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APRIL 5, 2026 EASTER SUNDAY

MARCO LUTHERAN CHURCH

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MARCO LUTHERAN CHURCH FOUNDATION

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OFFICE HOURS: Monday – Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

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REV. JAMES THELEN, SR. PASTOR

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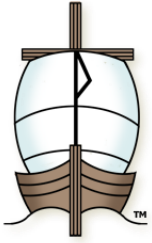
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Marco Island, FL 34145

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

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



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 -

During Lent, we journey with Jesus toward the cross, reflecting on who He truly is and what His sacrifice means for our lives. In the Gospel of John, Jesus reveals Himself through a series of powerful “I AM” statements—echoing God’s divine name revealed to Moses in Exodus 3:14. These declarations uncover the heart of Christ’s identity, His mission, and His promise to meet our deepest spiritual needs.

As we walk through this Lenten season, each “I AM” invites us into deeper faith: Jesus is our sustenance, our guidance, our protector, our source of life, our Savior, and our hope beyond death. Through Scripture, prayer, worship, and reflection, we will encounter Jesus anew—not only as teacher and miracle worker, but as the living Lord who sustains, leads, restores, and redeems.

This journey calls us to repentance, renewal, trust, and worship as we prepare our hearts for the hope and victory of Easter.

PRELUDE

HOW GOOD IT IS

RESOUND

✠ PREPARATION ✠

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND WELCOME

Sunday, 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.**

Pastor: Alleluia, Christ is risen!

People: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

OPENING HYMN

CHRIST, THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY

1. Christ the Lord is ris'n today. Alleluia!
Sons of men and angels say: Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high. Alleluia!
Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth reply: Alleluia!
2. Lives again our glorious King. Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Dying once, he all doth save. Alleluia!
Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!
3. Love's redeeming work is done. Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won. Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids Him rise. Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!
4. Soar we now where Christ has led. Alleluia!
Foll'wing our exalted Head. Alleluia!
Made like Him, like Him we rise. Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Alleluia!

Please be Seated

PSALM 16:5-11

Leader: LORD, you alone are my inheritance, my cup of blessing. You guard all that is mine.

People: The land you have given me is a pleasant land. What a wonderful inheritance!

Leader: I will bless the LORD who guides me; even at night my heart instructs me.

People: I know the LORD is always with me. I will not be shaken, for he is right beside me.

Leader: No wonder my heart is glad, and I rejoice. My body rests in safety.

People: For you will not leave my soul among the dead or allow your holy one to rot in the grave.

Leader: You will show me the way of life, granting me the joy of your presence and the pleasures of living with you forever.

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 37:1-6

Leader: The LORD took hold of me, and I was carried away by the Spirit of the LORD to a valley filled with bones. ²He led me all around among the bones that covered the valley floor. They were scattered everywhere across the ground and were completely dried out. ³Then he asked me, "Son of man, can these bones become living people again?" "O Sovereign LORD," I replied, "you alone know the answer to that." ⁴Then he said to me, "Speak a prophetic message to these bones and say, 'Dry bones, listen to the word of the LORD! ⁵This is what the Sovereign LORD says: Look! I am going to put breath into you and make you live again! ⁶I will put flesh and muscles on you and cover you with skin. I will put breath into you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the LORD.'"

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Please Stand

HYMN

OPEN OUR EYES LORD

1. Open our eyes Lord
We want to see Jesus
To reach out and touch Him
And say that we love Him
Open our ears Lord
And help us to listen
Open our eyes Lord
We want to see Jesus
2. Open our hearts Lord
That we might receive You
Open our spirits
And teach us to worship
Open our lips Lord
And teach us to praise You
Open our eyes Lord
We want to see Jesus

HOLY GOSPEL

John 11:17-29

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eleventh chapter.

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

Pastor: ¹⁷ When Jesus arrived at Bethany, he was told that Lazarus had already been in his grave for four days. ¹⁸ Bethany was only a few miles down the road from Jerusalem, ¹⁹ and many of the people had come to console Martha and Mary in their loss. ²⁰ When Martha got word that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him. But Mary stayed in the house. ²¹ Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if only you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²² But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask."

²³ Jesus told her, "Your brother will rise again." ²⁴ "Yes," Martha said, "he will rise when everyone else rises, at the last day." ²⁵ Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live, even after dying. ²⁶ Everyone who lives in me and believes in me will never ever die. Do you believe this, Martha?" ²⁷ "Yes, Lord," she told him. "I have always believed you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one who has come into the world from God." ²⁸ Then she returned to Mary. She called Mary aside from the mourners and told her, "The Teacher is here and wants to see you." ²⁹ So Mary immediately went to him.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please Be Seated

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SPECIAL MUSIC

I KNOW A NAME!

