

# May 17, 2026

## MARCO LUTHERAN CHURCH

REV. JIM THELEN SR. PASTOR

MARCO LUTHERAN CHURCH FOUNDATION

[www.marcolutheran.org/foundation](http://www.marcolutheran.org/foundation)

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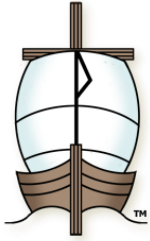
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### **Our Mission Statement:**

*“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 ✠

### 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

## WHEN PEACE, LIKE A RIVER

1. When peace, like a river, attendeth my way;  
When sorrows, like sea billows, roll;  
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,  
It is well, it is well with my soul. **Refrain**
- Ref.** It is well (It is well)  
with my soul, (with my soul),  
It is well, it is well with my soul.
2. Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,  
Let this blest assurance control,  
That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate  
And hath shed His own blood for my soul. **Refrain**
4. And, Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight,  
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,  
The trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend;  
Even so it is well with my soul. **Refrain**

*Please be Seated*

## PSALM 4

**Leader:** Answer me when I call to you, O God who declares me innocent. Free me from my troubles. Have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

**People:** **How long will you people ruin my reputation? How long will you make groundless accusations? How long will you continue your lies?**

**Leader:** You can be sure of this The LORD set apart the godly for himself. The LORD will answer when I call to him.

**People:** **Don't sin by letting anger control you. Think about it overnight and remain silent.**

**Leader:** Offer sacrifices in the right spirit, and trust the LORD.

**People:** **Many people say, "Who will show us better times?" Let your face smile on us, LORD.**

Leader: You have given me greater joy than those who have abundant harvests of grain and new wine.

People: **In peace I will lie down and sleep, for you alone, O LORD, will keep me safe.**

## FIRST READING

*Isaiah 26:1-9*

Leader: In that day, everyone in the land of Judah will sing this song: Our city is strong! We are surrounded by the walls of God's salvation.<sup>2</sup> Open the gates to all who are righteous; allow the faithful to enter.<sup>3</sup> You will keep in perfect peace all who trust in you, all whose thoughts are fixed on you!<sup>4</sup> Trust in the Lord always, for the Lord God is the eternal Rock.<sup>5</sup> He humbles the proud and brings down the arrogant city. He brings it down to the dust.<sup>6</sup> The poor and oppressed trample it underfoot, and the needy walk all over it.<sup>7</sup> But for those who are righteous, the way is not steep and rough. You are a God who does what is right, and you smooth out the path ahead of them.<sup>8</sup> Lord, we show our trust in you by obeying your laws; our heart's desire is to glorify your name.<sup>9</sup> In the night I search for you; in the morning I earnestly seek you. For only when you come to judge the earth will people learn what is right.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*Please Stand*

## HYMN

## MAKE ME A SERVANT

Make Me A Servant, Humble And Meek.  
Lord, Let Me Lift Up Those Who Are Weak,  
And May The Prayer Of My Heart Always Be:  
Make Me A Servant, Make Me A Servant,  
Make Me A Servant Today!

Make Me A Servant, Humble And Meek.  
Lord, Let Me Lift Up Those Who Are Weak,  
And May The Prayer Of My Heart Always Be:  
Make Me A Servant, Make Me A Servant,  
Make Me A Servant Today!

## HOLY GOSPEL

*John 14:23-31*

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

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

Pastor: <sup>23</sup> Jesus replied, "All who love me will do what I say. My Father will love them, and we will come and make our home with each of them. <sup>24</sup> Anyone who doesn't love me will not obey me. And remember, my words are not my own. What I am telling you is from the Father who sent me. <sup>25</sup> I am telling you these things now while I am still with you. <sup>26</sup> But when the Father sends the Advocate as my representative that is, the Holy Spirit he will teach you everything and will remind you of everything I have told you. <sup>27</sup> "I am leaving you with a gift peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don't be troubled or afraid. <sup>28</sup> Remember what I told you: I am going away, but I will come back to you again. If you really loved me, you would be happy that I am going to the Father, who is greater than I am. <sup>29</sup> I have told you these things before they happen so that when they do happen, you will believe. <sup>30</sup> "I don't have much more time to talk to you, because the ruler of this world approaches. He has no power over me, <sup>31</sup> but I will do what the Father requires of me, so that the world will know that I love the Father. Come let's be going.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be Seated*

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

**'GOD IS OUR REFUGE'**

**CHOIR**

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Jesus Christ is God's chosen one, who came and who comes again today to call everyone to salvation from sin and death and who makes all who are baptized in His name to be the chosen sons and daughters of God. Marked by the sacred waters of Holy Baptism, let us receive God's assurance and promise of forgiveness.

