

June 14, 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 Genesis, God speaks—and life begins. As we journey through these early chapters of Scripture, we see creation, the fall into sin, the flood, Babel, and the lives of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph. Through broken people and difficult moments, God remains faithful to His promises. As we gather, we are reminded that the God who created, called, and carried His people in Genesis is still at work today—bringing grace, hope, and new life to us.

✠ 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

MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS

1. My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
No merit of my own I claim
But wholly lean on Jesus' name. **Refrain**

**Ref On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.**

4. When He shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh, may I then in Him be found,
Clothed in His righteousness alone,
Redeemed to stand before His throne! **Refrain**

Please be Seated

PSALM 51:1-12

Leader: Have mercy on me, O God, because of your unfailing love. Because of your great compassion, blot out the stain of my sins.

People: **Wash me clean from my guilt. Purify me from my sin.**

Leader: For I recognize my rebellion; it haunts me day and night.

People: **Against you, and you alone, have I sinned; I have done what is evil in your sight. You will be proved right in what you say, and your judgment against me is just.**

Leader: For I was born a sinner yes, from the moment my mother conceived me.

People: **But you desire honesty from the womb, teaching me wisdom even there.**

Leader: Purify me from my sins, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.

People: **Oh, give me back my joy again; you have broken me now let me rejoice.**

Leader: Don't keep looking at my sins. Remove the stain of my guilt.

People: **Create in me a clean heart, O God. Renew a loyal spirit within me.**

Leader: Do not banish me from your presence, and don't take your Holy Spirit from me.

People: **Restore to me the joy of your salvation and make me willing to obey you.**

FIRST READING

Genesis 3:1-6

Leader: The serpent was the shrewdest of all the wild animals the LORD God had made. One day he asked the woman, "Did God really say you must not eat the fruit from any of the trees in the garden?" ² "Of course we may eat fruit from the trees in the garden," the woman replied. ³ "It's only the fruit from the tree in the middle of the garden that we are not allowed to eat. God said, 'You must not eat it or even touch it; if you do, you will die.'" ⁴ "You won't die!" the serpent replied to the woman. ⁵ "God knows that your eyes will be opened as soon as you eat it, and you will be like God, knowing both good and evil." ⁶ The woman was convinced. She saw that the tree was beautiful and its fruit looked delicious, and she wanted the wisdom it would give her. So she took some of the fruit and ate it. Then she gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it, too

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please Stand

HYMN

OPEN OUR EYES

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.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 4:1-11

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

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

Pastor: Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted there by the devil. ² For forty days and forty nights he fasted and became very hungry. ³ During that time the devil came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become loaves of bread." ⁴ But Jesus told him, "No! The Scriptures say, 'People do not live by bread alone, but by every word that

comes from the mouth of God.”⁵ Then the devil took him to the holy city, Jerusalem, to the highest point of the Temple, ⁶ and said, “If you are the Son of God, jump off! For the Scriptures say, He will order his angels to protect you. And they will hold you up with their hands so you won’t even hurt your foot on a stone.”⁷ Jesus responded, “The Scriptures also say, ‘You must not test the LORD your God.’”⁸ Next the devil took him to the peak of a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. ⁹ “I will give it all to you,” he said, “if you will kneel down and worship me.”¹⁰ “Get out of here, Satan,” Jesus told him. “For the Scriptures say, ‘You must worship the LORD your God and serve only him.’”¹¹ Then the devil went away, and angels came and took care of Jesus.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be Seated

SPECIAL MUSIC

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

Carolyn Ohman

Dave Wuellner

Lucky and Laura Lang

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

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

LET US BREAK BREAD TOGETHER

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

'THE FALL'

PASTOR JIM THELEN

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 again 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

STAND UP, STAND UP FOR JESUS,

Stand up, stand up for Jesus,
Ye soldiers of the cross;
Lift high his royal banner,
It must not suffer loss.
From victory unto victory
His army shall he lead,
Till every foe is vanquished,
And Christ is Lord indeed.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus,
Stand in his strength alone;
The arm of flesh will fail you,
Ye dare not trust your own.
Put on the gospel armor,
Each piece put on with prayer;
Where duty calls or danger,
Be never wanting there.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus,
The strife will not be long;
This day the noise of battle,
The next the victor's song.
To those who vanquish evil
A crown of life shall be;
They with the King of Glory
Shall reign eternally.

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, Mirella Brache, Patti Naughton

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.

PRAYERS OF COMFORT: For the family and friends of Chad Seeholzer who passed into eternal life.

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

ANNIVERSARIES: Craig & Geralynn Greusel,

BIRTHDAYS: Scott Berner, Marlene Walter, Madeline Barbour, Mary Bodkins

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

IN PERSON - 141 ONLINE - 143 THE GATHERING - 19 TOTAL – 303

CONTRIBUTIONS:

Total June Target: **\$64,300**

Total June to-date (2 Sundays): **\$21,579 (34%)**

Year-to-date Target: **\$540,200**

Actual Year-to-date: **\$470,671 (87%)**

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!