CHOIR

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Let us confess our sins to God and ask for his forgiveness.

People: **Almighty God, in Christ Jesus we have been raised to new life, but we often turn back to our old ways. We follow our own selfish desires instead of walking in the ways of our Lord. We listen to the temptations of the world instead of gladly hearing your Word. Have mercy on us and forgive us. Lead us by your Spirit to walk in newness of life.**

Pastor: Jesus suffered and died on the cross to take away our sins. He was raised in

triumph over death. In Him we have forgiveness and life. I announce to you that your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

People: **Lord Jesus, set your cross before us and lead us to walk in newness of life.**

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

✠ 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 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. Renew and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. 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.**

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, 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

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

1. A thousand generations falling down in worship
To sing the song of ages to the Lamb
And all who've gone before us
And all who will believe
Will sing the song of ages to the Lamb

Your name is the highest
Your name is the greatest
Your name stands above them all
All thrones and dominions
All powers and positions
Your name stands above them all

**And the angels cry Holy
All creation cries Holy
You are lifted high Holy
Holy forever**

2. If you've been forgiven and if you've been redeemed
Sing the song forever to the Lamb
If you walk in freedom and if you bear His name
Sing the song forever to the Lamb
We'll sing the song forever and amen

**And the angels cry Holy
All creation cries Holy
You are lifted high Holy
Holy forever**

**Hear Your people sing Holy
To the King of Kings Holy
You will always be Holy
Holy forever**

Your name is the highest
Your name is the greatest
Your name stands above them all
All thrones and dominions
All powers and positions
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Holy forever**

POST COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

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

' I AM THE RESURECTION AND THE LIFE'

PASTOR JIM THELEN

Please Stand

NICENE CREED

People: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen.

BENEDICTION

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

CROWN, HIM WITH MANY CROWNS

1. Crown Him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon His throne;
Hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns
All music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing
Of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless king
Through all eternity.
4. Crown Him the Lord of life,
Who triumphed o'er the grave
And rose victorious in the strife
For those He came to save.
His glories now we sing,
Who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring
And lives that death may die.
5. Crown Him the Lord of heav'n,
Enthroned in worlds above,
Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n
The wondrous name of Love.
Crown Him with many crowns
As thrones before Him fall;
Crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns,
For He is king of all.

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!
People: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Announcements

PRAYERS FOR MEMBERS: Joyce Maxfield, Bob Volatile, Kitty Argobright, Bob Kelley, Don Terry, Lana Davis, Judy Karlin, Bill Hulbig, Al Wilke, Nancy Lisch

PRAYERS FOR FRIENDS & FAMILY: Andrea Sager (Donnie & Norva Jeanne Rooksberry), Rene & Terry Maurer (Anne Rozite) Woody Barnette (Donnie & Norva Jeanne Rooksberry), John SchenckII (Lydia Krueger), Judy Resler (Dick and Vicki Ross), Don Clark Jr. (Betty Clark), Cecilia Popoff (Vicki Williams), Family Member (Judy Volker), Corey Hendricks (Flo Hendricks), Charlie Darr (Patti Naughton), Arlo James Horton (Dave & Connie Wuellner), Darlene Kent (Connie Wuellner), Eleanor Taggatz (Mark & Karen Kuhnly), Marlene Byard (Carmen Brookshaw), Kevin Carr (Marie Mahr), Ruth Naughton (Patti Naughton), Jean Holland, Joe Dolphin (Carolyn Ohman), Dan Taggatz (Mark & Karen Kuhnly), family of Kevin Moore Jr., Jack & Connie Hawkins (Dave & Connie Wuellner), Darlene Kent, Shane Silver (Nancy Carrington), Mike Naughton (Patti Naughton), Jim Cookfar, Sharon Hartung (Mike & Chris Pigeon), John & John Brewitt Jr. (Doug & Sandy Alger) 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 Family and Friends of Mike Naughton

PRAYERS OF COMFORT: For The Family and Friends of Bob Meyn

PRAYERS OF COMFORT: For The Family and Friends of Greg Waltrip

ANNIVERSARIES: Dick & Vicki Ross

BIRTHDAYS: Flo Hendricks, Kathy Lustila, Sybl Fleming, Dee Beck, Anita Chaney, Christine High, Frank Romano, Kristin Thelen

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

IN PERSON - PALM SUNDAY: 9am - **380** 11am - **182** **ONLINE - 123** **TOTAL – 685**

CONTRIBUTIONS:

Total March Target: **\$105,700** Total March to-date (5 Sundays): **\$91,109 (86%)**

Year-to-date Target (thru Mar): **\$311,000** Actual Year-to-date: **\$288,421 (93%)**

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**

BECOME PART OF WHAT GOD IS DOING AT MARCO LUTHERAN

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: Please join us for the following Bible Studies.

