

May 10, 2026

Mother's Day

MARCO LUTHERAN CHURCH

REV. JIM THELEN SR. PASTOR

MARCO LUTHERAN CHURCH FOUNDATION

www.marcolutheran.org/foundation

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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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 HOURS:

SUNDAY 9:30 a.m.



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 the weeks following Easter, we walk with the disciples—and discover that the risen Jesus is not finished speaking, guiding, and caring for His people. Beginning with the empty tomb in Gospel of John 20, we find the disciples afraid and uncertain... and yet Jesus comes and stands among them. “Peace be with you,” He says. And everything begins to change. From that moment forward, Jesus continues to meet His people right where they are. He reminds us that we will know His voice, like sheep who recognize their shepherd. He assures us that He will be with us always, even to the very end of the age.

As we move into May, we are blessed by guest preachers who will bring God’s Word to us, and we continue to hear the promises of Jesus spoken into our daily lives. In a world filled with anxiety, He gives us peace that the world cannot give. In the midst of worry, He calls us to trust in our heavenly Father. And when we are weary and burdened, He invites us to come to Him and find true rest.

As we gather, we are reminded that the resurrection is not just something that happened it is something that continues. The living Jesus is still speaking. Still leading. Still comforting. Still inviting. And His promises are for you.

✠ PREPARATION ✠

SPECIAL MUSIC

‘IT IS A GOOD THING’

CHOIR

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND WELCOME

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 HYMN

LIFT HIGH, THE CROSS

Ref. **Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore His sacred name.**

1. Come, Christians, follow where our Captain trod,
Our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. **Refrain**
3. All newborn soldiers of the Crucified
Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died. **Refrain**
4. O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
As Thou hast promised, draw us all to Thee. **Refrain**

Please be Seated

PSALM 37:1-20,25-26,39-40

Leader: Don't worry about the wicked or envy those who do wrong.

People: **For like grass, they soon fade away. Like spring flowers, they soon wither.**

Leader: Trust in the Lord and do good. Then you will live safely in the land and prosper.

People: **Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you your heart's desires.**

Leader: Commit everything you do to the Lord. Trust him, and he will help you.

People: **He will make your innocence radiate like the dawn, and the justice of your cause will shine like the noonday sun.**

Leader: Be still in the presence of the Lord, and wait patiently for him to act. Don't worry about evil people who prosper or fret about their wicked schemes.

People: **Stop being angry! Turn from your rage! Do not lose your temper it only leads to harm.**

Leader: For the wicked will be destroyed, but those who trust in the Lord will possess the land.

People: **Soon the wicked will disappear. Though you look for them, they will be gone.**

Leader: The lowly will possess the land and will live in peace and prosperity.

People: **The wicked plot against the godly; they snarl at them in defiance.**

Leader: But the Lord just laughs, for he sees their day of judgment coming.

People: **The wicked draw their swords and string their bows to kill the poor and the oppressed, to slaughter those who do right.**

Leader: But their swords will stab their own hearts, and their bows will be broken.

People: **It is better to be godly and have little than to be evil and rich.**

Leader: For the strength of the wicked will be shattered, but the Lord takes care of the godly.

People: **Day by day the Lord takes care of the innocent, and they will receive an inheritance that lasts forever.**

Leader: They will not be disgraced in hard times; even in famine they will have more than enough.

People: **But the wicked will die. The Lord's enemies are like flowers in a field they will disappear like smoke.**

Leader: Once I was young, and now I am old. Yet I have never seen the godly abandoned or their children begging for bread.

People: **The godly always give generous loans to others, and their children are a blessing.**

Leader: The LORD rescues the godly; he is their fortress in times of trouble.

People: **The LORD helps them, rescuing them from the wicked. He saves them, and they find shelter in him**

FIRST READING

1 Peter 3:13-22

Leader: ¹³ Now, who will want to harm you if you are eager to do good? ¹⁴ But even if you suffer for doing what is right, God will reward you for it. So don't worry or be afraid of their threats. ¹⁵ Instead, you must worship Christ as Lord of your life. And if someone asks about your hope as a believer, always be ready to explain it. ¹⁶ But do this in a gentle and respectful way. Keep your conscience clear. Then if people speak against you, they will be ashamed when they see what a good life you live because you belong to Christ. ¹⁷ Remember, it is better to suffer for doing good, if that is what God wants, than to suffer for doing wrong! ¹⁸ Christ suffered for our sins once for all time. He never sinned, but he died for sinners to bring you safely home to God. He suffered physical death, but he was raised to life in the Spirit. ¹⁹ So he went and preached to the spirits in prison ²⁰ those

who disobeyed God long ago when God waited patiently while Noah was building his boat. Only eight people were saved from drowning in that terrible flood. ²¹And that water is a picture of baptism, which now saves you, not by removing dirt from your body, but as a response to God from a clean conscience. It is effective because of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. ²²Now Christ has gone to heaven. He is seated in the place of honor next to God, and all the angels and authorities and powers accept his authority

