On our behalf the Law to fill. **Refrain**

4. He sighs, He dies,
He takes my sin and wretchedness.
He lives, forgives,
He gives me His own righteousness. **Refrain**

5. He rose, He rose,
My heart with thanks now overflows.
His song prolong
Till ev'ry heart to Him belong. **Refrain**

POST COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray.
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9–13

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

SERMON

"GENEROUS"

PASTOR JIM THELEN

SERMON NOTES

Please Stand

APOSTLE'S CREED

People: 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.

BENEDICTION

Hebrews 13:20–21; Numbers 6:24–26

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.

CLOSING HYMN

Amazing Grace

1. Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found,
Was blind but now I see!
2. The Lord has promised good to me,
His Word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.
3. Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come;
His grace has brought me safe thus far,
His grace will lead me home.
5. When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun.

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace and love as you serve the Lord!

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Announcements

PRAYERS FOR MEMBERS: Robert Tessarolo, Lindy Kowalczyk, Joyce Maxfield, Bob Volatile, Kitty Argobright,, Conrad Henry, Harvey Amen, Jim Shaw

PRAYERS FOR FRIENDS & FAMILY: Andrea Sager (Donnie & Norva Jeanne Rooksberry), Miranda Curiale, Jim Daley, Corinne Popoff (Vicki Williams), Judy Ianco (Meredith Bair), Pat Terreri (Lisa Hammond), Rene & Terry Maurer (Anne Rozite), Wallace Kowalczyk (Lindy Kowalczyk, Paula Edelstein (Lynne Chan), Woody Barnette (Donnie & Norva Jeanne Rooksberry), Connie Hawkins (Dave & Connie Wuellner), Pam Robole (Carmen Brookshaw), Peg & Tom Malota (Paul & Lydia Krueger), Darrin Leist (Susan Scharles), Marina Sorber, Mary Noble (Carolyn Ohman), Rene Mauer (Anne Rozite), Cindy Haugen (Doug and Sandy Alger), Donna Morelan (Doug and Sandy Alger), Sydney Rehlek, (Darrin Leist), Peg & Tom Malota (Lydia Kruger), Tom and Judy Resler (Dick and Vicki Ross), Rafael DeAza (Dick and Vicki Ross), Ed Graham (Jaye Spencer), Larry Carlen (Donnie and Norva Jeanne Rooksberry), Robert Hoseafeld, (Louise Shaffer), Don Clark Jr. & Jeff Clark (Betty Clark), Linda Skelley (Ray Skelley),

Dick Bjorkland(Doug and Sandy Alger), Cecilia Popoff(Vicki Williams), Karen Frye(Kathy Berner), Lucas Fox(Judy Volker) and those we name in our hearts.

***PLEASE LET US KNOW IF WE CAN REMOVE ANY NAMES
FROM OUR PRAYER LISTS!***

PRAYERS OF COMFORT: For the Huver and Volker families, at the passing of Jim Huver on July 9, 2025

ANNIVERSARIES: Ron & Nancy Lisch

BIRTHDAYS: Sandy Alger, David Wuellner, Leesa Carls

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: **IN PERSON - 123** **ONLINE - 117** **TOTAL - 240**

CONTRIBUTIONS:

July Target: **\$53,900**

July Actual (2 Sundays): **\$22,341 (41%)**

Year Target (thru July): **\$569,250**

Year Actual To-Date: **\$515,976 (91%)**

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS: WAYS TO GIVE:



1. You can place your offerings in the offering boxes on either side at the front of the chancel and at the back center aisle.

2. You can mail your offerings to the church.

USING THE INSTRUCTIONS ON OUR WEBSITE UNDER THE GIVE TAB:

3. You can give ONLINE as either a one-time donation or regular weekly/monthly donation. All transactions are secure and confidential.

4. You can give using your phone via the Vanco APP or simply texting donations.

If you have any difficulty or questions, please email financialsec@marcolutheran.org.

