

May 31, 2026

MARCO LUTHERAN CHURCH

REV. JIM THELEN SR. PASTOR

MARCO LUTHERAN CHURCH FOUNDATION

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OFFICE HOURS: Monday - Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 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 ✠

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

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 overpower 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!

Please be Seated

PSALM 62

Leader: I wait quietly before God, for my victory comes from him.

People: **He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress where I will never be shaken.**

Leader: So many enemies against one man all of them trying to kill me. To them I'm just a broken-down wall or a tottering fence.

People: **They plan to topple me from my high position. They delight in telling lies about me. They praise me to my face but curse me in their hearts.**

Leader: Let all that I am wait quietly before God, for my hope is in him.

People: **He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress where I will not be shaken.**

Leader: My victory and honor come from God alone. He is my refuge, a rock where no enemy can reach me.

People: **O my people, trust in him at all times. Pour out your heart to him, for God is our refuge.**

Leader: Common people are as worthless as a puff of wind, and the powerful are not what they appear to be. If you weigh them on the scales, together they are lighter than a breath of air.

People: **Don't make your living by extortion or put your hope in stealing. And if your wealth increases, don't make it the center of your life.**

Leader: God has spoken plainly, and I have heard it many times: Power, O God, belongs to you;

People: **unfailing love, O Lord, is yours. Surely you repay all people according to what they have done.**

FIRST READING

Isaiah 40:26-31

Leader: Look up into the heavens. Who created all the stars? He brings them out like an army, one after another, calling each by its name. Because of his great power and incomparable strength, not a single one is missing.²⁷ O Jacob, how can you say the LORD does not see your troubles? O Israel, how can you say God ignores your rights?²⁸ Have you never heard? Have you never understood? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of all the earth. He never grows weak or weary. No one can measure the depths of his understanding.²⁹ He gives power to the weak and strength to the

powerless.³⁰ Even youths will become weak and tired, and young men will fall exhaustion.³¹ But those who trust in the LORD will find new strength. They will soar high on wings like eagles. They will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not faint.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Please Stand

HYMN

THY WORD

Ref **Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path.
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path.**

1. When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way,
Still You're there right beside me.
And nothing will I fear as long as You are near.
Please be near me to the end. **Refrain**

2. I will not forget Your love for me, and yet
My heart forever is wandering.
Jesus, be my guide and hold me to Your side;
And I will love You to the end. **Refrain**

And a light unto my path
You're the light unto my path

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 11:25-30

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

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

Pastor: ²⁵At that time Jesus said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. ²⁶Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do. ²⁷"All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. ²⁸"Come to me, all you who are weary

and burdened, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be Seated

SPECIAL MUSIC ‘JESUS KEEP ME CLOSE TO THE CROSS’

**LUCKY & LAURA LANG,
DIANE REINIG,
DAVE WUELLNER**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Blessed are those who dwell in Your house ever singing Your praise!

People: **Blessed are those whose strength is in You, in whose hearts are the highways to Zion.**

Pastor: O almighty God, merciful Father,

People: **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your punishment now and forever. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being. Forgive me all my sins and grant me the power of Your Holy Spirit that I may amend my sinful life.**

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

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

'WE WILL HAVE REST'

PASTOR JIM THELEN

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

THIS IS MY FATHERS WORLD

1. This is my Father's world,
And to my list'ning ears
All nature sings, and round me rings
The music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world;
I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas,
His hand the wonders wrought.

2. This is my Father's world;
The birds their carols raise;
The morning light, the lily white,
Declare their Maker's praise.
This is my Father's world;
He shines in all that's fair.
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass;
He speaks to me ev 'rywhere.

3. This is my Father's world:
Oh, let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father's world,
The battle is not done:
Jesus who died shall be satisfied,
And earth and Heav'n be one.

