

SUNDAY AUGUST 3, 2025
EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

MARCO LUTHERAN CHURCH

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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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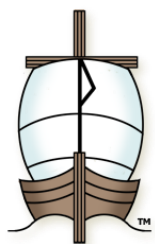
Marco Island, FL 34145

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

*Psalm 24:1–2; 127:2; 147:9; Matthew 6:26; James 1:17;
Exodus 20:3; Colossians 3:5–6*

Pastor: The earth is the LORD's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein, for He has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers.

People: **He gives to the beasts their food, and to the young ravens that cry.**

Pastor: Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?

People: **It is in vain that you rise up early and go late to rest, eating the bread of anxious toil; for He gives to His beloved sleep.**

Pastor: Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.

People: **The First Commandment reminds us, "You shall have no other gods before Me."**

Pastor: Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry.
People: **On account of these the wrath of God is coming.**

OPENING HYMN

Just A Closer Walk With Thee

1. I am weak but Thou art strong
Jesus keep me from all wrong
I'll be satisfied as long
As I walk let me walk close to Thee

Ref. Just a closer walk with thee
Grant it Jesus is my plea
Daily walking close to Thee
Let it be dear Lord let it be

2. Through this world of toil and snares
If I falter Lord who cares
Who with me my burden shares
None but Thee dear Lord none but Thee **Ref.**

SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

Lord Jesus, You have set us free and made us a new creation, renewed in knowledge after the image of our creator. Empower us to live this new life in our families, with our friends, and to eat, drink, and find enjoyment in all the riches You graciously give us; for You reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

People: **Amen.**

Please be Seated

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN

The Old Rugged Cross

1. On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross
The emblem of suff'ring and shame
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best
For a world of lost sinners was slain

Ref. So I'll cherish the old rugged cross
Till my trophies at last I lay down
I will cling to the old rugged cross
And exchange it some day for a crown

2. O the old rugged cross so despised by the world
Has a wondrous attraction for me
For the dear Lamb of God left His glory above
To bear it to dark Calvary

FIRST READING

Acts 6:1-7

Leader: ¹But as the believers rapidly multiplied, there were rumblings of discontent. The Greek-speaking believers complained about the Hebrew-speaking believers, saying that their widows were being discriminated against in the daily distribution of food. ²So the Twelve called a meeting of all the believers. They said, "We apostles should spend our time teaching the word of God, not running a food program. ³And so, brothers, select seven men who are well respected and are full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will give them this responsibility. ⁴Then we apostles can spend our time in prayer and teaching the word." ⁵Everyone liked this idea, and they chose the following: Stephen (a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit), Philip, Procorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas of Antioch (an earlier convert to the Jewish faith). ⁶These seven were presented to the apostles, who prayed for them as they laid their hands on them. ⁷So God's message continued to spread. The number of believers greatly increased in Jerusalem, and many of the Jewish priests were converted, too.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Please Stand

HYMN

Seek Ye First

Seek ye first the kingdom of God
And His righteousness
And all these things
Shall be added unto you
Allelu alleluia

Man shall not live by bread alone
But by every word
That proceeds from the mouth of God
Allelu alleluia

Ask and it shall be given unto you
Seek and ye shall find
Knock and the door shall be
Opened unto you
Allelu alleluia

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HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 12:13–21

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

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

Pastor: ¹³Then someone called from the crowd, “Teacher, please tell my brother to divide our father’s estate with me.” ¹⁴Jesus replied, “Friend, who made me a judge over you to decide such things as that?” ¹⁵Then he said, “Beware! Guard against every kind of greed. Life is not measured by how much you own.” ¹⁶Then he told them a story: “A rich man had a fertile farm that produced fine crops. ¹⁷He said to himself, ‘What should I do? I don’t have room for all my crops.’ ¹⁸Then he said, ‘I know! I’ll tear down my barns and build bigger ones. Then I’ll have room enough to store all my wheat and other goods. ¹⁹And I’ll sit back and say to myself, “My friend, you have enough stored away for years to come. Now take it easy! Eat, drink, and be merry!”’ ²⁰“But God said to him, ‘You fool! You will die this very night. Then who will get everything you worked for?’ ²¹“Yes, a person is a fool to store up earthly wealth but not have a rich relationship with God.

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: Almighty God,

People: You are the giver of everything we have. Yet, we are guilty of coveting the possessions, experiences, and social standing of others. We sin by valuing these things above You. For Jesus' sake, forgive our sins. Renew us in Your knowledge and conform us to Your image by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Pastor: "For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, so that you by His poverty might become rich" We receive the riches of God's forgiveness because of Jesus. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all of 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: We give You thanks, O Lord our God, King of the universe, that though You were seated at the right hand of God You descended to earth and put on our humanity to raise us to new life through Your divinity. You gave Your life and took it back again so that we might live life eternally.