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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

Thank You to Our Helpful Servants For:

Sunday, June 14, 2026

Worship Leader: Linda Harrison

Pastor Jim Thelen

Music Director: Craig Gruesel

Keyboardist: John Davis

SUMMER SHOWING OF 'THE CHOSEN'

Summer is back and so is showing of "*The Chosen*". Please join us for dinner and a movie where we will be showing Season 3, 8 episodes of *The Chosen* this summer. The events start on **Wednesday, June 17, 2026**, at **5:00 pm** in the *Great Room* and will continue Wednesdays at **5:00 pm** as follows:

JUNE 17

AUGUST 12

JULY 1

AUGUST 26

JULY 15

SEPTEMBER 9

JULY 29

SEPTEMBER 23

We will be serving dinner while showing the episode, we will have prayer and discussion and communion for those who want to partake. All events are free of charge to members and guests. Sign-up sheet is in the Narthex

Also, ***Summer Adult Bible Study*** starts up on **Thursday, June 11, 2026** in the Choir Room. Come and join us as we continue our study of the Lord's Word. Zoom link will be available.



U.S. Army Birthday: Established on **June 14, 1775**

FLAG DAY was established on **June 14, 1777**, by a resolution of the Second Continental Congress, which adopted the Stars and Stripes as the official National Flag. It was later officially recognized as a National observance when President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation on May 30, 1916, and became an official National Holiday through an Act of Congress signed by President Harry Truman on August 3, 1949. Though widely observed, it is not an official federal holiday



The Gathering at The Watermark and Discovery Village

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

The Watermark Worship:

Sunday's Starting:

June 7, 2026

1:00 p.m. In the Theatre Room

1170 San Marco Rd.
Marco Island, FL 34145

Discovery Village Worship:

Sunday's Starting:

July 5, 2026

3:00 p.m. In the Theatre Room

8375 Sierra Meadows Blvd.
Naples, FL 34113

What to Expect:

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



MORE INFORMATION

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CALENDAR JUNE 14 – JULY 4

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p align="center">JUNE 14</p> <p><u>FLAG DAY</u></p> <p>9:30A WORSHIP</p> <p>10:45A COFFEE & CONVERSATION</p> <p>1:00P GATHERING WATERMARK</p>	<p align="center">JUNE 15</p> <p>12:30P GENTLE YOGA</p> <p>2:00P CHAIR YOGA</p>	<p align="center">JUNE 16</p> <p>8:30A MEN'S BIBLE STUDY</p> <p>1:00P COUNCIL/CALENDAR MEETING</p>	<p align="center">JUNE 17</p> <p>11:00A LUNCH WITH FRIENDS</p> <p>1:00P BOHC</p> <p>5:00P THE CHOSEN</p>	<p align="center">JUNE 18</p> <p>10:00A SUMMER BIBLE STUDY</p> <p>10:30A C.O.L. JOHN MOYER</p> <p>NO YOGA</p>	<p align="center">JUNE 19</p>	<p align="center">JUNE 20</p>
<p align="center">JUNE 21</p> <p>9:30A WORSHIP</p> <p>10:45A COFFEE & CONVERSATION</p> <p>1:00P GATHERING WATERMARK</p>	<p align="center">JUNE 22</p> <p>12:30P GENTLE YOGA</p> <p>2:00P CHAIR YOGA</p>	<p align="center">JUNE 23</p> <p>8:30A MEN'S BIBLE STUDY</p>	<p align="center">JUNE 24</p>	<p align="center">JUNE 25</p> <p>10:00A SUMMER BIBLE STUDY</p> <p>12:30P GENTLE YOGA</p> <p>2:00P CHAIR YOGA</p>	<p align="center">JUNE 26</p>	<p align="center">JUNE 27</p>
<p align="center">JUNE 28</p> <p>9:30A WORSHIP</p> <p>10:45A COFFEE & CONVERSATION</p> <p>1:00P GATHERING WATERMARK</p>	<p align="center">JUNE 29</p> <p>12:30P GENTLE YOGA</p> <p>2:00P CHAIR YOGA</p>	<p align="center">JUNE 30</p> <p>8:30A MEN'S BIBLE STUDY</p>	<p align="center">JULY 1</p> <p>5:00P THE CHOSEN</p>	<p align="center">JULY 2</p> <p>10:00A SUMMER BIBLE STUDY</p> <p>12:30P GENTLE YOGA</p> <p>2:00P CHAIR YOGA</p>	<p align="center">JULY 3</p>	<p align="center">JULY 4</p> <p>INDEPENDENCE DAY 250 YEARS</p> 