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, Hal Heidtman, Conrad Henry, Marilyn Nervig, Donnie Rooksberry

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 Cookfair, 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, Antonella(anonymous),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: Kirk & Gwen Nesteval, Gerry & Melinda Geartz, Larry & Sandy Hartwig

BIRTHDAYS: Sandra Kern, Hedel Agaoglu, Ron Lisch, Karen Lien, Greta Eckerle, Cherie Schmidt, Sue Glasson, Lisa Hammond

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

IN PERSON - 147 ONLINE - 168 TOTAL – 315

CONTRIBUTIONS:

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

Total May to-date (4 Sundays) **\$48,151 (71%)**

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

Actual Year-to-date: **\$439,454 (92%)**

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, 2026**
- THURSDAYS:** **10:00AM ADULT BIBLE STUDY – Resumes June 11th**
- SUNDAYS:** **10:45AM IN THE “GREAT ROOM” FOR COFFEE AND CONVERSATION AFTER WORSHIP**

BRIDGE PLAYERS

If anyone is interested in playing bridge here at the church on Fridays at 9:30am
Please call Anne at (203) 767-9743 they are looking for players.



May 31- 1919 Marjorie Dumont and Lt. R. W. Meade wed by an Army chaplain; 1st wedding held in an aircraft, flying over Houston, Texas

1803 Presbyterians appoint Rev. Gideon Blackburn as their first missionary to the American Indians. A flamboyant preacher, he had once held a crowd of fifteen hundred listeners spellbound for two hours in a rainstorm while he preached. As a missionary and pastor, he will found churches and schools from Illinois to Alabama over a period of forty years, working along the western frontier of the United States. However, his reputation will suffer when it is learned he smuggled whiskey and speculated in land.

2007 Dedication in North Carolina of the Billy Graham Library is attended by two former presidents of the United States: George H.W. Bush and Bill Clinton. Bush delivers the keynote address.

THANK YOU TO OUR HELPFUL SERVANTS FOR:

SUNDAY, MAY 31, 2026


WORSHIP LEADER:	Dave Wuellner
LAY MINISTER:	Dick Ross
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS:	Carol Siadak, Vicki Ross
HEAD USHER:	Randy Allen
USHERS:	Bob Sutton, Ron Lisch, Scott Loula
TRANSPORTERS:	Carol Siadak, Vicki Ross
AV TECH	Dave Tobiasz, Scott Berner. Tom Williams
WELCOME CENTER:	Bonnie Calvin, Carolyn Ohman
GREETERS:	Sule Lyons, Hildegard Carney




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



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CALENDAR MAY 31- JUNE 20

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
MAY 31 9:30A WORSHIP 10:45A COFFEE & CONVERSATION	JUNE 1 12:30P GENTLE YOGA 2:00P CHAIR YOGA	JUNE 2 8:30A MENS BIBLE STUDY 10:00A WOM	JUNE 3 10:30A COUNCIL OVERVIEW	JUNE 4 12:30P GENTLE YOGA 2:00P CHAIR YOGA	JUNE 5	JUNE 6
JUNE 7 9:30A WORSHIP 10:45A COFFEE & CONVERSATION	JUNE 8 12:30P GENTLE YOGA 1:00P OUTREACH 2:00P CHAIR YOGA	JUNE 9 8:30A MENS BIBLE STUDY 10:00A CHRISTIAN EDUCATION 10:00A ADMIN/FINANCE	JUNE 10	JUNE 11 10:00A BIBLE STUDY 12:30P GENTLE YOGA 2:00P CHAIR YOGA	JUNE 12	JUNE 13
JUNE 14 9:30A WORSHIP 10:45A COFFEE & CONVERSATION	JUNE 15 12:30P GENTLE YOGA 2:00P CHAIR YOGA	JUNE 16 8:30A MENS BIBLE STUDY 1:00P COUNCIL/CALENDAR MEETING	JUNE 17 11:00A LUNCH W FRIENDS 1:00P BOHC	JUNE 18 10:00A BIBLE STUDY 12:30P GENTLE YOGA 2:00P CHAIR YOGA	JUNE 19	JUNE 20