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Please Stand

HYMN

MORNING HAS BROKEN

Morning has broken like the first morning
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird
Praise for the singing, praise for the morning
Praise for them springing fresh from the world

Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from Heaven
Like the first dewfall on the first grass
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden (Ah, ah-ah)
Sprung in completeness where His feet pass (Ah-ah-ah)

Mine is the sunlight, mine is the morning
Born of the One Light Eden saw play
Praise with elation, praise every morning
God's recreation of the new day

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 19:16-26

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the nineteenth chapter.

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

Pastor: ¹⁶Someone came to Jesus with this question: "Teacher, what good deed must I do to have eternal life?" ¹⁷"Why ask me about what is good?" Jesus replied. "There is only One who is good. But to answer your question—if you want to receive eternal life, keep the commandments." ¹⁸"Which ones?" the man asked. And Jesus replied: "You must not murder. You must not commit adultery. You must not steal. You must not testify falsely. ¹⁹Honor your father and mother. Love your neighbor as yourself." ²⁰"I've obeyed all these

commandments,” the young man replied. “What else must I do?” ²¹ Jesus told him, “If you want to be perfect, go and sell all your possessions and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.” ²² But when the young man heard this, he went away sad, for he had many possessions. ²³ Then Jesus said to his disciples, “I tell you the truth, it is very hard for a rich person to enter the Kingdom of Heaven. ²⁴ I’ll say it again it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the Kingdom of God!” ²⁵ The disciples were astounded. “Then who in the world can be saved?” they asked. ²⁶ Jesus looked at them intently and said, “Humanly speaking, it is impossible. But with God everything is possible.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be Seated

SOLO

‘CARRY YOU’

CARMEN BROOKSHAW

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 by Your design, the Word became flesh and dwelt among us. Blessed are You, for You have given us faith to acknowledge Your overwhelming grace, which is beyond human understanding. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we ask for firm faith to receive Him in, with, and under this bread and wine for strength each day until we join all the faithful at the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom. 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

1. Your only Son, no sin to hide,
But You have sent Him from Your side
To walk upon this guilty sod,
And to become the Lamb of God. **Refrain**

**Ref. O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,
I love the holy Lamb of God!
O wash me in His precious blood,
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.**

LAMB OF GOD

2. Your Gift of love they crucified,
They laughed and scorned Him as He died:
The humble King they named a fraud,
And sacrificed the Lamb of God. **Refrain**

3. I was so lost, I should have died,
But You have brought me to Your side
To be led by Your staff and rod,
And to be called a lamb of God. **Refrain**

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

PASTOR MARK EISHOLD

SERMON NOTES

Please Stand

APOSTLES 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

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

BLESSED ASSURANCE

1. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.
- Ref. This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.
This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.**
2. Perfect communion, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight.
Angels descending bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love. **Refrain**
3. Perfect submission, all is at rest.
I in my Savior am happy and bless'd,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love. **Refrain**

DISMISSAL

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

People: Thanks be to God!

Announcements

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

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), Marlene Byard (Carmen Brookshaw), Kevin Carr (Marie Mahr), Ruth Naughton (Patti Naughton), Jean Holland, Dan Taggatz (Mark & Karen Kuhnly), family of Kevin Moore Jr., Jack & Connie Hawkins (Dave & Connie Wuellner), Darlene Kent, Shane Silver (Nancy Carrington), Jim Cookfar, Sharon Hartung (Mike & Chris Pigeon), John & John Brewitt Jr. (Doug & Sandy Alger), Fran Hall (Linda Harrison), Patricia Willey, Ryan Degen(David & Judy Karlin), Rosanda Olivia(Vicki Ross), Carlos Cisneros(Dick & Vicki Ross, Tracy Rusinyak(Patti Naughton) and those we name in our hearts.

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

ANNIVERSARIES: John & Paula Caltabiano, Bob & Carolyn Volatile, Ric & Cathy Knapp, George & Linda Leksas

BIRTHDAYS: Paula Caltabiano

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

IN PERSON - 187

ONLINE - 121

TOTAL – 308

CONTRIBUTIONS:

Total May Target: **\$67,800**

Total May to-date (1 Sunday) **\$14,980 (22%)**

Year-to-date Target: **\$475,900**

Actual Year-to-date: **\$412,751 (94%)**

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 in the back center aisle
2. **You can mail your offerings** to the church.
3. **Using the instructions on our website under the SHARING tab you can give ONLINE.** Either as 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.** You can also **text 8339401468** and enter the amount you wish to donate to the general fund. If you aren't registered, you will receive a link. 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.