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| TUESDAYS: | 8:30AM MEN’S BIBLE STUDY |
| WEDNESDAYS: | 10:00AM WOMEN OF THE WORD |
| THURSDAYS: | 10:00AM ADULT BIBLE STUDY |
| SUNDAYS: | 10:45AM IN THE “GREAT ROOM” FOR COFFEE AND CONVERSATION (AFTER WORSHIP) |

Thank you to today's helpful Servants!

9:00 a.m.

WORSHIP LEADER

Carolyn Ohman

LAY MINISTER

Randy Allen

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

Gwen Nesteval, Chris Pigeon, Vicki Ross,
Bev Ertman

HEAD USHER

Scott Loula

USHERS

Bill Kaschube, Victor Argobright, Gary Volker,
Mike Pigeon, Dick Ross

TRANSPORTERS

Gwen Nesteval, Vicki Ross

TECH

Dave Tobiasz

WELCOME CENTER

11:00 a.m.

WORSHIP LEADER

Carmen Brookshaw

LAY MINISTER

Doug Alger

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

Judi Vollmer, Lili Surber, Jaye Spencer, Debbie Sanger

HEAD USHER

Scott Loula

USHERS

Bob Cory, Ruth Cory, Ron Lisch, Joe Hoffman

TRANSPORTERS

Lili Surber, Debbie Sanger

TECH

Ann Stuart

WELCOME CENTER

**THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON
MONDAY APRIL 6, 2026**

Thank you to everyone who purchased Lilies for our Altar. Please remember to pick them up after the 11:00a.m. service today!

Doug and Sandy Alger
Randy and Deb Allen
Shirley Amen
Marcia Bailey
Carmen Brookshaw
Lynne Chan
Dom and Pat Durinzi
Nicholas and Greta Eckerle
James and Kerry Heckenliable
Jake Jacobson
Dominick and Joan Johnson
David and Judith Karlin
Richard and Cathy Knapp



Mark and Karen Kuhnly
Roland and Hildegard Leypoldt
Susie Lounsbury
Mary Maier-Hyatt
Richard Moody and Pamela
Nesseth-Moody
John & Pam Nofze
Jeff and Nancy Patterson
Hans Pohlmann
Judi Vollmer
Elisa Zorn
Mike & Chris Pigeon
Eriv & Sara Patterson
Wilma Voglino
Fran Shaw
Dave & Connie Wuellner
Shirley Amen
Jim & Kristin Thelen
Carmen Brookshaw
Dave Tobiasz & Leesa Carls
David & Judy Karlin

CALENDAR APRIL 5- APRIL 25

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|---|---|--|--|---|---|-----------------|
| APRIL 5 EASTER 9:00A & 11:00A WORSHIP | APRIL 6 <u>OFFICE CLOSED</u> NO YOGA | APRIL 7 8:30A MEN'S BIBLE STUDY 10:00A WOM 1:00P OUTREACH 6:30P BSF MEN & WOMEN | APRIL 8 10:00A WOW 4:00P CHOIR 5:30P FOUNDATION | APRIL 9 10:00A BIBLE STUDY 12:30P GENTLE YOGA 1:00P COUNCIL 2:00P CHAIR YOGA | APRIL 10 9:00A MAHJONG | APRIL 11 |
| APRIL 12 9:30A WORSHIP 10:45A COFFEE & CONVERSATION | APRIL 13 10:00A PROPERTY BOARD 12:30P GENTLE YOGA 2:00P CHAIR YOGA | APRIL 14 8:30A MEN'S BIBLE STUDY 10:00A CHRISTIAN EDUCATION 2:00P BOLM 6:30P BSF MEN & WOMEN | APRIL 15 10:00A WOW 11:00A LUNCH WITH FRIENDS 1:00P BOHC 4:00P CHOIR 5:30P BOOK CLUB | APRIL 16 10:00A BIBLE STUDY 12:30P GENTLE YOGA 2:00P CHAIR YOGA | APRIL 17 9:00A MAHJONG | APRIL 18 |
| APRIL 19 9:30A WORSHIP 10:45A COFFEE & CONVERSATION | APRIL 20 12:30P GENTLE YOGA 2:00P CHAIR YOGA | APRIL 21 10:00A SAILING SOLO LEADERS 6:30P BSF MEN & WOMEN | APRIL 22 10:00A WOW 4:00P CHOIR | APRIL 23 10:00A BIBLE STUDY 12:30P GENTLE YOGA 2:00P CHAIR YOGA | APRIL 24 9:00A MAHJONG | APRIL 25 |