As we gather in Your name, set our minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. Forgive, renew, and strengthen us in knowledge after the image of our creator. Nourish and strengthen us as we gather at Your Table to dine on Your body and blood, which was given and shed for us for the forgiveness of our sins. Gather us together from every tribe, nation, language, and tongue as we wait for Your appearing. 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

Humble And Kind By Craig Greusel

POST COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray.
Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us the gifts of life, forgiveness, and salvation through Your one and only Son. Set our hearts on things above, not on the things of this earth, so that when Your Son appears again, we will also appear with Him in glory; 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

"HUMBLE"

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.
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, Emily Savage, Merle Grickson

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), Alex Pikos, John Caltabiano(Paula Caltabiano), Andrew Hendricks(Flo Hendricks), Rich Bizup (Dick & Vicki Ross) and those we name in our hearts.

PRAYERS OF COMFORT: For the Skelley family, at the passing of Rita Gray on July 29, 2025

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

ANNIVERSARIES: Mike and Patti Naughton, Todd and Peggy Irwin,
Doug and Sandy Alger

BIRTHDAYS: Kerry Heckenliable, Bev Spees, Susan Boylan, Pam Moody,
Gary Brazgel, Cynthia Corogin, Karen Kuettner, Carol Siadak, JoAnn Haigh

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: IN PERSON - 88 ONLINE-121 TOTAL- 209

CONTRIBUTIONS:

July Target: \$ 53,900

July Actual (4 Sundays): \$ 50,279 (93%)

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

Year Actual To-Date: \$ 543,914 (96%)

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**

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.

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 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.

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

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 August 23 at 5:00pm.**

DISASTER RELIEF COLLECTION:

THANK YOU, MARCO LUTHERAN, FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!

In mid-July, MLC was able to send \$6,220 to LCMS for the recent Texas flood recovery efforts.

We will continue to collect contributions as the recovery efforts for these recent floods and earlier weather events across the Heartland & East Coast will take many months, if not longer.

You may make donations either by check to Marco Lutheran, noting 'Disaster Relief' in the memo, or you can donate via Vanco to the 'Disaster Relief' option.

THANK YOU TO OUR HELPFUL SERVANTS FOR SUNDAY AUGUST 3, 2025

WORSHIP LEADER:	LINDA HARRISON
LAY MINISTER:	DIANE WALTRIP
HEAD USHER:	RON LISCH
USHERS:	BOB SUTTON, RANDY ALLEN, & HARRY RUBASH
TRANSPORTERS:	DIANE WALTRIP & CAROL SIADAK
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS:	KIM RUBASH & CAROL SIADAK
ALTAR GUILD:	ANNE ROZITE AND SARAH PETERSON
GREETER:	HILDEGARD CARNEY
AV/TECH ROOM:	MEREDITH BAIR, DAVE TOBIAS
WELCOME CENTER:	LEESA CARLS

CALENDAR AUGUST 3- AUGUST 23						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
AUGUST 3 9:30A WORSHIP 10:45A COFFEE & CONVERSATION	AUGUST 4 10:00A PROPERTY BOARD 12:30P GENTLE YOGA 2:00P CHAIR YOGA	AUGUST 5 1:00P OUTREACH	AUGUST 6 	AUGUST 7 8:30A GLS CONFERENCE 10:00A SUMMER BIBLE STUDY 12:30P GENTLE YOGA 2:00P CHAIR YOGA	AUGUST 8 8:30A GLS CONFERENCE	AUGUST 9
AUGUST 10 9:30A WORSHIP 10:45A COFFEE & CONVERSATION	AUGUST 11 12:30P GENTLE YOGA 2:00P CHAIR YOGA	AUGUST 12 10:00 CHRISTIAN EDUCATION 1:00 PARADE PLANNING	AUGUST 13 	AUGUST 14 10:00A SUMMER BIBLE STUDY 12:30P GENTLE YOGA 2:00P CHAIR YOGA	AUGUST 15 	AUGUST 16
AUGUST 17 9:30A WORSHIP 10:45A COFFEE & CONVERSATION	AUGUST 18 12:30P GENTLE YOGA 2:00P CHAIR YOGA	AUGUST 19 	AUGUST 20 11:00A LUNCH WITH FRIENDS 1:00P BOHC	AUGUST 21 10:00A SUMMER BIBLE STUDY 12:30P GENTLE YOGA 1:00P COUNCIL 2:00P CHAIR YOGA	AUGUST 22 	AUGUST 23 4:00P DINNER AND A MOVIE "THE CHOSEN"

Save the Dates More Details to Come

**A TIME OF
REMEMBRANCE**

Friday, December 12, 2025 3:00P.M.

A time to remember and give thanks,
for our loved ones who are no longer with us.

It begins with a Celebration of Life Worship Service,
with scripture and music followed by:

Hors d' oeuvres & refreshments will be served.
RSVP to Amy Lewis @
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We ask that you email a photo of your
loved one to be included in a
slide show during our program

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OCTOBER 19, 2025

**CHURCH
FESTIVAL**

FOOD · FUN · MUSIC

**German Music
at 10:45a.m.**

Food at 11:30a.m.

Free Will Donation

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