IN HOME VISITATIONS:

If you, or someone you know, would like to have a visit from Pastor Jim, please call the office and we can make the arrangements. Thank you! **(239) 394-0332**

DISCOVER MARCO: If you are interested in becoming a member of Marco Lutheran Church or are already a member and just want to “refresh,” we invite you to attend a one-on-one session of the ***Discover Marco Lutheran Class*** with Pastor Jim. If you have any questions about “Discover Marco” please contact Amy at the church office **(239) 394-0332**

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BIBLE STUDY:

Weekday Bible Studies have resumed on Thursdays at 10:00am for the summer and will go on for 12 weeks ending **September 11, 2025**. Please see the sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

WANT TO LIVE THE STORY OF JESUS? Come join us as we watch the award winning “The Chosen” together! Now showing through September in the Great Room on the last Saturday of the month. We will have a light meal and beverages in advance, showing of the film and a relevant discussion to follow each showing. There will be a free will donation to cover costs of the food and beverages. (The suggested donation is \$7.00.) If interested, please sign up in the Narthex on the ministry desk so we can plan food, etc. Looking forward to enjoying these showings with everyone, **The next show is Saturday July 26 at 5:00pm.**

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION: SUNDAYS: 10:45 A.M

DISASTER RELIEF COLLECTION:

Marco Lutheran continues to collect contributions to send to the LCMS World Relief and Human Care. We designate ‘U.S. Disaster Response’ to ensure it goes to fulfilling their mission of providing ongoing support where most needed.

Storms and tornadoes have ravaged several states from the Heartland to the East Coast, most recently in Texas with catastrophic flooding. In all, hundreds of thousands lost power, many buildings and homes were destroyed, leaving untold people homeless, and tragically too many lives lost.

As this weather continues, we here in SWFL are so blessed and MLC will again support our strong mission of helping others in their time of need. Please make your donation via check payable to Marco Lutheran with ‘Disaster Relief’ in the memo – or you can donate online via Vanco to ‘Disaster Relief’.

THANK YOU! Due to recent donations received over the past couple months, MLC has sent \$6,220 to LCMS for Texas Flood disaster relief. We will continue collecting funds.

THANK YOU TO OUR HELPFUL SERVANTS FOR SUNDAY JULY 20, 2025

WORSHIP LEADER: Dave Wuellner

LAY MINISTER: Paul Gremel

HEAD USHER: Greg Waltrip

USHERS: Ruth Cory, Bob Cory & Leesa Carls

TRANSPORTERS: Ruth Cory, Diane Waltrip

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Diane Waltrip & Kim Rubash

ALTAR GUILD: Pam Moody & Jean Ristow

GREETER: Hildegard Carney

AV/TECH ROOM: Meredith Bair & Tom Williams

WELCOME CENTER: Marie Mahr



BASEBALL GAME



WEDNESDAY: JULY 23, 2025
MARLINS vs SAN DIEGO PADRES IN MIAMI, FL AT MARLINS STADIUM
GAME TIME 12:10pm

PLEASE CALL: SCOTT BERNER FOR DETAILS AND INFO.
(847) 867-9797

Thank You to all the volunteers that helped serve. Lili Surber, Annette Bertelson, Scott & Kathy Berner, Debbie Sanger, Dick & Vicki Ross, Leesa Carls, Dave Tobiasz, Barbara Benedetti, Bob Sutton, Jim Thelen, Marcy Bailey, John Patterson, Mike and Cheryl Mueller, Marsha Schulz and Katie Bongiovanni.

Announcing The 2026 Artist Series Season Dates

Thursday/Friday January 22, 23

Thursday/Friday February 5, 6

Thursday/Friday February 19, 20

Thursday/Friday/Saturday March 5, 6, 7

Thursday/Friday March 19, 20

currently anticipate mailing the season brochure in mid-August.

If you have an address change or
want to be added to the mailing,

please email your August mailing address to:

artistseries@marcolutheran.org

Thank you for continuing to support the

Artist Series at Marco Lutheran.

Leesa Carls, Chair of the Artist Series Committee

CALENDAR JULY 20- AUGUST 9						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
JULY 20 9:30A WORSHIP 10:45A COFFEE & CONVERSATION	JULY 21 PAINTING THE GREAT ROOM BEGINS	JULY 22 PAINTING	JULY 23 PAINTING	JULY 24 10:00A SUMMER BIBLE STUDY PAINTING	JULY 25 PAINTING	JULY 26 DINNER & A MOVIE 'THE CHOSEN'
JULY 27 9:30A WORSHIP 10:45A COFFEE & CONVERSATION	JULY 28 PAINTING	JULY 29 PAINTING	JULY 30 PAINTING	JULY 31 10:00A SUMMER BIBLE STUDY PAINTING	AUG 1	AUG 2
AUG 3 9:30A WORSHIP 10:45A COFFEE & CONVERSATION	AUG 4 10:00A PROPERTY 12:30P GENTLE YOGA 2:00P CHAIR YOGA	AUG 5 10:00 WOM 11:00a OUTREACH	AUG 6	AUG 7 10:00A SUMMER BIBLE STUDY 12:30P GENTLE YOGA 2:00P CHAIR YOGA	AUG 8	AUG 9