People: **Almighty God, our dear Father in heaven, in Holy Baptism You have marked us with the sign of the holy cross upon our foreheads and upon our hearts to mark us as people of Your choosing to be redeemed by Christ the crucified. Open our eyes to Your light of freedom and forgiveness and to Your calling of us to be Your own chosen people of Your eternal kingdom.**

Pastor: Upon this your confession, the almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit, has forgiven you all your sins. God strengthen you with His grace to life ✠ everlasting.  
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

## LET US BREAK BREAD TOGETHER

1. Let us break bread together on our knees  
Let us break bread together on our knees  
When I fall on my knees  
With my face to the rising sun  
O Lord have mercy on me
2. Let us drink wine together on our knees  
Let us drink wine together on our knees  
When I fall on my knees  
With my face to the rising sun  
O Lord have mercy on me
3. Let us praise God together on our knees  
Let us praise God together on our knees  
When I fall on my knees  
With my face to the rising sun  
O Lord have mercy on me
4. Let us praise God together on our knees  
Let us praise God together on our knees  
When I fall on my knees  
With my face to the rising sun  
O Lord have mercy if You please

## 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 NOTES

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*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

## GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

1. Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee.  
Thou changest not: Thy compassions, they fail not;  
As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be. **Refrain**
  
- Ref** **Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!**  
**Morning by morning new mercies I see;**  
**All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;**  
**Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**
  
2. Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. **Refrain**
  
3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! **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, ConreadHenry

**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:**

**BIRTHDAYS:** Mark Putbrese, Sharon Hull, Steve Spang

## **ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:**

**IN PERSON - 197**

**ONLINE - 108**

**TOTAL - 305**

## **CONTRIBUTIONS:**

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

Total May to-date (1 Sunday) **\$ 29,104 (43%)**

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

Actual Year-to-date: **\$426,875 (90%)**

**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 14<sup>th</sup>**
- THURSDAYS:**              **10:00AM ADULT BIBLE STUDY – Resumes June 11<sup>th</sup>**
- SUNDAYS:**                 **10:45AM IN THE “GREAT ROOM” FOR COFFEE AND  
CONVERSATION AFTER WORSHIP**

*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

**THANK YOU TO OUR HELPFUL SERVANTS FOR:**

**SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2026**

**WORSHIP LEADER:** Lucky Lang  
**LAY MINISTER:** Dick Ross  
**COMMUNION ASSISTANTS:** Debbie Sanger, Gwen Nesteval  
**HEAD USHER:** Scott Loula,  
**USHERS:** Victor Argobright, Ron Lisch, Bill Kaschube  
**TRANSPORTERS:** Debbie Sanger, Gwen Nesteval  
**AV TECH** Tom Williams, Dave Tobiasz  
**WELCOME CENTER:** Connie Wuellner, Marie Mahr  
**GREETERS:** Sule Lyons, Hildegard Carney



**May 17-** 1973 US Senate Watergate Committee begins its hearings into the break-in at the Democratic National Committee headquarters at the Watergate office complex in Washington, D.C.

1875 1st Kentucky Derby: Oliver Lewis aboard Aristides wins in 2:37.75

**MEMBERS OF THE CONGREGATION ARE**

**INVITED TO JOIN US TODAY,**

**FOR A CELEBRATION OF LIFE**

**IN HONOR OF GREG WALTRIP.**

**TODAY, MAY 17, 2026 @ 11:30am**


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 - MOVIE THEATRE ROOM

 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 17- JUNE 6**

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>SATURDAY</b>
<b>MAY 17</b>  <b>9:30A WORSHIP</b>  11:30A GREG WALTRIP COL	<b>MAY 18</b>  12:30P GENTLE YOGA  2:00P CHAIR YOGA	<b>MAY 19</b>  8:30A MEN'S BIBLE STUDY	<b>MAY 20</b>  11:00A LUNCH W FRIENDS  1:00P BOHC  5:30 SAILING SOLO BOOK CLUB	<b>MAY 21</b>  12:30P GENTLE YOGA  2:00P CHAIR YOGA	<b>MAY 22</b>  10:00A COUNCIL	<b>MAY 23</b>
<b>MAY 24</b>  <b>9:30A WORSHIP</b>  <b>10:45A COFFEE &amp; CONVERSATION</b>	<b>MAY 25</b>  <b>MEMORIAL DAY</b>   <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>  NO YOGA	<b>MAY 26</b>  8:30A MEN'S BIBLE STUDY	<b>MAY 27</b>	<b>MAY 28</b>  12:30P GENTLE YOGA  2:00P CHAIR YOGA	<b>MAY 29</b>	<b>MAY 30</b>
<b>MAY 31</b>  <b>9:30A WORSHIP</b>  <b>10:45A COFFEE &amp; CONVERSATION</b>	<b>JUNE 1</b>  10:00A PROPERTY BOARD  12:30P GENTLE YOGA  2:00P CHAIR YOGA	<b>JUNE 2</b>  8:30A MEN'S BIBLE STUDY  10:00A WOM	<b>JUNE 3</b>  10:30A COUNCIL OVERVIEW	<b>JUNE 4</b>  12:30P GENTLE YOGA  2:00P CHAIR YOGA	<b>JUNE 5</b>	<b>JUNE 6</b>