- TUESDAYS:** **8:30AM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY**
- WEDNESDAYS:** **10:00AM WOMEN OF THE WORD - Resumes October 14th**
- THURSDAYS:** **10:00AM ADULT BIBLE STUDY – Resumes June 11th**
- SUNDAYS:** **10:45AM IN THE “GREAT ROOM” FOR COFFEE AND CONVERSATION AFTER WORSHIP**



May 10- 1775 Second Continental Congress convenes in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, issuing paper currency for the first time

1869 The Golden Spike is driven, completing the first US Transcontinental Railroad at Promontory Summit, Utah, connecting the Central Pacific Railroad with the Union Pacific

1918 Edgar Stillman Kelley's choral work *The Pilgrim's Progress* is produced at the Cincinnati May Festival. His music was in the late Romantic tradition

THANK YOU TO OUR HELPFUL SERVANTS FOR:

SUNDAY, MAY 10, 2026

WORSHIP LEADER:	Patti Naughton
LAY MINISTER:	Paul Gremel
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS:	Carol Siadak, Leesa Carls
HEAD USHER:	Randy Allen
USHERS:	Bob Cory, Ruth Cory, Bob Sutton
TRANSPORTERS:	Carol Siadak, Leesa Carls
AV TECH:	Ann Stuart, June Prophet
WELCOME CENTER:	Cheryl Mueller, Carolyn Ohman
GREETERS:	Hildegard Carney, Sule Lyons

Dear Congregation,

Pastor Jim and Kristin are prayerfully seeking to move onto Marco Island to be closer to the church and community they serve. Due to Kristin's health needs, being nearby would allow Pastor Jim to care for her while remaining available for ministry. If you or someone you know has a rental property on Marco Island, please contact Pastor Jim through the church office.

Thank you for your prayers and support.
Pastor Jim and Kristin Thelen

**All Members of the Congregation are Invited to Attend A
Celebration Of Life In Honor of Greg Waltrip.**

Sunday, May 17, 2026

11:30am | Great Room

The service will be held in the sanctuary, followed by a reception in the Great Room with food and refreshments.



THE GATHERING @ The Watermark

Join Marco Lutheran Church
Bringing Word and Sacrament along with
Fellowship and Growth.

WORSHIP:

SUNDAY'S STARTING

📅 June, 7, 2026

🕒 1:00 PM

📍 1170 San Marco Rd

Marco Island, FL 34145



What to Expect:

- ✓ Worship Music
- ✓ Scripture
- ✓ Prayer
- ✓ Holy Communion
- ✓ Fellowship



MORE INFORMATION

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**WE WILL BE CLOSED MAY 25, 2026, IN
OBSERVANCE OF MEMORIAL DAY**

CALENDAR MAY 10 - MAY 30

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
MAY 10 MOTHER'S DAY 9:30A WORSHIP 10:45A COFFEE & CONVERSATION	MAY 11 12:30P GENTLE YOGA 2:00P CHAIR YOGA	MAY 12 8:30A MEN'S BIBLE STUDY 10:00A CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	MAY 13 5:30P FOUNDATION	MAY 14 12:30P GENTLE YOGA 2:00P CHAIR YOGA	MAY 15	MAY 16
MAY 17 9:30A WORSHIP 10:45A COFFEE & CONVERSATION 11:30A GREG WALTRIP COL	MAY 18 12:30P GENTLE YOGA 2:00P CHAIR YOGA	MAY 19 8:30A MEN'S BIBLE STUDY	MAY 20 11:00A LUNCH W FRIENDS 1:00P BOHC 5:30 SAILING SOLO BOOK CLUB	MAY 21 12:30P GENTLE YOGA 2:00P CHAIR YOGA	MAY 22 10:00A COUNCIL	MAY 23
MAY 24 9:30A WORSHIP 10:45A COFFEE & CONVERSATION	MAY 25  MEMORIAL DAY OFFICE CLOSED NO YOGA	MAY 26 8:30A MEN'S BIBLE STUDY	MAY 27	MAY 28 12:30P GENTLE YOGA 2:00P CHAIR YOGA	MAY 29	MAY 30



Happy Mother's Day

*She is clothed with strength
and dignity,
and she laughs without fear of the future.
When she speaks, her words are wise,
and she gives instructions with kindness.
She carefully watches everything in her
household and suffers nothing
from laziness.
Her children stand and bless her.
Her husband praises her.”*

Proverbs 31:25-28 (NLT)